



# Free State Chapter 141

MD, PA, VA, WV

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## April/May No.2019-03

Ah, spring is in full bloom (literally), which is such a great time of the year. The weather is quickly warming and soon we'll be wearing short sleeves all the time. For all you sports fans, like me, it is a wonderful time as well with the broad array of events: basketball and hockey playoffs in full swing, while we're nearly a month into the new baseball season. Even football is stealing sports headlines with its annual draft. I hope everyone are enjoying the season.

We had another good time at our March meeting with a different presentation format springing from a misunderstanding. After **Tom Mostyn** made a short presentation, he asked members if they had any stories to share and the floodgates opened. Please see **Deanne Mostyn's** Meeting Minutes on page 3 for details. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the usual time and place. Our speaker is Mr. Ron Rothstein, who will demonstrate a technique to microscopically evaluate the condition of pivots and bushings in a timepiece.

Because of Darcy's hard work, tenacity and perseverance, we once again are in the IRS' good graces with tax-exempt status. **Neil Amrine** deserves some credit as well as he started the process when he was Treasurer. Please see her Treasurer's Notes for details. Bravo Zulu Darcy!

I ask your indulgence as I reiterate two issues we still need to address: **membership growth and leadership rotation**. Our Chapter continues to have interesting and educational meetings with a healthy dose of social interaction. That combination seems to suit us well as a group and it should continue. To encourage membership growth, we offer an incentive of free meals to invite potential new members, but rarely has any member taken advantage of this perk. Please think about folks you know who MIGHT be interested in what we do and invite them to experience our meeting first hand while enjoying a complimentary meal. If they join, you get a free meal too. Those of us serving in leadership positions are happy to do so. It's a rewarding experience, which is why we feel that it is important to have more members involved in running the Chapter. Regular leadership rotation helps improve vitality and increases ownership in our members. Please consider both volunteering for one of these positions, and asking potential new members to try us out. Let's all work together to make a very good Chapter even better.

Finally, as always, I ask everyone to remember and honor our service members and their families for the tremendous sacrifices they are making every day to keep us safe and free. We should all have a keen interest in the welfare of our public servants who bravely stand between us and those who would do us harm, even when many of them were in personal crisis during the government shutdown earlier this year. Thankfully, many fellow citizens stepped up to help because we are that kind of country. Our political leaders must take action to ensure that never again will we see those public servants protecting our interests needing financial assistance to care for their families. We owe them our continuous support.

-Lou

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## **Minutes for March 14, 2019 Chapter 141 Meeting**

President Lou Orsini presided over the March 14, 2019 meeting. There were 19 people in attendance, who enjoyed the Mountain Gate buffet. Lou reminded everyone that the final day to vote in the NAWCC elections is 04/01/19. He also updated everyone of the 2019 National Convention on 06/27-30, 2019 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Darcy Bertelmann gave the Treasurer's report and we are still in good financial shape.

There were general announcements made about clock and related shows in the area.

Lou Orsini reminded us of the importance to recruit new members. Our chapter is offering a free meeting and meal for any potential members you bring.

Neil Amrine advised that the speaker for the 05/09/19 meeting will be Ron Rothstein, a renowned mechanical engineer with an aerospace company. Ron has adapted Z axis microscopy with video to microscopically evaluate pivots and bushings.

We were planning to have both a Power Point presentation and demonstration by Tom Mostyn; however, due to a mix up we did not have a laptop available. Tom did his presentation on how to make wooden decorative parts for clocks using two-part silicon molding material and Rock Hard wood putty. Several members asked questions about the process, which Tom expertly answered. To fill out the presentation time, the meeting was opened to anyone having a story they would like to share with the group. Tom Mostyn, Neil Amrine, Gary Livingston, Mark Conrad, Patsy Rothen, George Hudson and Bob Rothen took the opportunity to share vignettes that ranged from technical to funny to informative, and sometimes all three. This unusual format for a meeting resulted in several members commenting we should do this again in the future where we have a brief presentation and demonstration and then open it up to the members.

President Lou Orsini closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deanne Mostyn, Secretary

### **Treasurer's Notes: IRS Reinstates Tax Exempt Status**

Good news-- in mid-April we received a letter from the IRS stating it has reinstated Free State Chapter 141's tax exempt status. This means we are exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(7). This finding puts us back in compliance with IRS rules and is retroactive to November 15, 2010.

Our Chapter is now once again responsible for filing an annual Form 990. At this writing, I am looking into which version of the Form 990 we need to file and when it is due. As long as we file annually and follow certain other rules concerning income sources, we will retain our tax exempt status.

Thank you to Lou Orsini and Neil Amrine who provided invaluable help so we could get this taken care of.

Also as of this writing, for fiscal year 2018-2019, we currently have 34 members in good standing. We have another 12 people on our membership list who have not renewed their dues for this fiscal year. Several of these have not renewed their dues for a couple of years or more, but we keep them on the list,

which is also used as our newsletter e/ mailing list, to keep them informed of our activities. We hope this will reignite their interest in our Chapter leading to membership renewal.

**For the May9, 2019 meeting, the deadline for making reservations is Tuesday, May 7, 2019.** Please remember that Darcy needs to have a count for the restaurant on the Wednesday morning before our meeting. Please make every effort to get your reservations in by the Tuesday deadline so we are fair to Mountain Gate, and they can accurately plan for food and wait staff for us.

Please call or email Darcy Bertelmann to make reservation(s) or mail the form at the end of the newsletter. Pay in advance or at the meeting. Dinner costs \$17.00/person.

**Has your contact information changed?** Have you changed any of the following: your address, email or phone number? Please send that information to Darcy either by mail, phone, or email. Help us keep you informed.

## **Upcoming Meetings for Free State Chapter 141**

Location: Mountain Gate Family Restaurant in Thurmont, Maryland

Dates and Time: Chapter 141 meets 5 times each year on the second Thursday of odd numbered months, excluding July. Meetings begin at 5:30pm with time to socialize and enjoy the Mart, followed by dinner, a brief business meeting and a presentation on a horological interest. Mark your calendar now with these dates:

(There is no meeting in July)

September 12, 2019

November 14, 2019

January 9, 2020

## **Personal Postings For Chapter 141**

ATTENTION: This section is for Chapter 141 members to post horological questions, ads, or notices at no charge. The Newsletter Advertising Policy is repeated here for your convenience. It has been defined and will be on file with the Chapter 141 records for viewing. Members submitting information for posting will need to provide the information in a form that can easily be conveyed to NAWCC Headquarters for editing, printing, and distribution. However, it is not intended that editing will be required for information you submit. It will speed things up if the information is submitted in Microsoft WORD file format as a .doc or .docx file by email to [AGBUSH172@VERIZON.NET](mailto:AGBUSH172@VERIZON.NET). This email address will be checked for input when the newsletter is prepared to send to press. If you do not have access to a computer, I suggest you contact a friend and seek their help to prepare and email the posting for you. Some sample postings that will give you an idea of what can be posted in a 2x3½" space were given in the 2013-04, June-July, issue of this newsletter. Effort will be made to maintain your posting, wording and presentation as you have submitted it.

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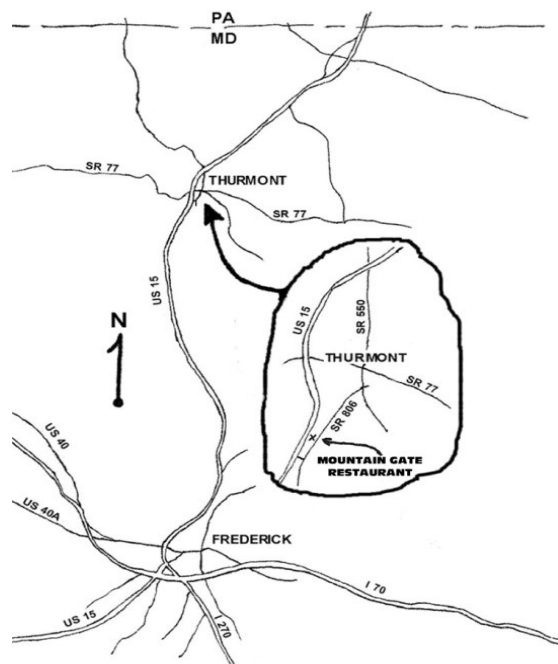
**NO POSTINGS AT THIS TIME**

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**Cancellation Policy:** Our policy on meeting cancellations is simple. If the Frederick schools are closed due to inclement weather on the day of our meeting, we will cancel. Otherwise, you can expect the meeting is on. In the event of a cancellation, Neil will try to contact everyone who has made reservations (especially those who don't live locally), but it's all based on the school decision. (Several Radio & TV stations in the region carry closure information including WMAR 2, WTTG 5, WJLA 7, WUSA 9, WBAL 11, WJZ 13, x 45, & WETA 26.)

**Meeting Reservations:** You may use the meeting reservation form below to mail in your reservations for Free State Chapter 141 meetings. Please indicate the meeting date as you complete the form. You may also make reservations via e-mail to [horologybuff@gmail.com](mailto:horologybuff@gmail.com) and providing Darcy Bertelmann with the information requested on the meeting reservation form or by Calling Darcy at **717-487-5198** and informing her directly. **(Please RSVP the Tuesday before the meeting date).**

**Directions:** Directions: Mountain Gate Family Restaurant is in Thurmont, about 16 miles north of Frederick. Take Route 15N if coming from Frederick or 15 South if coming from PA. Take the Thurmont ramp to MD806 and go east on Thurmont Blvd (right if traveling north, left if traveling south) for about a quarter mile, then take a left on Route 806 (Frederick Road ) heading north. The restaurant is about 600 ft. on the left. If you need additional directions please call the Mountain Gate Restaurant



**NOTE TIME & LOCATION** for our NEXT MEETING on **THURSDAY, May 9, 2019** at the **MOUNTAIN GATE FAMILY RESTAURANT** in Thurmont, MD 21788, 301-271-4373.

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## Free State Chapter 141 Meeting Reservation Form

*Reservation for Free State Chapter 141 Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_*

*Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_*

*Number Coming \_\_\_\_\_ x \$17.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

*Number of Mart Tables \_\_\_\_\_ (Mart Tables are Free)*

*Local Chapter Dues Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8.00 per member for the year beginning June 30.*

*New members please see/call Darcy for Registration Form*

*Please make checks payable to Free State Chapter 141 and mail to*

*Darcy Bertelmann, 925 Johnson Drive, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325-8903*

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