

The North American Guild of Change Ringers 2018 AGM and Course, September 26-30, 2018

Join us to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the installation of tower bells St. James Episcopal Church Hendersonville, NC.

The AGM will run from Friday noon until Sunday afternoon. The Annual Meeting will take place in the church fellowship hall Saturday, probably at 3:30 PM. The course will take place from Wednesday morning to Friday noon. Friday evening we will gather for a pay as you go social at Hannah Flanagan's Irish Pub, and Saturday evening will be the AGM Banquet.

Registration deadline: Course and AGM Friday, **Aug 17, 2018** AGM only Friday, **August 31, 2018**

Payment accepted in US **or** Canadian funds. Make *US checks* payable to, “**AGM Activities 2018,**” *Canadian checks* payable to, “**NAGCR.**” We are not able to accept Paypal or credit/debit cards.

Send fee and form(s) to: Ernie Thurston, 65 Town Mountain Road, Asheville, NC 28804

Course information: (Submit registration by August 17 if you desire to participate in the course.) The course will run from Wednesday morning, September 26 to noon Friday, September 28. It will consist of *two levels*. *Enrollment will be limited* to eight students at each level. Students will be selected based on application date.

A Tuesday night practice is planned for early arrivals and the local band. Quarter peals may be scheduled for participants outside of course hours.

Registration fee for course: \$15

Overall Objectives: Assist ringers to advance their level of ringing, to achieve quality striking, and to improve general ringing skills as appropriate for individual students.

Level 1 Work on five and six bell basic methods, depending on students may get to seven or eight bells.

Level 2 Work on six to eight bell methods as appropriate for students.

Helpers Those who ring well are invited to register as helpers.

Accommodations: Three events will effect availability and costs of accommodations: World Equestrian Games Sept 11 to 23 at Tryon International Equestrian Center, Hendersonville Art on Main Sept 29 and 30, Fall Leaf Season most of October. With these upcoming events proprietors have offered little in the way of special rates for our AGM. There are a wide range of accommodations in the area so if you anticipate participating in the AGM we advise arranging accommodations soon. The Hendersonville website <https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/> has many options. Additionally, VRBO and AirBnB both list many convenient rentals at reasonable rates. *With local ringers we can host a limited number of participants. Please let us know if such support makes your attendance more likely.* For advice concerning accommodations: Dorothy Fantle dfantle@yahoo.com, Connie Engle connie.engle@gmail.com, or Bob Aldinger RobertAldinger@gmail.com.

Registration (*deadline* course and AGM **August 17**, AGM only **August 31**) to Ernie Thurston, 65 Town Mountain Road, Asheville, NC 28804

Please *print or type* one form for each person (except guests who are not involved in ringing may be included on one form):

Name: _____ Name for name tag: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Normally ring at: _____

For those desiring to participate in the course:

____ Level 1 ____ Level 2 ____ Would like to help

There will be quarter peals. Please indicate your desires to participate in quarter peal attempts.

____ Interested ____ Not interested

If interested, let us know your desired level of participation- conduct, method(s), number of bells, other pertinent information: _____

Expect to arrive: _____ Depart: _____
(Date and time) (Date and time)

Fees: *Other than US participants may pay cash in \$US upon arrival.

AGM Registration \$10 US \$12.75 CAD* per person \$ _____

Ringing Course \$15 US \$19.00 CAD* per person \$ _____

Friday evening plan to join in pay as you go Hannah Flanagan's _____

Saturday evening banquet \$ 34 US \$ 43.75 CAD* per person # _____ \$ _____

We anticipate that the variety of salads, vegetables, and fruits will meet most dietary needs.

Banquet beer/wine supplement \$7 US \$9.00 CAD* per person # _____ \$ _____

Total paid: *US checks* "AGM Activities 2018" *Canadian checks* "NAGCR" \$ _____

Or *Total \$ US due at check-in: \$ _____

More information: RobertAldinger@gmail.com or <https://www.visithendersonvillenc.org/>