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Guinness World Records Clock Now at the National Watch & Clock Museum

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Columbia, Lancaster County — The National Watch & Clock Museum is very pleased to announce that a world-renowned clock is now on display for all to enjoy. Known as Burgess Clock B, it earned a spot in *Guinness World Records* in 2015 because it is the most accurate mechanical clock with a pendulum swinging in free air. During a 100-day trial at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, England, this clock kept time to within a second throughout the entire test.

"Sculptural clockmaker Martin Burgess began making this clock in 1974, basing his design on the previously untested theory of 18th-century craftsman and inventor John Harrison," Executive Director Rory McEvoy said. "Through the efforts of a research team in the early 21st century, the clock was completed with remarkable trial results. Harrison's clock system has an unusually large arc of pendulum swing and requires no lubrication, among other unique qualities. It is absolutely mesmerizing to see it in action."

The National Watch & Clock Museum recently expanded its hours to include Sundays, with a weekly schedule of Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum houses approximately 13,000 timepieces, many of which are the most culturally and historically valuable examples of their type in the world. Recently updated and expanded displays include the Public Time gallery, the Hamilton and Bulova exhibits, and the history of wristwatches exhibit. The museum is run by the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors (NAWCC), a nonprofit member organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the art and science of timekeeping.

The museum is located at 514 Poplar St., Columbia, and is open to the public on Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit museum.nawcc.org or call 717-684-8261.

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