



Monthly Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society
<http://www.dshipmodelsociety.org/>

**LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST OF OUR GREAT
-SUMMER EVENTS -
*DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR 20 AUGUST VISIT TO THE
DAVID TAYLOR RESEARCH CENTER!!***

Skipper's Corner

As you will note from this newsletter, the WSMS is continuing to provide the opportunity for members to expand their modeling skills, knowledge of, and appreciation for naval and maritime related activities. Whether you are a casual or highly dedicated ship modeler, or a nautical history buff, these activities offer you a way to become even more immersed in what for me at least is a life-long passion.

First, I highly encourage you to take advantage of our Wednesday, 20 August visit to the Carderock Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center; maybe more familiar to some of you as the David Taylor Research Center. If you are a U.S. Naval Ship modeler, this is a pilgrimage site equivalent to Rome for Christians. Thanks to our member, Dana Wegner, the Carderock Navy Model Custodian for arranging this visit! See more about this visit in the accompanying article.

Warren, our First Mate, is again heading up our annual participation in the National Capital Model Soldier's Society 53rd Annual show, September 13, 2014. This has always been a fun event. In fact our monthly meeting will be held at that venue.

Thanks to our participation in the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo this past May, we

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This Month's Regular Meeting

Saturday, August 09, 2014

**Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD Canyon
Conference Room**

NNMC is on the Maryland side of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Montgomery County.

From the Capital Beltway, take Exit 34, Rt. 355, South, Wisconsin Ave. towards Bethesda, in left lane.

Cross Cedar Lane, and continue to the first traffic light (Woods Road). Turn left into the Center.

At the guard station, show ID, and inform the guard that you are visiting to attend the Washington Ship Model Society meeting. One of the club's members will be present at the gate until shortly before 10 AM Park in the America Garage.

Walk across from the garage to the America Building entrance, past the information desk and take the elevators on the right to the 4th floor. Turn right out of the elevator and walk past the pediatrics waiting room to the Canyon Conference Room on the left.

See You There!

August Focus Meeting

To be determined

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met a fellow modeler, Ed Somers from the Eastern Shore. Ed is from a long lineage of Eastern Shore waterman and skippers a research vessel for the state of Maryland. Ed has tentatively agreed to arrange a fall visit to meet with local work boat builders, visit a building yard and learn more about their history. This is also covered in an accompanying article.

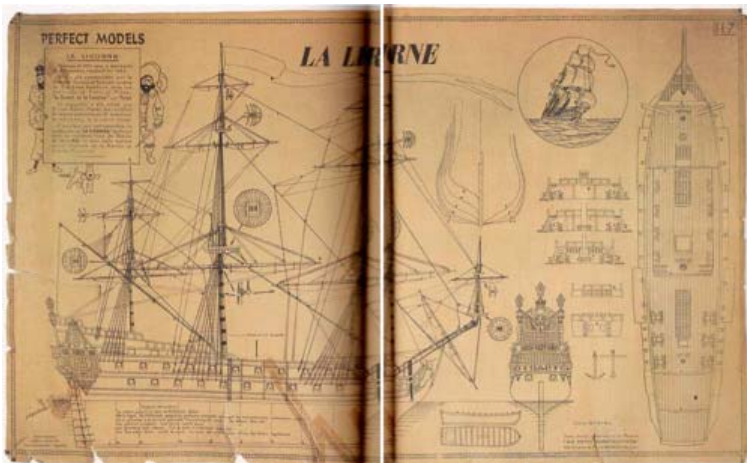
A long range future event I want to give you a heads up on is a regional shipmodeling workshop that we and the Philadelphia Ship Model Society are planning. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, 13 & 14 June, 2015. The location is the "Conference Center at the Maritime Institute" located near Baltimore. The general plan is to invite other regional clubs to also participate. Although I will not be Skipper when this event rolls around, I will be the WSMS coordinator for it. To help make this a success I would encourage our Commodores along with member volunteers to help plan and participate in the event. Please let me know if you could assist. I'd like to get an event planning committee set up and begin brainstorming on how to make this a success.

Lou Husser

JULY 2014 MEETINGS MINUTES

P.S. *Old plans found related to my latest modeling effort*

“The Unicorn”



09 August 2014 WSMS MEETING AGENDA

- Ψ 1000 – Skipper’s Remarks
 - ✓ Some exciting upcoming event opportunities
 - David Taylor Research Center Tour
 - Eastern Shore Working Craft Boat-Building Tour
 - June 2015 Regional Shipmodel Workshop Co-sponsorship
- Ψ 1020 –Show & Tell
- Ψ 1140 – Business Meeting
 - ✓ Treasurer’s Report – John Reeder
 - ✓ Old business
 - Election Report Candidates for office slate – Doug Wilde
 - ✓ New Business
 - Need Volunteers to help organize:
 - WSMS & PSMS proposed Middle Atlantic Regional Meet
 - Focus Meeting and Show & Tell demonstrations
- Ψ 1200 –Meeting Adjourn

Following are the draft minutes of the Washington Ship Model Society meeting held at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on July 12, 2014.

Note: Send any corrections to the minutes to the Ship’s Clerk at pdbeattyword@msn.com . If no changes submitted, these minutes stand approved as of the August meeting.

The Skipper and First Mate were on vacation and the meeting was conducted by Bruce Buchner. Seven members and one striker were present.

Attendees

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| Bruce Buchner | Doug Beatty |
| Peter Gutterman | Vince m\McCullough |
| Rick Yorczyk | Bill Black |
| John Dowling | Rodger Frye (Stryker) |

Candidates for next year’s bridge need to be summited to the current bridge so a slate can be assembled for a vote. Doug Wilde is assembling slate to be presented at the August meeting.

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The WSMS is organizing a visit to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (aka David Taylor Research Center). The date has been established as 19 August (note changed now to the 20th) with a time TBD. Lou will let us know the details.

The members voted to have the WSMS participate in a Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in conjunction with several other model organizations. There will be a need to have several members help in the organization of this event. Lou will contact members to solicit participation. The event will take place in the Maritime Institute Conference Center (near Baltimore) in June 2014. Lou will work with the other clubs to develop an agenda for the program.

It was voted to send a check for about \$250 to the Navy Museum at Annapolis to contribute to their project to preserve some photographs.

There was a vote to expend funds to replace the computer that was stolen.

There is an IPMS show at Hampton Rhodes VA on 6-9 August 2014. It is a major show with high interest. There is a need for a location of the Focus Group meetings in July and August.

Ship's Clerk Doug Beatty 13 July 2014

After a review of our finances, the membership voted to have the next year's dues be \$20.

Submitted: Doug Beatty,
WSMS Ship's Clerk

WSMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT: Visit David Taylor Research Center

PLACE: Carderock, MD

DATE: 20 August, 10AM to 1PM

Notes: <http://www.navsea.navy.mil/nswc/carderock/default.aspx>

EVENT: National Capital Model Soldier's Society
53rd Annual show

PLACE: Thomas Edison High School, Alexandria, VA

DATE: 13 September

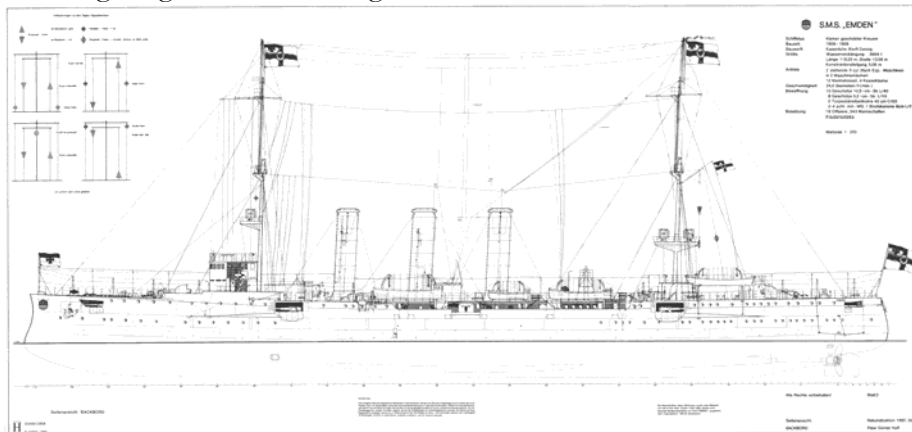
Notes:

1. Regular WSMS meeting will be held at the show

2. <http://www.ncmss.org/>

WSMS Meeting Planning for New & Potential New Members

There are two WSMS meetings monthly. The regular monthly business meeting is virtually always on the 2nd Saturday of every month and rotates between Bethesda (even numbered months) and Alexandria (odd numbered months). Exceptions occur when we have an event that coincides with a 2nd Saturday such as the field trip. The 2nd meeting is the Focus meeting which is held at a hosting member's house every 4th Saturday. Again, there are exceptions when a planned event overlaps a 4th Saturday; or when a holiday proves problematic such as Thanksgiving & Christmas which we try to work-around. The Lynx, our newsletter, which we try to get out by Wednesday or Thursday (sometime Friday!?) preceding the regular meeting, contains both an agenda for the upcoming meeting and a long range schedule listing.



BRIDGE TEAM NOTES AND REPORTS

First Mate

Warren reports that he will be attending the IPMS Nationals this weekend in the Norfolk area and thus will miss the August meeting. Warren promises to give us a rundown on the show including any interesting ship models on display or kits and materials that were available from the vendors.

Warren Yuan

Ship's Clerk

Nothing significant of note to report.

Doug Beatty



Ship's Purser

Donations - As voted on at the July 2014 meeting, a check for \$250 is being sent to the Navy Museum at Annapolis to contribute to their project to preserve historic photographs.

Member's Dues Increase – Based on a review of WSMS 2014 expenditures, and as supported by the membership, next year's dues will be \$20

John Reeder

Webmaster

Website has been updated but always seeking more pictures for the model gallery. Please submit ones of your latest efforts or progress for posting

Carl Erikson

UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHTS & PLANNING INFORMATION

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (Previously the David Taylor Research Center) Visit 20 August

This is one not to miss! Kudos and thanks to Dana Wegner who, as a NSWC employee coordinated the visit for us! Ms. Jennifer Brewster (301) 227-1176 will be leading the general tour of the base facilities. The tour is scheduled to last from 1000 to 1300. This should help with avoiding morning rush hour traffic and competing with the Center's work force all trying to get through the gate. We have invited both the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) and the Annapolis modelers to join us. Two from PSMS have signed up and possibly a few more will as we get closer. So far, we have not heard from the Annapolis crowd. The first half of the visit will be touring some of the unique facilities such as the model basin. The second half we will be visiting with Dana Wegner who is the center's curator of ship models. He will take us on an inside tour of their enormous model storage and maintenance areas as well as provide us an overview of the Navy's long and sometimes checkered past of overseeing the Navy's historical collection.

If you are trying to find "David Taylor" on a map or using GPS it now appears as the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division on all of the local maps and the web. Also, using GPS will send you to the truck entrance at 9500 MacArthur Boulevard. Visitors cannot enter via the truck entrance and the guards there will send you around to the visitor's entrance on Clara

Barton Parkway. The visitor's entrance is the only exit on Clara Barton between the Beltway (Exit 41) and MacArthur Blvd.

Please note; **Photographic equipment (still or video) is not permitted. Proof of U.S. citizenship is required.**

Curator of Ship Model web site: <http://www.navsea.navy.mil/nswc/carderock/pub/cnsm.aspx>

Naval Surface Warfare Center Carderock web site with driving directions, security, etc.:

<http://www.navsea.navy.mil/nswc/carderock/default.aspx>

National Capital Model Soldier's Society (NCMSS) 53rd Annual Show

The show will be held Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Thomas Edison High School in Alexandria. NCMSS is a membership supported club for military miniatures hobbyist. It like the WSMS provides members with a means to exchange ideas, information and reference materials. They hold monthly meetings, sponsor regular painting clinics, publish a monthly newsletter and host this major annual regional military miniatures exhibition. The show is principally organized for Figure painters as well as collectors of miniature figures, toy soldiers, plastic models and militaria, however as our shipbuilding hobby can include ship's crews, figureheads, etc, and shares the need for similar modeling and painting skills we have become a significant part of this show. It is also where we have recruited more than a few people to become WSMS members as well.

Eastern Shore Waterman Working Craft & Shipyard Visit

This event is still in the early planning stages but should occur sometime this fall. We are working with Mr. Ed Somers, a fellow ship modeler who specializes in Chesapeake Bay working boats. Ed is from a long lineage of Eastern Shore waterman and skippers a research vessel for the state of Maryland. He is still developing his thoughts on the visit but the idea he is cogitating on providing an overview on watercraft associated with Crisfield, Smith Island, and the Tangier area. This will probably be worked in coordination with the Crisfield Heritage Foundation. If enough people in are interested, we may be able to have a boat builder, Mickey Parks, give us a presentation of how he would set one of those boats up by eye. Watch here for more information as the bridge team works the idea with Ed.

1st Annual Mid-Atlantic Ship Model Conference & Show

We in partnership with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) are planning to host a regional ship model conference in 2015. We have entered into a contract with the Conference Center at The Maritime Institute (CCMIT) to as the location for the event. on Saturday, 6-13-15. If the conference would go into a second day (6-14-15), there would be events scheduled away from CCMIT. At this point no one "really" knows how many people will be attending. the conference. However, I would lower the projected attendees to 80-100 people.



February's It Ought To Be a Model!



Is she for real! What's her mission and who might she be built by?
Submit your answers to LBHusser@verizon.net

Classified Ads

Member Ship Model Kits For Sale

Brion Boyles has several large scale models/kits for sale Contact him at . brionboyles@comcast.net

Newsletter Ad Policy

Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx as they desire. They may be either want or for sale ads and should normally be limited to a 100 or less words. Non-members may also submit one ad to a monthly newsletter, also limited to a 100 words. The acceptance of the ads are at the discretion of the editor. He will also have blanket authority to edit the contents as he believes appropriate.

August Tip of the Month

Free Online Graph Paper / Grid Paper PDFs

If you are like me, you often find a need for graph paper, especially when you're trying to scale draw something for a ship model project. There is a website you can go to that has a number of different graph paper forms many of which can be adapted to your modeling needs. They are downloadable and very printable, and you may find these PDFs extremely useful.

The website is: <http://www.incompetech.com/graphpaper/>

Member Submitted Articles

Imperial German Navy ship floats over Africa in 1917!

And now the 22 inch model of L.59 floats over Carl's workshop!

Strange But True! We tend to forget that Germany had 4 colonies in 1914. Those colonies had military contingents that fought the Allies in Africa. The German colonial army of Colonel Paul Emil von Lettow-Vorbeck conducted a guerilla campaign right through until the armistice. It however needed supplies, and the German Navy had a solution.

The model is a paper one, made from the Polish JSC Mikroflota kit in 1:400 scale.

Interestingly L.59 had the flags or insignia of the Central Powers painted over it as it was to fly over Austria Hungary,

the Ottoman Empire, and Bulgaria on its way to German East Africa. Read all about it at:

<http://memoryofthisimpertinence.blogspot.com/2009/07/strange-mission-of-zeppelin-l59.html>



2014 Nautical Research Guild Conference

St. Louis, Missouri – October 16th through the 18th

The Conference Hotel will be the Sheraton Westport Westport Chalet Hotel.

AGENDA

Friday Technical Sessions:

Pat Mathews – 3D Printing

Glenn Grieco – Excavation of the Riverboat Heroine

David Antscherl – Building the Fireship Comet

Friday Round Table Discussions:

David Antscherl – Frieze Painting

Steve Wheeler - Electroplating

Chuck Passaro – Ropewalk Demo

Greg Herbert – Making Scale Moldings

John Vojtech – Unique Modeling Tools.

Saturday General Sessions:

Jack Custer – Using images to take off the lines of steamboats

Dan Pariser – Comparing French & English ship building practices

Gary Lucy – Researching models and settings for paintings

Kevin Crisman, Ph.D. – Archaeology of the *Heroine* and the Evolution of the Western Steamboat

<http://www.thenrg.org/2014-nrg-ship-model-convention.php>

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