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Next Meeting

Saturday, December 8, 2012, 10 a.m.

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
8901 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20889-5600
Canyon Conference Room

Directions

NNMC lies on the Maryland side of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Montgomery County. The Beltway is accessed from the north on Interstate 95 or the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, from the east on MD Rt. 50, from southern MD on MD Rt. 4 or 5, from all points south on Interstate 95, and from the west on Interstate 66. Head west on the Capital Beltway. Take Exit 34, Rt. 355, South, Wisconsin Ave. towards Bethesda, in left lane. Cross Cedar Lane; at first median crossing (no light), turn left into the National Naval Medical Center. At the guard station, show ID. Park in the America Garage. After walking across from the America garage to the America building entrance walk past the information desk and take the bank of 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.

Please note we are meeting in a new location. See page 3 of this newsletter for a map of the campus with directions.

Skipper's Corner

As most of you know from reading your emails, Lou Husser has been laid low by a medical issue, which will include a visit to the ships surgeon, and an extended stay in sick bay, during which I am sure he will drive his own first mate, Betsy, absolutely bonkers. The best of luck to them both – I suspect that she will need it more than he does!

As a result of this inopportune illness followed by extended malingering, I, your faithful first mate, will endeavor to take to the quarterdeck until relieved or washed overboard. So without further ado

First, a word about money. Lou reminded everyone in the last couple of issues of the *Lynx*, we are well into the new membership year, if you have not paid your dues, please contact our purser, John Reeder. John can be contacted at JFRSHIPS@gmail.com. If you are not sure if you are paid up or not, please contact John.

December being an even numbered month our next regular meeting will be at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (formerly "Bethesda Naval Hospital"). The meeting will be Saturday, December 8 and will start at the usual 10 AM. It will be held in the Canyon Conference Room, on the 4th floor of the

America building. This is the same room where we have met the past few months. Joel Labow will once again be hosting the meeting, and will be out front braving the weather to make sure everyone gets in. I am trying to work up a presentation, but of course everyone is welcome to bring their latest project, tool, kit, reference book, etc. to discuss with the group.

Speaking of Joel, at the last Bethesda meeting he informed us that he intends to retire sometime in the next year (or thereabouts). At that point, we will no longer have a sponsor at the WRNMMC and will likely need a new meeting location in Maryland. So the search is on! If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know.

The December Focus Group meeting was scheduled to be held at Lou's home. His unfortunate health issues have put the kibosh on that, so we will be looking for an alternate location. If any of you would like to volunteer to host the meeting, and perhaps show off your shop, please contact me. The meeting is normally held the last Saturday of the month, so we would be looking at December 29. I will update everyone of on the status of the meeting as things develop.

The January meeting will be back in Alexandria, at the Hollin Hall Senior's center. At that meeting Carl Erickson and I plan on doing a min-practicum on building your own case. Some of you may have been at the focus group meeting at Carl's house when he spoke of the method that he uses. In January, I plan an expanded presentation, and (if all goes well), we will actually construct an acrylic case for a model. We'll use some the techniques that Carl spoke of, along with some things that I learned from Don Preul on constructing the base. I also hope to demonstrate the technique that I used to "flame" the edges of the acrylic for my last case, so that the acrylic edge remains transparent, rather than frosted. If all things go well, it should be a good show.

I hope to see many of you at the next meeting. If not, have a great holiday season, and that the fat man in the red suit brings you lots of modeling goodies!

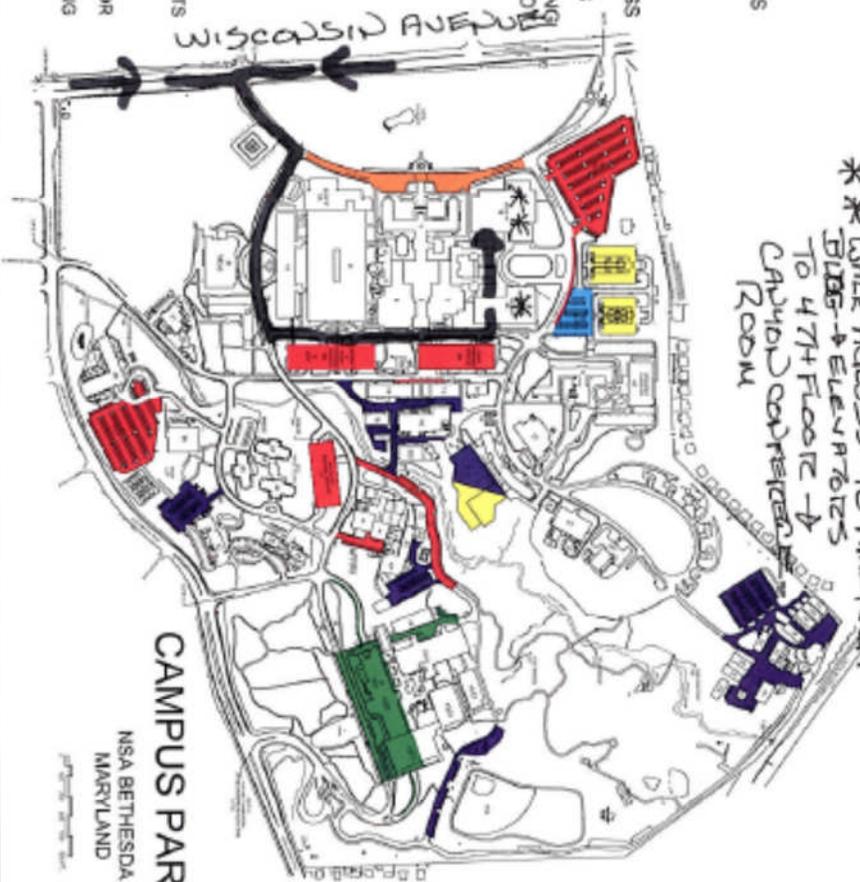
—Vince McCullough, WSMS First Mate

UNMARKED PARKING AREAS ARE PROTECTED AND RESERVED FOR VISITORS, LODGING, AND RETAIL USE

PARKING ELIGIBLE WITHIN AREAS DESIGNATED UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED BY RESERVED PARKING SIGNS

CARPOOL/VANPOOL PARKING AVAILABLE IN B55 AND "T" LOT

- LEGEND**
- APPROVED HANGING TAG PARKING
- WRNMMCS
 - USU & AFRII
 - ALL OTHER TENANTS
 - ORANGE
 - WOUNDED WARRIOR
 - BARRACKS LODGING



CAMPUS PARKING

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Washington Ship Model Society
September 2012 Meeting Minutes

This document presents the minutes of the Washington Ship Model Society meeting held at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on November 10, 2012.

The meeting was conducted by Lou Husser. Five members were present. Due to the limited numbers that were present, Lou decided not to conduct any business.

John Reeder has found a stash of a number of WSMS patches. Lou announced that John has a number of patches, and they will be sold for \$5.00. Distribution is to be specified.

Dues for the coming year are due. They are \$10.00 for the next year. Please get your remittance to John Reeder as soon as possible (215 Deepwoods Dr. Great Falls, VA 22066).

Anyone who needs a nametag or mug should contact Gene Larson. To obtain a coin, contact Lou.

The meeting had a great presentation by Bruce Buchner showing pictures of ships and ship models that he took on his travels. Bryan Boyles showed his latest modifications to upgrade the RC *Shiloh*.

The next regular meeting will be at the National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. The special interest group meetings are:

November – John Reeder (actual meeting on 2 December)

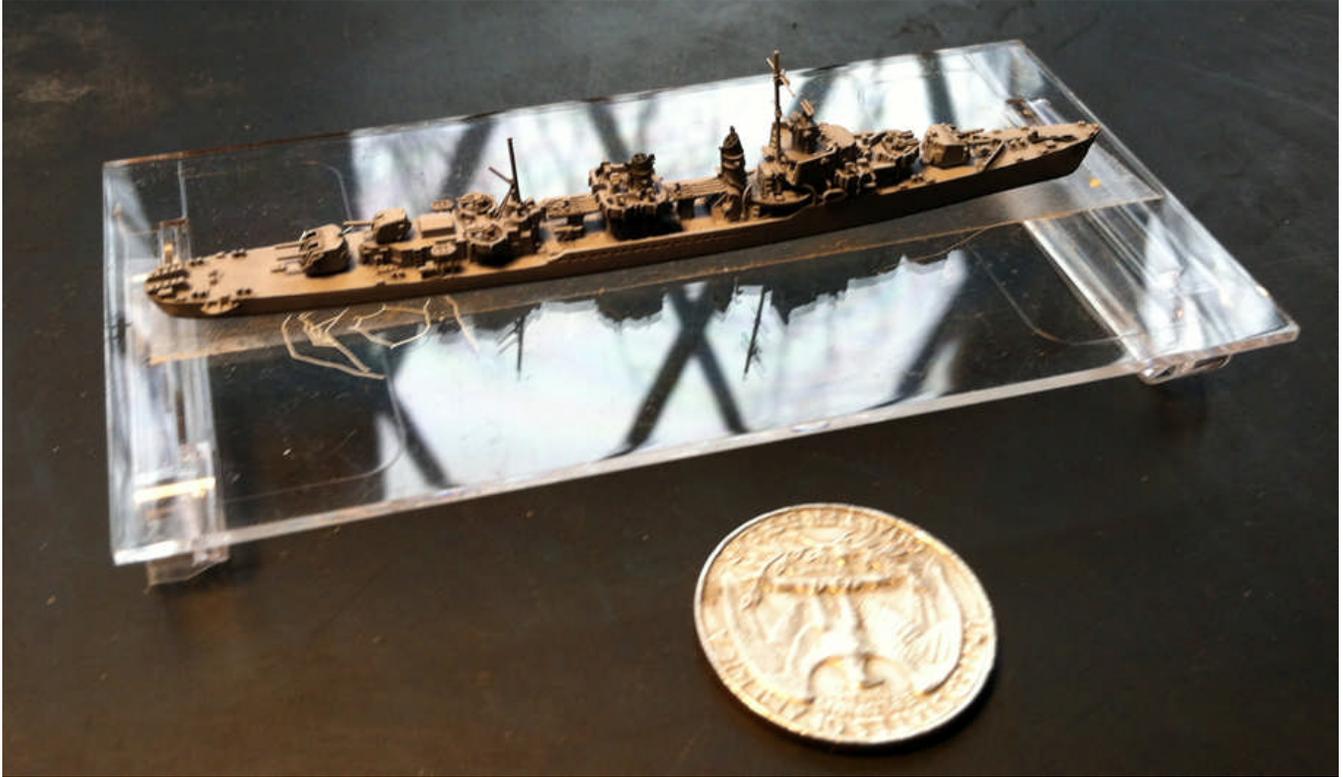
December – Lou Husser (and his train sets) [editor's note: please see Skipper's Corner for updated news about the December meeting]

—Ship's Clerk Doug Beatty, 11 November 2012

Show and Tell

Lynx Readers:

Please send your model progress photos, photos from events, photos from meeting to me at newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org for publication in the *Lynx*.



Carl Erikson submitted this photo of an amazing(ly small) ship model made with a 3-D printer. The model belongs to Purser John Reeder and was displayed at the November special-interest group meeting.

DECEMBER 2012 MEETING AGENDA
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
Bethesda, Maryland

- Ψ 1000 – First Mate’s Remarks
 - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
 - Volunteers for Focus meetings in 2013 needed
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report – John Reeder
- Ψ 1015 – Presentation: TBD
- Ψ 1100 - Show & Tell
- Ψ 1140 – Business Meeting
 - Old business
 - Dues & Initiation Fees Announcement
- Ψ 1050 - New Business
- Ψ 1100 –Meeting Adjourn

Upcoming Schedule of Events

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings
 - December – host needed
 - January – host needed
 - February – host needed
 - March – host needed

Please contact Vince at firstmate@dshipmodelsociety.org if you would like host a meeting.
- Ψ Looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

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<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>
<http://www.cnc-models.com/>
<http://mysite.verizon.net/EJJ.shipmodeler/index.htm>
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<http://www.joesmodels.com/>
<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>

by Jack Hudock

Although not directly related to ship model making, these two items may be of interest to some WSMS members:

1. This website has a LOT of photos from the Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, FL:

[Click here: CDSG Forums :: View topic - NAVAL AIR MUSEUM, PENSACOLA 2008](#)

(If that link doesn't work, try: <http://www.cdsg.org/forums/viewtopic.php?t=337>)

The source is unusual for the subject matter: the Coast Defense Study Group. Historical society for US Coast Artillery.

2. The big model engineering and machining show *Cabin Fever Expo*, previously held in mid-January in York, PA, has moved its dates to mid-April. This year it's 13 and 14 April, still at York. Incredible stuff, like a working radial engine, 2 inches in diameter! See: www.cabinfeverexpo.com

Even if you're not in to this sort of modeling, it's worth a trip just to see what the other guys are doing: scratch building on steroids. Also some simply weird commercial products, like an internal combustion pogo stick from the 1950s. (Display only. No one was suicidal enough to try it.) My personal favorites were some model airplane motors with a 2mm bore and 3mm stroke that ran on CO₂, and a collection of models of stationary steam engines made of wood (ran on compressed air). There was a large indoor pond for working ship models: live steam, electric, fuel, and submarine. Also a good place to pick up odd parts and accessories for your home shop tools.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 WSMS Regular Meeting 10 a.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28 WSMS Lynx Newsletter Deadline	29 Special Interest Group Meeting, host TBD
30	31 Happy New Year!					