

# The Lynx

Monthly newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, February 9, 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.

See page 2 of this newsletter for a map of the campus with directions.

## **Saturday, April 20, 2013** **NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD** **Ship Modeling Seminars**

### **HOUSTON FOOD BANK CONFERENCE CENTER, HOUSTON, TEXAS** **FEATURING SPECIAL BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE WORKSHOPS**

This edition of our popular educational event should more accurately be called a Workshop rather than a Seminar. In response to your requests we have put together a set of hands-on practical sessions where you can try out the techniques that you will hear about during the classroom presentations. You also said that there were not enough topics for the beginner/journeyman modeler, and we have done our best to meet that need.

As of this writing the program is planned to include popular author Kurt Van Dahm, who will explain how you can end up with a museum quality model even if you start from a less than perfect kit. He is also an expert on the airbrush, and will bring in his equipment and let you play with it. Chairman Dan Pariser will reveal some of the mysteries of rigging, and then you can practice his tips for serving a line, stropping a block, and tying a clove hitch into a ratline. Other talks may cover the planking of a hull, with a hands-on demonstration of spiling, that most baffling of techniques. The final schedule will be circulated through the Guild's email system and to the clubs as we get closer to the date.

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\* \* \* \* \* BINS & ELEVATORS  
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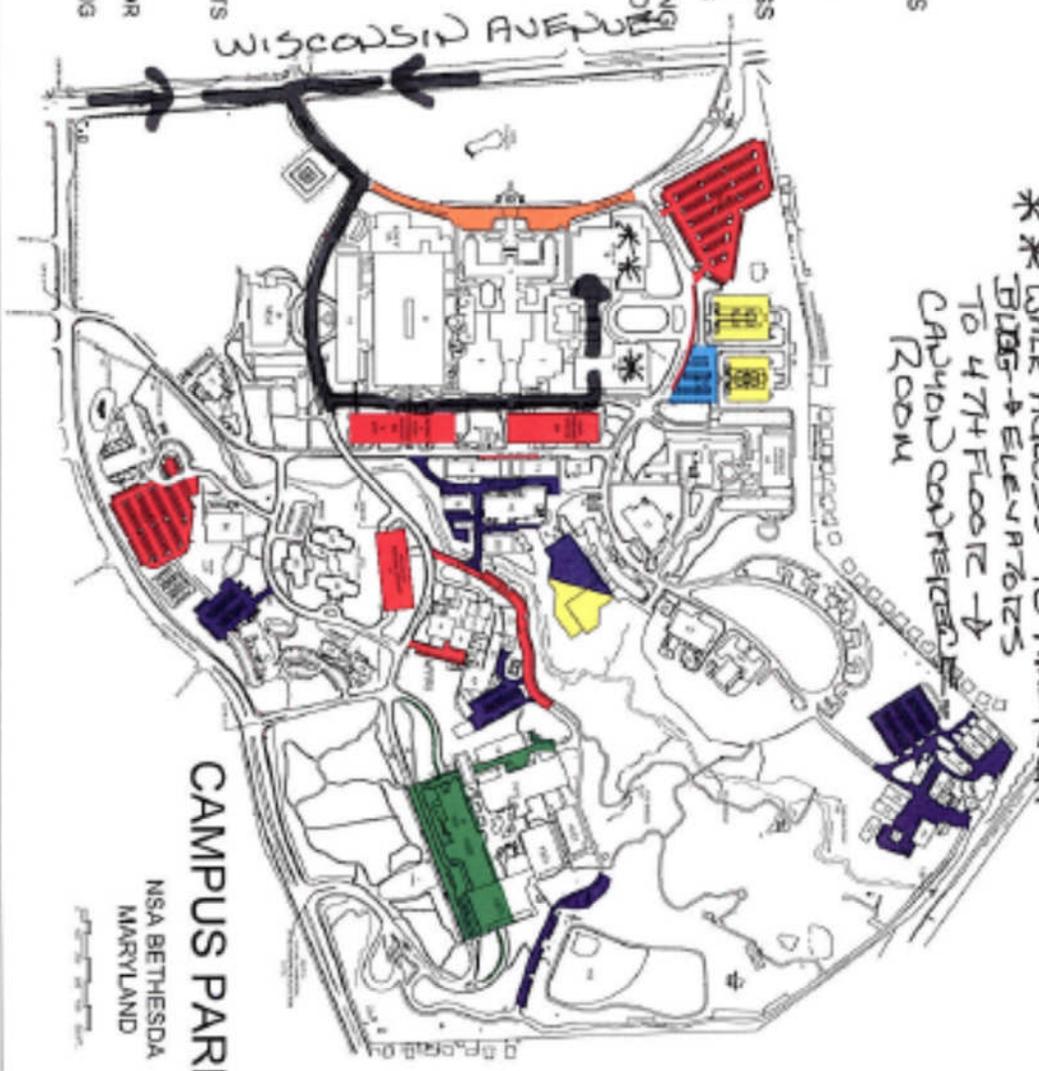
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ARE PROTECTED AND  
RESERVED FOR VISITORS,  
LODGING, AND RETAIL USE

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OTHERWISE INDICATED BY  
RESERVED PARKING SIGNS

CARPOOL/VANPOOL PARKING  
AVAILABLE IN B55 AND 7<sup>TH</sup> LOT

### LEGEND

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



### CAMPUS PARKING

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MARYLAND



## Skipper's Corner

Well, another WSMS monthly meeting is around the corner. Are you possibly one of our prolonged absentees that have made a resolution to attend more WSMS meetings in 2013? Here's your chance, and we'd be mighty happy to see you! The year's regular schedule of Spring 2013 events is beginning to take shape with the [IPMS Northern VA annual Model Classic](#) contest and show in April, followed by the [Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo](#) in May. If you haven't attended any of these in the past, make a resolution to attend at least one this year. They really are great fun! A WSMS presence at these events not only helps with our recruiting, but it also is an opportunity to meet others interested in our hobby (and for shopping!). These events are also an educational opportunity to expand your own knowledge and learn new techniques.

You may recall from the previous *Lynx*, I made several WSMS-related New Year's Resolutions. Here is a progress report:

1. Conduct a maritime-related road trip—I've made contact with two local institutions to see if we could get inside tours of their facilities and activities. These are the [National Museum of the US Navy](#) and the [David Taylor Ship Model Basin](#). Watch for more news on this in the next *Lynx*.
2. Try to reinvigorate the interest of and participation in the WSMS among those members that we haven't seen for awhile
3. Identify attention grabbing topics that would spark more interest in the monthly meetings
4. Sponsor a regional ship modelers' meeting
5. Hold a WSMS awards dinner

As I indicated before, these are not for me to pursue alone but something for all of you to become engaged in. As I requested last time—WHAT-SAY-YOU!! Let me know at [lhusser@scires.com](mailto:lhusser@scires.com)

C'ya Saturday!

—Lou

### Maritime Model Expo, May 18 & 19

If you've never attended the [Chesapeake Maritime Museum's Maritime Model Expo](#), you're missing out! The WSMS is given several tables on which to display our models and show off our modeling skills, and members who are staffing the WSMS exhibits get free admission. The weather is usually beautiful, and the museum—even when there isn't a special event—is a fascinating place with many unique treasures. Visitors attending the museum are friendly and eager to talk to us about our models. Make a weekend of it! The town of St. Michael's is charming, and there are several places to overnight and dine.

Please consider volunteering to help the WSMS with this outreach event. Even if you are unable to attend, please lend us a model to display. [First Mate Vince McCullough](#) is organizing the event; please let him know how you'll be supporting your society.

**We really need your help!**

## **Washington Ship Model Society**

### **January 2013 Meeting Minutes**

This document presents the minutes of the Washington Ship Model Society meeting held at the Hollin library (the keys for the Hollin Hill Senior Center were not available) on 12 January 2013.

The meeting was conducted by Lou Husser. Nine members were present. Dr. Roger Miller was present for the third time and was voted in.

John Reeder has a number of WSMS patches. Distribution is to be specified by Lou Husser.

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

Carl Erickson will obtain information concerning the requirements for the WSMS to communicate with the IRS. He will present his findings at the next meeting.

A Yahoo communication link will be established by Tim Rulon. (*Editor's note:* Tim has established the Yahoo Group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dcshipmodel/>. Go sign up!)

A rope walk will be considered for purchase by the WSMS at a future meeting.

Vince gave a most interesting demonstration of constructing a model case. He showed an interesting design and one that a skilled modeler can easily construct. Instructions from Carl Erickson will be posted to the Workshop Tips page of the WSMS Web site.

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

–January 26: Bruce Buchner

–February 23: Lou Husser

–March 30: Carl Erickson

—Doug Beatty, Ship's Clerk, 16 January 2013

## Show and Tell

**Lynx Readers:** Please send your model progress photos, photos from events, photos from meeting to the editor at [newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org) for publication in the *Lynx*.

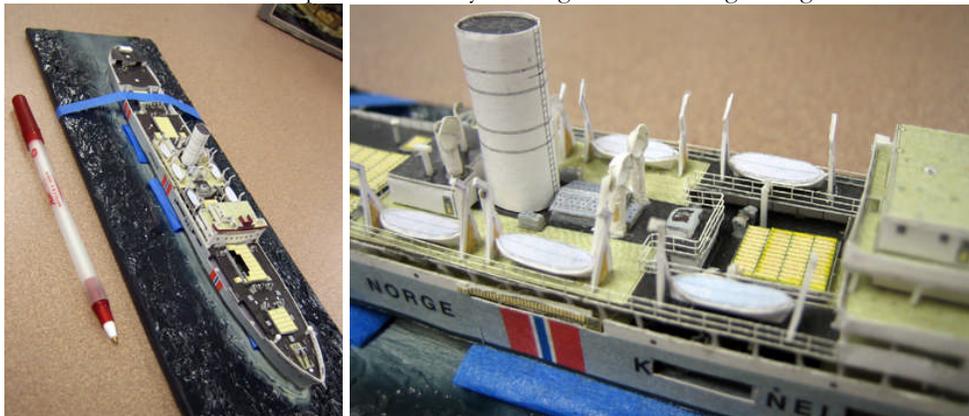


Bruce brought in his insanely large *Bismarck*.

Joel continued the theme of large models with his 53" Revell/Germany *USS Gato* kit being modified for RC operation:



Carl took us the other direction with his tiny but highly detailed in-progress paper model of a WW2 German navy auxiliary cruiser in disguise as the Norwegian freighter *Knute Nelson*. It is a 1:400 kit reduced to 1:600. "Norge" is Norwegian for "Norway," and the vertical stripes are neutrality markings of the Norwegian flag.



**FEBRUARY 2013 MEETING AGENDA**  
**Walter Reed National Military Medical Center**  
**Bethesda, Maryland**

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- Ψ 1000—Skipper’s Remarks
  - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
  - More Volunteers for Focus meetings in 2013 needed
  
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report—Jim Reeder
  
- Ψ 1015—Rope Walk Demonstration by Vince McCullough  
Also, time permitting, showing of a DVD on the *HMS Victory*
  
- Ψ 1100—Show & Tell
  
- Ψ 1140—Business Meeting
  - Old business
    - February distribution of members list and email addresses
  
- Ψ 1050—New Business
  - Appointment of Election Committee – Commodores’
    - Bruce Buchner, Head of Committee
    - Mr. Doug Wilde, Committee Member
    - Charles Huet, Committee Member
    - Rick Yorczyk, 1<sup>st</sup> alternate
  - By-Laws Change—Appointment of Election Committee
  - 2013 Venues and their coordination
  - Ideas for future meeting presentations
    - Ex. projects that we’ve started and put away, what discouraged us??
  
- Ψ 1230—Meeting Adjourn

**Upcoming Schedule of Events**

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings
  - February – Lou Husser
  - March - Carl Erickson
  - Vince McCullough
  
- Ψ Events WSMS Participating In
  1. IPMS Northern VA annual Model Classic contest and show  
27 April, at Fairfax High School
  2. Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo  
18 & 19 May
  
- Ψ Always looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

## Lynx Links

<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>  
<http://www.cnc-models.com/>  
<http://mysite.verizon.net/EJJ.shipmodeler/index.htm>  
<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>  
<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>  
<http://www.modelslipway.com/>  
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<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>  
<http://www.jdproduct.com/>  
<http://www.micromark.com/>  
<http://www.joesmodels.com/>  
<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>



## Capital Area Woodturners

WSMS member Gene Larson forwarded this link to the Capital Area Woodturners:  
[www.capwoodturners.org/index.html](http://www.capwoodturners.org/index.html)

Capital Area Woodturners is an educational nonprofit organization dedicated to woodturning for both the hobbyist and professional. It is a local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners ([www.woodturner.org](http://www.woodturner.org)) serving the Northern Virginia, DC, and Maryland areas. Check out the Web sites!

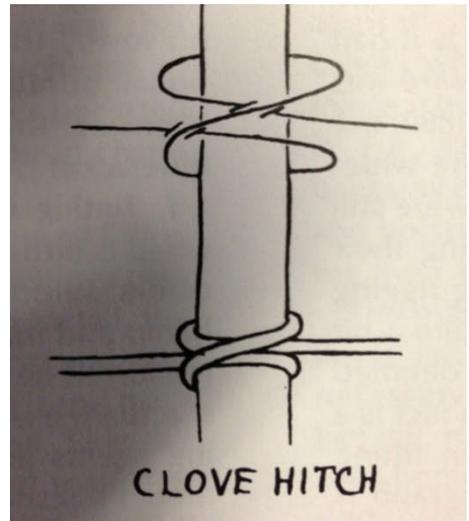
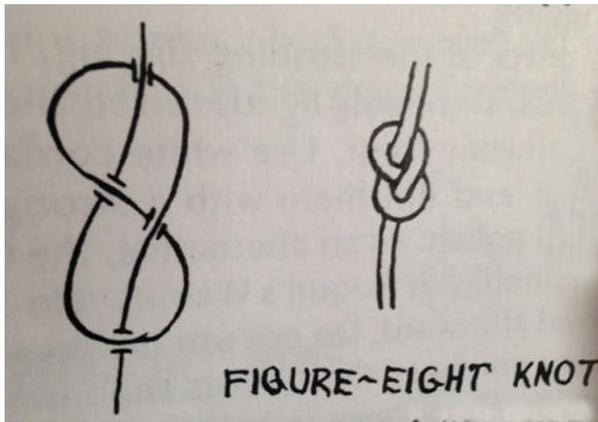
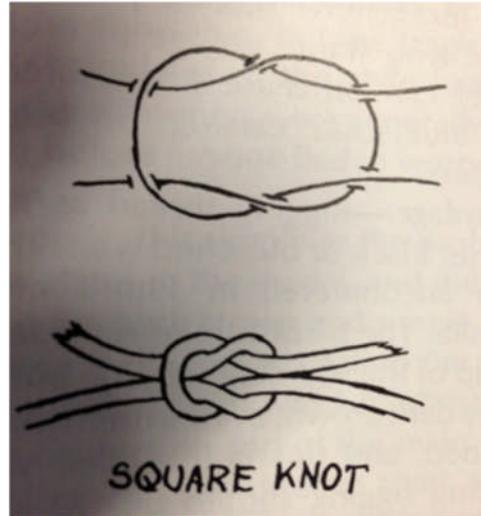
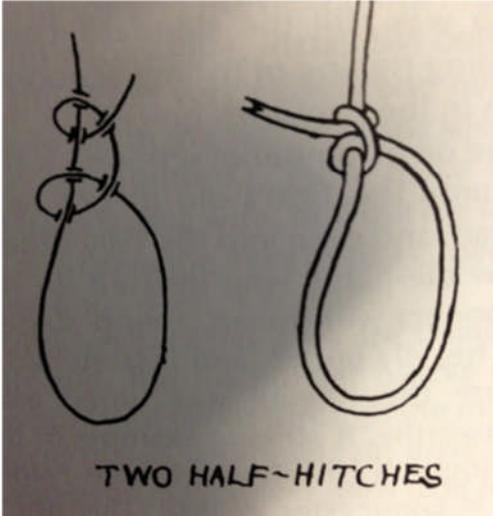
## Cabin Fever Expo

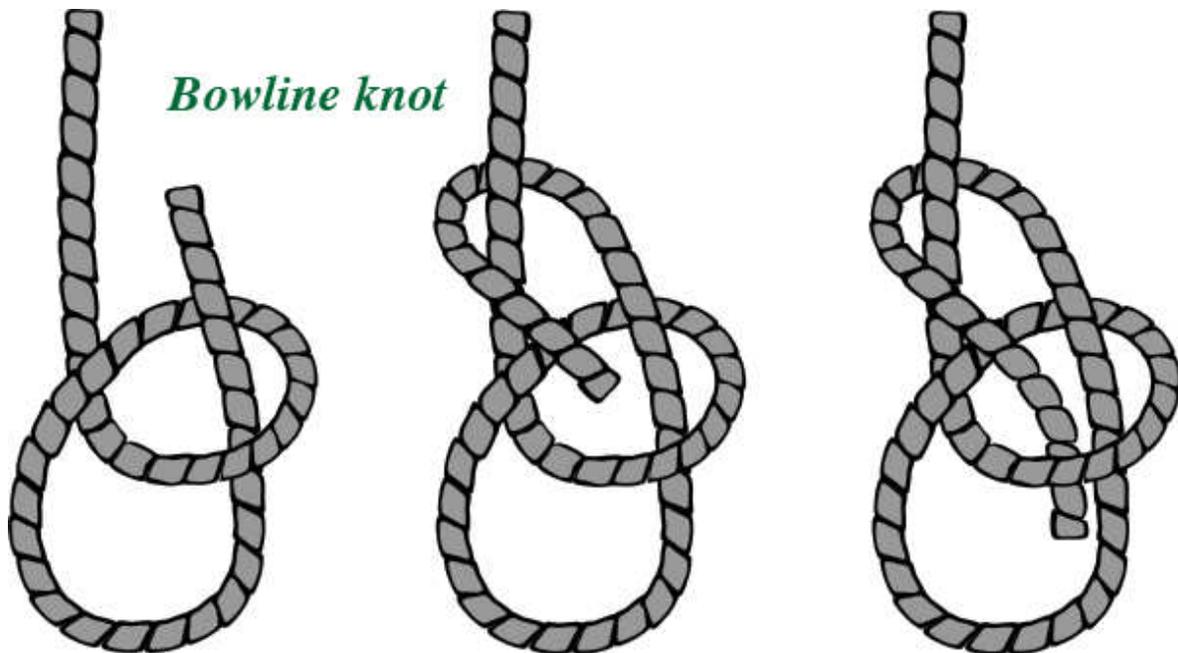
WSMS member Bruce Buchner shared his interest in attending the [Cabin Fever Expo](#), which usually occurs in January but is in April this year. It's a model engineering show and auction ("the largest show of its kind in the country!"). Looks like a place where serious damage to the wallet can be done.

## KNOTS THAT MAKE A QUALATIVE DIFFERENCE

Thanks to Mr. Jeff Marger, President, BlueJacket Shipcrafters Inc., for allowing us to share his tip!  
160 East Main Street, Searsport, ME 04974, [www.bluejacketinc.com](http://www.bluejacketinc.com)

With very few exceptions, all the basic knots needed are the square knot, clove hitch, half hitch, figure eight, round turn, and bowline. The following crude drawings show how to tie each of these knots.





Each of these knots has multiple uses, but some of the more common uses are as follows:

- Square knot - Is used to secure the ends of a rope, such as after taking multiple turns around a spar (seizing), securing the two ends.
- Two half hitches - provide a quick way to form a loop, although not as secure as a bowline.
- Figure eight knot - Is used to form a “stopper,” as in the end of a line in a deadeye, or to prevent a line from running through a block.
- Clove hitches are used to tie something to a round or rectangular object, such as to a yard, or as the beginning of a seizing. Bowlines are the most secure form of loop knots, and are often used to secure an anchor.

Things to keep in mind:

- Use black thread if the line is to be used as part of standing rigging, white or tan if it is to be used as part of the running rigging.
- If you draw the thread through a block of beeswax, it makes the thread tacky and often makes it easier to handle, especially when seizing a line.
- Mix diluted (50%) white glue (like Elmer's) and place a drop on each knot to set it and allow to dry. **DON'T USE CA GLUE FOR THIS PURPOSE.**
- To thread the limp end of a line through a block, deadeye, etc., put CA glue on the end of the line, allow to dry, and cut off at an acute angle to form a needle sharp end. After the line is threaded, cut off the end having the CA glue.

# February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9  <b>WSMS Regular Meeting 10 a.m.</b>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  <b>WSMS Lynx Newsletter Deadline</b>	23  <b>Special Interest Group Meeting, host Lou Husser</b>
24	25	26	27	28		