

The Lynx

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Next Meeting

September 8, 2012, 10 a.m.

Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus

Ernst Cultural Center Gymnasium

8333 Little River Turnpike (Route 236)

Annandale, Virginia

From I-95

Take I-495 towards Tysons Corner. Exit 52-A, Little River Turnpike, Route 236 West towards Fairfax. Make a left turn at the third traffic light, Wakefield Chapel Road. The campus will be on your left.

From Route 66

Exit onto the Capital Beltway (I-495 towards Richmond). Exit 52-A, Little River Turnpike, Route 236 West towards Fairfax. Make a left turn at the third traffic light, Wakefield Chapel Road. The campus will be on your left.

From Route 50 (coming east/Fairfax area)

Exit Little River Turnpike, Route 236 East. Make a right turn onto Wakefield Chapel Road. The campus will be on your left.

From the Beltway (I-495)

Exit 52-A, Little River Turnpike, Route 236 West towards Fairfax. Make a left turn at the third traffic light, Wakefield Chapel Road. The campus will be on your left.

Skipper's Corner

Greetings to all and hope everyone had a great summer. Attendance at meetings during the summer months remained pretty good, all things considered. However, I hope to see more faces now that fall is around the corner and the summer vacation season over. Our event schedule for the fall and winter is relatively light, and there is room to take on more. It's through these types of events that we attract the preponderance of new members. I know Vince and I would entertain any suggestions—big or small—you think are in keeping with our ship-modeling interests. Drop Vince or me an e-mail!

At our monthly Bridge Meeting, we discussed a number of topics, the most immediate being recommendations on distribution of the membership list and a return to charging an initiation fee. Additionally, we also discussed ways to improve the yearly Bridge and nomination process. What we came up with will in all likelihood require a modification to the bylaws. These will be introduced at our September meeting to the membership in attendance.

If you missed our August meeting, you also missed a great briefing that Patricia Woodhouse arranged through her work for the Navy Research Laboratory. Our guest speaker and his assistant covered advances in Navy painting systems, some of which for an old ship's first lieutenant in charge of a destroyer's deck division (such as myself) were jaw-dropping awesome.

As a reminder, in my previous Skipper's Column I raised the idea of establishing some WSMS goals. The concept is however not intended to be top-down determined. The Bridge is looking to you to help formulate and give body to those goals we as a group believe important and contributory to ensuring the long-term future of our society. Here are some maybe worth consideration:

- That the WSMS continues to be viewed nationally as a premier skip modeling society, and one that continually attracts and retains membership
- That WSMS internal activities focus on providing an educational forum for building members' ship-modeling skills; that such forums recognize and address the breadth of the craft; and that there is room for wide-ranging interests and talents
- That we review our participation in outside events such as IPMS, *Sultana* down-rigging, etc., and determine whether our participation is contributing to outreach and expanding the public's interest in ship modeling as a hobby/craft
- That we sponsor/co-sponsor a regional biennial Ship Modeling Forum
- That we consider developing a long-range vision that could include items such as a again sponsoring a Nautical Research Guild event

I also propose that we revisit past WSMS practices that have for various reasons faded out such as awards, dinners, etc., that may bear reviving. To accomplish this, I would as a minimum like to poll our membership to see what you think would benefit our needs and increase member's overall participation.

Your comments on these potential goals are encouraged. They should be submitted through our website, www.dcshipmodelsociety.org—go to the Bridge Officers page and click on any one of the contacts) so that we can compile and share your ideas with the rest of the membership.

So, whadda ya think???

—Lou

WSMS July 14, 2012, Meeting Minutes

This document presents the minutes of the Washington Ship Model Society meeting held at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on August 11, 2012.

The meeting was conducted by Lou Husser. Thirteen members were present. Upon approval of the members present, the members voted to approve full membership for Mr. Keith Lucas, the presenter from the US Naval Research Laboratory.

Lou has distributed the two-sided coin medallions.

The WSMS Brochure design is in revision to reduce the printing costs. A sample of two or three options will be presented to the WSMS Bridge for a choice of the final version.

Treasurer's Report

None given

At the meeting in July, a slate for the bridge was approved.

Commodore: Bruce Buchner
Skipper: Lou Husser
First Mate: Vincent McCullough
Clerk: Doug Beatty
Purser: John Reeder
Newsletter: Patricia Woodhouse
Webmaster: Bruce Buchner

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

Gene was investigating an October workshop in Solomons, but it was cancelled.

The WSMS will have a display at the NCMSS on 8 September 2012 at the Northern Virginia Community College (see <http://www.ncmss.org>). Participants should be there about 8:00 a.m. to set up. The WSMS Regular Meeting will take place at NOVA at 10 a.m.

The Bridge Meeting will be at Patricia's on Wednesday 22 August 2012 at 6:00 pm.

—Ship's Clerk, Doug Beatty, 14 August 2012

September 8, 2012, WSMS MEETING AGENDA
Northern Virginia Community College
National Capital Model Soldier Society Show
Ernst Cultural Center Gymnasium
8333 Little River Turnpike (Route 236)
Annandale, Virginia

- Ψ 1000 – Skipper’s Remarks
 - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers in attendance
 - Abbreviated Meeting
 - Volunteers needed for focus meetings in September and October

- Ψ Treasurer’s Report—John Reeder

- Ψ 1005—Show & Tell
 - Member projects, etc.

- Ψ 1025—Old business
 - None

- Ψ 1025—New Business
 - Opting out of internal distribution of members list including e-mail addresses
 - Bridge recommendation to maintain dues at \$10 and reinstate \$20 new member’s initiation fee
 - Recommendation to change bylaws concerning appointment of a nomination committee

- Ψ 1030—Adjourn

Upcoming Schedule of Events

WSMS Special Interest Group Meetings—We need volunteers to host!

- September—TBD
- October—TBD
- November—John Reeder
- December—Lou Husser

WSMS Calendar of Upcoming Events

The following summarizes upcoming events that may be of interest. Note that we are always looking for hosts for special interest group (SIG) meetings or for topics to be presented at regular meetings. If you would like to serve as a SIG host, or if you have a topic that you can present (or would like to see presented), please contact Vince McCullough, First Mate, at vjmccullough@cox.net.

September

8 – National Capital Model Soldier Society (NCMSS) Show, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, VA. The WSMS will once again have two tables in the vendor area, and will be showing off both completed models and work in progress. Contact Vince McCullough if you are interested in participating.

8 – WSMS Regular Meeting, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale. We will be holding our regular meeting in the judges’ room at the NCMSS to allow members manning our tables to attend.
29 – WSMS Special Interest Group Meeting. Host: To be determined.

October

13 – WSMS Regular Meeting, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. Topic: TBD.
13 - NRG Fall 2012 Modeling Seminar SUNY Maritime College, in the Bronx, New York City
26 – 28 Schooner *Sultana* Downrigging Weekend, Chestertown, MD. The WSMS is not scheduled to participate at this time.
27 – WSMS Special Interest Group Meeting. Host: To be determined.

November

13 – WSMS Regular Meeting, Hollin Hall Senior Center, Alexandria, VA Topic: TBD.
WSMS Special Interest Group Meeting for November to be held on 1 December.

December

1 - WSMS Special Interest Group Meeting. Host: John Reeder. Meeting date delayed 1 week due to Thanksgiving Holiday
8 – WSMS Regular Meeting, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, MD. Topic: TBD
29 – WSMS Special Interest Group Meeting. Host: Lou Husser.

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<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>
<http://www.cnc-models.com/>
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<http://www.modelslipway.com/>
<http://www.boatnerd.com/>
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<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>
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<http://www.micromark.com/>
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Note from Newsletter Editor

Patricia Woodhouse

Beginning with this newsletter, the *Lynx* has a new feature article: “It Oughta Be a Model!” The feature will present a photo of a ship or a part of a ship. All guesses should be mailed to skipper@dcshipmodelsociety.org or given to the Skipper or First Mate at the WSMS Regular Meeting. All correct responses will be eligible to win a gift card.

If you would like to contribute to the Model Progress Page (or any other feature, article, or page) or have any ideas for the newsletter, please e-mail me at newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org.

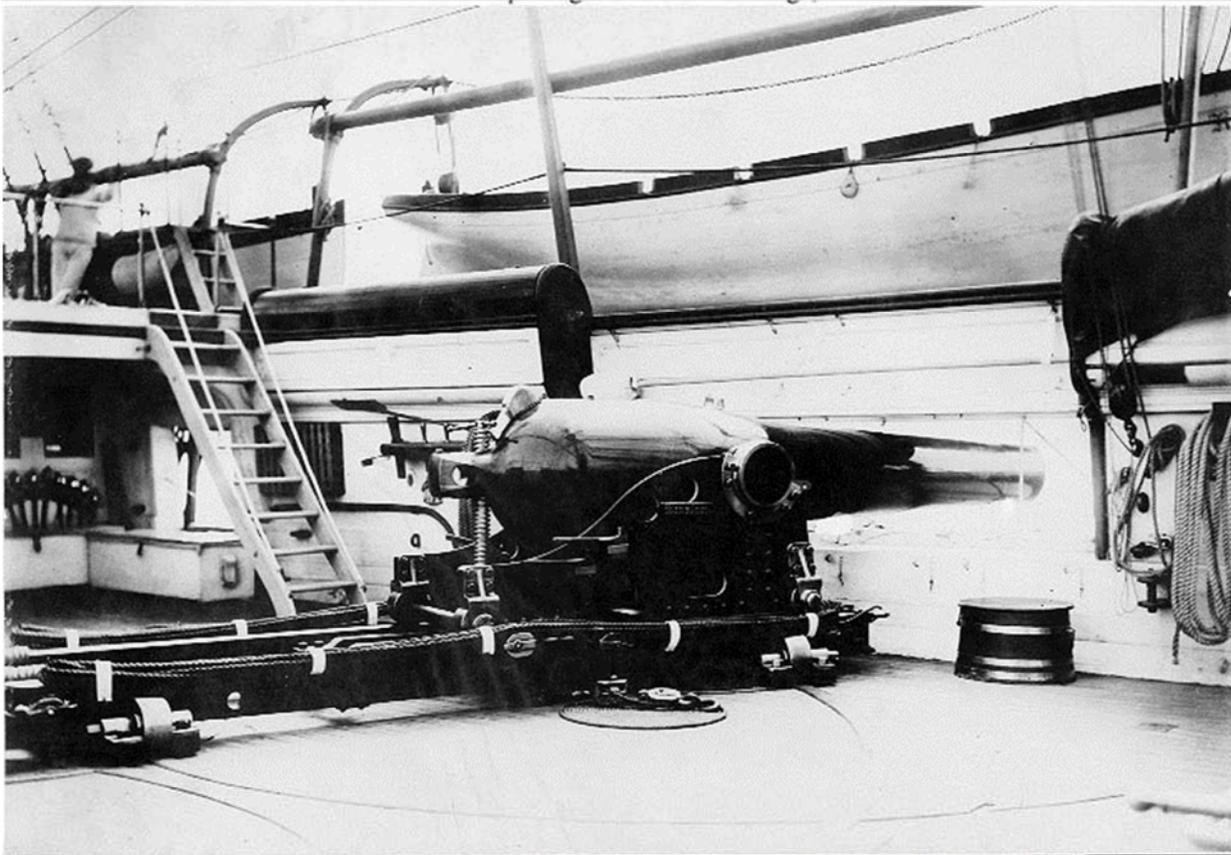
It Oughta Be a Model!

Can you name the ship it's located on?

Why is this gun famous?

Where is it now?

Forward your answers to the Skipper (skipper@dcshipmodelsociety.org or in person). Correct submissions will earn a chance to win a \$10 gift card awarded at the October 2012 regular meeting.



Model Progress Page

WSMS member John Powell, who lives in Norfolk, VA, is adding details to his *USS New Jersey*:



John says he's in the home stretch now. He just finished the masts and radars and says that all that's left is a bunch of railings and the helicopter. His next project will be the *USS Moosebrugger*, complete with moose antlers below the bridge windows. John wonders if anyone in the club models Coast Guard vessels? Please contact the newsletter editor (newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org) if you'd like to get in touch with John.

Send details and photos of your project to newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org for inclusion in the *Lynx*.

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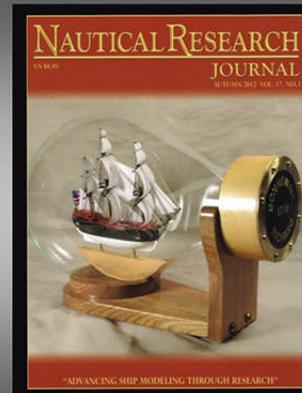
You could be missing the boat.

Due to economic considerations, the Guild is selling its library of 2000 books at remarkable prices. However, you have to be a member to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit our website at www.theNRG.org for more information about membership, the book sale, the Journal, and our educational events.

The Journal now offers more color photographs, additional articles on ship model building, and an expanded Shop Notes section, in addition to our features on naval architecture, nautical history, and the maritime arts.

THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

“Advancing Ship Modeling Through Research”



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8 WSMS Regular Meeting, 10 a.m. National Capital Model Soldier Society, NOVA
9	10	11	12 WSMS Bridge Meeting 6 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 WSMS SIG Meeting (host needed)
23	24	25	26	27	28 Newsletter Deadline	29 Alternate date for SIG Meeting (host needed)