

Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

<http://www.dshipmodelsociety.org/>



No Blarney!!

*By All Accounts The IPMS Show in
Richmond Virginia Was a Very
Rewarding Event!!!*

Skipper's Corner

February was a great month for WSMS!! We started off with a well-attended meeting, featuring a presentation by Ryan Peeks on British and American battle cruisers. We also had two guests, one with a very interesting Norwegian Coaster model. Then two weeks later nine members attended the Old Dominion Open hosted by the Richmond IPMS were next to us were our old buddies, the Hampton Road Ship Model Society crew who displayed a spectacular under construction 1:72 scale R/C model of the US UNITED STATES.

Ryan's talk highlights the educational aspect of WSMS, in this case with an academic focus rather than on modeling techniques. The Bridge always is open to suggestions for future presentations or demonstrations; **just contact your First Mate, John Williams.**

Our guests, Rolf Thoresen and George Kohut, came to us with questions about model ships.

MARCH Regular Meeting

Saturday, MARCH 10, 2015

**Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road,
Alexandria, VA 22308**

DIRECTIONS

- ✿ From the beltway go south on Route One to the first left, Fort Hunt Road (SR 629). Head south about 3.5 miles to Shenandoah Road. There will be a Shell Gas station on the near corner and the Hollin Hall Shopping Center sign on the far right corner.
- ✿ Turn right on Shenandoah Road and proceed to the driveway on the right just beyond the 7-11. There is a large parking lot.
- ✿ Enter by the door under the green roof. Turn right and take the elevator to second floor. Go to end of the hall, turn right and look for room 213 or 217.

Visitor's Always Welcome!



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Rolf is looking to restore a model his grandfather had built in the 1880s, whereas George is embarking on a new build of a Chinese Junk. Bless you members for providing a wealth of information and suggestions to these gentlemen. We look forward to see how Rolf's ministrations transform his model.

The nine members making the drive to the Richmond IPMS event put on quite a display of modeling skills. It covered the gamut from Joel's wood and glue NEWARK, to Vince's resin

PANAY with scratch built embellishments, to Bruce's 3-D printing of a battleship. All generated many questions and leads to past and future members. We had enough models that I was saved from having to bring out an unstarted kit. The weather was perfect, the drive there and back quick, and the show a model of organization. In April we have another opportunity to show our wares at the NoVA IPMS on the 25th. Please mark your calendars now and tell John Williams and me if you plan to attend.

Thanks Guys, Doug!



BRIDGE TEAM NOTES AND REPORTS

Skipper *Doug Wilde* - A plea from the Bridge: we need hosts for the Special Interest Meetings held on the fourth Saturday of each month. Because so many of the shows we attend also fall on the fourth Saturday, we only need nine hosts.

First Mate *John Williams* - *Nothing significant of note to report.*

Ship's Clerk – *Doug Beatty* - *Nothing significant of note to report.*

Ship's Purser - *John Reeder* - *2015 dues are \$20*

Webmaster – *Carl Erikson* – *Look soon for the 1945 WSMS Log!*

UPCOMING EVENTS OF WSMS INTEREST

2015 Cabin Fever Expo Model Engineering Show & Auctions - York PA, 10-12 April

It will be held in the Utz Arena York Fairgrounds & Expo Center 334 Carlisle Ave. York, PA 17404. It is the largest show of its kind in the country!

<http://www.cabinfeverexpo.com/>

IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic 25 April 2015

Fairfax High School, Fairfax, VA

St. Michael's Classic Boat Festival, June 19-21

An Annual gathering of classic full- sized boats from the mid-Atlantic, with model boat/ship participation from the St. Michael's ship modeling group.

www.chesapeakebayacbs.org.

Annual Wooden Boat Show, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT.

Held in June, America's largest gathering of classic and wooden boats, this year featuring the recently-restored whaler Chas. W., Morgan--the last of her breed. www.thewoodenboatshow.com.

Tall Ships@ Philadelphia Camden 2015 - Where America Set Sail June 25-28, 2015

The event is a unique two-sided Philadelphia and Camden Delaware river waterfront event that will feature more than a dozen international and domestic Tall Ships sail-in. The location is perfect venue for a myriad of festival attractions, the feature one being the Tall Ships. Visitors will be afforded a rare chance to catch a glimpse, step aboard, and even set sail on some of the grandest ships of yore. Showcased will be a variety of domestic and international ships, including some of the most acclaimed worldwide, including the US Coast Guard vessel Bark Eagle, the newly constructed French frigate L'Hermione, Brazilian vessel Cisne Branco, Canadian Barque Picton Castle, and, Gazela – Philadelphia's official Tall Ship.

<http://tallshipsphiladelphia.com/festival/overview/>

Task Force 50 Regatta, August???

TF 50 is an RC model ship club based in York Pennsylvania. Every August it holds a regatta of radio-controlled boats on Lake Redman, near York PA. The club specializes in replica military ships and 1/96 scale models. The vent includes static and steering competitions featuring military, civilian, work boats, sailboats, pleasure craft, tugboats, carriers, destroyers, steamers, paddlewheelers, electric, steam and sailboats using electric motors or sails. Plaques are awarded for steering, and boat accessories and kits are donated as prizes from sponsors.

Note: If anyone has any information on when and how to sign up please let the Lynx editor know!

Chesapeake Bay Working Craft Tour

We are working with our associate member Ed Somers, a superb modeler of regional working craft, to arrange a 2015 visit to the Eastern Shore to meet with local work boat builders and waterman to learn more about their craft. Please stay tuned

CBMM 11th Maritime Model Expo

The Model Guild of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM), the North American Steamboat Modeler's Association (NASMA), and we the Washington Ship Model Society, have annually sponsored the 2-day Model Expo in St. Michaels, MD in May. However, the Museum has decided to now hold it in October and link it to the Mid Atlantic Small Craft Festival (MASCFC). The MASCFC is an intriguing event in its own. It consists mostly of hand-made wooden boats of all kinds. Most of the workmanship is superb. The number and variety of vessels is huge. You will enjoy it along with our own activities. So..., the Maritime Model Expo is now scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, 2015. More information coming!



WSMS REPORTS

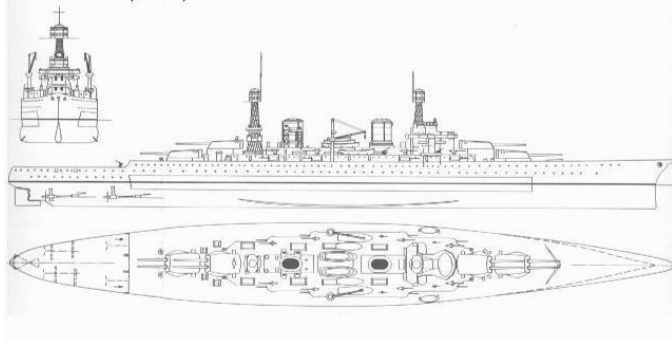
RECENT EVENTS

February Monthly Meeting Battlecruiser Presentation

For our Regular Meeting in February, Mr. Ryan Peeks, a Research Fellow with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Historical Office, and a University of North Carolina Doctoral candidate, provided a presentation entitled *American And British Battlecruiser Development From The Battle Of Jutland To The Washington Conference, With A Brief Coda On The Post-Treaty Heavy Cruisers.*

the subject of Post-World War I Battlecruisers then under construction/or planned but subsequently cancelled due to the five party Washington Naval Treaty entered into shortly after the end of World War I. His presentation will be accessible on our website in the near future. Mr. Peeks was an engaging, entertaining, and thoroughly well versed in his subject material. The Q&A session was very lively, and Mr. Peeks enthusiasm for his topic was apparent from the beginning to the end of his talk. WSMS interest in the topic was obvious as one measure was the larger than normal crowd of members that attended. How we were lucky enough to discover him was that Charlie Bingay and Lou Husser who are members of the US Military History Commission (USMCH) were table mates with him at the USMCH's annual awards luncheon. If you are curious about the USMCH, here is their website: <https://clas-pages.uncc.edu/uscmh/about-uscmh/>

LEXINGTON (CC 1) CLASS



IPMS-Richmond Old Dominion Open Model Show

As promised by our hosts, the Richmond Chapter of the IPMS, their February show in Richmond, Virginia was a great venue for model displays, model hobby vendors and fun. We were “twinned” with our old friend’s from the Hampton Roads Ship Model Society. WSMS was well represented with over 10 members attending and displaying models, working on their latest project or in Bruce Buchner’s case, demonstrating the potential of a 3d printer as a modeling asset. Several members entered projects into various modeling competition categories with Warren Yuan, Lou Husser, and John Dutton walking away with a reward. If for no other reason, attending proved very rewarding as far as kits and especially modeling tools and products were concerned.



Regional Workshop Report (Follow-up)

As a reminder Lou Husser, Has not forgotten plans our to sponsor a ship model workshop., we have a solid cadre of volunteers to organize it and we are re-grouping looking at options, especially venues that are more affordable to re-attack the problem.

If you have experience in these areas or are just willing to help, contact Lou Husser at 540 659-7088 and by mail at LBHusser@verizon.net Join the Team!

JANUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Doug Wilde discussed the upcoming Old Dominion Open hosted by the Richmond, VA chapter of IPMS on 28 February. The IPMS is quite excited to have WSMS returning as well as the Hampton Road crew. We will be provided tables as before, situated in a slightly busier place within the venue. Doug also had passed along to IPMS Jack Huddock's contact

Attendees:

Doug Wilde	Warren Yaun	Larry Smith
Roger Frye	Jeff Fenton	John Williams
Bruce Buchner	Tim Rulon	Stuart Munson
Lou Husser		

Stuart Munson attended his first meeting with his in progress Mamoli model of the BLACK PRINCE. Stuart has rigged ships before and now wanted to delve into the black art of planking.

Lou updated the proposed Mid-Atlantic Regional Ship Model Conference & Show. A major snag was hit in that the Conference Center would charge \$60 per person. All agreed that \$60 was too much and that a regional ship model conference was a worthy pursuit. Alternate sites include the Solomon Island Museum.

Bruce shared a new selection of books and model kits he had added to his collection. Roger Frye provided an update on his buy boat build, this time the deck house he was fabricating. His workmanship was quite wonderful. He showed how he will use glass coverslips for the window glazing. John Williams had the paravanes for his mine sweeping trawler.

Tim Rulon brought in a large-scale RC e-boat. It's been knocked about but nothing beyond his skills. My, those were lovely craft.

Lou brought in the inmate-built model he had restored for the Lorton Prison Museum. This definitely was in the genre of folk art, being an unsophisticated representation of a fighting ship. Lou had done an excellent job of cleaning the model and repairing damage suffered over the years, respecting and preserving the fabric of the original model. He will be returning the model on Sunday, 11 January, at the Museum.

Larry Smith brought in photographs of his Sterling Sovereign of the Seas model. The great tip he shared was using a hairclip on the shrouds to ensure the ratlines are tied straight and horizontal. He also brought in his current build) and a tale of woe. After planking the hull, filler, fairing, and paint the model has rested. But now hairline cracks are developing all over the hull. Much advice was offered and I believe he will have a talk with Peter Gutterman.

No focus group on 18 February as WSMS will be down in Richmond for the Old Dominion Open.

FEBRUARY 2015 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting, held at Walter Reed Military Medical Hospital in Bethesda, MD, was conducted by our Skipper, Doug Wilde. There were 15 members and a first time guest, present.

A presentation on Post-World War I Battlecruisers was provided by Mr. Peeks, staff member of the the Secretary of Defense Historical Office (see article under Report on Recent Events).

We also hosted two first-time visitors. Mr. Rolf Thoresen exhibited a Norwegian Coastal Steamer Model constructed by his grandfather in the 1880's and passed down through his father to him. There was obvious need for some gentle restorative work for which he was seeking some experienced restorer advice on how to proceed. Peter Gutterman, probably our most experienced member in this regard provided particularly valuable pointers one of which was first do no harm, especially when it came to deciding on whether to repaint the superstructure. Also Mr. George Kohut from Northern Virginia attended. He is interested in joining the Washington Ship Model Society. George has built five wooden ships over the past 15 years. His latest model, the Bluenose II, was completed in December 2014. Currently he is in the planning stages for the next model, a Chinese Junk.

Charlie Bingay presented his first completed model, the Titanic (see the "Gallery" page), constructed from a kit made by "Metal Earth."

<http://www.fascinations.com/metalearth/Ships>

Several others displayed their work in progress including Peter Gutterman, Lou Husser and Joel Labow, among others.

The Skipper during the business portion of the meeting reminded everyone of the February IPMS event to be held in Richmond, VA at the end of the month and would take the place of our monthly Focus Meeting. He also strongly encouraged members to step forward and offer to host a focus meeting.

Submitted for the Ship's Clerk, Doug Beatty



By Lou Husser

MISCELLANEOUS MEMBERS NOTES

A column where members can contribute any notes or recommendations they believe are of interest to ship modeling.

✿ From Carl Erikson - Interesting reading!!!

1. *“Men of Honor; Trafalgar and the Making of the English Hero”* by Adam Nicolson.

I knew little of the Battle of Trafalgar but for reading a biography of Lord Nelson years ago. So for \$5.99 I picked up this paperback, which was shortlisted for the The Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature awarded by the Royal United Services Institute for Defense and Security Studies.

The book is interesting as it examines why Nelson won the battle, not just an account of the battle. It examines differences between the composition and cultures of the navies, officers and seamen of France, Spain, and England that led to the English victory, as well as describing characteristics of the ships, tactics and conditions on ships during battle.

Some of the most interesting descriptions to me were:

- “The British ships, with all sails set, were moving at no more than two or three miles an hour.”
- “.. to create a 74-gun ship required 100,000 cubic feet of timber for the hull.” “About 3,400 trees, from about 75 acres of woodland.”
- Napoleon’s grand strategy for the French fleet to draw off the British fleet so he could invade England.
- Nelson reasoning for allowing his “T” to be crossed.
- The fine quality of French ships.

1. ”The Washington Navy Yard’s decommissioned former destroyer, the USS Barry, which has been docked on the Anacostia River for 30 years as a display ship, is set to be towed away and scrapped this year, the Navy said Tuesday. The 60-year old Forrest Sherman class destroyer served during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War before coming to the Navy Yard in 1984. The Barry was decommissioned in 1982. The ship, a popular visitor attraction, is one of three left in its class.”

✿ From Dave Klaus

These are simply amazing. BBs, cruisers, cans, airplanes. A few PH photos I'd not seen before.

- <http://www.warbirdinformationexchange.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=54661>

✿ From Charlie Bingay

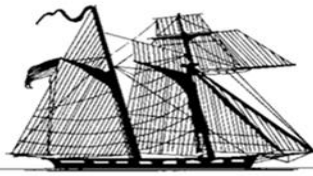
- Here’s Paul Allen’s crew giving a tour of the wreck – it’s over 2 hours! <http://musashi.paulallen.com/>

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WSMS MEMBER MODELS PHOTO PAGES





Carl Erikson's Baltic Coastal Steamer
(Paper Model!)



Warren Yuan's award winning diver

Charlie Bingay's Metal
Model of the Titanic



Roger Frye's
Chesapeake Bay Boat Cabin





Rolf Thoreson Grandad's model of a Norwegian Coastal Steamer he served on (Model from 1880)

TIPS OF THE MONTHS

Advice on Weathering a Model

My first weathering color is just a tad LIGHTER than the base color you are weathering. Are you airbrushing? I spray a very diluted coat over the area the shade/weathering color is based on ei: gray over a gray hull, to very lightly fade out decals and too-sharp details.

For rust, I use primarily two colors: a very yellow-ish orange, and a darker, rich brown....such as Tuscan. I blast the bright stuff into cracks and recesses, and do some very thinned of the same onto surfaces that "pool" water or drain over a large area to represent fresh rust and areas that collect rusty water, but aren't necessarily rusty themselves. For older, embedded rust I use the Tuscan. I also use it to tone back some of the bright stuff. Then I go back with the original paint color to tone it back down even more. This gives the appearance of rust coming up from beneath the surface of the original color.

If you aren't airbrushing, I have used the above colors with EXTREMELY DRY dry-brushing techniques. You can "apply the base "bright" rust kinda wet, and after ti dries THOROUGHLY, you go over it with some of the browner stuff and then the base color, but using VERY, VERY dry brushes. You are actually RUBBING the color on. Very effective. I also use any kind of heavily watered-down dark grey (even the backwash from my paint-brush cleaning jar) to tone down the overall project.

After all is said and done, I seal my work. I don't like too flat of a finish. The chalky surfaces of a lot of flat finish products doesn't do it for me (even for a rust-bucket) and a lot of the commercially available weathering stuff is just too coarse/dusty/loose -looking to me, so I like to make my rust/weathering look more "imbedded" with a clear finish of some kind, and of course gloss coats are right out. I prefer a satin finish....There is a product called Folquil Flat Finish which is actually satin. I have also had good luck with some of the higher end spray cans (we're looking for good nozzles, here)

Source: Brion Boyles

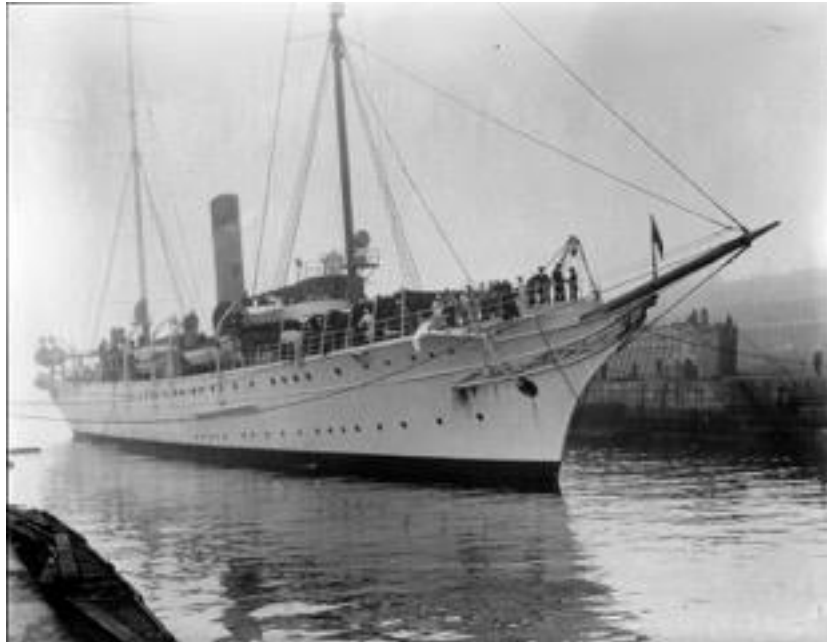
Save Time and Knees

Velcro an apron to the front of your work table while working. It's guaranteed to reduce the time crawling around on the floor looking for lost parts!

Source Various

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It Oughta Be A Model!



1. Who was she originally built for including where and when?
2. Did she ever serve in a government and/or commercial capacity and if so describe her duties
3. How many names did she have and what were they over the course of her life?
4. In hat famous post-WWII event did she participate in?

New Products Notes

Airbrushes.com a company based in the UK caters to hobby painters is now carrying the Wilder line of paints and tools. They have a lot of tools to help make modeling easier. Here are a few modeling aids that can help you build a better model. - <http://www.modelwarships.com/reviews/misc/Wilder/Tools/Airbrushes-review.html>

- Contributed by Bruce Buchner

Note: The Lynx Editor reserves the right to edit contributions as he feels may be appropriate

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

Tools Available to WSMS from Gene Larson

Due to the need to downsize our “stuff”, the following tools are available to WSMS members. There will probably be more items later. If you are interested we can discuss details regarding the accessories and the **Midget Universal**.

A model maker’s multifunction woodworking machine. Converts from a drill press to a table saw, sander, and lathe. Many of the original attachments are included.



Advertised new by manufacturer, William C. Roemer, New Haven, CT, in 1935 for \$23 with motor, \$12 without motor. It does not meet the 100 year antique criteria, but it is a unique addition to a tool collection. Obtained from a fellow model builder in about 1980. Weight about 30 pounds (heavy)

Unimat 3 metal lathe



A small metal turning lathe, with many attachments including a wood table saw and a milling head. Can be used for small wood turnings. This is the best of the Unimat series of metal lathes. The original motor has been replaced with a motor that does not have a production limiting duty cycle. The original motor is included. Instruction book. Below photo is the current

price. I want to give WSMS members first choice before placing them on eBay or Craig’s List. Gene Larson, ELLshipmodeler@aol.com 702/360-2111

configuration, which is easily changed. Purchased in Washington, DC at Fries, Beale and Sharp about 1980

Kitzerow model builder’s multi-function saw.

Named for Jack Kitzerow, the designer and builder, this small model builder’s machine is a combination table saw and disk sander. It was obtained in about 1990 from Jack, a friend who then lived in Tampa, FL. Building plans and instructions appeared in an issue of the Nautical Research Journal.



Shopsmith Scroll Saw

A high end scroll saw with precision components. Accepts a variety of blades from very fine to heavy. Makes difficult inside cuts without cutting through the wood. Extra blades included.



Hegner Scroll Saw

A high end scroll saw with precision components. Accepts a variety of blades from very fine to heavy. Makes difficult inside cuts without cutting through the wood. Extra blades included.



Includes many valuable collets. Missing the tail stock point.



Carving/Duplicating Machine

I once manufactured wooden ship model half hull kits and finished models. To expedite the production, I purchased a Kurt Star Carver duplicating machine (photo below). It cut roughing-out time for one hull from 8 hours down to 30 minutes. It is mounted on a stand with casters so it can be easily moved. The carver off the stand weighs a hefty 200 pounds. The carver is similar to the very long (up to 20 stations) carving machines used, for example, to rough out wooden duck decoy blanks and ship model kit solid hulls.

Derbyshire Jeweler's/Watchmaker's Metal Lathe

Requires a learned talent to use properly, but can easily be used like a standard small parts metal turning lathe



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Can anyone help??

Ms Jaye Antilla from Palm Coast, FL is looking for plans for the SS Nevada "Guion Line" a merchant vessel built in 1868 by the Palmers Ship Building & Iron Co. Ltd. If you have any advice please respond to her at: Jaye.Antilla@ngc.com

Dear Sir/Madam;

Would any society members be interested in acquiring a vintage scientific H.M.S Bounty wood ship model kit complete unassembled new in original box for \$ 40.00 ? Please call me @ 540-937-3226 or reply by e-mail erdixon29@gmail.com
Thank you Col. George Dixon (Ret.)



March 6th, 2015

Dear Washington Ship Modelers Society,

On behalf of IPMS Richmond, I want to thank all the members of WSMS for not only your financial support, but also your moral support of the 2015 Old Dominion Open, known affectionately to many as the "ODO". Ah, maybe we should be rethinking that moniker to read... "The ODO Winter Carnival" from now on, hmm?

The show was a resounding success in spite of the winter storm, which came barreling through just 48 hours before show time and dumping 6 inches of snow, from Charlotte, NC. to Virginia Beach, VA. and north to Richmond. In light of that, we still managed to have 139 modelers display 624 models. Fortunately for us, Mother Nature could not thwart the passion of this year's general admission attendees nor our vendors. We experienced significant increases in them and when combined with the model contestants, there were still well over 850 folks having a great time.

Whether you measure success by shopping with great vendors, admiring beautifully built models, or taking home an award, the ODO did indeed accomplish many goals. Perhaps the ODO's greatest success is its fellowship with old friends, and the making of new ones.

Take care and many thanks to each and every one of you for making the February 28th, 2015 "ODO" a resounding success and a venue of good cheer.

With warm regards,
Chazz Klanian
IPMS Richmond