



# The Lynx

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, November 14, 2009 At 10 A.M.**

**At**

**Fairfax County  
Sherwood Regional Library  
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane  
Alexandria, Virginia 22306-2799  
703-765-3645**

### **Directions:**

- Coming from the Beltway (I-495), take Exit 177A South ("Fort Belvoir").
- Travel south on Rte. 1 for 4.1 miles, passing Beacon Mall, South Valley Mall and Golds Gym (all on the right).
- After passing Golds Gym, turn left at the second traffic light, opposite WalMart, onto Sherwood Hall Lane.
- Travel through two traffic lights (0.5 Miles), past the Fire Station at Parkers Lane.
- The library parking lot will be immediately on the right, after crossing Parkers Lane.

### Skipper's Corner

By Bruce Buchner  
WSMS Captain

First let me thank Rick, Vince, Lou, Doug, Tony, Chris and Patricia for the successful club display at the Sultana Downrigging Halloween weekend in Chestertown, MD. My apologies if I have missed anyone. I was only there for a limited time and did not see everyone.

Thanks also to Lou Husser for the display and meeting with CDR Ty Martin at the Army Navy club. Those that attended the dinner or the breakfast meeting with CDR Martin will agree that it was well worth while.

## Name Tags

Gene Larson has done outstanding work on the name tag front. He had samples made that I scanned. The black on brass version looks even better than the scan. The surface is much more reflective than the scanner could pick up.

So far the response from those that have seen them in person is in favor of the black on brass version by a large majority. I wanted to make sure everyone had an opportunity to see them before we discuss and go final at the November meeting. If you are not going to be there and have an opinion you want to raise let Lou or I know.

Per Gene "Cost is \$15 each, plus a "Flat engraving Fee" of \$25 each time an engraving is ordered. The order can be one or forty, the \$25 fee applies. I understand this is standard. Note that in the future we may be ordering only a couple for new members." At the last meeting we decided that the club would fund the name tags for present members and new members. Depending on how many tags we order at a time for new members we may lose money over the first year dues. I think we should just consider this a recruiting cost as it is important to grow the membership.



## New Item

I received the following E-Mail from the Folger Shakespeare Library:

*Dear Mr. Buchner,*

*Hello. I am Carol Brobeck, and I work at the Folger Shakespeare Library, just across from the Library of Congress.*

*I am writing as a member of a team putting together an exhibition that will run for 3 months, starting July 10, called "Lost at Sea: the Ocean in the English Imagination, 1550-1750." The exhibition, curated by Professor Steven Mentz of St. Johns University, will look at early modern navigational challenges prior to Harrison's solution to the longitude problem. It will look at the many ways in which seafarers compensated for their disorientation at sea, including deploying providential theology as a technology of orientation. We will display numerous early texts exploring navigation, and hope to borrow instruments from maritime museums in the US and UK. As well, we are planning to borrow a number of items from the Sultana Project in Chestertown, MD. The exhibition will culminate in two cases on Selkirk and his fictitious counterpart, Robinson Crusoe.*

*I write now in hopes you could guide me in locating a model of a ship from our period. Random web searches have suggested that there are models out there—some real beauties. But we have no way of evaluating their quality on the computer screen. Needless to say, another question is that of loan versus purchase.*

*Might you be able to point me in a productive direction to locate a model of, for example, the Royal Sovereign, on which another interesting case study sailed: Edward Barlow, from whose journal in Greenwich we will be showing facsimile pages.*

*In grateful anticipation of your reply,*

*Thank you,*

*Carol Brobeck  
Fellowships Administrator  
Folger Shakespeare Library*

Lou and I see this as a good opportunity to publicize our organization if we can come up with Models to support their exhibit. I told Ms Brobeck that we would discuss her request at our November meeting. I also asked her if they had any leeway on the 1750 date for models since there may be later period models available.

If you have a model you might be willing to loan and you are not coming to the November meeting please let me or Lou Husser know. Otherwise we can discuss at the meeting

I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting.

Bruce

## **October Meeting Minutes**

Following are a report of the WSMS Formal meeting held from 1000 to 1100 Saturday, 10 October at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

### **MEETING NOTES**

#### Skipper Remarks – Bruce Buchner

- Ψ Still a need for the Army Navy Club event some additional Constitution-related models. So far we only have about 5 era models to display.
- Ψ Revitalization of the website – Commented on the excellent progress made by Patricia and Charles on the turn-over of the website.

#### Summary of Key Discussions

- Ψ New Members – Confirmed Mr. Dave Klaus as a member of the WSMS.
- Ψ Discussed Progress with ordering Name Tags and Mugs. Gene is on top of it and is communicating with the members on their preferences.

- Ψ Membership list – Lou distributed a copy of his compilation of the WSMS members and associated list of interested people. It was generally agreed that the website not have a by-name/email listing of members and associated personal data uploaded to the website because of privacy and identity theft concerns.

#### Decisions Made:

1. Members in attendance voted to approve using Society funds to pay for nametags for all members needing/desiring one

#### Old Meeting Actions:

1. Lou would distribute a rough membership list to club members for review and scrubbing - completed
2. Lou would work to identify which members may have not received new member packages – In progress
3. Lou would survey the membership to determine how many needed/wanted new badges. – In progress. The action has been assumed by Gene Larson who is also working on ordering the badges.

#### New Actions:

None

#### Show & tell items

1. Rick brought his recently self-made rope walk including demonstrating how it functioned. Much interest was shown in its operation and possibility of obtaining the plans for building one. Rick indicated that he would work on writing an article to include plans and submit it to the newsletter for publication. Way to go Rick!!
2. Lou brought in his recently completed Sea Bird Yawl model. The original yawl was a Rudder magazine design from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Lou's model was constructed from a "Pleasant Cove" kit.
3. Joel brought in his new USS Newark hull that he is working on over at Pliny's house. He reviewed what had foiled his 1<sup>st</sup> attempt and what actions he took to preclude a re-occurrence. His progress was impressive. The 1<sup>st</sup> attempt will go to good use as firewood on one of these cold winter nights!

#### Upcoming Schedule of WSMS Events

Nothing on the immediate horizon: Note - An informal offer has been extended to the downtown Army Navy Club to provide an evening forum on the Society and an exhibition of a selection of our models.

## NOVEMBER 14, 2009 WSMS MEETING AGENDA

*Sherwood Hall Lane Library*

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- Ψ 1000 – Skipper’s Remarks – Bruce Buchner
  - ANC US Constitution event - Thanks to:
    1. Pliny Holt – USS Constitution
    2. Joel Labow - USS Constitution Fighting Top and Cannon
    3. John Nickum – USS Constellation
    4. Vince McCullough – Privateer
    5. Tony Mallia – HMS Beagle
  - Breakfast with CDR Ty Martin author and former CO of US Constitution
  - Sultana Down Rigging – Thanks to:
    1. Rick Yorczyk
  
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report - Current balance as of 13 October 2009 is \$ 9918.37, the majority in CDs. Last year we made about \$270 in interest, but this year we will make a third of that.
  
- Ψ 1015 - Show & tell
  - Discussion of Buffalo NRG Meeting by Vince & Tony
  - Member projects, etc.
  
- Ψ 1130 - Old business
  - Membership packages progress report – Gene, Jim & Lou
  - Progress report on Mugs, Name Tags - Gene
  
- Ψ 1145 - New Business
  - Life Membership Status for Mr. Pliny Holt
  - Access to Bethesda Meeting site
  - Newsletter - Charles
  
- Ψ 1200 – Adjourn

### WSMS Meeting Schedule:

Next Monthly Meeting is at 1000 on Saturday, 14 November at the Sherwood hall Library, Alexandria, VA.

### Schedule for the Informal Discussion Group Meeting

21 November – John Reeder’s residence

19 December - Husser in Stafford

23 January – Gene Larson’s residence

### **Tips: Long Distance Hole Making**

Many times we are faced with the challenge of drilling holes that requires a very long drill bit to reach past obstacles. Long drill bits are available but they are expensive and hard to get. Recently I was faced with this problem while working on my 1/96<sup>th</sup> scale USS monitor. I needed to drill the hole in the hull for the propeller shaft. The overhang of the hull prevented me from getting a drill close to the hole and none of my bits were long enough. My cheap solution? Super glue and brass tubing.

I needed to make a 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch hole so I used some K&S 5/32<sup>nd</sup> tubing from the hobby shop that has a 1/8<sup>th</sup> ID. I super glued the drill bit into then end of the tubing and drilled the hole. Superglue bond is more than strong enough for drilling wood or resin. The good part is when you are done. Just hold the drill bit/tubing joint in a candle flame or use a heat gun and the glue will release. I use this method to hold metal parts together such as bearing caps all the time for machining. Simple heat application releases the parts.



ruce Buchner

## **Sultana Project**

### **Downrigging Weekend 2009**

Chestertown, Maryland

October 28 – November 1

WSMS had the good fortune to be invited to participate in the Sultana Project Downrigging in Chestertown, Maryland. An annual event, begun in 2001, marks the close of the sailing season for the 1768 replica schooner. Our thanks to Sultana Project President Drew McMullen and volunteer John Caraway, volunteer for providing this opportunity on Saturday to display our models and inform people interested in things nautical of our club.

We had a 10 ft square tent with two tables and some chairs. Vince McCullough brought his privateer and liberty ship, Tony Malia brought his *Beagle* with its wonderfully set sails, Bruce Buchner had a couple of Civil War ironclads, Lou Husser brought a yawl model and a New Haven Sharpie, and I schlepped my everlastingly incomplete schooner *Equator*.

Despite the drizzly weather and high tide (which would flood the parking lot we were set up in) we all had a good time. The event included several replica and vintage ships, *Kalmar Nyckel*, *Pride Of Baltimore II*, Pilot Schooner *Virginia*, *A.J. Meerwald*, and *Lady Maryland*, which provided short trips under sail for those brave enough to face the elements. My own experience on the *Virginia*, including hauling on the throat halyard to lift the main boom, led me to believe I may not have fared well as a seaman in the days of sail. That sucker was heavy!

This proved to be a good venue opportunity and also a lot of fun. I hope we can do it again next year.



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<http://www.dcmoelshipsociety.org>

<http://www.cnc-models.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/ELLshipmodeler/index.htm>

<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>

<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>

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

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

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

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepsy9w/sealaunchcommander2/>

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

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

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

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