



Monthly Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

OUR FEBRUARY EVENTS WERE A BIG SUCCESS!

Skipper's Corner

WHEN WILL IT END? We seem to be caught up in an endless winter, but I am assured that spring is around the corner...!?

Nevertheless February was for those that were able to make the auction and the IPMS Richmond events, successful and rewarding events.

We auctioned off well over a 100 high quality wooden, plastic and resin kits, plus numerous model related material. Further, an estimated 150 bargain-priced books and magazines, some worth well over \$50 retail, were also sold. Many of the books are still left and will be brought to the monthly meetings for purchase. Kudos go to Bruce Buchner, our auctioneer, Charlie Bingay our book manager/seller, Vince and John Reeder for overseeing the collection of auction material from a wide variety of sources.

Later in the month, the WSMS participated in the 2014 Old Dominion Open Model contest. It was held at the Richmond International Raceway. For over 2 decades, IPMS Richmond has been sponsoring a model show covering all genre' of model building including maritime. Vince McCullough, worked closely with the IPMS event chairman, and the Hampton Roads Ship Modelers Society to organize WSMS's participation. According to Doug Wilde, this was a great venue for WSMS. The hosts were delighted to have us paired with the Hampton Roads crew. There were four tables lined up together to one side and it made an impressive showing. I hope someone took a couple photos. We were well represented and received a lot of questions and had

This Month's Meeting

Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10 A.M.

**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.
- Make a right turn Shenandoah Road and proceed to the driveway on the right just beyond the 7-11. There is a large parking lot. The building is a converted school.
- Enter the building by the door under the green pitched roof/canopy at the flag pole. Turn right; there is an elevator. Go to second floor, turn left, go to end of hall, turn right and go down the corridor to room 213 or 217.
- Coming from the south turn off Route One to the right at Sherwood Hall Road and continue past the Library about a mile to Fort Hunt Road. Turn right on Fort Hunt Road and head south to the gas station noted above.

See You There!



many great conversations. There are all these guys out there who either have a model they want to build, or are building, and have questions. Vince printed off and passed out brochures; all were taken! Vince said something and which I agree with: "We need to have more completed models wherever we go. Couldn't we organize a "model bureau", something like a "speakers bureau" where models that members are willing to loan for a show such as the Model Expo at CBMM, can be used even if they are unable to attend.

Spring for the Society also means that our schedule of events is warming up. Please give every consideration to participating in them. Not only are they instructive, fun, and an opportunity for displaying your work, they are a major recruitment opportunity.

Events On the Horizon:

March 22, 10 AM – WSMS Focus Meeting

April 12 – USS New Jersey Tour (in place of the regular meeting)

26 April - NOVA IPMS Annual Model Show (no focus meeting)



USS NEW JERSEY SPECIAL TOUR

YOU NEED TO SIGN UP NOW!!

As you are aware, we along with members from the Annapolis are in conjunction with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) participating in a once in a life time tour of the battleship USS New Jersey on Saturday, 12 April. The USS New Jersey is located in Camden, NJ (across the Delaware River from Philadelphia). The tour will serve as the regular April meeting.

This will be a very special tour that includes spaces not normally accessed by the public. The cost of the tour is \$12.00 per person. However, for WSMS tour participants, the cost will be covered out of the treasury. Transportation up and back will be coordinated once we know how many are planning to attend. We will depart the DC area around 0800 at the latest so as to commence the tour around 1100. As an added attraction, we will probably also before departing the Camden/Philadelphia area stop at one of the iconic Philadelphia Cheesesteak sandwich stands.

As we get closer to the date final logistics details will be provided.

New Jersey website:
<http://www.battleshipnewjersey.org/visit/>

Headcount Required ASAP!

I need to provide the USS New Jersey tour coordinator a head count this coming week. If you want to attend, the Skipper know by noon Wednesday, 11 March.

Notes on WSMS Meetings Planning for New Members

As we have been fortunate to gain a number of new to the WSMS members, the following should help explain about our meeting scheduling practice.

There are, with few exceptions, two WSMS meetings monthly. The regular monthly business

meeting is virtually always on the 2nd Saturday of every month and rotates between Bethesda (even numbered months) and Alexandria (odd numbered months). Exceptions to the foregoing are when we have an event that coincides with a 2nd Saturday such as the field trip to Camden on April 12th to tour the USS New Jersey. The 2nd meeting each month is the Focus meeting which is held at a

hosting member's house every 4th Saturday. Again, there are exceptions when an event such as the February IPMS Meet in Richmond, and the St Michael's Maritime Model Expo overlaps a 4th Saturday; or, when a holiday may prove problematic such as Thanksgiving & Christmas which we sometimes try to work-around.

The Lynx, our newsletter, which we try to get out by Wednesday or Thursday preceding the regular meeting, contains both an agenda for the upcoming meeting and a long range schedule listing when special events are scheduled for (i.e. USS New Jersey Tour, St. Michael's, IPMS). The reason we hold off distribution until close to the regular

meeting is to ensure the event planner (1st Mate) has the latest information that can be reflected in the newsletter. For example, the draft agenda for this Saturday's meeting included the Fletcher-Pratt. However stuff happens and it has been postponed.

If you are on a schedule to provide a talk or demonstration, and think you will have to cancel please let the bridge know as early as possible so an effort can be made to find an alternative demo/presentation.

Old Member News

Patricia Woodhouse

Our former webmaster and good friend, Patricia will be back in the area from 16 to 28 March. Carl Erikson has remained in contact with her on website issues. She will be taking govt training in Frederick MD. Carl and his wife Astrid plan to take her to dinner while she is here. Anyone that would like to join them are welcome to join them.

Kurt Harper

Kurt was a member for many years when he lived in Sterling, Virginia. Just before he and his family headed overseas. He contributed a number of models, books and tools to the club prior to his departure. Kurt expressed surprise hearing from us (we uncovered an old email address that still worked) as he hadn't heard anything from the club for years.

Glad to have you back aboard Kurt, and hope to see a lot of you at future meetings!

08 March 2014 WSMS MEETING AGENDA

- Ψ 1000 – Skipper's Remarks
 - ✓ Well Done! Auction & Richmond IPMS Acknowledgements –
 - ✓ 2014 Candidates for office needed
 - ✓ USS New Jersey sign-ups
 - ✓ Books for sale
- Ψ 1010 Treasurer's Report – John Reeder
- Ψ 1010 – Book Table Review Period – Charlie Bingay Table Manager
- Ψ 1020 –Show & Tell
- Ψ 1130 – Business Meeting
 - ✓ Old business
 - Election Report
 - ✓ New Business
 - Volunteers to chair WSMS events
 - Maritime Model Expo
 - NCMSS Annual Show
 - Philadelphia Club Proposed spring visit to the USS New Jersey
 - WSMS visit to the Navy David Taylor Research Center
- Ψ 1200 –Meeting Adjourn

WSMS MEMBER MODELS PHOTO PAGE



John Nikum responded to the call for more photos of sailing ships for use on the WSMS website. He sent the following photos of his exquisite Constellation and Skipjack



Submitting Photos

We continue to need more photos!
Please consider sending our webmaster,
Carl Erickson photos of some of your
work at astridcarl@aol.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

MODEL RESTORER WANTED

We are looking for a craftsman to help us save one of two family treasures. The Photo is of The Enterprise, my Mum and Father hand carried the model from South America in the 1950s. It and another were almost legendary for all my brothers and sisters when we were growing up. Unfortunately my Father knocked the Enterprise over, he felt so bad, that the old 'made of stone' WW2 vet tried to hide it. So if any of you can help us figure out how to get this ship back to her former glory....your advice and recommendations are welcome.

You can contact me, Michael Laitta, at mlaitta@yahoo.com

(Lou's Note: Michael lives in the DC area. He emailed me 10 other photos that I can provide you on request



OLD SHIP MODEL KITS WANTED.

A Virginia IPMS member is looking for four old Revell ship kits: USS Boston 1/480, USS Canberra 1/480, USS Forrest Sherman, and the USS John Paul Jones. If you know of any, please contact Gene Barnes at (540) 351-0357.

SHIPMODELING RESEARCH BOOKS FOR SALE

Mr. Sam Powell has a modest collection of books and special plans for sale. Their condition varies from excellent to well used. Below is a partial list of what he has available. The prices are comparable to Amazon. He also has a full set of plans for the Oliver Cromwell as drawn by Harold Hahn for his unique method of building a plank on frame model

Arthur Montgomery: Schooner
America...Building in Plank-on-Frame - \$13
Brian Lavery: The 74-gun Ship Bellona -
\$13
Brian Lavery: The Colonial Merchantman -
Susan Constant 1605 - \$24
C. Nepean Longridge: The Anatomy of
Nelson's Ships - \$30
Charles G. Davis: American Sailing Ships -
\$3
Charles G. Davis: The Ship Model Builder's
Assistant (1980) - \$9
Charles G. Davis: The Ship Model Builder's
Assistant (published in 1926) - \$22
David R. MacGregor: Merchant Sailing
Ships 1815-1850 - \$10
Dr. Frank Howard: Sailing Ships of War
1400-1860 - \$9
Edward W. Hobbs: How to Make Clipper
Ship Models - \$11

Edward W. Hobbs: How to Make Old Time
Ship Models - \$14
Gilbert C. McArdle: Modelling the USF
Constellation - \$2
Harold A. Underhill: Mastig & Rigging the
Clipper Ship & Ocean Carrier - \$30
Harold A. Underhill: Plank-on-frame Models
and Scale Mastig & Rigging Volume I - \$25
Harold M. Hahn: Ships of the American
Revolution - \$60
Jim Roberts: Modeling the Salem Frigate
Essex, 1799 - \$19
M.V. Brewington: Shipcarvers of North
America - \$13
Tre Tryckare: The Lore of Ships - \$32
V. R. Grimwood: American Ship Models and
How to Build Them - \$6
Wolfram Zu Mondfeld: Schiffs Modelle (in
German) - \$35.

Contact information for Mr. Powell is available from Lou Husser at
LBHusser@verizon.net

Newsletter Ad Policy

Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx as they desire. They may be either want or for sale ads and should normally be limited to a 100 or less words. Non-members may also submit one ad to a monthly newsletter, also limited to a 100 words. The acceptance of the ads are at the discretion of the editor. He will also have blanket authority to edit the contents as he believes appropriate.

WEBMASTER CARL'S CORNER

DID YOU KNOW?

Our website has a feature that provides an email conduit allowing viewers of the site to email bridge officers without their knowing the officer's email address. Emails to a bridge member using this dcshipmodelsociety.org address are forwarded to them automatically by the system at their real email address.

FEBRUARY'S IT OUGHT TO BE A MODEL!

The What If Model: Another Amazing Torpedo Boat

By Doug Wilde



The previous "what if" was a torpedo boat that staked survivability and success on "water armor". Just three decades later and speed now is the deciding factor. The caption for this 11 November 1942 Acme Newspictures photo reads:

"An amazing torpedo boat which can make 100 miles per hour across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, was proposed by F.M. Bellanca, the noted airplane designer. Powered by a new type steam engine and driven by two airplane propellers revolving in opposite directions, the boat can carry a minimum of 4 torpedoes and can be heavily armed."

Photo is Mechanix Illustrated's conception of the torpedo boat, drawn from Bellanca's blue prints.

That Nazi cruiser in the background never had a chance. This really makes me wonder what sort of "new type steam engine" they are talking about. I am open to suggestions as to what airplane kit will provide the fuselage and two dorsal turrets.

FEBRUARY'S TIPS OF THE MONTH

MODEL PLANNING BOOK

Source: WSMS Member Doug Wilde

The latest Fine Scale Modeler had a great suggestion from one of the readers. This is to assemble a book before starting a model build. This particular modeler goes through his references and scans pertinent material, then by cutting and pasting and combining scans from the instructions, generates a PDF book. One either can print the resulting information or load it on a tablet at your workbench. The samples showed a particular assembly step from the instructions with photos of the real thing on the same page. He also would note the source of the reference for additional access if needed. This kind of planning would help control "mission creep" and prevent trips down the rabbit hole.

SCALE RIGGING - CUTTYHUNK LINEN FISHING LINE

Source: Mr. Charlie Pipes*

Some say the best material for rigging sailing ships is "Cuttyhunk linen fishing line." It may be that the term Cuttyhunk is a type of line made from linen and that and was produced by a variety of suppliers. Unfortunately it is no longer produced commercially but can often be found on auction sites such as EBay. It tends to show up sporadically in different colors, weights, packaging and ages. Generally, the line can be often be acquired new on the spool or card, the majority being 50 yard cards with a few 150 yard spools. Colors range from black, dark brown, brown and tan to white with green also being prevalent but can be dyed. Searching for what you want to buy can be a challenge. Search listings that have worked include:

"Vintage fishing line"	"Hall Brothers fishing line"
"Linen fishing line"	"Shamrock fishing line"
"Cuttyhunk"	"Avalon Bay fishing line"
"Cuttyhunk fishing line"	"Avalon Bay tuna fishing line"
"Vintage fly fishing line"	"Ashaway"
"Zane Grey fishing line"	"Linen line"
"Ashaway fishing line"	"Comorant fishing line"
"Hand laid fishing line"	"Streamlet fishing line"
"Dolphin fishing line"	"Antique fishing line"

*Charlie Pipes is a retired USMC avionics specialist. He is working on a scratch-built Oliver Cromwell from Harold Hahn's plans, and a Hannah model with a long-distance fellow modeler as a self-guided practicum. His work can be seen on the Warrior group Yahoo site, accessible through the Warrior webpage: <http://www.warriorgroup.org>

LONG-TERM IMPACT OF CA ON RIGGING

Source: WSMS Member Peter Gutterman:

For those of you concerned about CA reacting adversely over time with your rigging line, Scotch brand clear gel paper glue seems to be a pretty good substitute. Not an instant cure like CA ,but pretty fast, nontoxic, water cleanup and high tack ,just a dot'll do ya!! An effective applicator can be purchased or hand fabricated by nipping the eye of a small needle in half(see Bruce Buchner for applicator details)." I've had good results over the years using acrylic matt medium as a fixative. Dilute 50-50 with water, and add a couple of drops of liquid dishwashing detergent to break the surface tension. It dries quickly and without a gloss.

Note: If you have a Tip you'd like to share or conversely need a tip , send it to LBHusser@verizon.net for publication in the newsletter

MARCH SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP MEETING

The meeting will be held Saturday March 29th from 10 to Noon. The host will be our new member, John Paul Eberhard. John will display his completed Model Shipways US Frigate Confederacy, the USS Maine 100th Anniversary limited edition (to 100) kits by Blue Jacket, and a Vasa, among his finished models. John lives in Gaithersburg, MD, about 20 minutes west of the Beltway just off of Interstate 270. Directions and contact information will be sent as usual by email a week before the meeting.

ROADTRIP TO TOUR THE USS NEW JERSEY

Our April Business meeting will take place on Saturday, 12 April and be conducted as a roadtrip to Camden, NJ. We are working with the President of the Philadelphia Ship Modeling Society and the Chairman of the Battleship New Jersey Board of Trustees to set up a special tour. Our friends from the Annapolis club are also interested and will join us on the visit. **Please contact Lou at LBHusser@verizon.net of your plans to participate.**

NORTHERN VA IPMS MODEL CLASSIC SHOW

Our April focus meeting will take place on Saturday, 26 April at the IPMS annual model show. We will again plan on having 3 tables for displaying and demonstrating our craft. It's also an excellent opportunity to pick up a model kit, participate in some of their excellent workshops and if inclined, enter one of the model contests. We plan to sponsor a ship model award this year. **Contact Warren Yuan at wyaun@cox.net and let him know you plan to participate in the IPMS event.**

CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM (CBMM) 9TH MARITIME MODEL EXPO

WSMS along with the Model Guild of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, and the

North American Steamboat Modeler's Association (NASMA) are sponsoring the 9th Maritime Model Expo **on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 & 19** at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD. The two-day event is open to the public and free for WSMS member participants. As previously, the Expo offers visitors pond demonstrations, model races, exhibits, family activities, food, and more.

During the event, radio-controlled (R-C) steamboat modelers can sail model boats in a large, temporary pond that can also be used for other R-C models—including sailboats, submarines, electrically driven models with modest motors, and self-steered pond sailing models.. R-C model sailors can also race and sail their craft along the museum's waterfront. On Sunday, CBMM's Model Sailing Club will race five-foot R-C skipjack models along CBMM's Fogg's Cove. Our participation will include not only RC models but a collection of static models. We also expect that other highly acclaimed modelers will exhibit their watercraft along with us. In addition to radio-controlled operating models and static model displays, the event offers children the opportunity to select, build, color, and sail a simple model boat they can keep.

Please contact Doug Wilde at dbwilde@comcast.net of your plans to attend.

DAVID TAYLOR NAVAL RESEARCH CENTER DTRC VISIT

Arrangements are being made through our long time member, Dana Wegner to DTRC & Model Basin in Bethesda, MD in the summer. DTRC is homeplate for all of the USN's model collection which Dana has the responsibility to maintain. Because DTRC is a government facility there are some points to be aware of. Security

Dana will arrange a tour guide to conduct a tour of the various facilities (depending on how much time we have) and we will end up down the basement with Dana and his museum-type models.