



Model Shipwrights of Western New York

Meeting Log

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

TOPICS

Notice: The meeting could not be recorded due to a lack of sufficient Zoom memory.

Old/New Business Brief

We are in a rather unusual position for the next few months as we have more material than time to accommodate members and guests who have offered to present. Believe me I am not complaining! Melissa has confirmed that she will be going abroad to Sweden and will be visiting the WASA museum among others. Randall Peacock is off to Europe, as well, prior to our next meeting and he outlooks covering at least one model exhibition similar to the NE Conference that most of you are familiar with. Also, I was privileged to attend Ray Peacock's coverage of two POW models he presented to the Niagara's Model Group of Ontario and I believe you will find this as interesting as I did.

I have also spoken to a representative of the Finger Lakes Boat Museum and will be scheduling her for a talk sometime in early

2024. And to further add to the mix I am working to obtain a recording of a Rob Napier presentation he gave to the Herreshoff Museum regarding ship model curation. Hopefully that will evolve into another 2024 event for our agenda. So the agenda outlook for the coming months looks promising. My only problem is fitting it all in. So at the moment here is where we stand to close out 2023.

<i>Echo Midsection</i>	<i>Tim Huggins</i>	<i>MSwNY</i>	<i>10/19</i>
<i>Restoring The Bismarck</i>	<i>Ray Peacock</i>	<i>MSON</i>	<i>10/19</i>
<i>Swedish Museum Visits</i>	<i>M. Thompson-Flynn</i>	<i>MSwNY</i>	<i>11/16</i>
<i>Model Symposium Visit</i>	<i>Randall Peacock</i>	<i>MSwNY</i>	<i>12/16(?)*</i>

- *Possible final 2023 meeting or 2024 session*

<i>The NRG Half Hull</i>	<i>Paddy O'Hare</i>	<i>MSwNY</i>	<i>1/18/24</i>
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Welcome Members and Guests

The attendance was quite heartening as we had 18 members and guests in total present or on line. Bob Filipowski who had recorded the Metal Blackening presentation and Ray Peacock a future presenter had tuned in. We also had a guest present from the Rochester Woodworkers Society.

Treasury Report

Jim reported that we have \$300 in the treasury and have spent no funds since his last reporting. We were not charged for

tables at the IPMS show so our outlook through year end should be no different.

Our web page and domain name will be coming due in 2024 and I am hoping to intercept a special offer from WIX prior to our payment due date. Standby.

The 9/17 ROC/IPMS Event

Bill Emerson, Chuck Baylis, Dave Guadino, John Mckeon, Jim O'Connell, Randy Peacock and Don Speilberger all attended and supported our interests at the event. Bill, Chuck and Jim performed setup and teardown. All members were actively engaged in our group's interest. John was the only member who submitted models for display. Included are some of the photos members took to give you an idea of the event.

Our thanks to Ken Brent, president of the local chapter of the IPMS organization who graciously supported us at this event!

Turnout was described as moderate but for those that attended did show interest in our models, the museum and our group.

Restoration of the Web Site

*As communicated earlier the web site took some hits during Covid. Some were human errors or omissions, some were changes to the editor and one related to the site "page builder" which deleted some objects in our gallery. With Mike Kamish's expert help, I was able to rebuild and restore most of the problem areas. **Some member gallery model photos are lost and cannot be restored unless those members resend me photos and descriptions.***

Additionally I took the opportunity to fix, update or otherwise improve dashboard areas of EVENTS, RESOURCES, TOPICS OF INTEREST and changed CONTACT US to MEETINGS which is inclusive of the former subject and enables folks to find us for meetings either in person or remotely.

I would ask that you review the meeting Minute/Logs library within RESOURCES to help me fill in some possible voids. If you have a PDF or Word file of logs or minutes that are missing please send me a copy.

Special Presentations

Blackening Metal



Once again Bob Filipowski shared some of his expertise with us regarding the methodology of metal blackening that has been elusive to some of us. In a previously prepared video Bob presented his selection of materials, his method and the results. His disclosure simplified the process for many of us and one that produces very satisfying results. I for one am very appreciative of Bob's continued support as I hope you all are.

The video recording, was divided into a formal segment from Bob and a follow on "round table" discussion from an audience of Midwestern modelers. That segment added some useful tips and suggestions. The entire recording has been placed on our web site for subsequent review. It is found under SHOP NOTES thanks to Bob's generosity!

A supplemental PDF of my experience has been added in the Shop Notes area which updates current material costs.

Models on Deck

The USS Ericsson 1890

Bill Emerson started off the Models On Deck segment of our meeting by presenting his finished model of the USS Ericson Torpedo Boat. Once again Bill has modeled a rather unique military model of a vessel albeit short lived in naval history but significant in that it was a step in the evolutionary process of sea warfare development.

Bill may have finished the model much earlier but he decided to enhance the model, presenting it as it may have been post launch and with its full deck arrangement. In the former case

he explains that early on there was a bow torpedo tube that was removed. He theorizes that the removal may have been warranted since the torpedo drive technology may have been inadequate to remain ahead of a faster vessel speed. Secondly the deck railings and canopy framework may have had to be removed during battle encounters due to its interference.

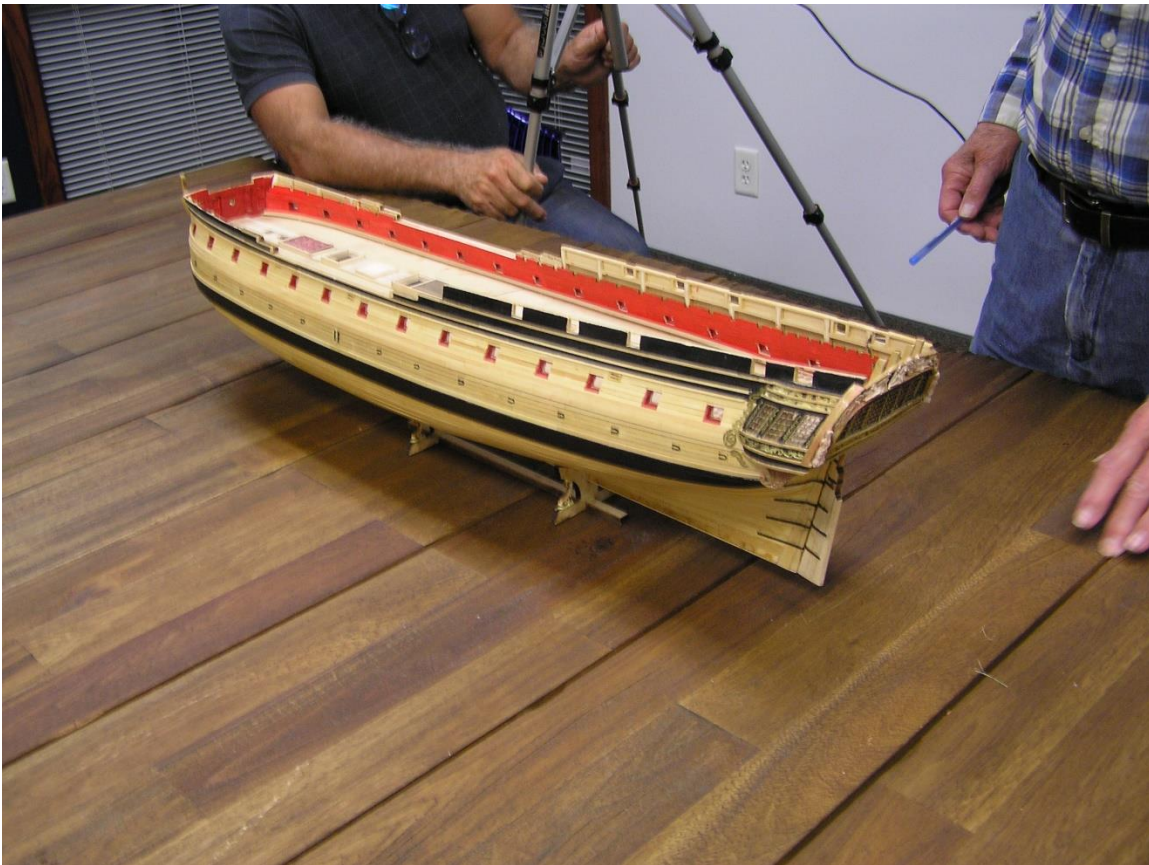


For a better view of this splendid model one can find it on display at the Military History Museum here in Rochester. It is yet another must see of Bill's models!

The USS Confederacy

I don't think the attached photo really captures the fine work Bob has put into his Model shipways kit of the Confederacy. This is a 1:64 model build so the effort to detail this admiralty model is all the more difficult. Yet Bob persists in its build progress. He admits he is being very deliberate with her.

In this showing he has added more deck detail including the captain's quarter's flooring. He has further detailed the stern and galleys and has also added a number of the deck gratings. He has spent more time in painting the bulkwarks internally and externally. Beautiful work Bob!



The Scratch Built Thames River Tug

Don has been working on this RC model in “his spare time” along with another project he may show us in the future. This model is a purchased fiber glass hull. Much else, save some deck fittings is scratch styrene construction. When he popped the deck house one could see that quality! He has also begun adding servos and drive to this model and that too is well laid out and installed. I have to comment on the deck simulation of bolts and metal fastenings. They are painstakingly well done. When asked how he painted the model he relates it was spray painted via a canister. One would have thought it was air brushed.

His Popeye character is whimsical but he relates he is trying to capture the interests of younger modelers as he takes it to various shows.

