

October 14, 2017

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min
In attendance Chuck B., Tim I., Lacy S., Lenny I., Bill E., Rusty J., Bob D. John M.

- Business: All 10 min
Web billing will be 11/14/2017; Funds on hand.
This information was conveyed and as of yet Joe has been able to determine what funds will carry over until an invoice is received
Langley delivery to Smithsonian
Plans are unchanged for the delivery of the model to the Smithsonian

- Military History Society Museum Expansion Status: Chuck Baylis 10 min
A place holder for any new developments. Also, we need to address the building of a work bench for the workspace Chuck has provided.
Chuck spoke to the early stages of funding and planning for the Marine Section of the museum. Best said at this point that much is left to be resolved.

In regard to the work bench build we discussed the need to have a few volunteers help out. Joe will develop a sketch and we will target sometime after the 26th of the month to start work.

In addition, the executive director is providing the group with an open display case where we will be able to display our works in photographic form

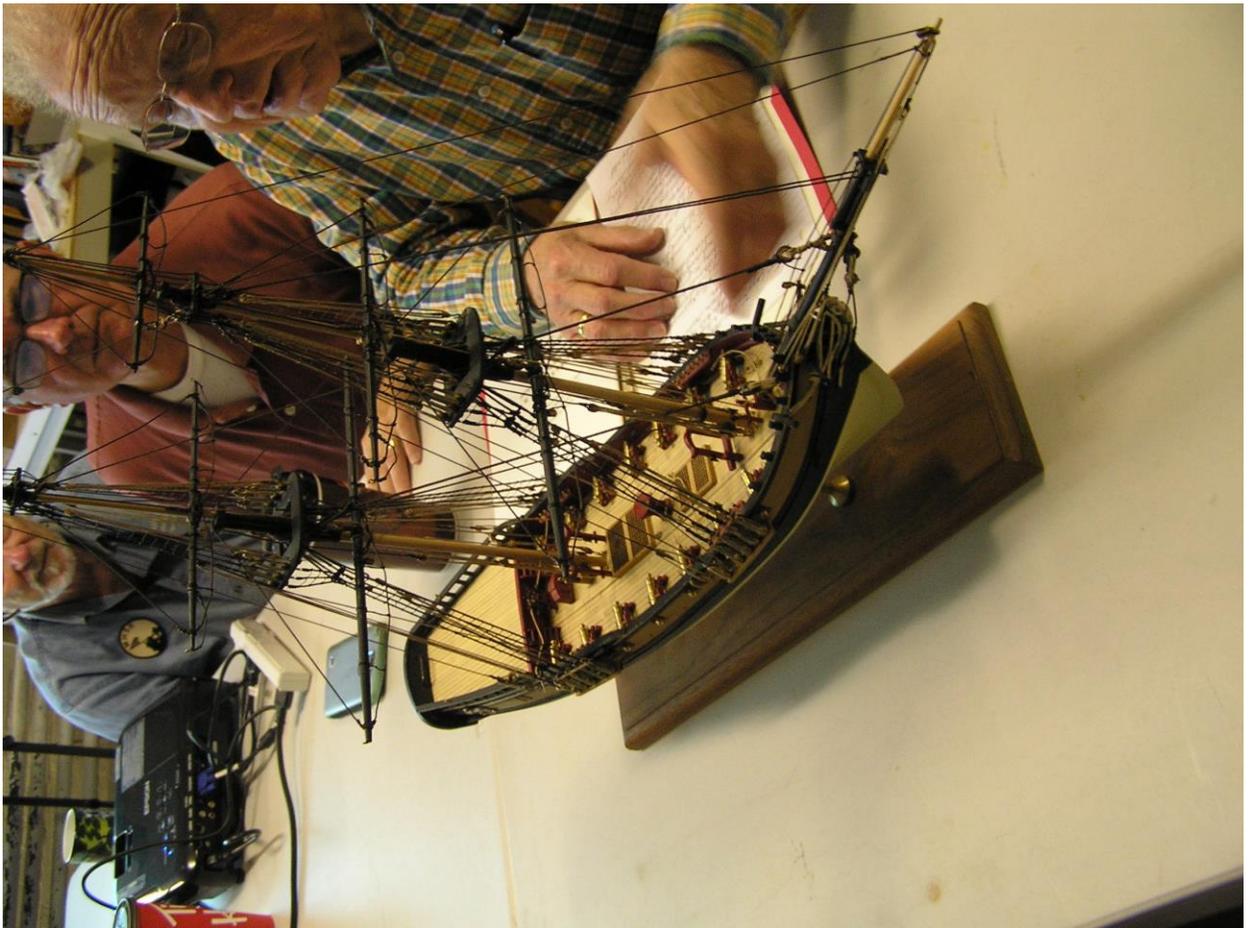
- Viet Nam PBR Status and Next Steps: Jim O'Connell 15 min
Jim is away until the 9th of October but I believe he will have a report from the Navy archival facilities in Virginia. If so we will discuss next steps.

We are getting closer to the drawing set, we have release approval, and hope to have better answers prior to next meeting.

- Rigging "The Fair American": Bob Dowd 30 min

Bob has been steadily working on his beautiful model of the Fair American. He has been working the rigging and has solved many of his nagging concerns on accurately rigging the model. He will spend some time discussing his work.

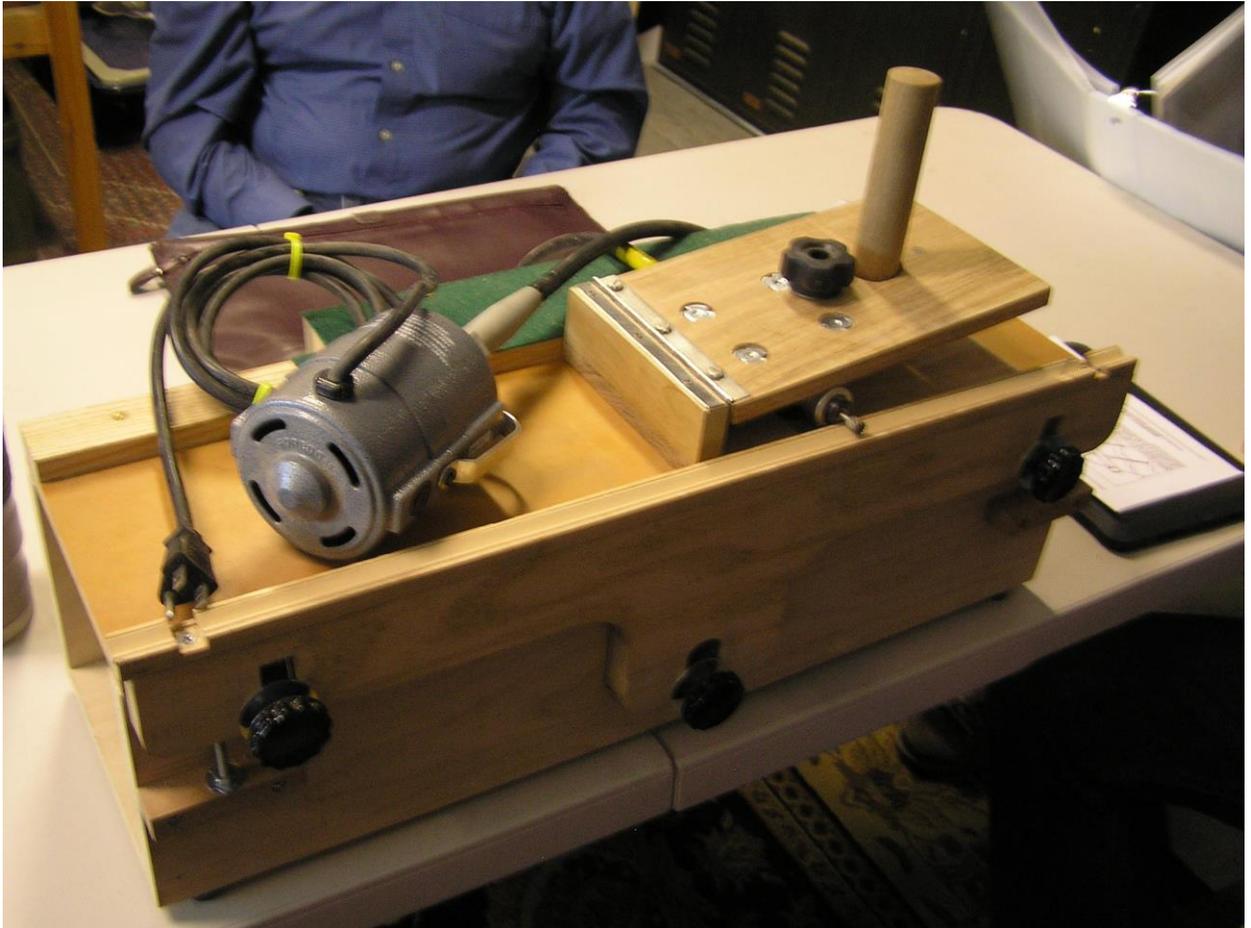
Bob brought in his splendid model of the Fair American. He is moving right along on the rigging and is doing an incredible job. He is carefully researching period rigging from multiple sources and executing his interpretation beautifully. Remarkably he says his work usually starts at 11 PM when the house is quiet. For most of us that is when we are nodding off!



(I apologize for the placement of this image. I lost the original and can't seem to rotate this one.)

In the subsequent picture attached Lacy showed his jig for tapering masts. The tool atop the carriage is a Foredom tool that traverses the carriage. The carriage can be elevated on one end and rotated to form the rough taper. Sanding in a powered device

finishes the job. Bob had asked how members taper spars and yards and while the jig can't do such small elements the principles certainly apply.



- Mast and Rigging "The Cutter Cheerful": Rusty Jones 30min
Rusty has graciously "volunteered" to discuss his progress on the Syren Ship Model Cheerful. As you are aware this is a semi scratch build of exquisite detail and authenticity. Add to that Rusty's masterful work and this should prove to be an interesting coverage as well.

This was a meeting pretty much focused on rigging and although Rusty is not as far along as Bob with his Cutter Cheerful, early rigging work is masterful. He is following Chuck Passaro's practicum. His deck is pretty well ready for the belaying and anchoring of his hoist lines. He has also hand fashioned his belaying pins to scale for this model.

In his discussion he demonstrated use of the Syren Seizing Machine and talked to the application of the mast shroud seizing. Excellent mini demo and discussion Rusty. Rusty is using Syren rigging material for his model.





- A Newly Acquired Shop Tool: Joe Lorenzo 30 min
Joe had access to a Sherline mill this summer. He required some better machining techniques and more precision to fabricate the bulkwarks of the Atlantis, 1:20 scale, model he is working on for a client. In looking ahead to further model needs he convinced himself that owning a unit would be a good investment. Joe will display and discuss his newly acquired mill with the group.

Joe has recently acquired a Sherline DRO mill for his shop. He presented a brief overview/review of the mill and its extensibility. The presentation can be found in the Shop Notes section of our web page.

- Continuing Group Program Discussion: All 15min
Anticipating Jim's good news, we will further discuss the following subjects to keep moving forward:
 - *Building the workbench, type and size*

- *Who will volunteer?*
- *When do we start?*

This segment was partially covered earlier.

○ Next Meeting

10min

The following subjects are being considered for the November agenda:

- *Rebuilding the USS Rochester, Tim I. will discuss his continued research and progress*
- *The Agawam continued construction, Bill E. will likewise discuss his continued work.*
- *The Antique Boat Show, Joe L., will cover the incredible restoration of classic small craft on parade at this annual event.*
- *The delivery of the Langley to the Smithsonian, Bill E and attending members.*
- *Recent developments of the group and how to bring in our distance members.*
- *By laws changes and approval process.*