

February 11, 2017

9:00 to 12:00 AM

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and New Business 10 min
 - New Attendees and Guests:** *No new attendees or guests. Regular members Bill E., Tim I., Mike K., Lacy S., Tom L., Bob D. in attendance*
 - Bill Emerson Announcement:** *Bill has just received word that his model of the USS Langley, the Navy's first aircraft carrier will be displayed at the Smithsonian Museum of Air and Space. Bill will also be featured in an upcoming article in our local Democrat and Chronicle newspaper as a result of this honor. Great news Bill. The recognition is well deserved!*
 - Future group working session; carving:** *The group was polled and we will be hosting several working sessions on this subject. More to follow under separate cover.*
 - Kit Status:** *It was reported that all remaining kits donated by Scott Ball have be sent to Model expo. The museum awaits a check of \$150. The total of all kit sales came to approximately \$450 for the museum.*
 - Dues for the year:** *as stated previously we will be collecting dues from our membership to mainly support the web site expense. Presently we are paid up for 2 years of domain name and 1 year of web site hosting. The membership fee will be set to \$30 per member. Members will receive further instructions under separate cover.*

○ Rigging The Fair American; Bob Dowd

20 min

Bob has been working on his fine model. He is now working on the rigging and has encountered some problems. It appears that he is unsure of belaying points on the deck. He really could use some help and will bring in the model and drawings and make his case. Any of you who are familiar with the rigging of a Revolutionary War privateer would be of help to Bob. The instructions are Eric Ronnberg's. You may wish to review them prior.

Bob brought in his great model to discuss rigging problems he is encountering. Most of his standing rigging is complete. He is now working on some hauling rigging amongst other elements and finds his plans do not support him well (this has been a common thread of a number of people who have bought this kit). Tim and others, using his "Note Pad" sketched out possible solutions for some elements that Bob could try. Others need further investigation. It was suggested that Bob access the MSW web site and search this subject (under "Fair America Rigging") as demonstrated during the meeting. He was encouraged to query others to answer specific questions. There is a host of information on this site regarding rigging this model. Below is a picture of his good works.



- **Understanding the MSW web site** 30 min
Some members have requested a brief tutorial on navigation and features of the NRG's Model Ship World site. We will use projection equipment to demonstrate the power of the site. Members are encouraged to take notes as there is no hand out planned.

The group spent some time observing the web site features and navigation options for members who have had problems with its use. Like all search engines and web sites there is always some elements that do not reveal themselves to the casual user. It was recommended that users actively enter the site and refine their search techniques. There is a wealth of information there and it just takes an investment of time to make it work for the user.

- **General Modeling Discussion: Hull Planking**

90 MIN

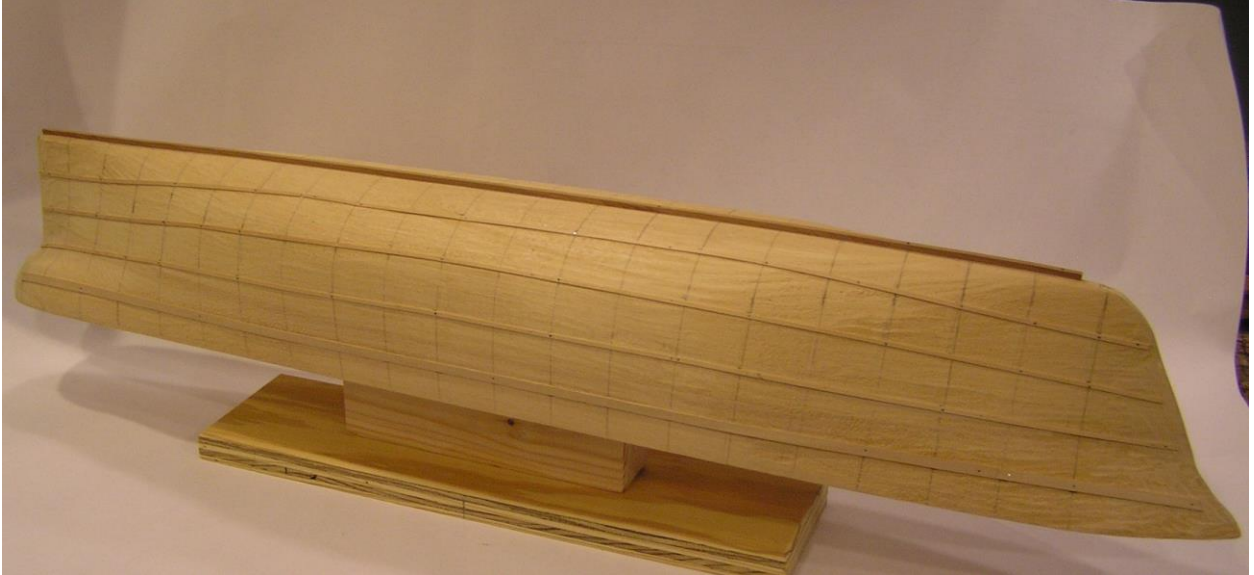
A new agenda topic will be introduced starting with the February meeting. Joe will present, in two parts, a tutorial and techniques to plank any hull. Part 1 will cover basic tools, materials and introduce sources for instruction.

The first session will present his method of lining off the hull and a developing spiling methodology. References will be provided.

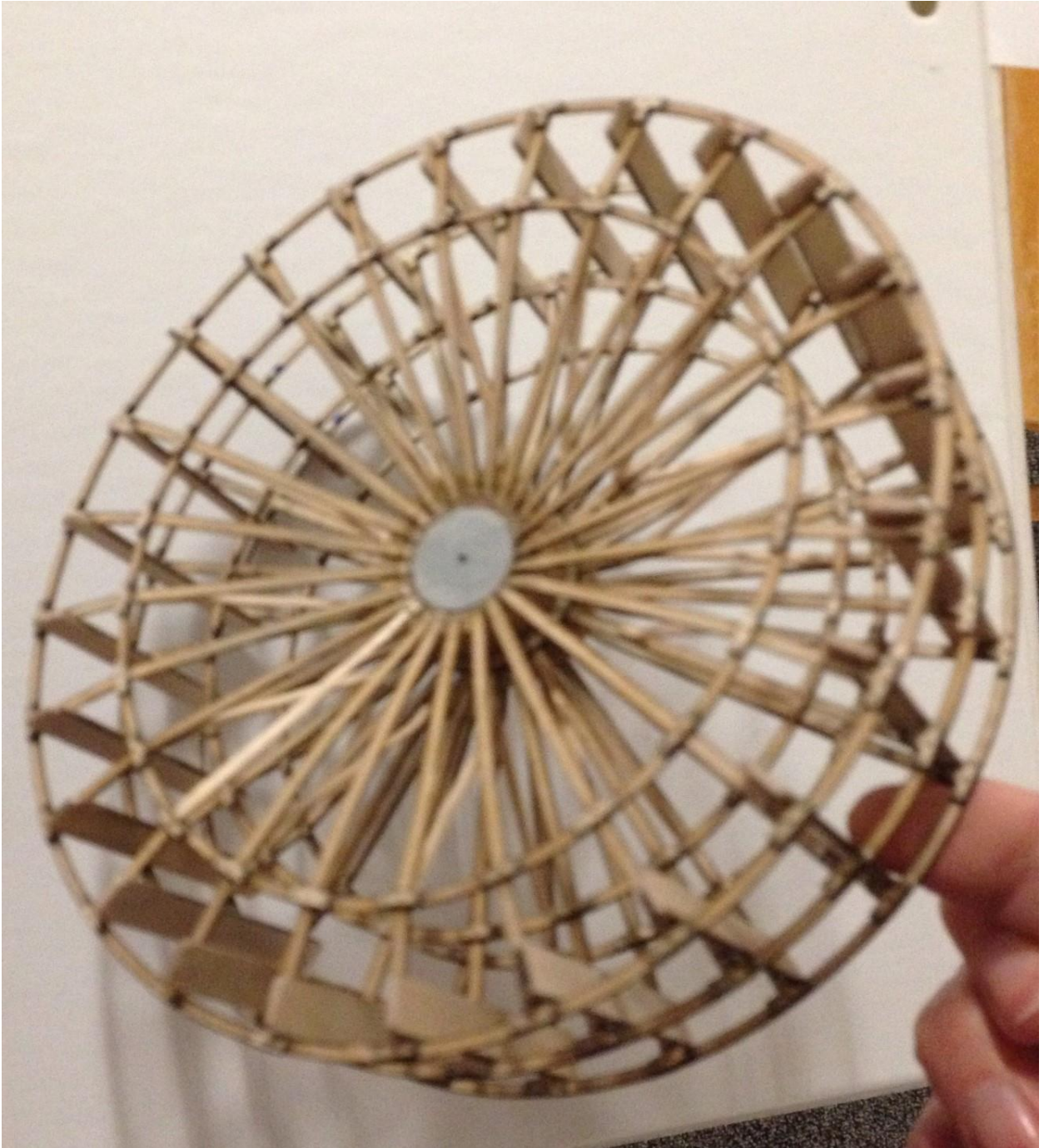
Ultimately this will enter the shop note category. A hull model or jig will be utilized to demonstrate technique.

Joe completed Part 1 of the planking methodology he had prepared. It was structured, at the beginning for a novice, but hastily accelerated to suit the more experienced modeler. It relied heavily on a model used to demonstrate techniques to line off the hull using the MSW Planking Graph. This subtle tool can provide all modelers with valuable information regarding determination of the median plank, spiling measurements and of course determining band demarcations. Joe actually records station results on the planking graph and uses the graph to determine plank width. This is shown on Part 1 of the tutorial posted on our web site.

He prefers not to add all "tick strip" markings to the hull. Rather he marks off the tick strips at his predetermined band demarcations and transfers those to the hull. He then fastens battens to line off the hull. Users will find the planking graph an extremely valuable tool with use. He encourages modelers to use it for kit models as well. The presentation has been placed on Model Shipwright Guild web site for future reference for all. Please go to "modelshipwrightguildwny.org" to view the presentation. It is under Resources; Shop Notes.



- ***The Sassacus Paddle Wheel:** Bill surprised us and brought in his first completed Sassacus paddle wheel and one of his pilot houses we had seen in parts in January. Once again Bill has demonstrated his mastery of scratch building and use of laser technology to achieve the results shown below. If you look closely you will see the gusset plates have been applied as in the real ship. This is going to be an incredible model. What museum is this model slated for Bill?*



- Next meeting;
The March meeting will continue the planking discussion and will cover more specifics on steelers, drop planks and some metrics for modelers. The presentation was lent to us by Bob Filipowski, the former secretary of the NRG.