

April 13, 2019

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwrights of Western NY

Meeting

(MSWNY)

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min
Chuck, Matthew, Brian, Mike, Rusty, Lacy, Jim, Len and Joe attended

- Business: All 30 min

Future Venues Possibilities:

- Lacy has agreed to stop at the Hammondsport Museum and make inquiry. Any news Lacy?
Lacy related that he did not receive encouraging news from the Museum as thier largest crowds occur during their summer auction and that venue or even at the museum would not draw many. Lacy left information for their reference. We may put a fall visit on our schedule for a group visit.

Treasury/Dues

- Recent Spending > None
- Current Treasury >
*We took in 2 more dues and had no expenditures
Our funds on hand was not reported at the meeting. The tally is \$392*

Library Addition

- Model Shipwright Publication Donation
59 volumes (not a complete set)

Now in temporary storage at museum. No further action until new wing of museum is open.

Status of April 27th NE Ship Model Symposium (Connecticut)

- Four members (actually 5 in total) have expressed interest and will be going

Don will join us for a floor tour as he travels westward toward home. At present Mike, Bill, Brian and his son as well as Joe will attend.

The 37th Annual Ship Model Conference at the Port 'N Starboard Convention Center in Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut will be held on Saturday, April 27th, 2019. The Connecticut Marine Model Society (CMMS) is hosting this year's event.

Per previous conferences there will be a large model display area with hobby vendors, an excellent luncheon, a featured speaker, various tabletop demonstrations, unique raffle prizes as well as several awards for model entries. The cost is \$37.00 if registered by March 18. \$43.00 by April 17, and \$48 at the door. The hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM with model setup's starting at 8:15 AM. Directions to the venue can be found at this link: <http://ocean-beach-park.com/contact/>

Additional details on the speaker and demonstrations will be posted soon. Limited admission to the Model Exhibit Area only will be available at the door for \$5.00. We anticipate that there will be nearly 100 models on display.

The Registration Form can be downloaded at: www.ctshipmodels.org

If you haven't done so, get your application in!

NRG 2019 Conference Notice

The NRG Conference will be at the New Bedford Whaling Museum October 24 thru 26. See the NRG site for further info in the future.

Model Restoration Request

- 1940s Marine Model

- Major cleanup
- Loose but available parts
- Rigging may not be salvageable
- Plans available
- Brian has been in touch with the owner

Brian will give us an update

Brian has begun taking inventory on the model and so far news is all good. Few if any parts missing, cannons do not appear to be lead, gauge of rigging is in his stock, missing few blocks. So the work begins.

Main Meeting Agenda:

- Unusual Models: Mike K. min

Mike has come across some unusual ship models he thinks will be of interest to the group. He has shared some of the pictures with me and I fully agree! It seems there is no limit to the extent that some modelers will go to replicate these incredible models.

Mike had a combined report. Carlos provided some pictures of yet another model that is for the museum of Oman. His work on carving is best described by the pictures he provided and will be placed in the gallery section if I can extract them from the PDF.

*The balance of the presentation, which will be placed in the **Topics Of Interest** section of our web site, was related to unusually scaled models from across the world. Some made at the modelers whim, some used in movie settings. It was fascinating to see these extremely large models. These models were “off the charts” in terms of size, and materials; matchsticks to Legos!*

- Fabricating Realistic Furled Sails: Jim O. 20 min

Jim has developed a precise and easily understood methodology to replicate furled sails for models. One would think this is just a simple matter but Jim will show us that it has to be a more deliberate undertaking to make it happen. Testimony to his methods is his, Pride of Baltimore model. The sails on it are fantastic!

This was a miscue on my part. Jim will present this at the May meeting.

○ The Royal Barge: Sam C. 20 min

Sam has quietly completed his Royal Barge, another Syren Ship Model product and has agreed to speak to its construction and completion. He may also be bringing other projects he has been working on, “secretly” in the background.

Sam was unable to come to this meeting.

○ Planking lessons learned: Joe 20 min

Many of you should recall our two-part tutorial of 2016 on planking methodology. In theory it is quite straight forward. In practice it can be another matter. Joe fully admits he is not an expert. Joe will discuss his experiences with the planking of his *Cheerful* model. Joe will fold in his updates to the tutorial as a result. Hopefully this will be an interactive discussion that will lead to even better understanding.

*Joe presented some finding on his quest of planking his Cheerful model. It can be found in “**Shop Notes**” section as an addition to our **Planking Tutorial** on our web site.*

○ River Patrol Boat Status: Jim/Joe 15min

We have an update on drawings and next steps to move the project along

A west coast colleague has given us a gift! He has acquired the entire declassified portfolio of the Mark I PBR with full measurements. Thank You Joel!!!

Jim is now converting those drawing dimensions to our 1:6 scale. It is truly a gift as this reduces our overhead in making many of the needed parts of the model!

We still need sign up to help out as we are moving to the next level of detail as soon as the hull is ready.

- A Ship Building Lesson: A Video 25min
One can learn a good deal from the those who build real ships and boats. Witness an interesting and informative lesson on preparing the keel for steam bent frames.

All frames are in on Arabella and we will tune in sometime soon as planking will be started.

We ended up with time to spare so we finally got to see one of the You Tube videos of the building of Arabella. The segment chosen was related to the planking material properties and selection. In addition, an excellent treatment of fabricating floor timbers that will last a lifetime for the vessel was covered. These two novice boat builders are a wonder and one can live the experience through their videos. Definitely worth the time investment!

- Next Meeting (May 11)
We are in luck for the final meeting agenda for May. We will be covering the following:
 - *Trip report of the NE Model Ship Symposium*
 - *Realistic weathering techniques demonstrated*
 - *Furled sails as described above*