

May 11, 2019

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwrights of Western NY

Meeting

(MSWNY)

Meeting Agenda:

*Chuck B., Don M., Bob D., Rusty J., Tim I, Brian M. and son, Len I., Bill E.,
Mat F., Jim O.*

Business: All

15 min

○ Treasury/Dues

Recent Spending : *None for the month*

Current Treasury : \$377

○ Fall Possibilities:

NRG 2019 Conference Notice

The NRG Workshop and Conference will be at the New Bedford Whaling Museum October 24 thru 26. Not up on the NRG site yet.

The drive is about 6 1/2 hours. There is a relatively inexpensive Hampton Inn nearby in Fairhaven/New Bedford.

Any interest? None voiced but we will bring it up again this summer.

○ Tools Availability Heads Up: Joe

5 min

Mike Carnahan's wife contacted me and wishes to dispose of Mike's ship model tools. I will be sending out a future note indicating what the inventory is, cost and disposal measures.

Joe related a top level summary of the tool set. The group thought it was a reasonable request to offer \$100 for the varied tools to Mike's widow. She has returned a note that thinks it is a good idea and will communicate with us later.

- Western NY Maritime Charter School Query: Joe 5 min

I was contacted by a founder of the school who wishes to have some of the model collection repaired. It is not clear how many, to what extent and how the project would be undertaken. The models are large and there is some question as to where the models are going to be stored/moved. Pictures were to have been provided but as of the meeting they have not been received. Sam has volunteered to survey the models when and if there is further progress on this subject.

Joe related that he has yet to hear from the founder and will not follow up until the pictures are sent . Sam has volunteered to visit if we deem it necessary.

- Model Restoration Project: Brian 10 min

Hopefully Brian can give us an update and describe what he been able to do and what he sees for future work.

We were not able to discuss this but will bring it back in the fall.

Main Meeting Agenda:

- Fabricating Realistic Furled Sails: Jim O. 30 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!

Jim did a great job describing his research and methodology on making furled sails. The presentation drew a good deal of questions and interactions.

A copy of his presentation will be added to our Shop Notes section.

Additional references are held within and should be invaluable to our group.

A further reference for set sails is provided for further information. This as part of the round table discussions at the 37th New London Conference.

<http://www.philadelphiahipmodelsociety.com/presentations/>

- River Patrol Boat Status: Jim/Joe 15min

Jim has taken a good number of the drawings provided by a colleague on the west coast that were part of the declassified set released to him and re-dimensioned them to the 1:6 scale.

This makes modeling of the sub-assemblies a much easier task. In concert with this Jim and Joe have advanced the hull to a point where the external skin is nearly ready for priming and the internal floors and skins are going into place.

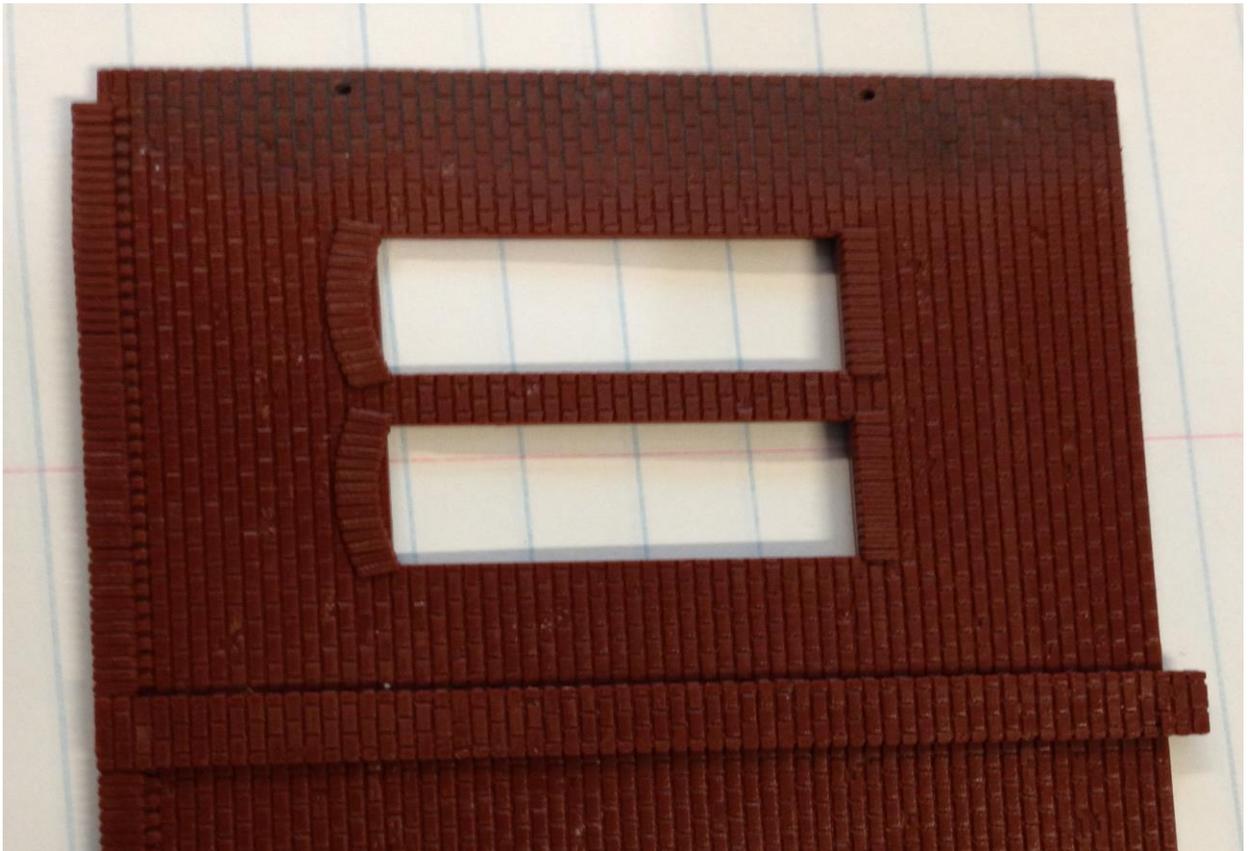
So anew, we are soliciting participants to pick a sub assembly that a drawing reference is available and go at it over the summer.

Jim reported that he will be providing a revised drawing set that has dimensions. It will be sent to everyone. He will also provide a revised sign-up sheet for you to choose a sub assembly to work on. Tim Igoe and Bill Emerson have already signed up. Bill has come in already and has made cardboard templates based on the hull he needs to make. That is a great aid in getting it right the first time. Of course when the hull work is finished Jim and I will also participate.

- Realistic Weathering Techniques Demonstration: Chuck B 20min
Awaiting a descriptive input for this segment.

Chuck demonstrated the use of weathering powders to the group on some sample elements he had at his disposal. The methodology centers around the use of finely ground materials that can be brush or pad applied and then worked with makeup pads to achieve very convincing weathering results. The compound colors can be purchased in a set and the different colors can be mixed to achieved desired effects. It is necessary to apply a “fix” over the application. Although Chuck used plastic parts to demonstrate the techniques he did caution that on unpainted wood it has to be very close grained wood or the results will be disappointing.

An example can be seen at the top of the attached picture



Here is a link to one supplier:

<https://www.hobbylinc.com/htm/mnr/mnr3100.htm>

- NE Ship Model Symposium Report: Mike, Brian, Joe, Rusty, Don 20mIn

We will share our experience through a photographic presentation the many wonderful ship models and events we were treated to. It was well worth the trip as we met many friendly and talented folk.

Joe presented a slide summary of selected models and events. There are more references to yet more models within the presentation. A PDF version of this will soon be posted on our web site under the area of Topics of Interest

- USS Agawam/Museum Expansion Visit 20 min
The Military History Society opened the expanded exhibition space and as its center piece Bill's recently launched USS Agawam has taken up residence. Chuck has been quite busy preparing the expansion area and the older section. The area is quite impressive and will exhibit a good deal of marine/Navy models and artifacts. Let's take some time to visit.

Chuck has done an amazing job on the expansion of the museum. Members in attendance closed the meeting with a tour. Much of this expanded area is devoted to naval artifacts. The high light of course is the gathered collection of models within. As you round the corner one is greeted by Bill's Agawam and it is a show stopper. There is something quite elegant about its presence in the expanded area. Wonderful job Chuck and all who have participated in the new venue!

- A Confederacy Build Discussion: Rusty/Bob
We had an unscheduled/interactive discussion on the Confederacy transom/tuck area prompted by Bob who is building a Lumberyard plan and material supplied scratch model. Rusty too built a scratch model using Syren plans some years back so being able to see an actual model for reference was invaluable to Bob. Bob was able to take pictures as well. We hope Bob will return soon with his model at some intermediate stage to show progress and outcome.

If you haven't figured it out now I would declare we have one of the most supportive groups around. Rusty was so kind to support Bob not to mention he came in all the way from Syracuse.





○ Next Meeting (September 14)

Enjoy your summer time but don't let the modeling lapse! See you then.

I have enticed Don to bring in his Endeavor and speak to his final work in the fall. Here is the quality of his work

