

September 8, 2018

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min
Lacy S., Chuck B., Jim O., Bill E., Bob D., Joe L. and our newest member Don M. were in attendance. It was a pleasure to have Don join us from Syracuse New York. He has a multi discipline background in full size auto, motorcycle and small boat restoration. Don is a retired Syracuse University staff member working in the college advertising department. Don is a descendant of the famous clipper ship builder of the same name. For the time being I will leave it to the reader to determine his last name. What tales this Don must be able to tell!

- Business: All 30 min
Group Name Revision: *Discussed abbreviating our group name. Currently the initials are MSGWNY. It has always troubled me and I learned from others that the 'G', for Guild, is a bit awkward. So the suggestion was to drop the Guild identity. The proposed new identity would be **MSwNY**. That is somewhat a play on structure as the lower case w could connote both the 'wrights' in shipwright and the 'w' in western NY. We will bring this back at our next meeting for a vote. If you have input prior, please let me know. In the meantime I will look at the places our name is in public and try to come up with impacts etc.*

Treasury summary: *We covered the summary I had provided under separate cover after our July 28th Seminar once again. Our treasury holds \$238 as of this date. Funds are on hand to pay for our web site costs which are due in November and any costs for PBR model build beyond what has been spent to date.*

In addition, we discussed moving the funds from my personal checking to a separate account. Supposedly CNB offers totally free checking (although check writing costs are not free) and Chuck has offered that we can avail ourselves to his 501C umbrella and obtain a free checking service via the Military Historical Society. I will try to firm up the options by next meeting.

Membership changes: *Sadly, as most of you had learned, Mike Carnahan passed away this May. Also we have dropped Turk from our roles as he has just not been responsive to any meetings and e-mail queries.*

What is the 2018 – 2019 directions/subjects for the group?:

- *Extending our reach in the community*

- Trips/Visits
- Demonstrations
- Model builds

As a prelude to this discussion I presented a chart of our past 'performance' in terms of meeting presentations, demonstrations and model build discussions by our members. We had 53 presentations over the 3 years of our existence. Five members gave 72% of the meeting subjects. That is remarkable to say the least. So this year we need to encourage a more balanced participation. Members are asked to consider more involvement. The group at large is asked to dig down and consider signing up for at least one presentation. Now the word presentation suggests a formal delivery. It does not have to be. We have a couple of people who have verbally signed up for this year (no schedule has been set at this point):

Bob Dowd will be bringing in his new work of the Confederacy which I believe is a starter kit from Lauck Street Ship Models. We hope to entice Rusty to bring back his Confederacy he cooperated in building with Syren Ship Models.

Bill Emerson will be developing a historical coverage of double ender gunboats for a historical society in Providence RI and has volunteered to present it to us as well.

Jim has agreed to do a segment on rigging techniques at some future date.

We did discuss research as a stand alone topic but at the moment my notes are lacking who proposed this. Help!

Lacy has suggested a segment on thin glass fabrication for models. Again a session TBD.

Joe is back to building Cheerful and will provide current status of the build at a TBD date.

We also discussed a field trip for the year. We added the following day tripper possibilities:

Erie home of the Niagara

Kingston

Sacketts Harbor

Clayton, Antique Boat Museum

Hammondsport Wooden Boat Museum

We also discussed an off site day demo at our local museum. We will need someone to reach out to explore this possibility. Any takers?

Joe will do some PR work with the NRG through the Secretary Newsletter. A Rochester Magazine, 50+ was suggested as a possible place for our promotion. Again, any takers to write an article?

Addressing Sam's donated models.

The models were presented to the group and stored in our work cabinet for anyone wishing to further inspect them. It was suggested we make a model a door prize if we do an off site demo. We would draw from a name drop box and hopefully find new members by this process.

We also suggested a raffle.

○ ***The America Model, Don M.:***

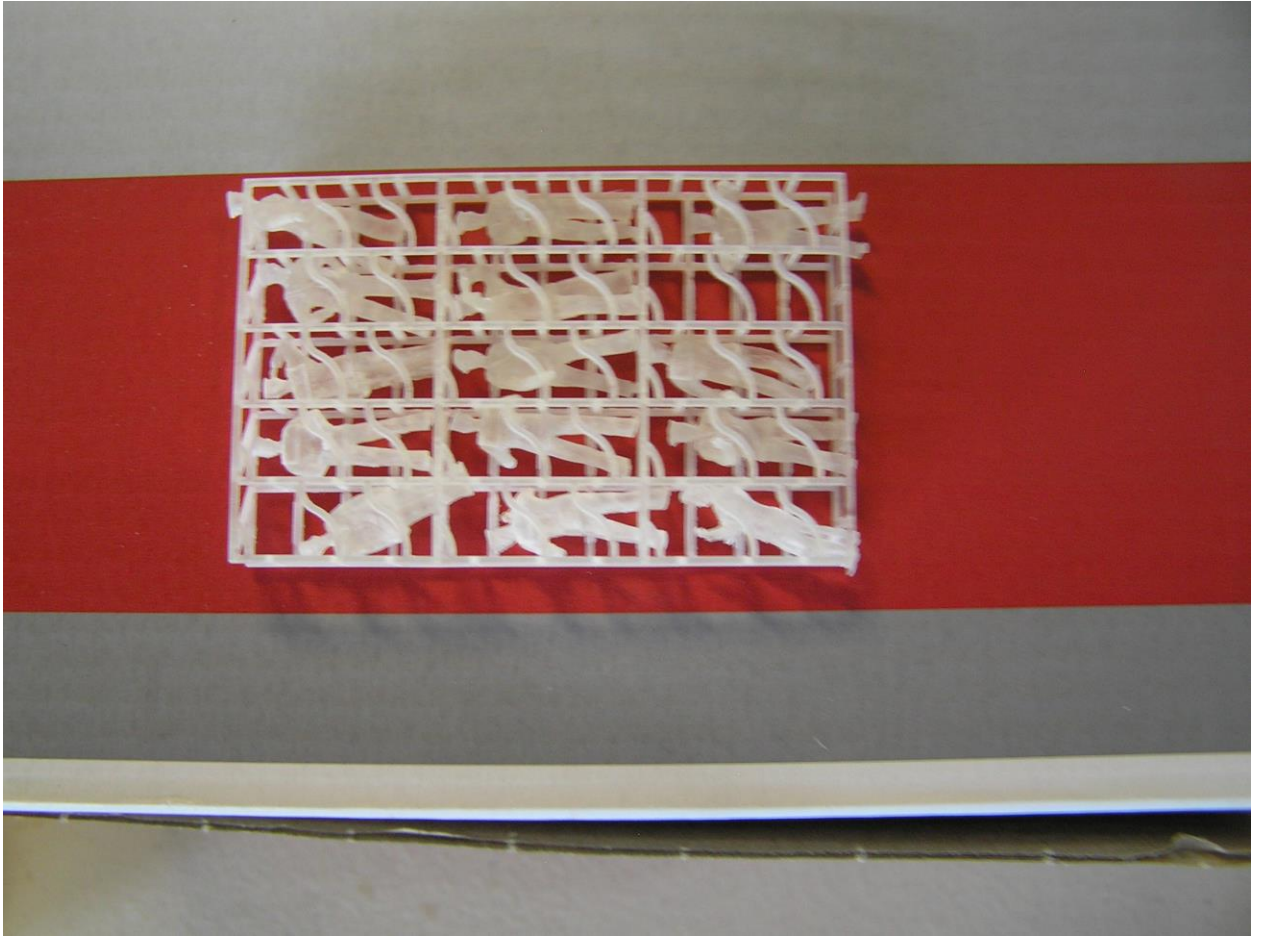
Don brought in an acquire model of America that he wished to discuss with the group in terms of where to take it from its current state. Below are a few pictures. It is obvious Don has a critical eye as he freely admits it does not meet his standards. He wishes to work the deck furniture, rigging and possibly some of the masting and spars. It was an RC kit that he too wishes to convert to a static model. He relates that he believes it to be a Sterling kit and as we all agreed it has "good bones" and is worth the effort to bring to another level of quality. Below are some pictures.





- **Figure Paining and Paints: Bill E.**

Bill has been searching for figures to place on his Civil War model in progress. He recently discovered Shape Ways a 3D printing outlet that made figures of his needed scale. Bill brought some in to show us. He did relate when he tried to heat and manipulate the figures they broke so he is still experimenting with their application.



Bill also sought aide from Mike V. of the museum to remind him how to paint figures. Mike directed him to Millennium Games in Henrietta NY which had paints appropriate

for his needs.



- **“Herself” Finished: Joe L.** 20min
AKA The Atlantis is completed and awaiting delivery. Joe will briefly discuss its final work and lessons learned.

Joe provided his impressions and experiences related to the commission on the construction of the Atlantis. The journey is nearly over and delivery will be September 12th. Rather than post a lengthy dissemination here Joe will post it on our web site. Just as an aside the MSW thread has received over 5000 visits since its initial posting January 2017.

- Viet Nam PBR Status and Next Steps: Jim O’C 20 min
What has been accomplished over the summer
What are the next steps
Need of Volunteers

Jim did a thorough job of catching the group up to events this past summer. Bill and Jim ordered the gallery of photographs of the pictures received from Patriots Point SC. In addition, Jim has completed 3 drawings of stern/aft components that volunteers can take home to work on. Bill has already agreed to take on one. Lacy has also picked up the task of converting the 50 mm gun mechanisms. Any materials needed can be drawn from our supply at the museum or picked up by the volunteer and then reimbursed.

To facilitate the project Jim will put together a spread sheet of components for members to sign up for. That should be out soon. Remember many hands make for light work so please help out.