

**February 10, 2017**

**10:00 to 1:30 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., Len I., Lacy S., Chuck B., Rusty J. in attendance*
  - Guests: Kym S.*
  - Bill Emerson Next Project Research:** *Bill is already working up research on his next Civil War project. Bill leans towards building models of historical significance even when the subjects have led a less than illustrious career or contributors to the cause. His next subject is a mortar schooner. This schooner was a siege vessel who's sole purpose was to bombard enemy emplacements prior to full attack. I am told these vessels were not particularly effective in their mission as they had minimal control over ordinance effectiveness and accuracy. Shown below is the rather crude fuse system for these mortars. The fuse itself had delineated bands along it's shaft which represented increments of burn time. Using the saw shown a gunner's mate would place the cuts according to some predetermined or adjusted schedule.*



*Bill's subject is to be one of 20 vessels that were built in the Civil War. He has gained valuable information on mortar size, placement, and has some wonderful pictures from the National Archives and the New Hampshire Historical Society and will use these to build his model of the CP Williams Mortar Schooner. When Bill was in contact with the National Archives he learned that there are no drawings of the actual vessels as these ships were repurposed vessels and as such no drawings exist, just some photographs.*

*At this Bill is contemplating using drawings of a typical schooner of the era and is now searching out viable candidates.*

**The Finished Cutter Cheerful:** *Rusty brought in his terrific model of the Cheerful from Syren Model Ship Company. It is a beauty and we*

*all had admiring comments on his beautiful model. Shown below is the model and even better pictures are on line at [Model Ship World](#) Under Scratch builds, Cutter Cheerful, Rustyj*





**Exotic Wood Alert:** We have learned recently that boxwood, swiss pear and even Alaskan cedar has increased dramatically in price. So if you are looking for a supply now may be the time to buy. Here is one source I found that has billets. [www.rarewoodsusa.com](http://www.rarewoodsusa.com)

**Syren Winchelsea Build:** Rusty has been asked to prototype the build of version 2 of this model from Syren Ship Models Company. Drawings are currently on the board and Chuck Passaro is currently working up a prototype as the design progresses. He is a bit of a ways off in releasing the prototype to Rusty so he does not have a start date yet. You can also follow Chuck's thread on Model Ship World, Scratch Builds, Winchelsea.

**A Social Event:** *We have spoken about having some sort of social event once or twice a year. Mike K. has offered up a couple dates to have one either in February or March. As we did not have sufficient attendance I will follow up with a memo to test interest. Standby*



**Mark I PBR Project:** *Four of us stayed on to begin the group build on the Mark I River Patrol Boat. In about 2 hours we managed to cut down the substrate to the waterline. We fastened the "keel" and fastened that to the work bench. We began fitting the bulkheads Rusty had ably cut out and Joe took home the remaining bulkheads that needed the keel slot machined in once again. Forms will be made to hasten the fixing of the bulkheads in place and Bill and I will return*

*soon to start the bulkhead install process. Joe tried out the stern piece but it too needs modification prior to fastening.*

- Next meeting; TBD