



Model Shipwrights of Western
New York
Meeting Log
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TOPICS



Preface

As life and times would have it we had to cancel the in-person element of our September meeting because of Covid infections of our host's wife and yours truly. Nonetheless we had a decent turnout with two

potential new members, a guest presenter and 12 of our faithful members.

We spent a fair amount of time introducing ourselves to our guests so I proposed that club business reporting take place in this log.

In regard to dues we collected \$25 in July and spent \$47 on web site domain name retention. Our funds balance is \$197.

In regard to web site problem fixes there are still fixes to be made in the Gallery and Topics of Interest area. The former area has had some scrambling of the photos attached to models as well as some deletions. I have yet to explain the disruption and at this time suspect that the way Wix builds back a file for edit had something to do with the errors. (How could it be me????) I have made some repairs but obviously further work is needed. In the latter area it is a matter of clean up.

In regard to the treasury and the web site I am looking for a member(s) to assume responsibility for one or both of these areas. I would train the

web site builder and repair the problems before turning the responsibility over.

Models On Deck

This segment of the session was to be an excellent fall kick off for members and guests to speak to their models finished or not. We had a number of people volunteer that they would bring models to show. Given that we were forced to a remote only meeting it precluded good participation.

However, there was one exception! Bill Emerson took us on deck of his scratch build USS Birmingham that is nearing completion. He prefaced his subject display with a refresher of the first light plane launching from her bow. He reminded us of the daredevil pilot who became impatient with the ship still at anchor in becalmed waters who took off anyway. Luckily the pilot did not crash in the sea but did sustain some prop damage which led to a short flight and landing on a nearby shore.

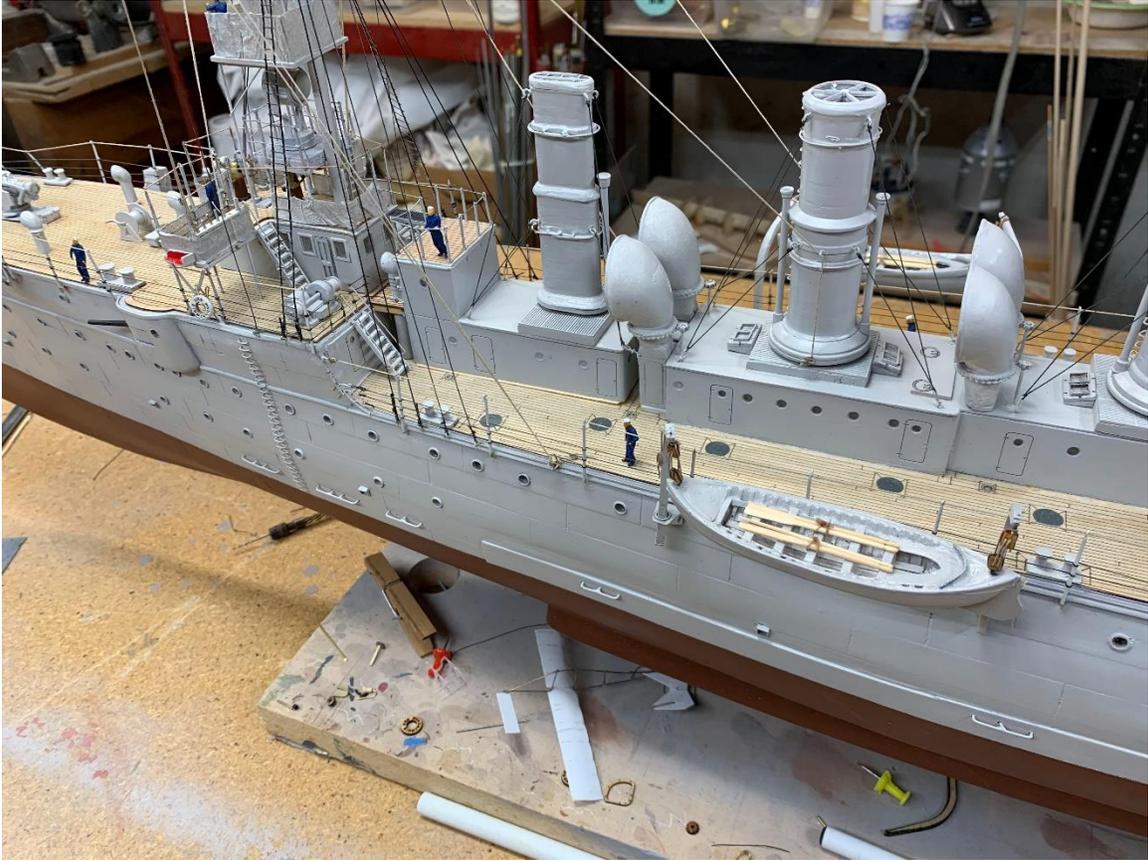
That set the stage for Bill's description the plane and launch deck build. He related that there were no plans

so he resorted to using one of the near profile shots of the plane to create a scale drawing which in turn became a laser file to construct the fuselage. From that point on it was final detailing of wings, landing gear and platform.

Bill adds much interest to his models with the placement of figures on deck in believable activity. In particular take note of the crew members on the “flight deck” moving the plane into position.



And here are a few more pictures of his work nearing completion.





One quip he made that after spending so much time detailing the fore deck and gun it became obscured by the plane launch platform!

The Art of Hull Coppering

Our guest presenter, Bob Filipowski, did a remarkable job of reporting on his research, the techniques and results of copper plating of hulls.

Bob began his presentation by addressing the pristine plating we have all seen on many models. No one would disagree that these models are beautiful works of art but he posits “is that really the true end state of plated hulls”? Through archival photos he presented, one easily sees that exposure to the elements causes the plates to take on a variation in color. So if one were to pursue authenticity how is it done?

He relates that there are basically two methods of coloration. We have all heard of or tried various chemical treatments with varying results. For chemical treatment Bob does recommend one product that seems to work the best from Walthers. But he challenges the results as likely not authentic under normal conditions. He then moves on to heat treatment and possible measures of application. The results I believe are much more realistic.

Bob has given us a gift in that he has graciously permitted us to disseminate his treatment of the

subject. With his permission I will place it on our web site under Shop Notes with credit given to Bob!

Here is the product of all his experimentation! Just outstanding do you not agree?

