

**February 13 2016**

**9:00 to 11:30 AM**

**Fifth Meeting**

**Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY**

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min
  - Guests:
    - ✓ *Craig Smith and Roger Gaborski attended*
    - ✓ *Regular members in attendance (who braved the awful weather) were Tom Lockwood, Tim Igoe, Bill Kolshorn, Mike Kamish*
    - ✓ *Chuck Baylis also sat in*
  
- A “How To” Parts Casting Method: 45min

*Craig Smith did a fine job in capturing in capsule form the art of casting miniatures. He showed samples of elements he has done in a combination of brass and resin which were fashioned into very convincing replacement elements for his restorations. He also showed samples of cannon (which Bill Emerson had turned) he had cast for Bill’s models. He spoke to and presented several molds he had to fashion for various elements he had cast. Craig then demonstrated casting of a very intricately carved replacement medallion as he was lucky enough to have its mate using quick set Alumilite. He spoke to the critical nature of measuring to exact ratios to ensure “set” of the 2 part materials using a balance scale. He also demonstrated the use of powders, in this case bronze, to “paint” the molds with prior to the pour of the Alumilite. I will attach a photo of the object.*

*As the process has many elements I will not capture it here but I will attempt a Shop Note after I study the many on line references Craig has provided to me.*
  
- Building Model Shipways Morgan: Tom Lockwood 30min

*Tom has been working on Model Shipways, Morgan, and brought the partially completed hull in for discussion. A picture is attached. He has completed planking above the Wales and some internal planking. He had solicited help on the planking at the stern as it engages the counter. The problem being it lands, at the stern, in the “air”. Tim suggested lowering the counter to provide the appropriate landing area. It seemed a good solution. Tom shared with the group his use of Minwax “classic Gray” wiping stain to simulate weathered decks. His sample was quite convincing. He also shared a tip regarding building the small boats in the Model Shipways kits which are built in stack fashion. His tip was do not glue in the bottom layer until you have completed the interior carving and sanding. It is much easier to do it this way. Tom*

*also had a great camera recommended to him by Rowe Photo. The Cool Pix 6900. It was a featured filled small camera that could take close ups 2.5 inches away from the subject.*

- Interactive Dialog CNC Machining Applied To Model Ship Building: All 15min  
*Roger had to leave early but I will work to a meeting with him to discuss a future presentation. Standby.*
- Action Items From Prior Meeting(s) 0 min
  - No Action Items
- Group Business 20min
  - An Interesting Affiliation; Mike Kamish  
*Mike has made contact with a Portugese professional ship modeler who is very willing to form some TBD affiliation with our group. All in attendance found the idea quite interesting. Mike indicates a letter (with our logo) requesting the TBD affiliation is all that it would take to initiate this. So the question for the next meeting is how do we get him involved. Here is a link to Carlos's web site. <http://carlosmontalvao.blogspot.com/> Mike will visit him in July and we will put him on the August agenda for his feedback.*
    - Quarterly News Letter: Tim Igoe  
*Tim has suggested we look at the "newsletter" as more of a journal. As we were running out of time we decided to table the discussion until the March meeting. Hopefully interim dialog will solidify the concept.*
    - Starting an MSW Thread: All  
Tom and I will work through this process hopefully by the next meeting and have input to the group. Tim has done this already and we will rely on his experience to get us over the rough spots that we may encounter.
      - Meeting Off Line???: All  
*Not covered*
      - Web Site?????:All  
*Not covered*
- Next meeting; *March meeting to include a talk by a local historian on the Lake Ontario Craft and Bill Emerson's Sassucus update postponed until March meeting Bill Emerson's Sassucus update postponed until March meeting / Stay Tuned*