

November 11, 2017

9:00 to 12:00

Revised

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min
Guests and curious folk are welcome.
In attendance: Mike K., Chuck B., Lacy S., Jim O., Rusty J., Bill E., Len I., Joe L.

- Business: All 20 min
Langley delivery to the Smithsonian , Udvar Hazy Center and maybe Chuck and Bill can speak to the other museum visits while there.

Chuck led off with comments related to the restoration of the WWI cannon that occupied Washington Square, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial downtown. The cannon, a gift in 1929 from Italy, was one of Austrian making that was captured during the war in Italy. Over 1000 Italian Americans of Rochester served and that country offered the artifact in remembrance. Chuck was instrumental in getting the cannon restored by Historical Ordinance Works in Georgia. Chuck was a speaker at the rededication this past week.

Both Chuck and Bill briefly covered the trip to deliver the USS Langley to the Smithsonian. They noted they were well received and had some time to tour the Udvar Hazy museum. It was noted that a few hours isn't anywhere near enough time to take in this entire complex. They also had time to visit the Naval Museum on M Street and the Naval Academy Museum and got time to chat with modelers and curator there. By the way Bill has models at the Naval Academy!

If we wish to have a fair weather field trip to Erie the curator of the Navy Museum, the ex director at Erie, will help us.

Treasury summary.

The yearly fee for the web site was \$168 paid on 11/4/17. The funds on hand from previous dues is \$102. The domain Name bill is not due until 11/26/18 and is \$13/year.

Dues will be due on January first. The amount for group dues collected last year was \$30/member. This year we are contemplating a supplement to support the PBR build for the museum. Standby.

Vote on the revised By-Laws

The By-Laws completed by Jim were reviewed and the voting of the group was unanimous to approve. Nice work Jim!

Publicity

A notice of the delivery to the Smithsonian of the USS Langley was submitted to the NRG Secretary. It was too late to make the winter printing but will be in the Spring Journal.

- Viet Nam PBR Status and Next Steps: Joe Lorenzo 5 min

Some good news and some bad news.

*Joe reported that we have been approved for free copy of the released drawings in PDF form. A letter of \indemnity must be signed prior to release of the prints. It is anticipated soon. **Joe took an action to call in to determine status of indemnity letter.***

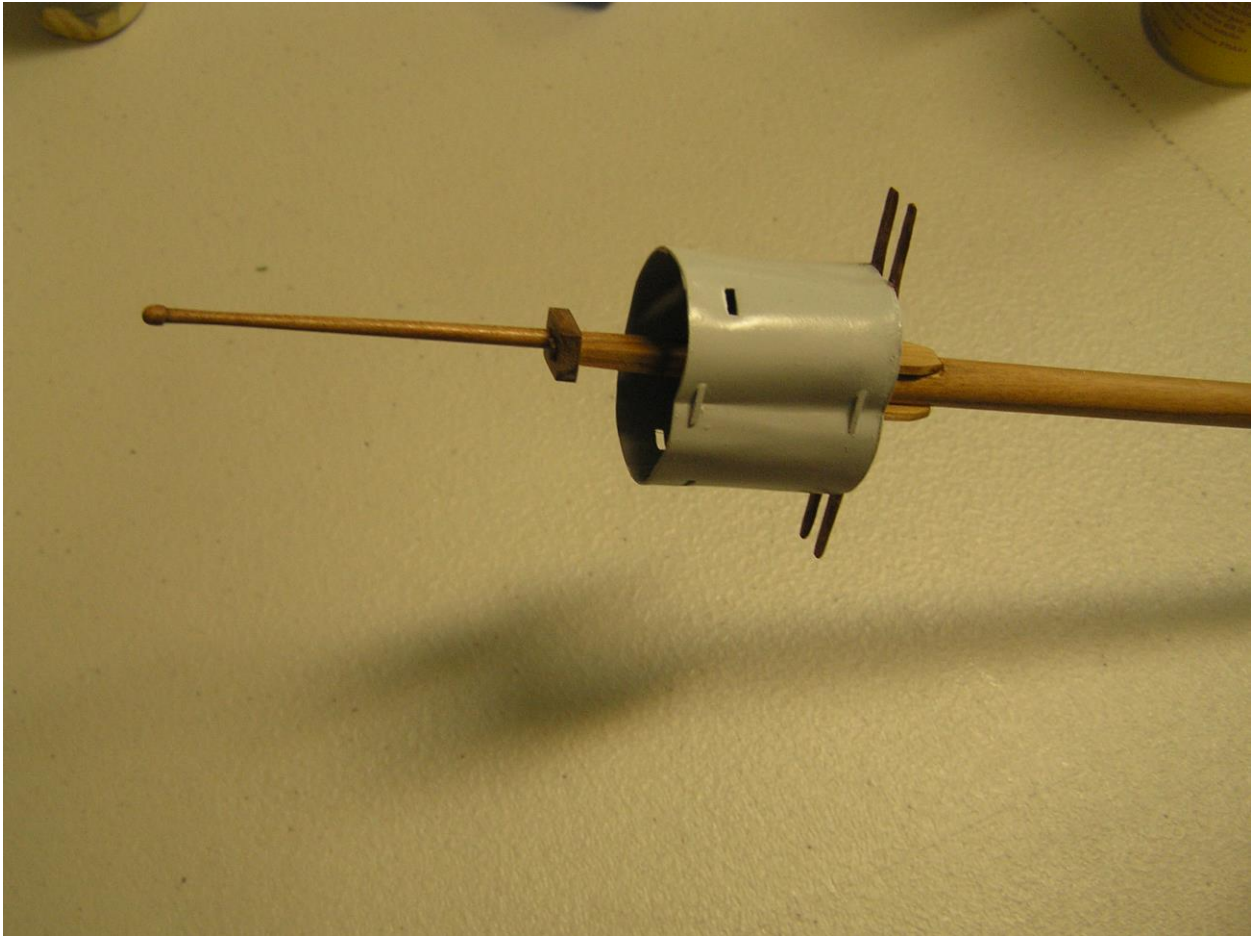
- Building the Civil War Agawam: Bill Emerson 30 min

Bill has made steady progress on this model over the summer and he has volunteered to speak to its continued development. I have seen the model at various stages and it is coming along nicely. His coppering and deck detail is bringing this model to life. I am always fascinated by his ability to 'create' from often poor quality historical photographs and produce convincing elements to scale.

Bill brought in cannon, mast lookout station and air vents he fabricated for the USS Agawam. Once again Bill showed his mastery of simple jigs and adaptive fabrication to realize very realistic deck elements. His air vents were created in multiple steps. Pie shaped sections were cut to achieve the 90-degree bends. The "horn" itself was created using sheet styrene heated and hand formed on an anvil like dowel with the center hollowed out. A dowel of the correct diameter was used to apply pressure to deform the sheet into the hollow. These were then cut out and drilled to fashion the horn. A similar process was used to create the lookout station of the masts. This form was 2 dowel-like wood blocks sawed along the axis and joined together to form the figure 8 shape when looking down on the lookout. See photo. The plastic sheet was then heated to conform to the form.

Bill used readily available mold putty (from Michaels) to mold his 6 cannon. These were done by machining a master wooden barrel and in 2 steps forming the impression of the lower half in a pre made crib. The upper half of the mold was created in like manner. If there is any further need to explore this please consult our Shop Note on Casting. The photo included shows the component parts of the mold creation. The actual resin used to mold the cannon is described in the Shop Note.





- The USS Rochester “Yesterday and Today”: Tim Igoe **POSTPONED** 20min
As you may know Tim had begun work on this project some time in 2015 prior to our group inception. However, Tim has had to retrace his earlier work and address newly discovered information. As with most research when one starts out the information foundation seems stable otherwise one does not progress but with time and circumstance new information can arise. Tim will speak to his current findings in this light and speak to the model work ahead.

- *The Antique Boat Museum Annual Parade & Auction: Joe Lorenzo* 20min
Joe attended this annual event this year and will share just a few of the pictures he took of the incredible craft and an era gone by.

The Power Point has been placed in the Resource section of the web page under Museums. The vessels displayed were but a sample of the many craft at this annual event. One is recommended to attend.

- Getting Ready for The Mark I PBR Project: All 60 min

In anticipation of the arrival of the PBR plans (3 sheets) before the December meeting we need to pull out the drawing set (that we have) for review. We should concentrate on the "keel" lay down (a cut out version is ready for review). Revisit the existing bulk heads. What we need as a substrate for the display. Materials we will use for the hull. Define next steps and who does what.

*The Maryland Silver plans were brought in and we discussed possible next steps to the construction. At the outset we were of a mind to "dive in". However, in over lay of the "false keel" we found a length anomaly with the deck plan. **Jim took the plans home and will determine what is needed or explain the difference. Jim and Joe will meet in short order to discuss the ensuing steps.***

Bill and Joe will work the work bench build in the near term to be ready for our construction efforts before Thanksgiving.

Tim will provide the bulkheads to Joe this coming week.

We will break down the tasking so individuals may be able to begin sub assemblies.

○ Next Meeting

5min

The following subjects are being considered for the December agenda:

- *Aaron Delehanty, a staff member of the RMSC will be on hand to discuss his diorama work and especially the restoration of an incredible one at the museum' This will be a center piece to the next meeting.*
- *The Atlantis Project; Joe will give an update on the progress including trials and tribulations of this model for his client.*
- *We have some open time; need volunteers. It is possible we will begin the PBR project.*