

August 6 2016

9:00 to 11:30 AM

Tenth Meeting

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min
Mike Vasile: Member of MHS of Rochester & Military Modeler
In attendance: Mike Kamish, Tim Igoe, Bill Emerson, Joe lorenzo

- Miniature Figure Painting Techniques: Mike Vasile 45 min
Mike Vasile is a skilled and accomplished miniature figure painter and has won awards for his works. Mike provided our group with an excellent Power Point presentation of the art. Much of Mike's work is done in either metal or plastic and in scale of 15, 28, and 54 mm. His presentation covered various tools and materials including paints he likes to work with. He also uses graphic images from the internet that he scales to the figure to add such striking detail as an American flag or insignia. The results were extremely worthwhile in effort. He spent a good deal of time discussing the importance of the paint application steps. Starting with a base coat, Mike then applies a primary color, then, adding color to highlight, adding accent/detail color and finally "dry brushing" for convincing enhancement of detail. He brought numerous samples of his work. The attached picture, is illustrative of his progressive painting methodology.

As stated he provided a Power Point presentation which I cannot include at this time since I cannot support this application on my PC. However it will be converted to a PDF format soon and I will turn it into a Shop Note for all.



○ A Visit Abroad: Mike Kamish

45min

Mike Kamish prepared a wonderful presentation on his and his wife's visit to Portugal. They traveled in and around Lisbon and its incredible historic sites, museums and scenic areas. I think all would agree one has to put this European trip on their bucket list.

Part of the trip was designed to visit Carlos and his family. Mike could not say enough about their warm welcome and hospitality. Travels to an incredible maritime museum and carriage museum were spectacular. Mike had many pictures related to these venues and one could see that Portugal had a strong reverence for their maritime past.

Of course the highlight of the home visit was a trip inside Carlos's shop and the models he is working on. He is a professional and that is easily seen by his "bone pile" of discarded subassemblies and molds. His work is meticulous. His passion for the art is evidenced by his reverence for the models. A completed copper plated hull was protected from contamination and damage by immersing it in a covered cradle. Copper sheets are bought in bulk and here again he has a "bone pile" of rejected material. Mike relates he is uncompromising in quality of work. If sub assemblies do not meet his standards. He will redo it without hesitation. Mike further stated

that hulls are fully planked with meticulous results even if they are to be coppered over. When asked why, Carlos replied "because that is the way of it!".

His treatments of all facets of a model are well thought out and he has devised some clever methods of fabrication. One in particular was his treatment of window framing and glazing. Carlos scribes or grooves the plexi-glass he uses for panes on his table saw and actually inlays the mullions in the substrate. This guarantees an excellent result.

His shop is well equipped with full size and model machines. Everything is scratch even metal works and cannon. His anchors are scratch made from brass stock rough cut on his band saw and fine tuned by hand. The scale is unknown but is likely greater than US ¼". Below is a picture of Carlos with one of his masterpieces.



Carlos extends a warm invitation to any of the group to stop and visit should the occasion arise. Thanks Carlos!!!!!!

○ Group Business: All

45min

We were able to focus on these items with some good results. Read on for some really rich news!

- ✓ *We brainstormed some ideas on Scott's contributions to the museum and came up with a kernel of ideas that we will pursue in the coming months in concert with some upcoming events. We spoke of the obvious outlets; Craigs List, eBay, MSW. We also discussed a mentorship program which we will "advertise". We even spoke of a Christmas raffle of some kit or kits. After the October meeting some of us will stay and do a more detailed review of the cache and that will help us determine which way and where to go next.*
- ✓ *Growing the group through publicity; First Friday's and other ideas. We discussed a number of ways of reaching out. You will be pleased to know that Tim took the reins by bringing us up on Facebook using some of our current*

material. Here is the link : <https://www.facebook.com/Model-Shipwright-Guild-of-Western-NY-338660156521727/>. We will begin fleshing out content and other attributes but finally we are on a world map! We will see what this site does over the next 3 months and re-evaluate. Well done Tim!

In addition to this and the mentor program we are contemplating giving a suitable kit to a young person and as part of the mentorship program will aid in its build. The model will remain at the museum until completed.

Also we will participate in the First Friday open house at the Anderson Arts Building starting in October. We will have members demonstrating some form of our works on a regular basis.

In tandem we are exploring ways to actively connect Carlos with our group. He has or has had association with the Peabody Museum and is willing to explore a trip to the US to put on a workshop that we may be able to attend. Funding of course is an issue and it has been suggested that possibly there is a way to have some support through a co mingled effort between a museum, like the Peabody, and the Military History Society. What a great idea!

- ✓ The publication of our journal
Joe Lorenzo will begin work on a periodic publication for the group. Outlook for a draft is October some time.
- ✓ A Field trip
If you are interested some of the members are planning a museum trip in October. Contact Bill Emerson or Mike Kamish for details
- ✓ Future Meetings;
 - ✓ September: I am out of town and as a result Tim Igoe will be the moderator/facilitator. *Tim will be discussing his work on the USS Rochester including his latest research discoveries and his planned changes. Bill Emerson has received his laser cut parts and will be discussing some aspects of his current stage of assembly on the Sassacus.*
 - ✓ October: Sadly Bill Kolshorn is on sabbatical for a period of time so his work on the Sara B will not be presented. *This is our 1 year anniversary so we need to make this a noteworthy agenda. We will host a new member in October. "Rusty" has been contacted through the MSW forum and lives in Syracuse. He is an excellent and prolific modeler who is excited to meet us. Here is a reference to one of his works. <http://modelshipworld.com/index.php/topic/12607-cutter-cheerful-1806-by-rustyj-148-scale/>. I speak for the group Rusty when I say welcome aboard!*

