



Model Shipwrights of Western
New York
Meeting LOG
JANUARY 19, 2023

TOPICS

New/Old Business

Just a few topics to cover from an administrative standpoint:

-Treasury summary

Jim had released an earlier summary and balance of the group treasury. There are no outstanding unpaid debts and the web site fees are paid up for the web page and domain name until 3/24 and 10/24 respectively. Also at this time there are no known expenditures foreseen for the rest of the year.

- Soliciting agenda candidates for the 2023 season

This subject was briefly broached with no one in the meeting offering a topic to present this year. Bill E. and Tim H. however have offered to present at a TBD date. I have reached out to the curator of the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol R.I. She has yet to respond. I will follow up in February.

- Bylaws approval (*will be sent out prior*)

As we had a quorum at the meeting the By Laws were voted upon and passed.

- Web Site problem solving

Mike and I were not able to get together over the holiday to fix the Gallery problem that erroneously links models to the wrong individual. The problem is somewhat localized and is in error starting around Ryland's location. We will work to get the problem fixed hopefully by the February meeting.

- New member induction

I am pleased to report that Melisa satisfied the necessary attendance at 3 meetings and was officially installed as a member at the meeting. Welcome Melisa!

Special Presentations: Mark I River Patrol Boat



A brief history of the development of the Mark I River Patrol Boat and a rather complete model build disclosure was presented. In total 6 people worked on the model build at one time or another. The build took place over 5 ½ years due to Covid isolation, the progressive discovery of pertinent information and the challenges of scratch build such a large model. The model has been officially turned over to the Military

History Society Museum and they will soon launch an effort to create the diorama setting that is planned. There are many possibilities for detailing the diorama as the 1:6 scale offers quite a few appointments as shown in the following photo.



The presentation will be stored on our web site under Topics of Interest.

Models On Deck

As we experiment with meeting flow we have decided to move this segment to the end of the meeting.

While the main focus will always be on models whether completed or just started members and guests are encouraged to include most anything pertaining to this pursuit. Whether it be a virtual shop tour, new tools, new kits or projects that are just underway you are encouraged to participate.

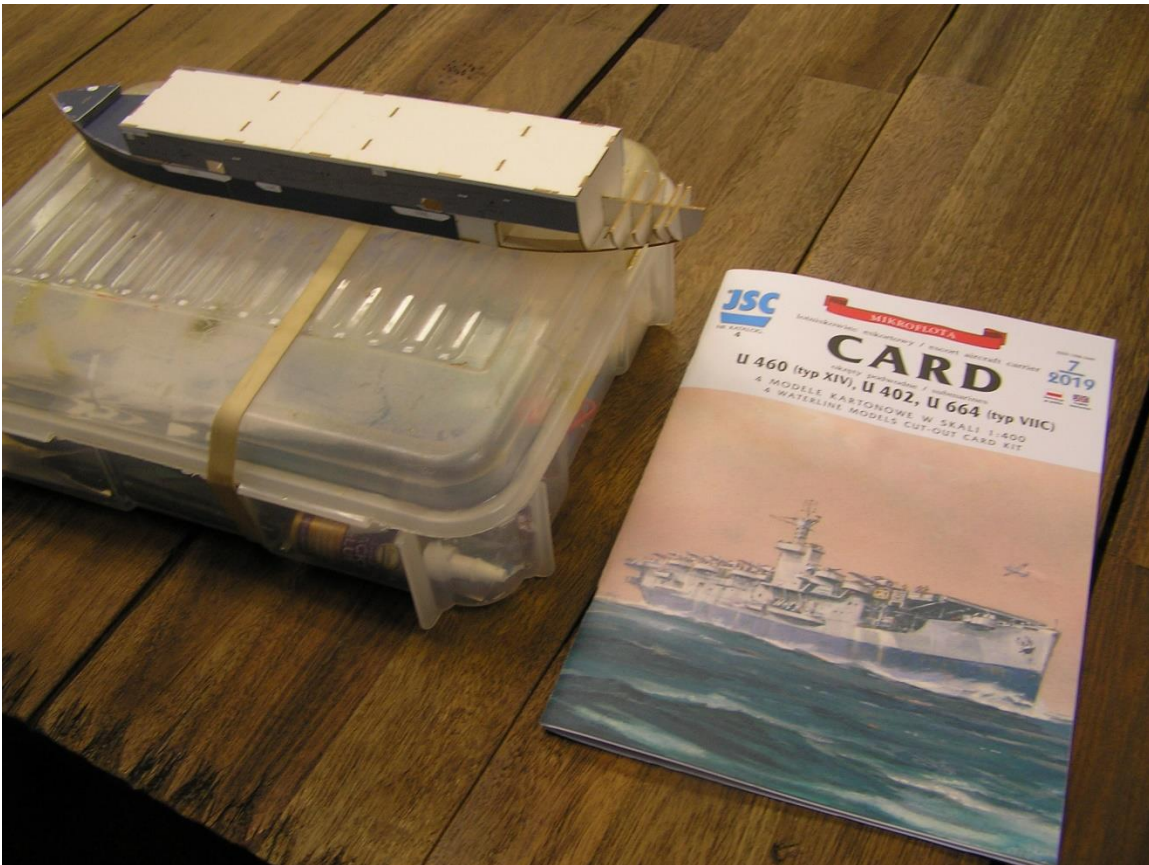
This is important. Given the nature of our meeting that include remote attendance I must ask you folk if the meeting or your situation requires you to tune in remotely, **please prepare up front some photos you can present**. It serves two purposes. It gets your message across more effectively than a bouncing laptop or camera and it feeds our Log report so much more effectively.

A Paper Model

John has been experimenting with paper model builds. He cites that simple tools, materials and portability make this pursuit very appealing.

Paper ship models have been quite popular in Europe and there are some “kits” (books really) for a very reasonable price that result in impressive models. They have been gaining popularity in the US. He chose a model from JCS’s catalog shown below.

Kurt alerted the group that there will be a two part treatment of paper ship modeling hosted by the NRG and presented by a British model society. Kurt will provide invite details soon.



A Scratch Cross Section

Tim H showed us his early work on a cross section of HMS Echo he is working on. He communicated this scratch attempt has challenged him given it is a first attempt into the scratch realm and his ability to turn out precise components given his tool set and his real

time learning. He will present at a later date more on this subject. Great start Tim!



A Classic Semi Scratch Model

I must admit I am fascinated with Rusty's HMS Winchelsea semi scratch build. It is an extremely handsome model that is mainly constructed of pear wood but accented with many of the cherry installments offered by Syren Ship Model Company. He relates he is at about chapter 12 detail build which will bring him to a near finished model. It is truly a remarkable rendition.



A Model for Manitoc

Kurt related in some detail that he has taken on a special project for Wisconsin Maritime Museum at Manitoc. It relates to the WWII build and delivery of 29 Gato Class submarines that had to be transported to New Orleans via inland waterways and the Mississippi River. Each submarine was towed by an unusually large “tug”, forward of the barge carrier and another vessel at the stern to keep the vessel planed correctly through waterways and locks on to the Mississippi receiving final

install en-route of some elements that would not pass under earlier route structures. It was quite a description and we look forward to hearing more of this gigantic “model” for the museum.

Here is a photo he has supplied that gives us an idea of the effort and waterway limitations encountered.

