



# Model Shipwrights of Western New York

## *Meeting Log*

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

# TOPICS



## Old/New Business Brief

### *Call for future topics*

*Right now April, May, September, October and November are a bit fluid. The planking segment was enhanced and had to be split up after the engrossing Models On Deck presentations.*

*We also have some folk waiting in the wings to present from early this year so for the moment we are conditionally OK through May. For the moment that is. Things have a way of changing.*

*I will be firming up our agenda planning in the next 6 weeks so if you wish to present a topic of your interest do not, I repeat do not hesitate to step forward. We will find a spot for you.*

### *New member induction*

*We officially brought in two new members who satisfied the induction criteria of attending 3 meetings prior to membership to try us out. Gerry M. and Carmen M., we are delighted to have you as members!*

*In addition, via our web site we had an interested guest join us. Chuck P. has decided to give ship modeling a try and has begun a model of an Ocre Polaris a starter model. Chuck you are welcome and we hope we continue to see us at the meetings!*

### *Reminder: Two Up and Coming Events*

*The two part expose' on paper modeling will be held on **March 18/April 15 (this is a correction)**. The NRG notice has not gone out to my knowledge. Nor is the notice on the NRG web site so as soon as I see an alert I will pass it on.*

*The application for the 40<sup>th</sup> NE Ship Model Conference is out. I will pass it on under separate cover. It will be held in New*

*London Connecticut on April 29 at the Port and Starboard as usual. Here is the only pointer I have at the moment.*

<https://happeningnext.com/event/40th-annual-northeast-ship-modeling-conference-eid3a09br7j9l>



## **Special Presentations**

### *Planking Revisited*

*Although this segment was presented it had to be shortened to allow sufficient time for the wonderful Models On Deck segment which preceded this.*

*It may have brought some of the group back as I stated I was not an expert but find myself continually learning and adjusting my technique. I admitted on a Cheerful model I ripped the planking off the port side 3 times before I ended up with a presentable end point!*

*Modeling techniques as we all know are individualistic in that skills as we mention evolve, our tool set may differ. However, it was pointed out that the principles are invariant. So with that caveat what was presented were my techniques and it was left up to others to adapt their own.*

*The shortened version covered preliminaries including planking and terminology references for further study by members. It also covered preferred woods, properties and sources, considerations for milling.*

*This abbreviated segment was termed 1A. Part 1B will be held in March and will get into the actual planking methodology. It will discuss layout of the hull, the segmenting of the hull into bands and the use of the planking graph to aid planking.*

*The last segment of this coverage will be what to do with exceptions to the rule in terms of planking adjustment and certain plank measures to imitate actual practice. I have to credit Bob F. of the Midwest modelers group who graciously gave me this presentation after he presented it at the NRG Conference in Buffalo NY some years back. It is called Part 2.*

*Part 1A has been sent out to the group for further study. The entire presentation will be finally placed on our web site.*

*I encourage all to lend their ideas and methods as we open this topic.*

## Models on Deck

*My take on this segment as well as the feedback I received was very positive! You folk did yourself proud.*

*Paddy O. has finished his Bluenose model with the completion of the sails. He obviously is using the internet sources that are so available to us these days. Frank Mastini's 1990 publication he stated was a big help to him as well as a You Tube video developed by a member of the Philadelphia model ship group on sail making.*

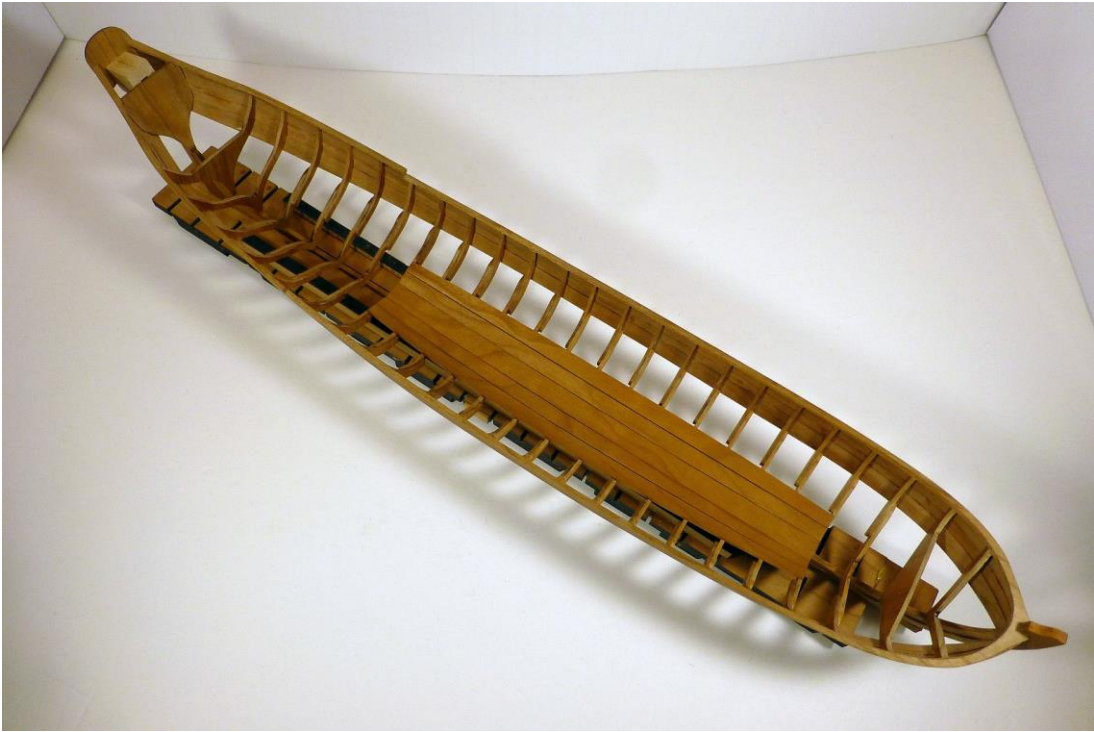
*He was supplied cloth material in the kit and made each sail to a template on the plans. Using a diluted mixture of white glue (50/50) which he applied a hot iron to when the adhesive was a bit tacky he was able to get some form to the sails before cooling.*

*Here is a photo of the completed model with sails on his newly made mounting board. Nice job Paddy!*



*Ryland C. has continued to work on his 1705 Queen Anne Barge from Syren Ship Models. It is quite apparent that it is a delicate endeavor. After the cap rail refinement, he has turned his efforts to the interior. Note that his application of adhesive is quite precise. He hastened to add that glue puddle on the 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*photo is on the build board not the model! We would not think otherwise Ryland!*



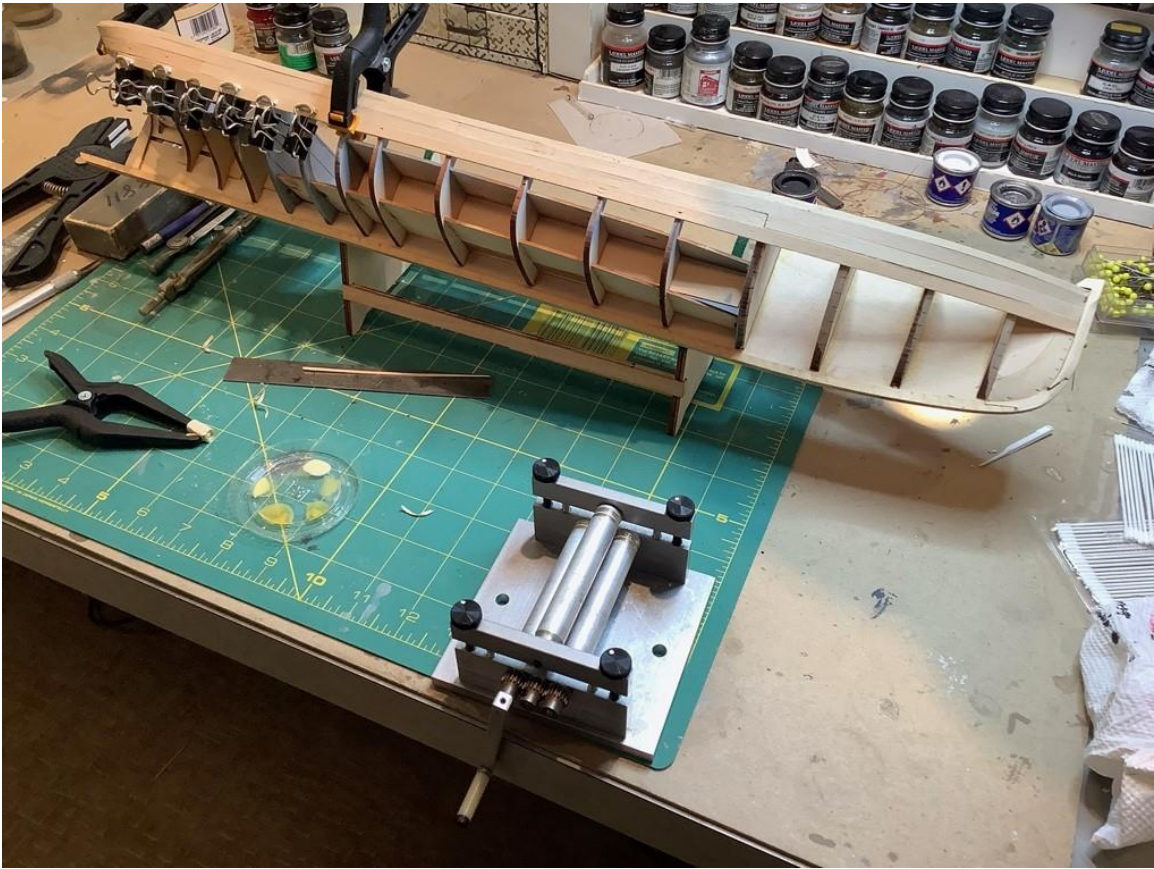


*David G. presented his early work on the Civil War gun boat from Model Shipways. David is/has shown he is developing a fine discipline in modeling. Observe the crispness of the boiler construction for example.*



*He has just begun the planking and he introduced us to his lucky find of a plank bender (foreground 2<sup>nd</sup> photo) from Micro Mark that he bought at an estate sale for \$5! He comments it works well for wood, yet ts is capable of bending soft metals.*

*Excellent work David!*

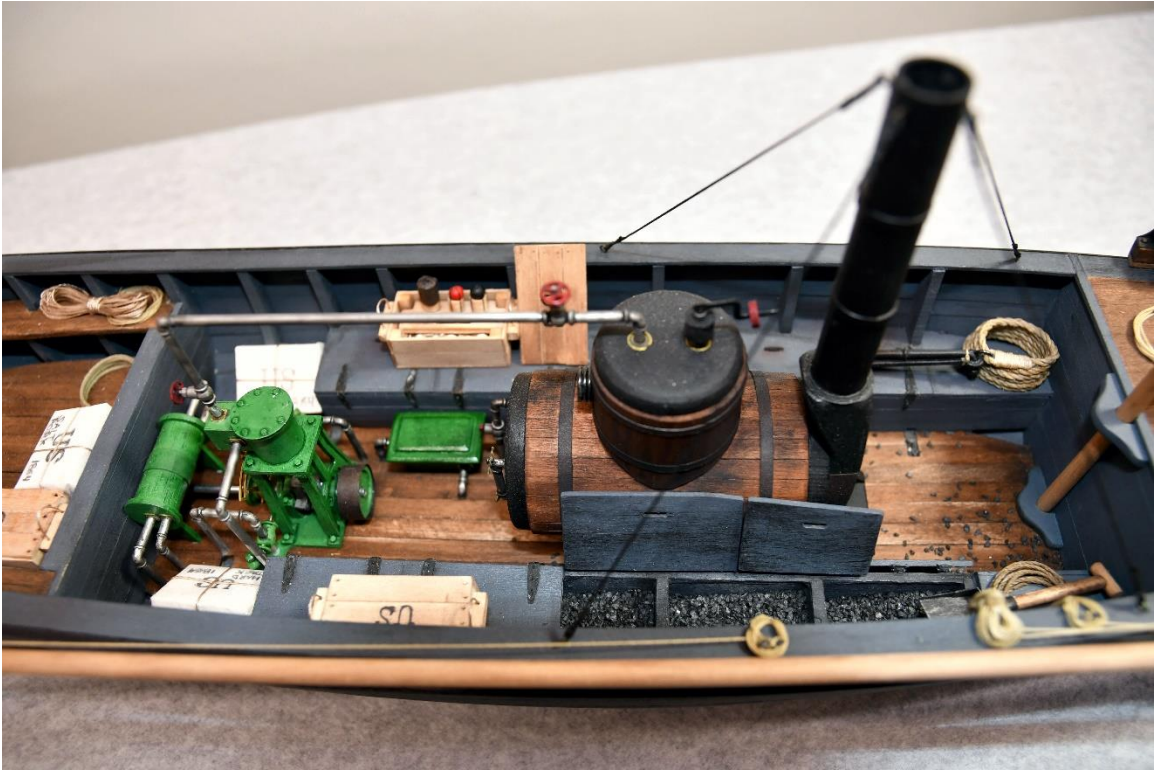


*Chuck B. dovetailed onto David's work by presenting a historical background of Lt. Cushing's encounter with CSS Ablemarle, an ironclad ram vessel, in the mouth of the Roanoke River. Abelmarle was a formidable foe and had taken on several Union craft including Sassacus with it ram. Lt William Cushing was assigned to take Abelmarle out with his gun and torpedo boat. He succeeded for a time to avoid Confederate troops but after an aborted attempt the prior night he was detected and fired upon from Ablemarle and the shore on the second attempt. Bond fires were lit ashore to illuminate the scene and it revealed to Cushing's that a log perimeter had been erected*

*around his target. Undeterred he ordered full steam and went up and over the log barrier and under fire managed to detonate the torpedo and sink his target. Unfortunately, his vessel was sunk and only he and one other escaped. Eleven others were either captured or drowned.*

*A handsome display of the event and a detailed model are on display at the Military History Society Museum with many artifacts of the time. A finely detailed model built by a member was added to the display giving the attraction a finishing punctuation. The latter should be a good study for David's model.*





*Unfortunately, due to time and a bit of mismanagement on my part the last 2 elements were not shown. They will be included at a later date.*

***Randy P.** will share his experience with a Dumas kit (USG Utility Craft) that he has had in his possession for some time. He has been reworking the kit to improve its seaworthiness and performance as it is intended to be fully R/C.*

***Joe L.** will give a short presentation on a special “shop” multipurpose table he recently built to support his modeling, time permitting.*

