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JUNE 2015 REGIONAL SHIP MODEL WORKSHOP PLANNING BEGINS IN EARNEST, **JOIN THE TEAM**

FLASH!!!! *New Bridge Team Elected!!!!*

Old Skipper's Corner

As most are aware, at the October Meeting the long delayed Bridge Team election was held. Doug Wilde has been elected as your Skipper, John Williams as First Mate. Doug Beatty was re-elected as Ship's Clerk, and John Reeder as Purser. They are to be congratulated; both for volunteering to step up and to be willing to lead our venerable organization (*Doug Wilde especially as this a return engagement for him as Skipper!*) and for earning our confidence in their being able to ensure we continue in that tradition. I also thank you for the strong support so many of you provided me over the 5+ years I have been associated with bridge positions. In particular, I want to express my appreciation to Bruce Buchner who mentored me while his First Mate, and those others that were among my bridge team during my tenure as Skipper. This includes Vince McCullough, Warren Yuan, John Reeder, Doug Beatty, Patricia Woodhouse and Carl Erikson. Serving the WSMS and being associated with such a skilled group of ship modelers has made me very proud. BZ Team! Ah!, but you're not completely relieved of my meddling ways yet! I have offered Doug to serve as the Lynx Editor, and the Events Coordinator for the June workshop.

Hope you had a Happy, **SPOOKY**, & fun
HALLOWEEN! *Lou Husser*

Next Month's Meeting

Saturday, 08 November, 2014 at 10 A.M.
Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road,
Alexandria, VA 22308

Directions:

- From the beltway go south on Route One to the first left, Fort Hunt Road (SR 629). Head south about 3.5 miles to Shenandoah Road. There will be a Shell Gas station on the near corner and the Hollin Hall Shopping Center sign on the far right corner.
- Turn right on Shenandoah Road and proceed to the driveway on the right just beyond the 7-11. There is a large parking lot.
- Enter the center by the door under the green roof. Turn right; there is an elevator. Go to second floor, turn left, go to end of hall, turn right and go down the corridor to room 213 or 217.
- From the south turn off Route One to the right at Sherwood Hall Road. Continue past the Library about a mile to Fort Hunt Road. Turn right on Fort Hunt Road and head south to the gas station noted above.

Visitor's Always Welcome!

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Washington Ship Model Society was convened on September 13, 2014 at Thomas A. Edison High School in conjunction with its participation in the National Capital Model Soldier Society (NCMSS) 53rd Annual Show.

It was chaired by the Skipper, Lou Husser. Seven members and one striker, Mr. Larry Smith, were present.

Summary of Business Discussed:

A slate of bridge candidates for the delayed 2014 bridge team elections was presented. Voting for the team would be completed and tallied at the October meeting and the results announced immediately.

WSMS along with PSMS are sponsoring the First Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference. Other regional shipmodeling clubs are being invited to participate. WSMS members are being asked to help in the organization of this event. In addition, Lou Husser who will function as the event coordinator, will contact specific members to solicit their participation. The event will take place in the Maritime Institute Conference Center (near Baltimore) in June 2014. There will be a \$60 charge. An agenda loosely based on the successful annual New England Workshop is being worked.

Lou is working to set up an Eastern Shore Working Class Boat Building Tour sometime in the fall. Details are being worked with our Eastern Shore Modeling friend, Ed Somers. (See latest info in opposite column – Lou)

Doug Beatty will host the October Focus meeting.

Meeting Attendees

Bruce Buchner	Doug Beatty
Doug Wilde	Lou Husser
Rodger Frye	John Williams
Grant Berry	

Submitted: *Doug Beatty Ship's Clerk*

UPCOMING 2014 EVENTS NOTES

Chesapeake Bay Working Craft Tour

During the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Model Expo in May, we were joined by Ed Somers, a superb modeler of Chesapeake Bay regional working craft. He and I had been discussing the possibility of arranging a fall visit to the Eastern Shore to meet with local work boat builders and waterman to learn more about their craft. Because of several factors we have decided to push back the tour until possibly next spring; stay tuned!

National Society of the Children of the American Revolution Museum WSMS Model Display

The “National Society of the Children of the American Revolution Museum” has invited WSMS to participate in their National Project for this year, the focus of which is the Star-Spangled Banner and the War of 1812.

Ms. Teri Fischer, the Museum’s Senior Curator reached out to our Society asking if we might loan them models of ships from that era(1812-1815). Three of our members, Dr. Joel Labow, Peter Gutterman and John Nickum have volunteered models representing that period for display.

The soft-opening of the exhibit is Monday, December 1 with December 10 being the formal opening. The exhibit will then run to June 1st, 2015, a six month loan period. Other organizations are making loans as well.

1st Annual Mid-Atlantic Ship Model Conference & Show

We in partnership with the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) are planning to host a regional ship model conference in 2015. (See following article)

WSMS Meeting Planning for New & Potential New Members

The regular monthly business meeting is virtually always on the 2nd Saturday of every month and rotates between Bethesda (even numbered months) and Alexandria (odd numbered months). Exceptions occur when we have an event that coincides with a 2nd Saturday such as the field trip. The 2nd meeting is the Focus meeting and held at a hosting member's house every 4th Saturday. Exceptions occur when a planned event overlaps these dates or when a holiday proves problematic i.e. Thanksgiving, and we try to work-around. The Lynx, our newsletter, which we try to get out by Wednesday or Thursday (sometime Friday!?) preceding the regular meeting, normally contains both an agenda for the upcoming meeting and a long range schedule listing.

JUNE 2015 REGIONAL SHIP MODEL WORKSHOP

As you are aware from our monthly WSMS meetings, planning has begun to take shape for a regional event formally scheduled for June 13 and possibly 14, 2015. The location is Conference Center at The Maritime Institute (CCMIT) near BWI Airport. We have already signed a contract reserving it for the foregoing dates.

Our close partner in this effort is the Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS). We will be leaning heavily on them for their experience with these types' events including the very popular Annual Northeast Ship Model Show & Conference which is held every year in April in New London, CT. The New London show is hosted by the Connecticut Marine Model Society and features up to 100 top notch ship models built by ship modelers from Maine to Philadelphia. See the following website for a description of the New England event.

<http://blog.ctnews.com/connecticutpostings/2014/04/07/32nd-annual-northeast-ship-model-show-set-for-april-26th/>

Our plan is to model our event along similar lines but include elements that are related to our region's equally rich and extensive maritime heritage. We have lots of nautical attractions to draw on, such as the Naval Museums in Washington and Annapolis, the USS Constellation and other historic vessels in the inner harbor in Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, the Chesapeake bay Maritime Museum and Solomon's island Museum as well as other smaller Bay area museums on Virginia's North Neck, and even a far down the Norfolk area.

A rough description of the program plan includes such things as a model competition, RC pool, seminars, a featured speaker, vendors, modeling tools, supplies, and maritime bookseller. The

admission fee will likely be around \$5.00, and children under 12 free.

Progress Report:

Planning for the event begins in earnest. So far we have:

- Established a partnership with PSMS to plan and execute the event
- Signed a contract with the CCMIT
- Appointed an event coordinator – Lou Husser
- Begun formation of joint WSMS-PSMS committee
- Informally socialized the concept with; the Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis, Hampton, and the Washington and Richmond Chapters of IPMS.

To make this event a success, your help is needed! Several of you have already signed up to help. Volunteers besides the bridge team include; Vince McCullough, Carl Erikson, Bruce Buchner, Warren Yuan, Bill Attick, and Tim Rulon.

These members will form the nucleus of a planning committee that are expected to include a a minimum, the following elements:

- Inter-Club liaison and communication
- Program Planning
- Venue design and setup
- Advertising & Graphic Design
- Vendor solicitation
- Registration
- Finances

If you have experience in these areas or are just willing to help, contact Lou Husser at 540 659-7088 and by mail at LBHusser@verizon.net

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BRIDGE TEAM NOTES AND REPORTS

First Mate

The September IPMS Nationals in Hampton, VA was a well-run convention. Ship models both in competition and AS displayed by various Chapters were of high quality. Flagship Models was the only exclusive ship model vendor. Numerous plastic model vendors offered ship model kits for sale. I have a number of photos to show at a future meeting. My only model purchase was an updated 1/72 Flagship Models kit of The CSA Hundley.

Warren Yuan

Ship's Clerk

Nothing significant of note to report.

Doug Beatty

Ship's Purser

Member's Dues – Based on a review of WSMS 2014 expenditures, and as supported by the membership, next year's dues will be \$20

John Reeder

Webmaster

Our website host, IPower, had a temporary disc failure in early October which delayed posting of the September issue of the "Lynx". The disc problem was corrected and the issue is now online. The WSMS website includes downloadable PDF files of the "Lynx" newsletter from October 2009 to date. It also has files of our bylaws and the 1944 "Log of the Washington Ship Model Society" giving a detailed history of the society from its founding through 1944.

Carl Erikson



MEMBER NEWS

An Old Member Rediscovered!!

By Lou Husser

Several weeks ago, I received an email from a gentleman named Wayne Wilson offering to donate some ship's plans and 3 kits to our Society. I responded that we would be happy to accommodate him and I would find a member that lived in his vicinity to stop by to pick up the donations on behalf of the WSMS. A search for an available member failed and the offer faded below the email horizon as other concerns crowded in. Mr. Wilson persisted however and since I was to blame for not being more attentive decided to make the trek up to his place on a following Sunday. Wayne and his wife Helen live just beyond Silver Spring Maryland in a beautiful Colonial and huge big back yard. I arrived around noon and.... could not make myself leave until well into the late afternoon.

Some of you long-time members like Jim Shick and Gene Larson must have recognized Wayne's name by now. Yes, Wayne is a member that we have unaccountably lost communications with but he certainly hasn't forgotten us! He still wears his WSMS blue and white ball cap from the 1970's (*see the picture in member model photos page*). He also has his original membership certificate proudly displayed in his den. Moreover, Wayne is a decorated Marine WWII aviation Avenger TBF rear-seat gunner and a veteran of several Pacific campaigns.

I am not sure which I enjoyed more; hearing about his WWII and post WWII tours as well as his long career as a US Navy sonar engineer, or, seeing the work of the most prolific and accomplished ship model maker I have ever known or heard of.

When I say prolific, there is no exaggerating the sheer number and diversity of his work. It starts in his living room and it alone contains the output and quality that would make most of us proud. As Helen though quietly remarked, "You haven't seen much yet." We moved into the next room and a similar number of models came into view.

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Wayne Wilson, Long-time member rediscovered

Wayne next led me downstairs into his den; a room with yet more models of all description plus mementos from his time in the Marines and later as a highly recognized Navy civilian engineer. From there Wayne led me through a hall back to his exercise room. The entire one side of the hallway was a deep two shelf, three glass door case. Each shelf was crammed three deep, front to back and filled along their entire length with ship models again of every description. The exercise room was similarly well stocked. The last room we visited was his workshop. Currently he is working on planking up another Baltimore Clipper (I am guessing at least his 4th or 5th based on what I saw in other parts of the house). While showing me some of his jigs for plank bending (well worth a tips column), he opened one of several

storage cabinets. I had to laugh! Most had a shelf with more models!!

Equally impressive as the number of models he's built; conservatively well over a hundred; was the breadth of his maritime interests. The majority were wooden sailing vessels, representing all eras stretching back to Greek biremes, up through early 20th century coastal schooners and working craft. There were entire shelves some devoted to Civil War era naval vessels; riverine as well as blue water; Coast Guard vessels, and mid to late 20th century tugs, etc, way too many to even recall. Many models were scratch built using plans obtained from the Smithsonian, while others were from a wide variety of wooden kit manufacturers. He even dabbled in the occasional plastic and I believe, resin kits as well. Some began with a fiberglass hull. He even successfully tried his hand at RC.

Wayne and Helen are both in good health and were gracious and entertaining hosts. They recalled earlier WSMS meetings that once were held at member homes, of which more than a few I suspect they hosted. They said to be sure and say hello to all their old WSMS friends. As I was leaving with the plans and kit models, Wayne with a big grin asked if I would like to see one last model of his before I left. It was a full size Ford Thunderbird in his carport. He told me he figured he had more than a few more good driving years left in him and I believe it. I hope we can keep in touch. I would love for him to show up in his T-Bird at a future meeting!?

September's It Ought To Be a Model Answer



Name USS Muskeget (WAG 48)

Type: Weather ship

Tonnage 1,827 tons

Completed 1922 - Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp, Sparrow's Point MD

VASA CANNON CLONE IN ACTION

Contributed by Carl Erikson, WSMS Webmaster

Found on the web:

A replica of one of the cannons present on Stockholm's iconic Vasa warship when it sank in 1628 is being tested for the first time in central Sweden.

The cannon was painstakingly recreated in order to find out more about the type of naval warfare tactics employed during the 17th century. Sweden's Vasa

warship is one of the country's most beloved vessels. It famously sank just 1,300 meters into its maiden voyage when it left the docks in the Stockholm harbor. It remained under water until 1961 when it was brought to the surface and restored.

Sweden was the world's largest exporters of cannons during the 17th century and reproducing the mammoth weapon was a considerable challenge for those involved.



Speaking just after the first blast, Fred Hocker from the Vasa Museum told The Local: "Well it's a result, we made a hole! Now we've got to make some more." He said that is team planned to look closely at the damage caused by the cannon balls, which were fired at a wooden construction based on the hull of the Vasa warship. By looking closely at the dent in the wood, the team hopes to learn more about how effective the cannons would have been in historic battles. "The ball

created a smaller cloud of splinters than I would have expected," added Hocker.

To see a video of the cannon firing, and its impact on a replica hull, go to:

<http://www.thelocal.se/20141022/iconic-vasa-ship-fires-biggest>

WSMS MEMBER MODELS PHOTO PAGES



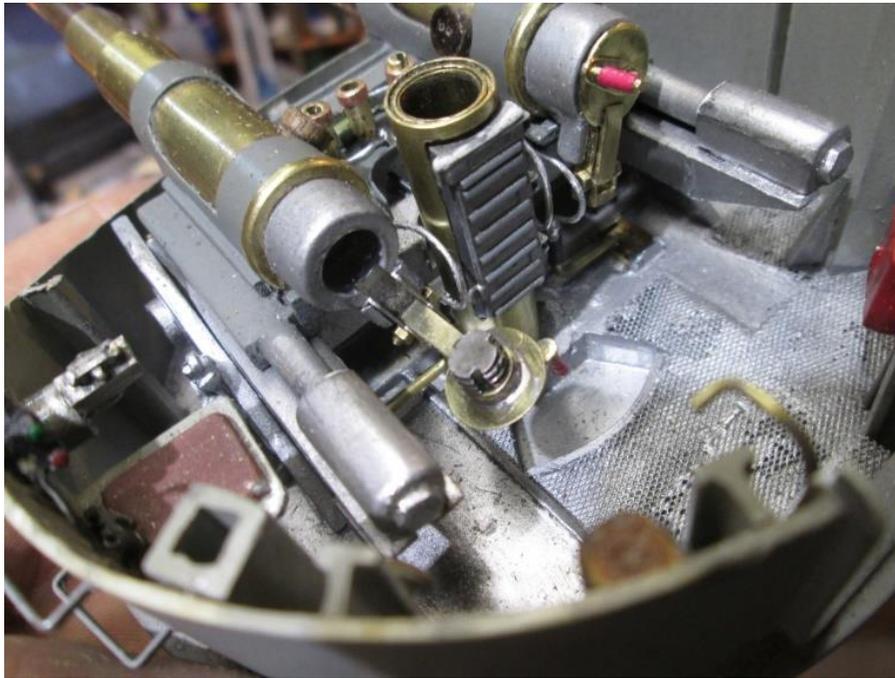
FIGURE 1 THE WSMS CREW MANNING THE TABLE AT THE RECENT NATIONAL CAPITAL MODEL SOLDIER SOCIETY (NCMSS)



**FIGURE 2 WAYNE'S LATEST PROJECT
PLANKING A BALTIMORE CLIPPER**



**FIGURE 3, A PEEK INTO ONE OF WAYNE
WILSON'S MANY MODEL CABINETS**



**FIGURE 3 BRION BOYLE'S LATEST MOD TO CSS SHILOH
A WORKING BREECH BLOCK AND BLANKS FIRING CAPABILITY**

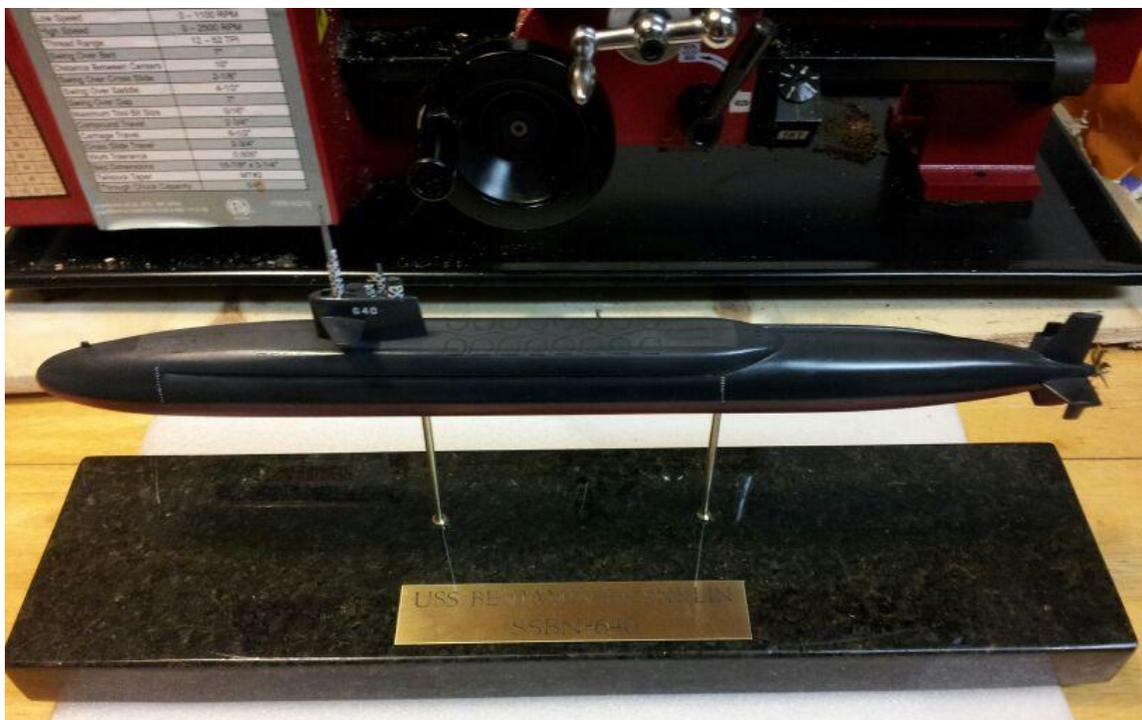


FIGURE 4 STEVE HUSSER'S 700 SCALE BOOMER

SEPTEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH

Recommendations to an Airbrush User Wannabe

Good advice extracted from an email exchange between Bruce Buchner and one of our members

If you are thinking about adding working with an airbrush to your modeling skill-set, here is some advice from an experienced WSMS user.....

Go to a store, for example Harbor Freight, and look for a decent air brush to learn. Purchase along with the airbrush, a small compressor, a thin hose and an air regulator with a water trap on the bottom (water in the line will ruin the paint job). Don't get one that looks like photo on the left. They have no control. You want one



that is similar to the right-hand photo.

Make sure you get the correct fittings so you can connect it to the end of the hose on the



compressor. Water traps have to be a ways downstream from the compressor so the air can cool down and drop its moisture. Then you connect your airbrush line to the other side. It depends on the paint thickness and your brush but normally you will get best results between 8 and 20 PSI.

Very Important! Thin your paint to the consistency of milk! Next begin to practice painting cardboard that is slick (i.e. non-absorbent qualities). That way you learn how to avoid having paint runs. Runs mean too much paint and/or too close. Rough surface (orange peel) means too much pressure or too far away (paint is drying in the air). Here is a link to a web site featuring airbrush lessons: <http://howtoairbrush.com/> Also go to youtube.com and search for "airbrush." There a lot of videos from modelers. Here are two.

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+use+airbrush&FORM=VIRE5#view=detail&mid=6F008A765725CD8E71BC6F008A765725CD8E71BC>

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+use+airbrush&FORM=VIRE9#view=detail&mid=23C832671F3CEB5E474023C832671F3CEB5E4740>

Very Important! When you are finished airbrushing you have to clean it. If you use enamels you can just spray lacquer thinner through it but with acrylics you usually have to disassemble it.

Very Important! Using a respirator while airbrushing is a healthy practice... and make sure you area is ventilated.

