



The Lynx

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Next Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2012 At 10 A.M.

At

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center(WRNMCM) Bethesda, MD

8901 Rockville Pike

Bethesda, MD 20889-5600

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<http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/main.aspx>

Directions:

From Capital Beltway (I-495)

WRNMCM (Formerly Bethesda Navy Medical Center) lies on the Maryland side of the Capital Beltway (I-495) in Montgomery County. The Beltway is accessed from the north on Interstate 95 or the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, from the east on MD Rt. 50, from southern MD on MD Rt. 4 or 5, from all points south on Interstate 95, and from the west on Interstate 66. Head west on the Capital Beltway. Take Exit 34, Rt. 355, South, Wisconsin Ave. towards Bethesda, in left lane. Cross Cedar Lane; at first median crossing (no light), turn left into the WRNMCM. At the guard station, show ID. From here you will be directed to parking.

Skipper's Corner

This month's meeting at Bethesda will be in the executive dining facility as usual. If you are new or are bringing a guest, be sure to let Joel Labow know so he can get you past the gate. Joel's e-mail is Joel.Labow@med.navy.mil

Coming up next month is the Maritime Model Expo Saturday, May 19 & Sunday, May 20, 2012 Sat., 10 am- 4 pm & Sun., 10 am - 3 pm. Admission is free for WSMS members participating in the event.

Held in conjunction by the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's Model Guild and the North American Steamboat Modelers Association, the expo includes radio-controlled models powered by steam, battery, and wind. Static displays of highly-detailed and realistic models by the Washington Ship Model Society and others will be featured, as well as activities for children too.



Please let (Need a volunteer for this) know if you are coming so that we can get the information

APRIL 2012 WSMS MEETING AGENDA

- Ψ 1000 – Skipper's Remarks
 - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
 - Bravo Zulu Gene!
- Ψ Treasurer's Report – Jim Reeder
- Ψ 1010 –Show & Tell
 - Bring and demonstrate Your Favorite Modeling Tool(s)
- Ψ 1140 - Old business
 - Report on Name Tags & Mugs acquired for new members – Gene/Lou
 - IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic - Fairfax High School – Warren Yuan
- Ψ 1155 - New Business
 - Appointment of an Election committee to be composed of 3 most recent WSMS Commodores - Bruce
 - Bylaw change appropriate?
 - Saint Michaels WSMS participant volunteers solicitation

- Fall Joint Meeting at Solomon's Island with HRMS other regional clubs report - Gene
- Summer Road trips anyone (Archives, Navy Yard, Carderock, Norfolk...)?
 - Need an organizer
- Do we need to raise the dues, charge an initiation fee...?

Ψ 1230 –Meeting Adjourn

Upcoming Schedule of Events

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings
- April – Carl Erikson
 - May - Cancel?
 - June Chris & Patricia

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- Ψ 12 May - IPMS Northern Virginia Model Classic - Fairfax High School
- Ψ 19 & 20 May - St Michaels Maritime Model Exposition
http://www.cbmm.org/v_calendar.htm (Vince Coordinating?)
- Ψ Looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

2012 NRG Modeler's Symposium

- Ψ The next Nautical Research Guild Modeler's Symposium will be held Saturday, April 21, 2012 in Beaufort, North Carolina. The North Carolina Maritime Museum is this year's host. Proceedings will begin at 8:00 AM, while adjournment is scheduled for 4:00 PM. Each presentation will deal with some aspect of model shipbuilding, with the main emphasis being on techniques and methods. The symposium speakers, all NRG members and Directors, are experienced modelers who have numerous publications and speaking engagements to their credit. They will be using PowerPoint format to assure that all in attendance derive the most benefit from these discussions. The cost is \$75.00, and includes lunch. For additional information or to register, contact the NRG Home Office at (585) 968-8111 (8:00 Am – 1:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday) or consult their website at www.theNRG.org. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating and lunch catering requirements.

Museum News

Contributed by Lou Husser

Ψ **USS OLYMPIA**

It appears that Admiral' Dewey's flagship, the USS Olympia, at the 1898 Battle of Manila Bay may survive after all. Naval Sea Systems Command which manages the Navy's ship donation program is working with four possible contenders wanting to take over the cruiser and continue to exhibit her. The current list of contenders are located in Philadelphia, Washington DC, Beaufort, NC, and Mare Island, CA. The

Philadelphia group would continue to exhibit her as an afloat vessel. The other three are proposing out-of-the water type venues. A final decision will be made sometime in 2013. In the interim the National Trust for Historic Preservation is collecting donations to help fund a badly needed overhaul. As you may recollect we made a \$500 donation in the name of our recently deceased member, Ken Dorr. If you are interested in making a donation, you can do so through the following website – www.preservationnation.org/olympia

Ψ **BROOKLYN NAVY YARD (BNY) MUSEUM OPENED**

A new US Navy oriented museum has opened in at the former Brooklyn Navy Yard in Brooklyn New York. The yard originally began operations in 1801 and was one of the navy's earliest construction and repair facilities. It is noted for constructing many of the Navy's most iconic warships including the USS Arizona. On exhibit are historical documents, maps, engineering plans, and artifacts. The BNY museum staff is available to assist researchers tap into a motherload of archival data related to the yard. For museum details go to www.Bldg92.org

Ψ **NAVY MUSEUM SLATED TO MOVE**

The recently released strategic plan for the Naval History and Heritage Command proposes moving the museum currently located inside the District of Columbia Washington Navy Yard to a structure just outside the Western end of the yard. The current space is considered outdated and too small to adequately display its extensive collection. Additionally because of current base security practices it is difficult for potential visitors to gain access. Parking for the public has also been a major headache. Besides a display of artifacts, the Museum's new Director, James Bruns previously with the Smithsonian, envisions the museum embracing the concept of "Edu-tainment," employing cutting edge technology including a 4D theater and interactive displays. The move is apparently slated to begin in 2012 and when it is to be completed was not evident.

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<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>
<http://www.cnc-models.com/>
<http://mysite.verizon.net/ELLshipmodeler/index.htm>
<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>
<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>
<http://www.modelslipway.com/>
<http://www.boatnerd.com/>
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<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepsy9w/sealaunchcommander2/>
<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>
<http://www.jdproduct.com/>
<http://www.micromark.com/>
<http://www.joesmodels.com/>

<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>