

Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

For the Mutual Benefit in Model Ship Building; for the Exchange of Ideas; and to Preserve for Posterity Scale Models of Historic Vessels, we Associate Ourselves Together to Form This Washington Ship Model Society

Lou Husser Seeks Jutland Era Models

Models needed for display in conjunction with a distinguished 3 Panel Member Battle of Jutland Forum to be held at the Washington DC Army Navy Club in September

SKIPPERS CORNER



The weekend of 9 July three friends and I traveled up to Rhode Island for a museum trifecta: the Charles W Morgan, New Bedford whaling Museum and the Naval war College Museum. All three had world-

class model collections as well as lots of other nautical memorabilia. I will give a presentation at the next meeting combined with a talk about ships boats that I gave several years ago I can do what Roger did at our last meeting: a mix of show and tell with more formal discussions would be a great format. . I highly encourage and welcome all our members and associates to consider providing their own presentations on similar such visits!!

JULY 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at the Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria, VA.

Joel, our Skipper, was on vocation in Rhode Island so Commodore Doug Wilde presided, opening the meeting at 1005.



August WSMS Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD
Canyon Conference Room

From the Capital Beltway, take Exit 34, Rt. 355, South, Wisconsin Ave. towards Bethesda, in left lane. Cross Cedar Lane, and continue to the first traffic light (Woods Road). Turn left into the Center.

At the guard station, show ID, and inform the guard that you are attending the Washington Ship Model Society meeting.

Walk across from the garage to the America Building entrance, past the information desk and take the elevators on the right to the 4th floor. Turn right out of the elevator and walk past the pediatrics waiting room to the Canyon Conference Room on the left.

VISITOR'S ALWAYS WELCOME!

Reports.

Treasure's Report - Carl Erikson our Purser discussed dues collection (\$20.00 for CY-16). He also offered WSMS patches (\$5 per patch) for sale to members at the meeting.

Lynx Editor's Report- Lou Husser reported that the Lynx, starting with this month's edition and hereafter, will be published following the regular monthly business meeting. This is to accommodate having a more timely report of the WSMS's recent activities and more advance notice of upcoming events. Lou also asked that members assist with the newsletter by sending him newsletter material that can range from a complete article with pictures to tips, websites, pictures of their work, interesting events..., Note: if any of the material is gleaned (not plagiarized) from other sources, also provide information for the source so appropriate attribution can be made. Also, if any member is looking to sell our purchase a ship-model related item consider using the Lynx's "CLASSIFIED ADS." It's free to WSMS members.

New Business.

None

Old Business.

Upcoming Events –

1. St Michael, Maritime Museum Model Expo (Oct 2016) Doug will work with our 1st Mate, Brion, to get additional information on the show. (See the announcement elsewhere in the Lynx on this subject).
2. Proposed Mid-Atlantic Regional Ship Modeling Workshop(Summer 2017?) - Doug Wilde briefed and showed photos from his April trip to the 34 New England Model Show in held in New London, CT. This model show is the inspiration for a similar workshop in our area and would be in partnership with other regional ship modeling groups.
(<http://modelshipworld.com/index.php/topic/12817-34th-annual-northeast-ship-model-conference-and-show/>)
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Show & Tell

- John Downing displayed parts from his 1/200 HMS Hood model. John also recently obtained a 3-D

printer and discussed using it to create model parts. He shared a couple of turrets that he produced. The level of detail of the parts was amazing in part because the exterior of the turret house had hatches which would be difficult to do via scratch building.

- Rick Yorzyk is in striking distance of completing his scratch-built model of the WWI era US submarine, O-9. The O-9 was lost with all hands. While with NOAA, Rick participated in the successful search to re-establish the location of the submarine and assess her current condition. He displayed several pictures of side scan sonar images of the ship as found. The cause of sinking is unknown. Images of the hull show at least part of the after pressure hull had collapsed. He brought his model to the meeting to share with us his progress. Noted for his passion to accurately reproduce in near-minute detail various piece-parts of the original vessel, he displayed several scratch built parts he has been manufacturing. He has been aided in this area as a result of his aggressive research efforts. He discovered a significant number of excellent, very detailed photos which he shared during a brief presentation. Rick Yorczyk announced plans for his next modeling effort, 1/200, HMS Barham. He displayed plans of HMS Barham which he obtained from the Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England. Barham was torpedoed at close range early in WW II and capsized within 90 seconds. There are videos of her sinking on You Tube.
- Jamie Lunsford brought his first ship modeling effort, a plank on frame sailing ship hull that he has started. The hull bulkheads are all aligned on the keel but not yet fared. Before he weighs into the complexities of planking, he asked for advice from the membership on its methodology. Several members with some experience in this area, all offered pointers with the most important being to obtain some of the better printed material that covers this topic. Several specifically recommended "Planking the built up ship model" by Jim Roberts. The book is available from Model Expo. Jamie was asked to bring his project back to the next meeting where several members will bring examples of tools, and other modeling aids to demonstrate techniques they were successful in using.
- Peter Gutterman displayed a kit of a Baltimore Clipper, the "Grecian;" discussing the details of the

kit and some tips/recommendations for customizing them into a thing of beauty. In case you didn't know, Peter loves Baltimore Clippers; this is his 4th!

- Larry Smith brought his labor of love, the clipper ship model "Sovereign of the Seas. She was built at Baltimore by Thomas Kemp. Larry discussed his challenges in completing the model, particularly the rigging.
- Vince McCullough brought two models he recently purchased at Piper Hobby. The first was 1:350 Mogami (cruiser) in her 1942/1943 layout. The second was a 1:350 IJN Shokaku (carrier). The models came with lots of "extras" including extremely complex photo etch.
- Jim Johnsen, attending his 1st meeting, brought his excellent diorama of a 1200 scale IJN destroyer at anchor with a tender along the port side. All commented in particular on how realistic the water was made to look. His next project will be a model of HMS Warspite.
- Lou Husser brought his recently scored bundled package of models, that included the Shipways "USS Constitution," Scientific's "Bluenose" and "America," and Midwest's Muscongus Bay lobster smack." In a separate deal he reprised his childhood by also

purchasing Revell's ionic but wholly inaccurate model of the WWI German raider, the "Seeadler."

- Carl Erikson offered those in attendance a partially built Dumas Chris Craft R/C kit that a friend wanted to donate for a nominal sum of \$75.00 to go to a charitable organization of WSMS's choosing.

Doug Wilde discussed his recently acquired Blue Ridge kit, the USS Wolverine. He provided an overview her WWII conversion from a Passenger ferry into a Great Lakes pilot training carrier. Because of his extensive knowledge of the Wolverine and her sister, USS Sable, he was able to critique the kit, noting several inaccuracies but nevertheless still a good representation.

The meeting adjourned at 1210.

13 Members and 2 Strikers attended:

Bill Black	Doug Wilde
Vince McCullough	Lon Heidler
Rick Yorczyk	Warren Yaun
Larry Smith	Peter Gutterman
John Downing	Roger Frye
Carl Erickson	Tim Rulon
Lou Husser	

New Strikers

James Johnsen	Jamie Lunsford
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BRIDGE ANNOUNCEMENTS



Skipper – Nothing to report

1st Mate – Nothing to report

Ship's Clerk - WSMS Badges & Coffee Cups

We are still putting a list together and checking it thrice!. If you are a member and need a badge please **contact me** and I will add you to the list for ordering. Also if you never received your WSMS Coffee Cup also let us know.

Member dues are payable on the 1st of July, and are set at \$20.00 per year. Note; I will accept checks but not cash at meetings. Checks can be mailed to me payable to Washington Ship Model Society. At the May meeting it was it was agreed that members would be able to pay for two years at a time. I will work up an announcement to that effect for the next Lynx, and also an email (to members only).

Purser - Dues Are Now Payable

Webmaster – Nothing new to report.

WSMS NEWS & VIEWS

MEMBER CONTRIBUTED SCUTTLEBUTT

A column where members can contribute most any notes or recommendations pertinent to ship modeling
Send comments to Lou Husser at LBHusser@verizon.net

USS Wolverine Blue Ridge Kit Reviews

<http://members.boardhost.com/Warship/msg/1467676507.html>

Here is the Steel Navy review by Steve Backer that Doug commented on.

<http://www.steelnavy.net/BlueRidgeWolverine700.html>

Bruce Buchner



Alaskan Cruzin...07/07/16

I'm Skagway and just boarding White Pass & Yukon.

Bruce Buchner

Check this Naval Wargame site out!

<http://worldofwarships.asia/en/content/game/>

Lou Husser

Looking for PT Boat Armament?

I think I can turn the .50 barrels at 1/24th but an alternative may be....

<http://www.shapeways.com/product/AV34GUQSY/1-24-scale-50cal-machine-gun-set-for-elco-pt-boat?optionId=39408183>

I could never do the perforated barrel jacket. This guy's Shapeways shop has a lot of PT items in large scales.

<http://www.shapeways.com/shops/patmat>

Bruce Buchner



into Military History?

Lou Husser

You might want to consider joining the US Commission on Military History (USCMH); I did! That's where I met Dr. Peeks who gave us that fantastic presentation on post WWII Naval Construction and its impact on ship design. As well stated by my good friend and Secretary General of the USCMH, Dr. Don Bittner,.....

"USCMH has an eclectic membership, ranging from scholars to active duty and retired military personnel to government historians to those interested in military history (especially from an international as well as U.S. perspective). We also have members in Australia, Britain, Canada, Finland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Switzerland.

Membership dues are \$40.00 per year. If you opt to join the USCMH, you can contact me through my EMAIL address, I am a retired Marine officer as well as Professor Emeritus, although still teaching, with the Marine Corps Command and Staff College.)

The USCMH is the recognized United States institution by the International Commission on Military History - which hosts an annual international congress. The USCMH can propose papers to be presented at its yearly congresses, with a vetting process which results in sponsorship by the USCMH. After each congress the ICMH via the host country publishes the papers presented at its annual meeting.

The USCMH annual meeting is in the Washington area, at which we award the Collins prize for the best book in military history published in a designated year - and the recipient gives a presentation on his work. Most important, being a small and close organization, we can and do help each other in our research. Personally, in recent years members have provided counsel reference the medical effects of serious leg wounds in the early 19th century (by a Royal Marine officer at the battle of New Orleans) to aspects of dueling in the md-19th century (reference the last duel in Britain involving Royal Navy officers in 1845 - actually Royal Marine but then the Corps is part of the Royal Navy)).

If I can answer any further questions, I shall be most pleased to do so.

Hope to hear from you

Donald F. Bittner, Secretary-General

United States Commission On Military History

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Potential WSMS Display Venues

An old suggestion we ought to resurrect??

*"Thought I would send this to all of you since I don't know who the new bridge is/will be. I was reading the ROPEWALK, the newsletter of a club in Ohio, and noticed that the do a show at the Ohio state fair. It occurs to me that the Fairfax Fair and Montgomery Fair might be good venues for us. **Might be worth it for the Bridge to check out.**"*
Vince McCullough (in 2014)

WSMS SICK, LAME & LAZY LIST

Doug, Beatty - Recovering

The WSMS crew misses you! We all look forward to seeing you soon!



WSMS Member Helping the Washington DC Army Navy Club Observe The Centennial of the Battle of Jutland

Several of our WSMS members also happen to be members of the Army Navy Club (ANC) located off Farragut Square in downtown Washington DC. The Club traces its roots to December 1885 when seven Army, Navy and Marine Corps veterans of the Mexican and Civil wars met to form the United Service Club. In 1891 the Club was reincorporated as The Army and Navy Club. One of the Services it provides is a very active "Forums" program. These forums have featured highly regarded authors, senior government representatives, historians, and veterans as speakers.

As part of its World War I centennial program, a Battle of Jutland Commemorative Forum will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 27 September. Our member, Lou Husser, who is also a ANC member and is on the Club's event committee, has been a key player in developing Forum's theme and assembling a distinguished three member panel of Naval experts highly acclaimed for their knowledge of WWI navies and the battle itself. These panel members include:

Dr. Ryan Peeks,

Historian, Naval History and
Heritage Command

Dr. Peeks will address Jutland from the British perspective, as well as British naval policy before the war and the effect of Jutland on subsequent RN development. His primary expertise is with battleships and battlecruisers. He is also very conversant in the effects of the battle on postwar naval developments and the arms limitation treaties.

RADM Samuel Cox, USN (Ret.),

Director, Naval History and
Heritage Command

Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox, U.S. Navy (Retired) serves as the director of the Naval History and Heritage Command and Curator of the Navy. He is responsible for the Navy's museums, art and artifact collections, the research library, 150 million pages of archives, and for collecting and interpreting U.S. Naval history throughout the world.

Dr. Norman Friedman

Naval historian, Consultant on
global naval strategy, naval
technology, and naval warfare

Dr. Friedman has been an advisor to Secretaries of the Navy, a member of a leading U.S. think tank, has authored more than 30 books, and has since the 1980s contributed regular columns analyzing world naval developments for Proceedings magazine.

The ANC has extended an invitation to the Washington Ship Model Society, and their compatriot Annapolis Ship Modelers to exhibit a select number of representative models of German and UK ship classes from that era. If you have a model that you would like to exhibit, and any member that would like to attend the forum, please contact Lou Husser for details. Lou can be reached at LBHusser@verizon.net and by phone at 540 659-7088

The unsinkable Concrete Battleship of Manila Bay

Coastlines 1/1250 Fort Drum CL-HM-A05

By Jack Ray – WSMS Associate

I ordered the Coastlines 1/1250 scale model of Fort Drum from the Antics online store

(<http://www.anticsonline.co.uk/>) . Although listed at GBP 24.00, I got it for GBP 20.00 because they knocked off the VAT. Add to that GBP 5.00 for shipping and Bob's your uncle. Antics has one of the best online selections of 1/1200-1/1250 models, but they are not cheap. All things being equal, I am very satisfied with my new piece

After the end of the Spanish-American war, the USA strengthened the its coastal fortification network up and down our East and West coasts as well as in our newly acquired "colonies".

Probably the most interesting of the new fortifications and at the entrance to Manila Bay in the Philippines, Fort Drum was a result of completely encasing El Fraile Island in concrete. The model represents the fort from 1922-41.

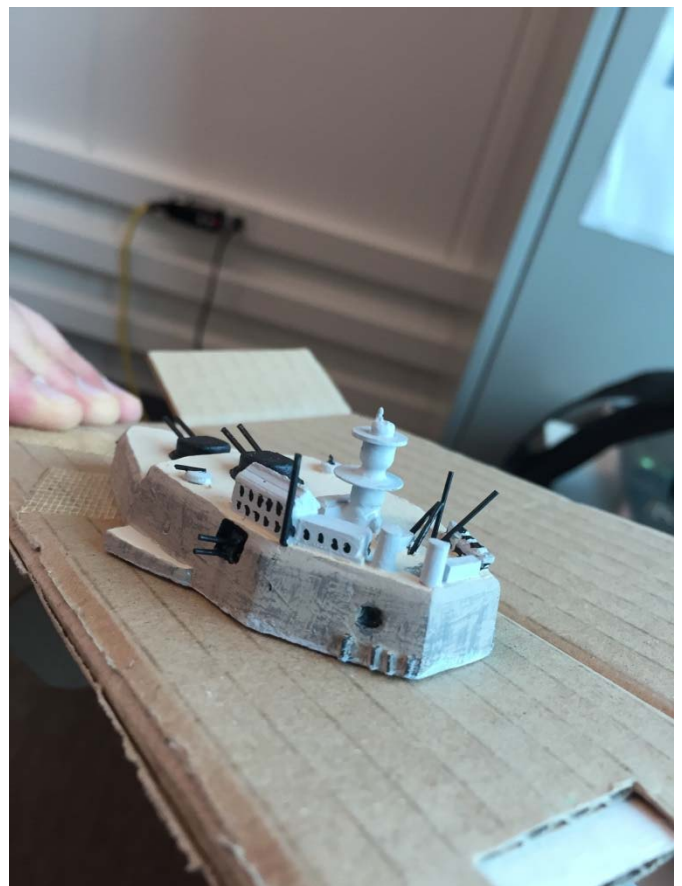
Armed with 2x twin 14" guns in superimposed turrets and 4x6" guns in double casemates, this was probably the most powerful island fort ever constructed. It looked exactly like a ship and it was even mentioned in the Washington Naval Treaty of 1921. The fort surrendered to the Japanese after a 5 month siege in May 1942 when the drinking water ran out (just as laid out in Plan Orange, but no cavalry to the rescue). In 1945, the Americans re-captured Fort Drum using a specially adapted landing ship and a lot of gasoline. The burnt out remains with the two big gun turrets can still be seen today.

Apart from the high-level cool factor associated with the idea of a concrete battleship , my interest in Fort Drum stems from my late father having spent a good deal of his childhood in the Philippines at Fort



Stotsenburg (co-located with Clark Field) in the 1930s. His Dad commanded a battery of horse artillery at the time. One of the stories my father told was of a cruise around Manila Bay where they sailed past Fort Drum--the 7 year old was very impressed. He showed us a home movie of that boat trip back in the early 90s (including footage of Fort Drum)

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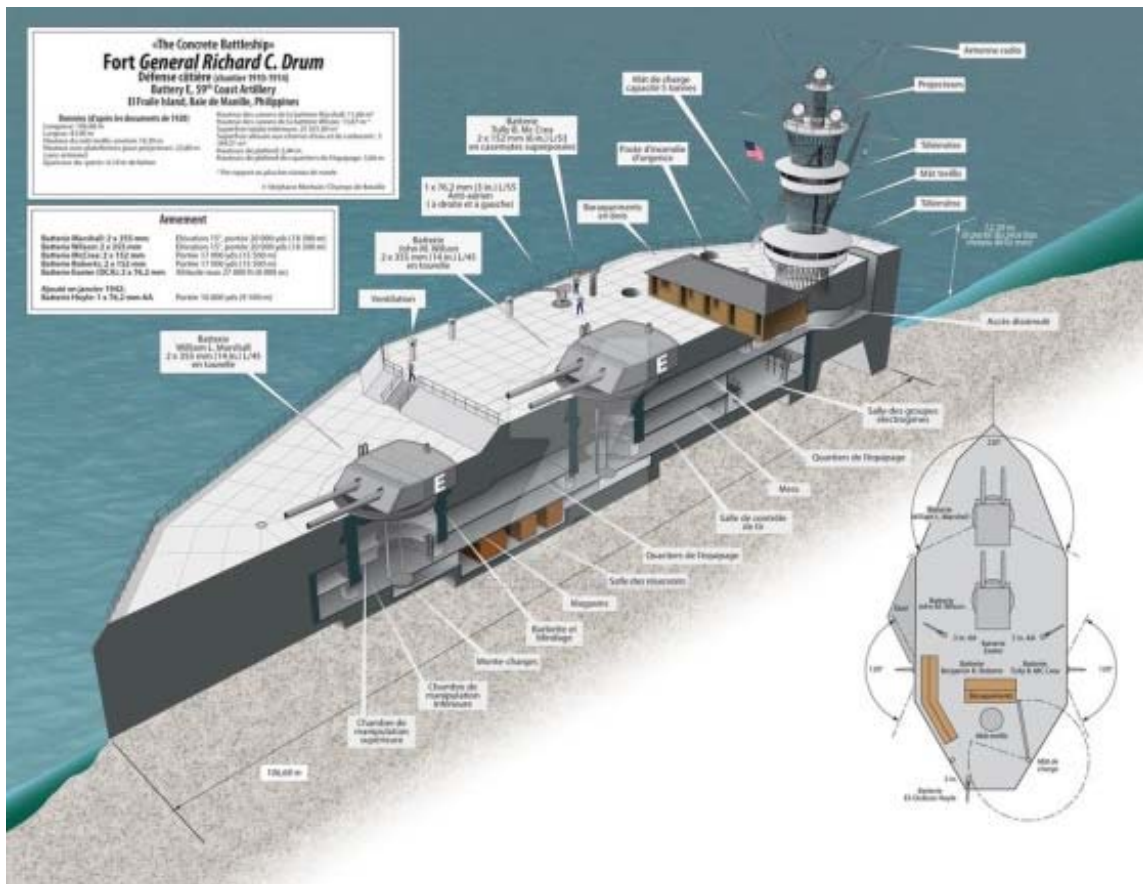
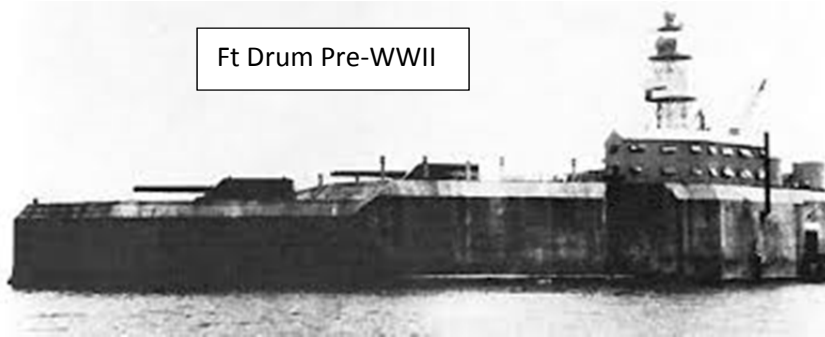


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MODELING TIP & TECHNIQUES

Contributed by WSMS member

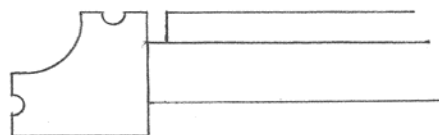
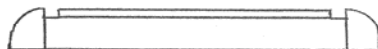
Roger Frye

HOW TO MAKE MODEL CASES

6/11/16 R. Frye

-cheaply, with a minimum of tools
-materials available at Lowes, Home Depot

- BASE
- | | |
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| 1. 1/2" particle board or MDF | 2'x2' approx. \$6.00 |
| 2. Oak trim moulding (various) | \$1.00 - \$1.50/ft. |
| 3. 1/4" Oak veneer plywood | 2'x4' \$10.77 |
| 4. Miscellaneous - glue, stain, finish | |



- ACRYLIC PLASTIC CASE
- Five pieces, custom cut. For 20"x14"x7", \$28
-PRICE VARIES WILDLY. Shop around.
 - Cement e.g. Weld-ON #3 Very fast set \$6

NOTE: 1. **GET PLASTIC CUT FIRST**, then build base to fit.
2. Sand plastic edges to be glued with >= 220 grit paper, or else you can get bubbles in seam.

COST (estimate):

First case:	\$28 acrylic	Second case: \$33
(not finished)	\$6 MDF	
	\$11 plywood	
	\$5 moulding	
	\$6 cement	
	\$56	

OPTION- WOOD FRAMED CASE

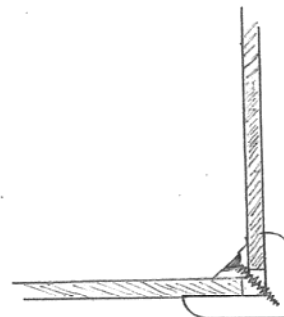
BASE - Same as above

- CASE-
- 3/4" oak corner guard moulding
 - 3/8" triangle trim
 - 1/2" wood screws (brass)
 - acrylic, 5 pieces, custom cut

Advantages:

1. acrylic cuts less critical
2. no glue
3. can replace damaged pane
4. fine finish of cut edges not required

Disadvantage: Need to finesse case top, but top is removable.



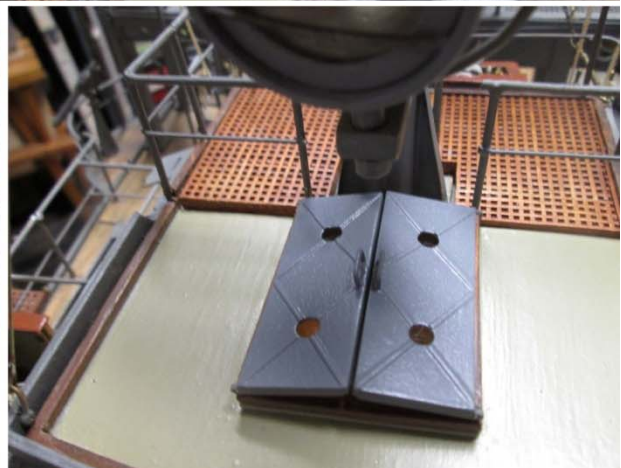
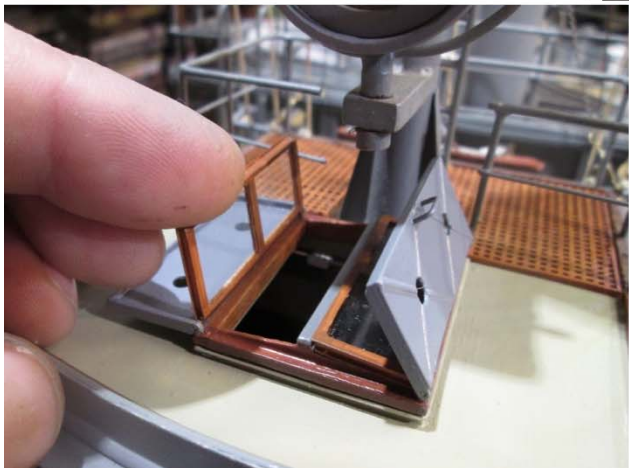
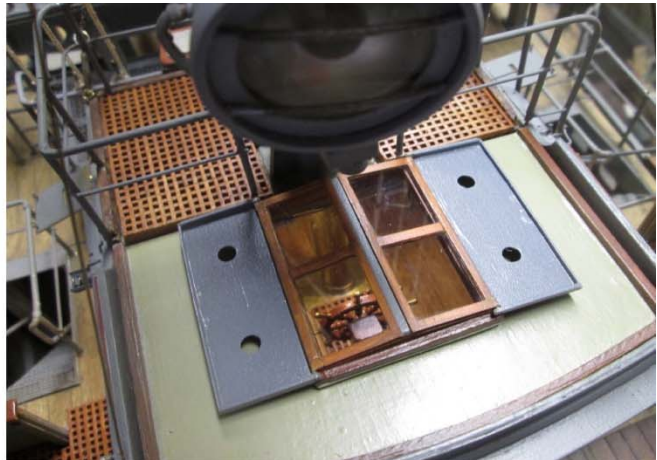
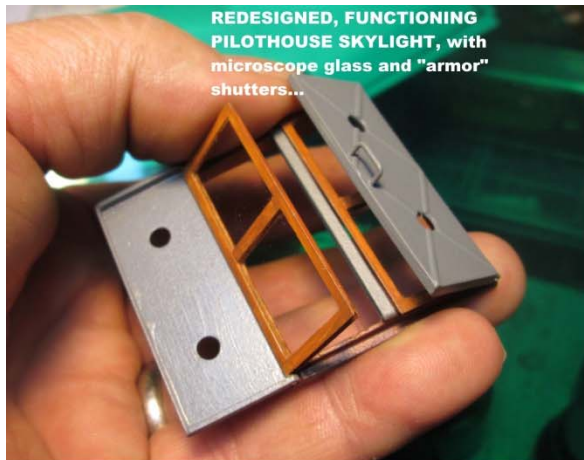
Don't let the cat catch your mouse!
and Tips! Lbhusser@verizon.net



Share some interesting scuttlebutt

May WSMS Photos

Brion continues to improve on the impossible! Here are his most recent upgrades to CSS Shilo!



Note light over chart table with chart. Also checkout the inclometer. If I know Brion, it works!





Classifieds

WANTED

A DRUM THICKNESS SANDER AND BANDSAW

If you have one that you would like to sell, contact Lou Husser at
at LBHusser@verizon.net or by phone at 540 659-7088

Newsletter Ad Policy

Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx. They may be either want or for sale ads and should normally be limited to a 100 or less words. Non-members may also submit one ad to a monthly newsletter

Nautical Mystery Photo

Can you....?

1. Identify who this person is and his nautical connection?
2. Why is he dressed like this?
3. What achievement is he credited with?
4. If you were to model a related ship, what ship or ships would that be?
5. Identify where this memorial is located and why?
6. Extra credit – What is the name of his dog?

Send your answers to the Lynx Editor at:

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Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.

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\$48.00 USA
\$60.00 Foreign



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WSMS Yearly Planning Calendar Page

2016			
<p style="text-align: center;">MAY</p> <p>May 14 - Regular Meeting <i>Alexandria, VA</i> 28 May - Focus Group, location TBD Smith Island Arts Festival</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNE</p> <p>Jun 11 - Regular Meeting <i>Bethesda, MD</i> Jun 25 - Focus Group – Host, <i>Carrollton, VA</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JULY</p> <p>Jul 9 - Regular Meeting in <i>Alexandria, VA</i> No - Focus Group</p> <p>Annual Membership dues shall be paid (\$20.00)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AUGUST</p> <p>Aug 13 - Regular Meeting <i>Bethesda, MD</i> Aug 27 - Focus Group, location TBD Task Force 50 Regatta 21 Aug York, PA http://ssmana.org/TF50.html</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Sep 10 - Regular Meeting <i>Alexandria, VA</i> National Capital Model Soldier Show Sep 24 - Focus Group Location TBD Sep 27 battle of Jutland Forum, ANC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p> <p>Oct 08 - Regular Meeting <i>Bethesda, MD</i> Jun 25 - Focus Group, location TBD Oct 31 through Nov 2 - Sultana Downrigging Weekend, Chestertown, MD Oct 01 YANKEE STEAM-UP New England Wireless & Steam Museum East Greenwich, RI</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NOVEMBER</p> <p>Nov 12 - Regular Meeting <i>Alexandria, VA</i> Nov 19 - Focus Group Location TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER</p> <p>Dec 10 - Regular Meeting <i>Bethesda, MD</i> No Focus Group Meeting in December</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY</p> <p>Jan 14 - Regular Meeting <i>Alexandria, VA</i> Jan 28 - Focus Group TBD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FEBRUARY</p> <p>Feb 11 - Regular Meeting <i>Bethesda, MD</i> TBD Richmond IPMS Old Dominion Open</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MARCH</p> <p>Mar 11 - Regular Meeting <i>Alexandria, VA</i> Mar 25 - Focus Group</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL</p> <p>April - Regular Meeting <i>Alexandria, VA</i> April 23 - IPMS Northern Va. Model Classics WSMS Bridge Nominating Committee Appointed</p>

Send inputs & updates to Lynx Editor at: LBHusser@verizon.net

Red Font - WSMS a registered participant

Purple Font – WSMS members can register independently for

- Regular monthly meetings are always on the 2nd Saturday of the month and rotates between Alexandria (even months) and Bethesda (odd months). Focus meetings are always on the 4th Saturday of a month at a volunteer's home
 - There are of course exceptions to the foregoing such as when an event (ex. IPMS) may displace a meeting. Normally, if it is a regular meeting that may be affected, we will hold the meeting in conjunction with the event in an arranged set-aside room. If a focus meeting is impacted we just let the event serve as the focus meeting.