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Upcoming Events

The next meeting is **12:30 pm, Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Roseland Library.**

The April 2024 Tech Session is still open. We ask for a SMSNJ members to step up to present a Tech Session or two. See details inside.

April 6, 2024 IPMS Mosquitocon, 1 PAL Drive, Wayne NJ

June 1, 2024: Day at the Farm. Ship Model Exhibit in Pennsville, New Jersey

August 3, 2024: USS New Jersey Modelcon hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

Meeting Report: The meeting was opened at 12:15 pm at Roseland Library by our President, Eric Marshall. This is the second time that we had a Saturday meeting and the first time that we met at our normal meeting venue, Roseland Library. In general, the meeting timing worked very well excepting that we will move our meeting time to 12:30 so that the earlier meeting has time to leave and we can set up.

Twenty one members attended, fourteen in person.

Eric asked for feedback on our new meeting day. For the most part, those at the meeting are fine with meeting on Saturday. We needed to move our meeting time up to 12:30 to allow the prior occupants time to leave and for us to set up the room. We have decided that the Workshops at Chuck’s house will continue.

There was some question as to availability of the Library in July and August. One option is to not have a meeting at all for those two months. Another option is to go virtual for those two months and have the meeting either on Saturday or Tuesday night. It was decided that we would see how the next few meetings go and then decide.

The meeting adjourned at 14:05.

Same Place—Different Day

The March, 2024 meeting is back at Roseland Library but on a different day. Going forward, the meeting will be on the third Saturday of each month, starting time, 12:30.

Next Tech Session

The March 2024 Tech Session is scheduled to be “Exploring the Sunken Canal Boats of Seneca Lake” by Al Cohn.

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OLD BUSINESS



Northeast Joint Clubs 2024

The 41st Northeast Joint Clubs will be held on April 27, 2024 at the Port and Starboard in New London Connecticut. This year it is hosted by the Connecticut Marine Model Society. Registration is now open. The registration forms were emailed to you by Tom. We want to have a great showing son register before March 15 to get the lowest registration cost. **We are going to need a Table Top Demonstration. If you can do a short twenty minute demonstration, please contact Eric. Thanks.**

Once again, we will be conducting the competition for the Jim Roberts award. Tom, Larry, Chuck, and Eric will be meeting to get everything aligned.

Tech Sessions Wanted

We need volunteers to present tips and techniques at meetings. If there is something that was presented in the past that you would like to see again, let us know and we will schedule it. If you found a new or better way to do something, share your learnings.

NEW BUSINESS



Tech Sessions Online

A question was asked about recording Tech Sessions. The Hampton Roads SMS does this and posts them to their website. They use You Tube to record their meetings and Tech Sessions. Bill Brown will be researching how we can make this happen. Stay tuned.

Projector

Bill has been having issues with the projector that we us at library. He proposed that we procur our own. Now they are smaller, and have Bluetooth capability. We also can set it up for our meeting and not have others changing things. He motioned, and Tom Seconded the approval of funds to buy a projector. The motion passed.

Joint Clubs 2025

In 2025, SMSNJ will be hosting the 42nd Northeast Joint Clubs. Tom notes that we need to establish a committee now so that we can learn from this years meeting and set the framework for 2025. We ask for volunteers to step up and help with this significant task. Please contact Eric if you are willing to help out.

BOOKS AND PUBS



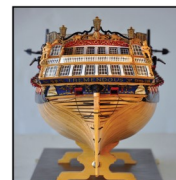
No books or publications this meeting, but many were sold at the auction.

THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

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Auction

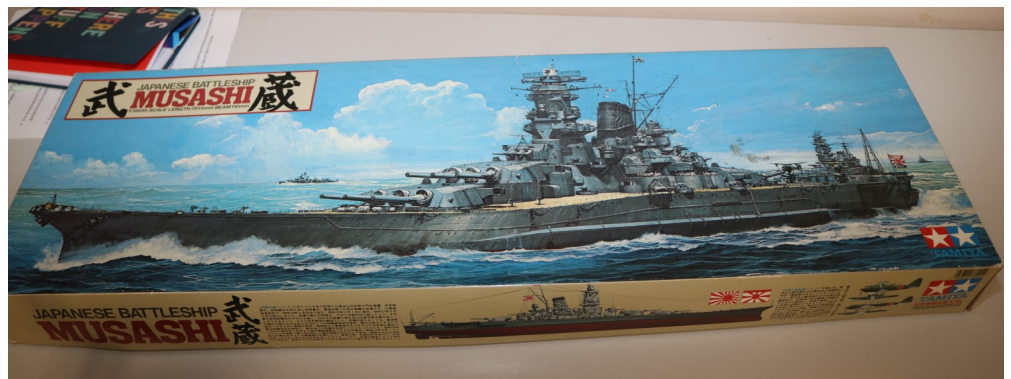
Over the last few months, Eric had been contacted by the families of two ship model builders who have passed on. In both cases, the widow has donated their husband's workshop items. At his meeting we auctioned off most of those collections that included still in box kits, started kits, power tools, hand tools, and some really



good ship model and maritime books. A few of the virtual members also bought items. Pictured below is the almost complete hull of a Caldercraft Diana with the remainder of the kit..



One kit that did not sell is this complete Tamiya 1:350 kit of IJN Musashi. Musashi is the system ship of Yamato. This is an early Tamiya kit. If you are interested, please contact Peter Degnan.



**SHOW &
TELL**



Jeramiah O'Brien

Liberty Ship, US, 1942

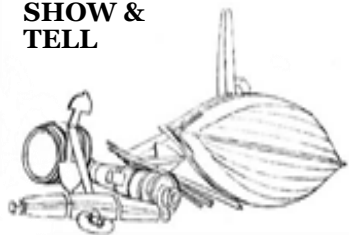
Scale 1:192, Bluejacket Kit

Chris Scornavacca

Chris has made great progress on his model of the Liberty Ship. He has used rattle cans to spray the hull. The first coat was to show up any imperfections. After filling and sanding he applied several more coats. He had photoetch but noted that he needs to accurize some of the handrails and other parts. Chris took three weeks to get to this point. Quite a nice result.



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USS Constitution

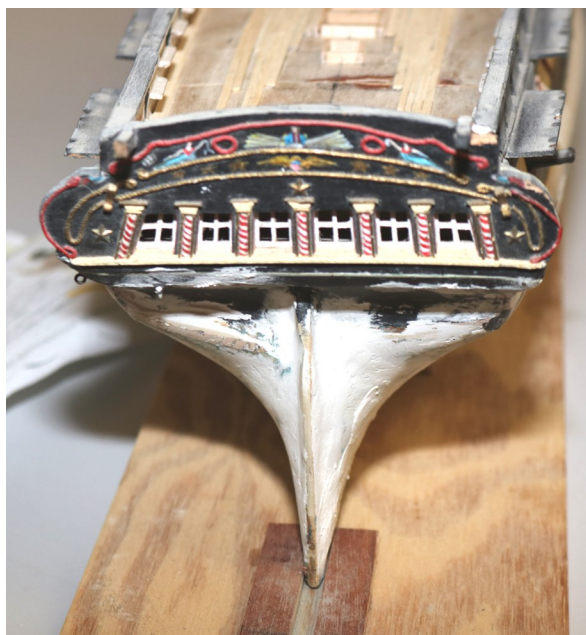
US Frigate, as in 1804

Scale 1:96, Scratch

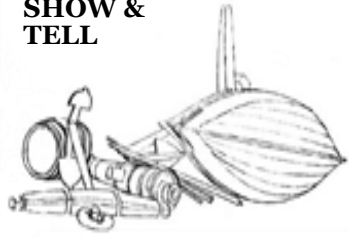
Rich Lane

Rich is an accomplished modeler. As with many of us, there are those projects that you started and put aside for whatever reason. More than 25 years ago he started this scratch built rendition of USS Constitution as she appeared in the Barbary War. He put it aside because, at that time, he felt that he bit off more than he could chew. He demolished and rebuilt most of this model to bring it up to his current standards.

During the Barbary Wars, Constitution had a much more ornate stern and head. Rich will be reproducing the original figure of Hercules. He has cleaned up the hull and is well along with planking the spar deck. He notes that at that period, Constitution did not have carronades as she was armed with all long cannon. It is really beautiful work. Tom noted that he has been told that many have the opinion that while there are many Constitutions out there, very few are of her when she looked more beautiful. Looking forward to your usual beautiful work Rich.



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Katy (Nicole)

Virginia Pilot Boat, 1790

Scale 1:48, Model Shipways Kit

Tom Ruggiero

This is a Model Shipways yellow box kit that was Tom's very first serious ship model kit. He bought it in roughly 1979 when Model Shipways was in Bogota, New Jersey (on the dead end street next to the Body Shop). The kit is a solid hull, but the deck cabins and cockpit benches were scratch built. The pintle and gudgeons were correction tap with white glue bolt heads. The furled sails are tissue paper and the rigging was out of the box and way too small. From this kit Tom went on the Dapper Tom, and then on to scratch building USS Wasp. He named it Nicole for his oldest daughter. The model was on loan for a movie prop.



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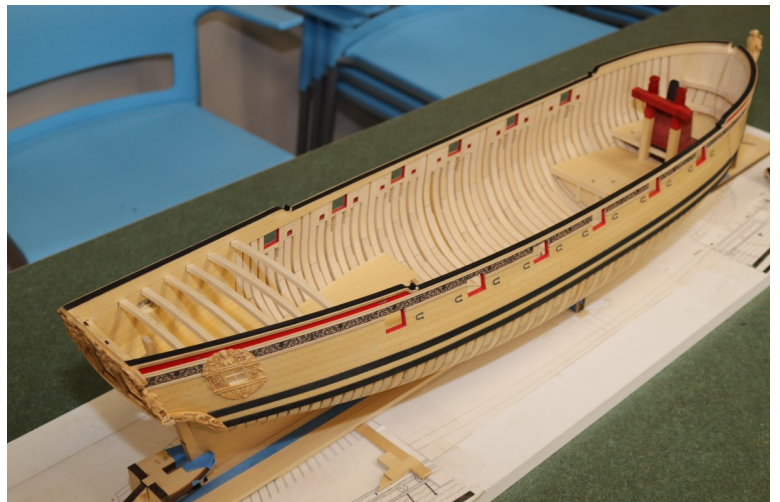
HMS Speedwell, Sloop

1752, Scale 1:32

Syren Ship Model

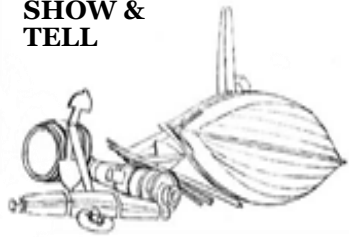
Chuck Passaro

Speedwell is coming along. The hull is complete and now on to the various platforms and interior structures. The model is very clean and up to Chuck's standards. As chuck has done with Cheerful and Winchelsea, he is offering small kit projects that are for Speedwell, or can be had a stand alone display. Seen here is the brick hearth that will go on Speedwell. The figure was painted by Larry Friedlander. A very handsome looking model. Speedwell's progress can be followed on Model Ship World.



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Jason 1793

English 38 gun Frigate

Scale 1:64. Caldercraft Kit

Mort Soll

One of the items at this meeting was a partially completed hull and the rest of the kit for this beautiful ship. The model was started by a gentleman who passed away before completing it. Whoever it was, this builder was no amateur. Mort had built this very

same kit 6 years ago before he started the Victory.

Here are a few photos of that model. The Diana is an Artois Class Frigate with a sister named Jason the name of one of my sons so I changed her name to Jason. He didn't rig her because his son didn't want me to. The last photo is of her on display in the Nyack Library. My son's daughter helped me paint her. Mort purchased the started kit. We look forward to seeing his build of her.



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HMS Thorn, English Swan class 38 gun Frigate Scale 1:48. Scratch Built

Kevin Kenny

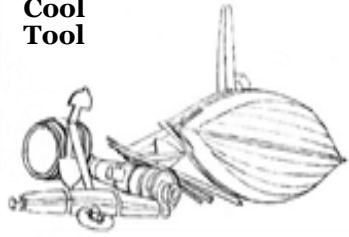
Thorn is moving along very well. Kevin is now fabricated and installing the channels that will take the lower deadeyes for the shrouds. This is very fine fitup work and Kevin is getting excellent results. I have included the url for his current you tube video that describes the process. As mentioned here, Kevin has a very detailed build log on Model Ship World (MSW) that includes extensive videos of the build. They describe more than Thorn. The thread also includes a video on how to make carvings as well as how to mill wood from a log. Thanks for sharing Kevin.



<https://youtu.be/L-rHx2-ycDU>



**Cool
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Magnifier Fixture For Cell phone or Tablet

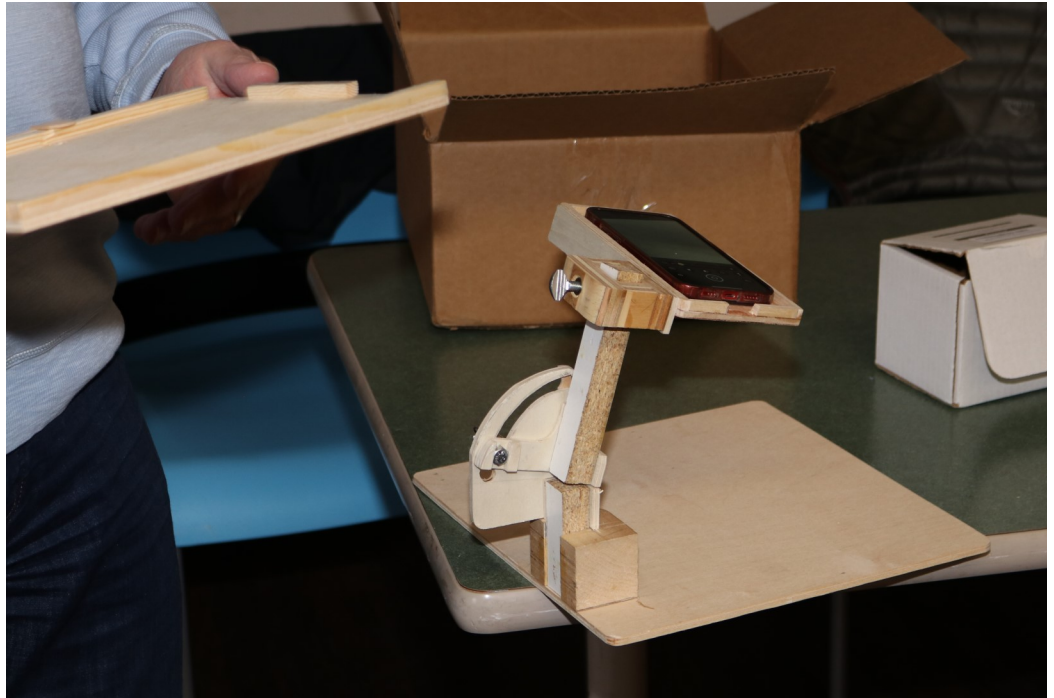
Barry Rudd

Did you know that your cell phone, or your tablet has a Magnifier App? This is a very high power magnifier. Of course you need your hands free to use it for painting or assembling tiny parts. To the rescue comes our resident inventor Barry. While Barry is in Florida, Larry was able to demonstrate a mounting fixture for either a cell phone or for a tablet. It is fully adjustable and very stable. Changing from phone to tablet is simply by changing the mount table.

Barry is offering this for \$70 plus shipping. You need to let him know what tablet or cell phone that you want to use.

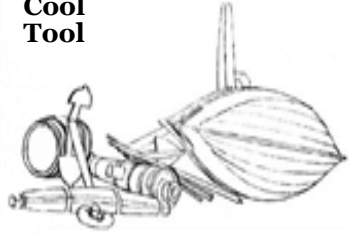
To order one, contact Barry at;

metrolimo@gmail.com



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Jeweler Hand Vice

Kevin Kenny

Kevin has a very uoo to date workshop. This time, he showed us this very handy vise for holding small parts. Note that the handle is squared off so that you could mount it in a larger vise so both hands are free,



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