

September 7, 2019

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwrights of Western NY

Meeting Minutes

(MSWNY)

Meeting Agenda:

Even though the meeting was relatively sparsely attended (most likely due to the earlier scheduling) we did have a lively and well supported agenda. Chuck, Bill, Don, Matt, Lacy and of course yours truly were present.

Business: All

5 min

○ Treasury/Dues

Recent Spending: \$157.16 on PBR and Mike C tools (net of -\$15)

Current Treasury: \$297.84

Don picked up the last artifact of Mike Carnahan's tool set, the magnifying head set, as his was broken by a too curious little one of his family

○ October Possibilities: All

5min

NRG 2019 Conference Notice

The NRG Workshop and Conference will be at the New Bedford Whaling Museum October 24 thru 26. The tours are fully subscribed.

The drive is about 6 1/2 hours. There is a relatively inexpensive Hampton Inn nearby in Fairhaven/New Bedford.

Who is/may be going?

So far Lacy is planning on going and will be displaying his Lexington there. Bill may be going. Mike is considering going as well as your truly.

- Western NY Maritime Charter School Query: Joe 1 min
I have dropped any further pursuit of the caller. It seems he has decided otherwise.

No further action or comments were added.

- Model Restoration Project: Brian 5 min
Brian we would like you to share your progress to date and pictures of the restoration.

Brian was unable to attend but did provide pictures of some of the progress. The base model now appears to be much cleaner and some of the deck furniture has been repaired or replaced. He relates that every time he approaches the model and encounters rigging he is finding that it has decayed considerably and often breaks. Color matching when repairs are needed has been somewhat problematical especially the red.

Next time maybe we will have a better reporting from him in person.



Main Meeting Agenda:

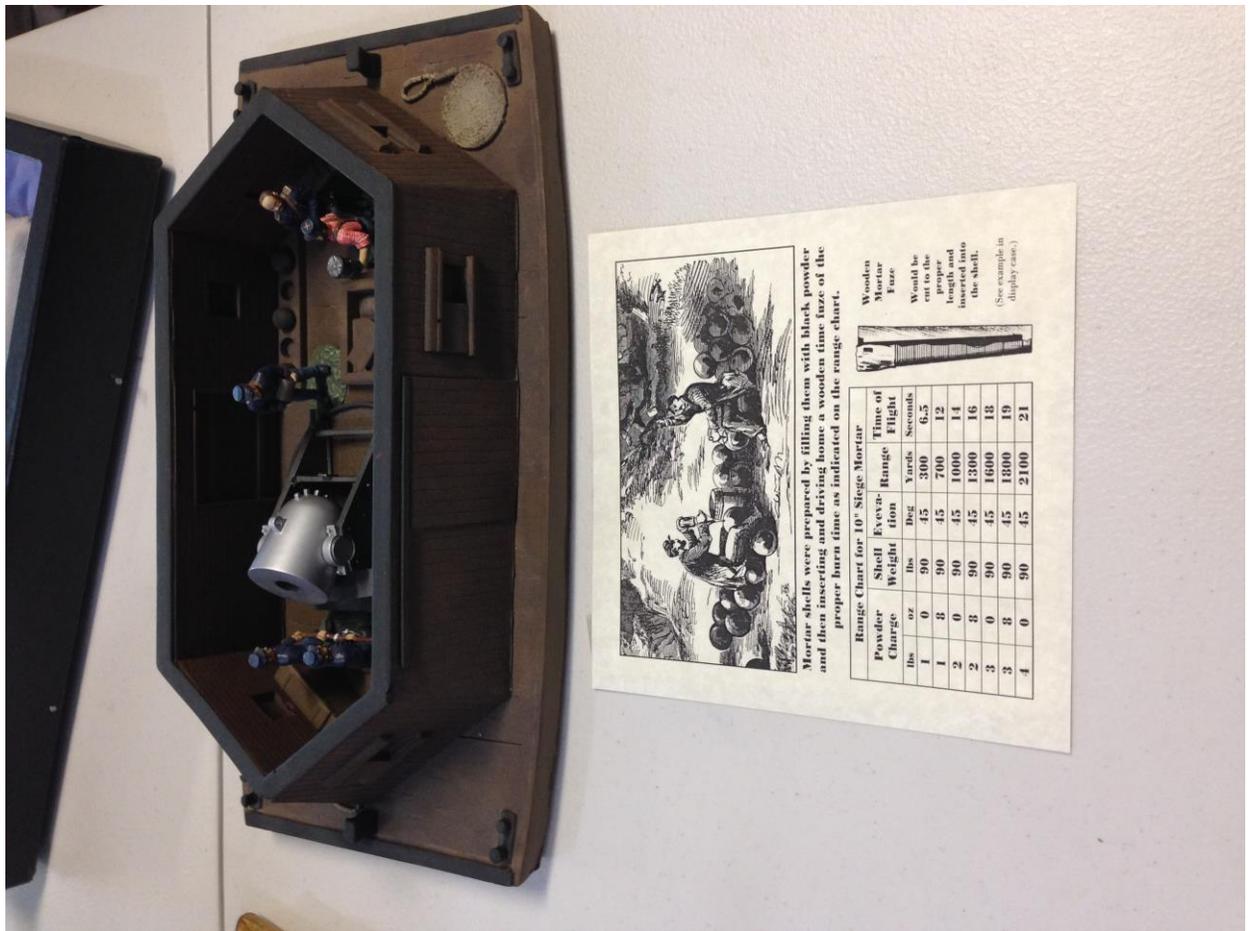
- Around The Table; Who Is Working On What?: All 10 min

It is always interesting to hear from the group as to what they are working on or planning. Not surprisingly the response was enthusiastic. Here is an enumeration of the response:

1. Don is off and running on a 46" J Class Half Hull of Endeavor. He also has an Amati(?) "short kit of Ranger if I am correct the last built J Class. And wait there is more he has acquired plans from Maine Maritime Museum which is a fully detailed version of the vessel. I recall in finished form it will be 48 inches.
2. Bill continues to work on his Mortar schooner, C.P. Williams. He has been working on casting in resin the cannon and mortar for the vessel

using a method he has covered in a previous presentation for the group. And if that were not enough he is starting his research on a WWII LT% Tug. He related there is a full sized rendition, not a model, at the Oswego dockside.

3. Interesting Chuck had Civil War artifacts of the fuse and cutting saw for these mortars and an accompanying chart of how they were to be cut (the fuses), to achieve target detonation. This in conjunction with the charge management was to achieve the desired results. It must be said that this methodology was not very effective spelling a limited number of ship conversions. Only 20 were outfitted.



4. Lacy is hard at work on Lexington getting it ready for the NRG conference. Read ahead to see his fine work.
5. Matt has built a gantry to set bulkheads true to the keel over the summer and he has started to use it on his Niagara.

6. Joe is plodding along on Cheerful and has finished the hull planking externally and is now working inboard on that planking.

○ Half Hull Modeling Experience: Don

20 min

Don has agreed to bring back his outstanding model which is now complete and mounted and share his experience and his methods. Anyone of us would be proud to have said we had made this beautiful model.



Don covered his method of building the fine display model depicted. He used the lift method as previously discussed, marking off the hull stations on each lift and then cutting out the lifts to the body plan measurements and then rough carving these using templates to guide his progress. What is astounding is his upper hull paint is actually not a topcoat. It is white primer that he successively dry sanded with higher and higher grit ending at 2000. He then finished with a fine grit rubbing compound to achieve the warm luster displayed. Not satisfied with this first attempt he is off again on a bigger and better version and if I am correct he is going to build a detailed version of the Ranger which is the frame work displayed below. Really high quality work here Don!



○ River Patrol Boat Status: Jim/Joe

15min

As you are aware we moved the PBR Mark I project to my shop over the summer. It has proved to be a good move. We would like to share with you work to date. We have made some significant strides in doing so.

Participants: Lacy, Bill, Jim and Joe.

The work continued through the summer on the PBR. Joe displayed pictures of the total additions of engine compartment, hatches, rails air intakes and transom trail board (not shown). It is coming together but it still has a long way to go. Lacy also brought in his built up aft machine gun tripod. It is made of brass tubing and it in itself is a work of art. It has been trial fitted on the hull and he is off to add gun mount and shields to complete the task.



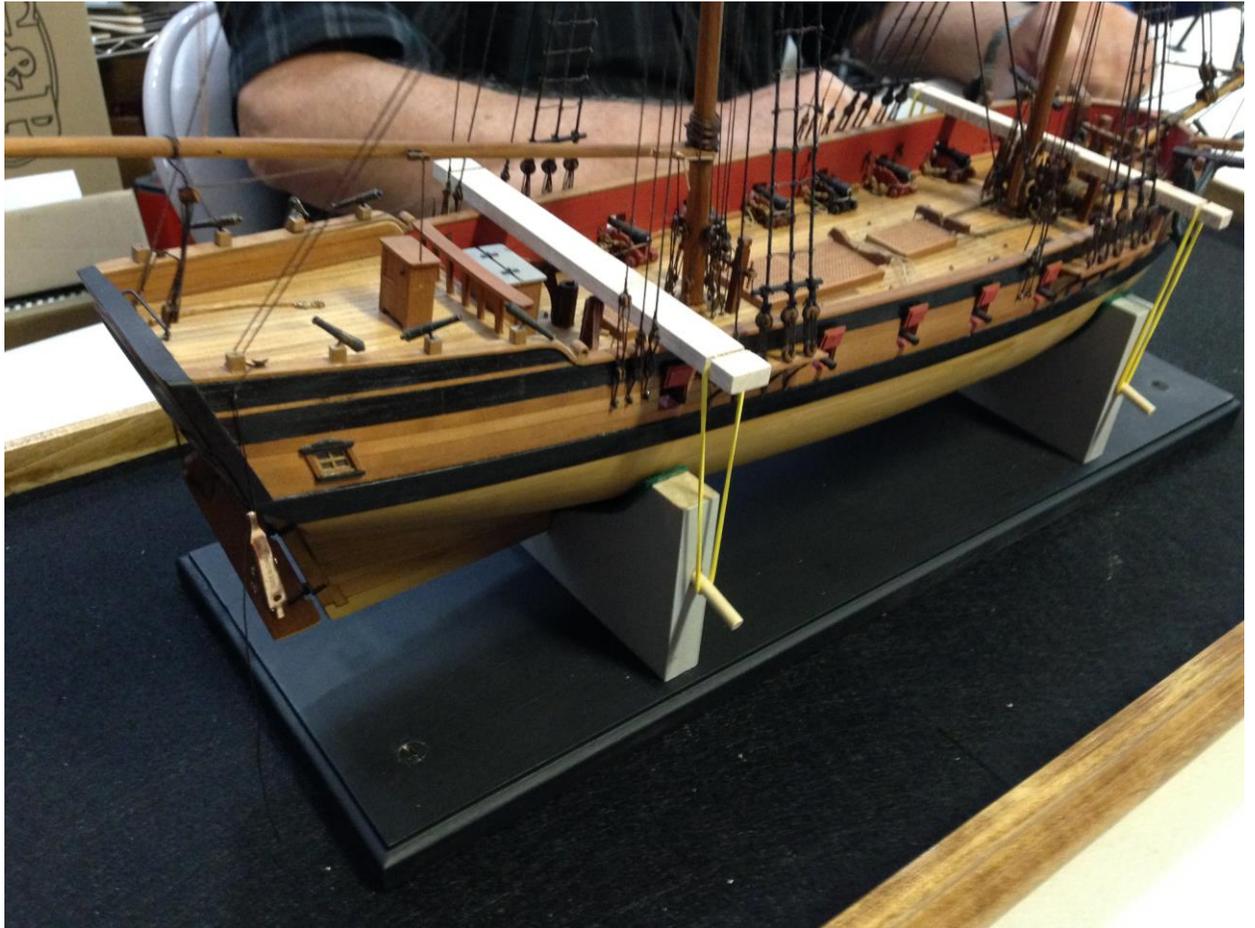


- Progress on the Lexington: Lacy 20min
Lacy has been quietly working away on the Lexington to the point where he is now working the rigging. You will recall the Lexington, the Continental Navy brig, is a scratch built vessel using the Clay Feldman practicum. Lacy has often expressed that this has been a challenge not only in complexity but also due to the lack of sufficient practicum detail. Given Lacy's talent this should also be an interesting display and discussion.

Just feast your eyes on this handsome, well executed model Lacy is readying for the NRG Conference. His expert workmanship is evident throughout. This is a 3/16 scale model of the brig and is made of boxwood and ebony. It is primarily a scratch built model following the Feldman practicum. By the way those spars are hand sanded on a lathe

to achieve the dimensional correctness Lacy demands. It is stunning to say the least!

Note his clever securing method for travel.



- The Works of Sam C: Sam C 25mIn
I have recently spoken to Sam and he is going to try his utmost to make the meeting. He wishes to participate more this year and has some interesting projects in the que or in the works. I am leaving it up to him what he wishes to focus on. As almost all of you know Sam has built and designed kits so he has a wealth of knowledge of this industry. He is always interesting to listen to.

Sam was unable to attend so hopefully we can reschedule him in October.

- Next Meeting (October 12)

Bill and Joe may be providing a, hopefully interesting to all, mini seminar on the introduction of modern technology to ship modeling. This will not consume the whole session so we are calling for topics from the group. Please participate.