

Minutes

September 9, 2017

9:00 to 12:00

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions

5 min

We were surprised and delighted to have John McKeown join us for the session and sign up to be a member! Welcome John!!!!

John has been a modeler since his youth and brought in a finished (Marine Model) of the "Boston whaler we all know and love. Nice work John.



In attendance for our meeting besides John were Mike K, Chuck B, Jim O., Bill E. Tim I., Lacy S.

○ Business: All

10 min

By laws review – October meeting heads up

Work Shop Candidates Revisited for 2017 – 2018

Because of a late start due to the Clothesline Art Festival we elected to bypass this section. In regard to the by-laws I will send them out with tentative revisions as needed.

○ Military History Society Museum Expansion Status: Chuck Baylis

10 min

As a number of you know Chuck has acquired additional floor space for his endeavors on the 2nd and 3rd floors. He has graciously included our group in his decisions. So, Chuck will spend a few moments discussing this status and what is to come.

Chuck had done a considerable amount of work making use of his new space, reworking existing space and providing a meeting/working area for our mutual use. We will be speaking more about this at our next meeting and close on supporting a work bench build for the remodeled area. Chuck spoke a bit about a model railroad donation he received and the work that members of a model railroad group will be supporting in its construction of a WWII German railway marshalling area and town.

Chuck also mentioned that the IPMS folk will be holding a build night at this facility. He also stated that the facility will also encourage groups or individuals to participate in a lecture series. I didn't get all the details so that will be passed on when more is known.

○ Viet Nam PBR Status and Next Steps: Jim O'Connell

15 min

Jim has been in touch with his contact at the Naval Ships Building Department and has been made to understand that the drawing request is in process so hopefully he will have more positive news to report at our meeting.

Jim had hoped to report that the drawings we seek were on their way. Unfortunately, in a late status query to the Navy he found out the request to

release the desired information sat in someone's "in basket" for nearly a month. What we decided at the meeting's end was to readdress this in October and decide if we can move ahead on at least the hull construction with the drawings we have as they seem to be correct from Jim's study.

- A Method of Hull Coppering: Bill Emerson 40 min
Bill has offered to cover his latest coppering method that he has successfully applied to the Agawam of 1864. As an added treat, he will show the results on the model and cover his progress to date of this unique undertaking. This should be very interesting.

Bill did a great job describing his approach to simulating copper plating a hull. He has provided a nicely written piece not only on the process but also on some historical reference that gave him confidence that the copper plated hull for his Agawam is valid. Bill will be bringing the Agawam in, in November to show us up front his plating work and his progress on the model.

The copper plating treatment he has provided will be found in our web page Resources/Shop Notes. Excellent job Bill!

- Around The Horn: Lacy Smith 30min
The saying goes:
"Below 40 degrees latitude there is no law."
"Below 50 degrees latitude there is no God."
Lacy has acquired a DVD of the last square rigger to sail around the Horn in winter no less. He recommends we take the time to see it with him as it is truly exciting and terrifying at the same time.

We all were fascinated and amazed at the Mystic Seaport video of the Peking, a four masted bark of the early 1900's. It made its last voyage around the Horn in 1938, sailing from northern Europe, through the North Sea and south around Cape Horn. In the words of the captain (who had sailed it six times before) and crew it was the most trying and dangerous journey on record.

I just realized the Peking has been sitting at the South Street Seaport in NYC since 1974 and I was witness to its size and beauty some time back.

Unfortunately, it is now in Germany undergoing a complete restoration and will be berthed in her original city, Hamburg, of origin from then on. It arrived in July of this year for restoration. It may be of interest to you to view the following You Tube videos regarding her new beginnings.

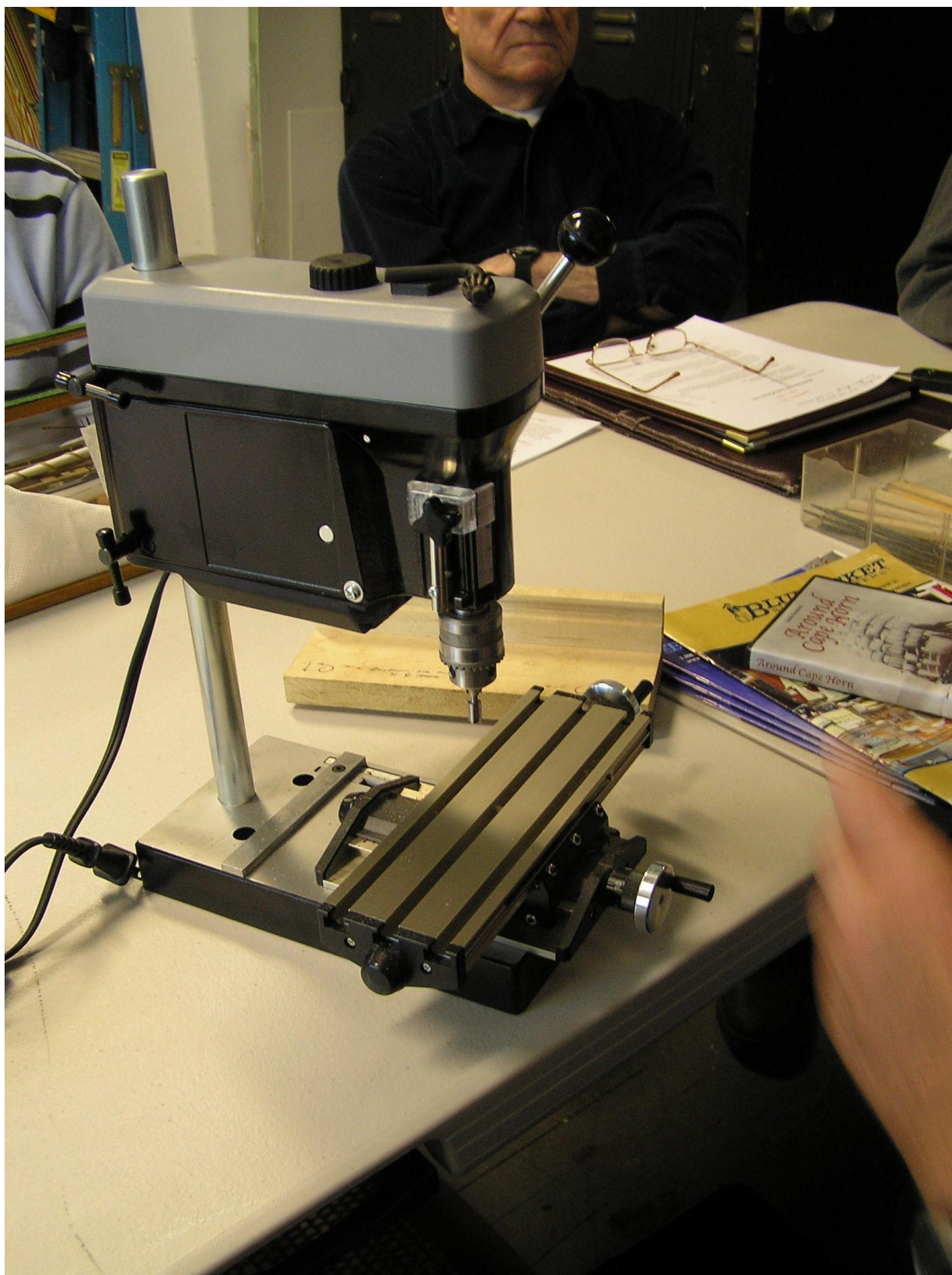
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfo7tas2IfI>

Lacy kindly donated the DVD to the museum so if members want to see it I am sure Chuck will provide it.

○ A Newly Acquired Shop Tool And More: Lacy Smith 20 min

Lacy has just acquired a new drill press he would like to show us. He has a background in machining so he is most qualified to provide his review.

Lacy has just purchased the Micro Lux (Mark) 3 speed drill press. He also purchased the X/Y table to complement its capability. It is a nice looking, well-made model shop tool. Pricing and shipping is reasonable (around \$200).

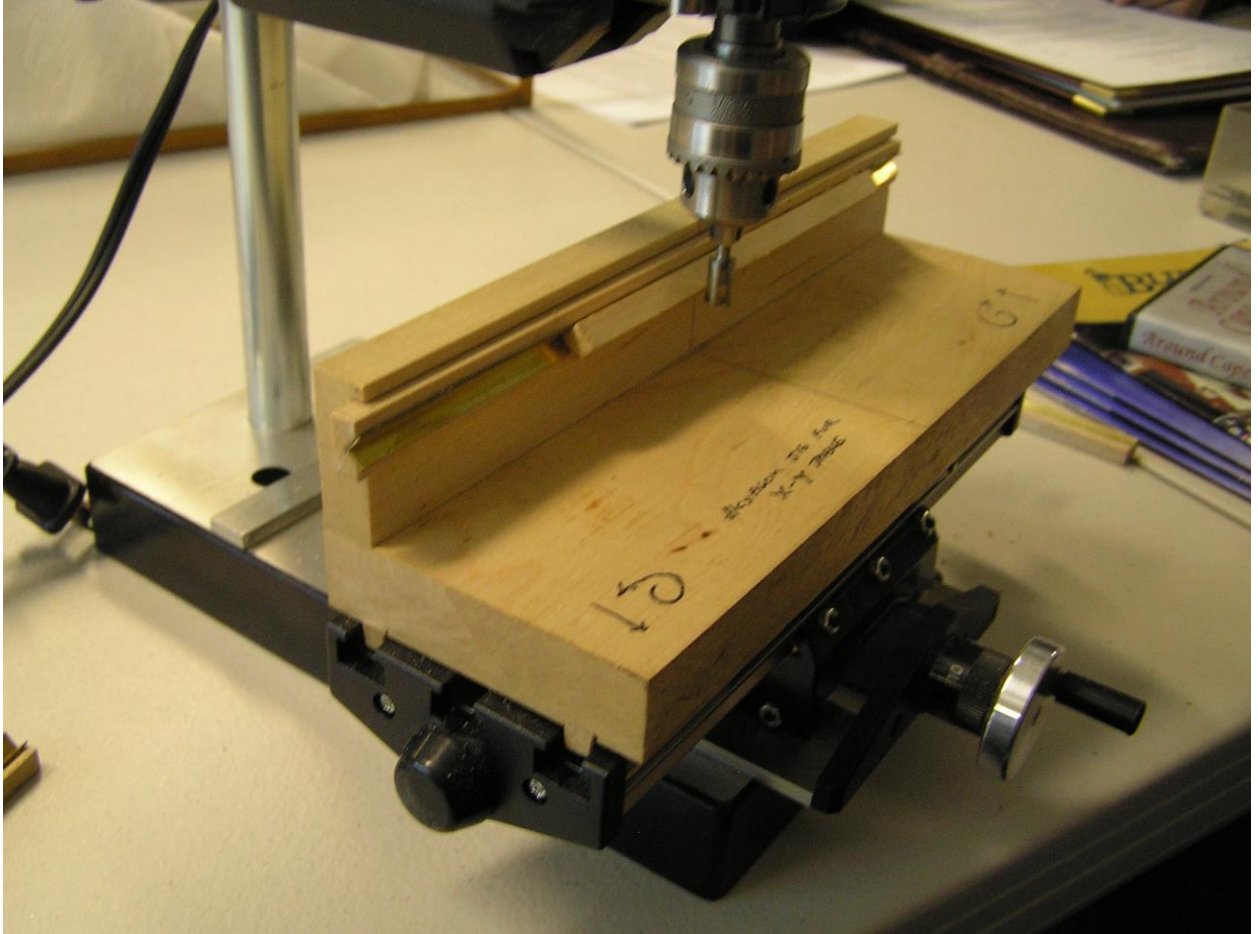


In addition, he has been working on the spars and masts for the Lexington and relates it has been a challenge at the working scale. He states he has mastered it and will explain his method.

Lexington and other models under construction.

Lacy built the clever jig shown to support spar stock. This coupled with the X/Y table allows him to machine the facets and accurately position them along the spar length. The jig shown is supplemented with the carriers he made using standard brass right angle stock to ensure a good seat for the stock. Smaller spars necessitate smaller carriers. He did note that cuts (a small router bit) made with this system produced better results in a specific direction. I would suggest that wood grain and “climb cuts” can produce the unwanted fuzziness. Passes with lesser cut depth can help this problem most times.

I will be making this a shop note and more pictures will be provided.



- Continuing Group Program Discussion: All 20min
Well summer has come and gone and we almost pulled off a summer schedule for our group. You recall the March meeting introduced the Viet Nam era River Patrol Boat, Tim and Chuck were gearing up to work on. We are still proposing that, as a group, volunteer to help out on its construction. The participation would be voluntary. We would meet in addition to our regularly scheduled meeting time with a work detail focused on this project for the museum. We would work at this site in a dedicated area and we would ensure that we have sufficient material and tools to enable progress on this much desired 1/6th scale model.

Time did not permit any further discussion on this topic so we will be addressing this in October.

- Next Meeting 5min

*Bob Dowd will bring in his model of the Fair American which is now in its rigging stage to discuss his progress (and frustrations with documentation).
Tim Igoe will bring us up to date on his rebuild of the USS Rochester.*

There will be another tool review by Joe Lorenzo