

October 8 2016

9:00 to 12:00 AM

Eleventh Meeting

Model Shipwright Guild of Western NY

Meeting Agenda:

- Greeting and Introductions 5 min

New members joined us for our second year; Rusty Jones of Syracuse and Len Ippolito from Spencerport. We are happy to have your support and involvement. In attendance from our "old" membership was Tom Lockwood, Bill Emerson, Mike Kamish, Bob Dowd, Tim Igoe, Lacy Smith, Joe Lorenzo and of course our benefactor Chuck Baylis.

- IPMSrochester Show Feedback: Lacy Smith/Chuck Baylis 10 min

Chuck and Lacy as you know represented both the Military History Society and The Model Shipwright Guild at the September 18th show. A number of people stopped at our display and picked up flyers provided. Chuck related that we are invited to participate at the combined show hosted by both the Rochester and Buffalo factions of IPMS modelers. It will be in September of 2017 in Batavia. Stay tuned for more information on this and our participation. As soon as I get a digital picture file I will include it in MSW and file minutes.

- What is/has Everybody Been Working on: All 120min

This was a first time venture for our group and I am sure you will agree it was a excellent way to start the new season. Here are some highlights:

- ✓ *Bill Emerson: The Civil War Gunboat Sassacus. Bill has not completed the hull but he does have it fully planked and has started inner deck detailing. Interestingly he filled the space between bulkheads with a open cell foam to give the hull some extra rigidity but not add weight. This is a large model about 5 feet long. Probably Sassacus's most notable engagement was with the Confederate Albermarel iron clad. Sassacus rammed the ironclad inflicting considerable damage to it and itself. Confederate forces withdrew and the battle was considered a standoff.*



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- ✓ *Lacy Smith: Brought in 2 fixtures he is experimenting/using for his modeling. The first was a test bed for possible simulation of tree nails. Lacy came upon carbon fiber rod rod at Dan's Craft that comes in varies diameters, the smallest being .018" in. He drills a hole a few thousands bigger and using CA glue inserts a length and snips it off. It makes an impressive simulation.*

Secondly Lacy showed his 'off' deck fixture for rigging and affixing cannon for the Lexington. He has found this methodology much more suitable than trying to rig these aboard ship.



- ✓ *Rusty Jones: Rusty, a long time modeler, in his first visit with us displayed his fine model of the Triton midsection. One can find his build log on MSW amongst the*

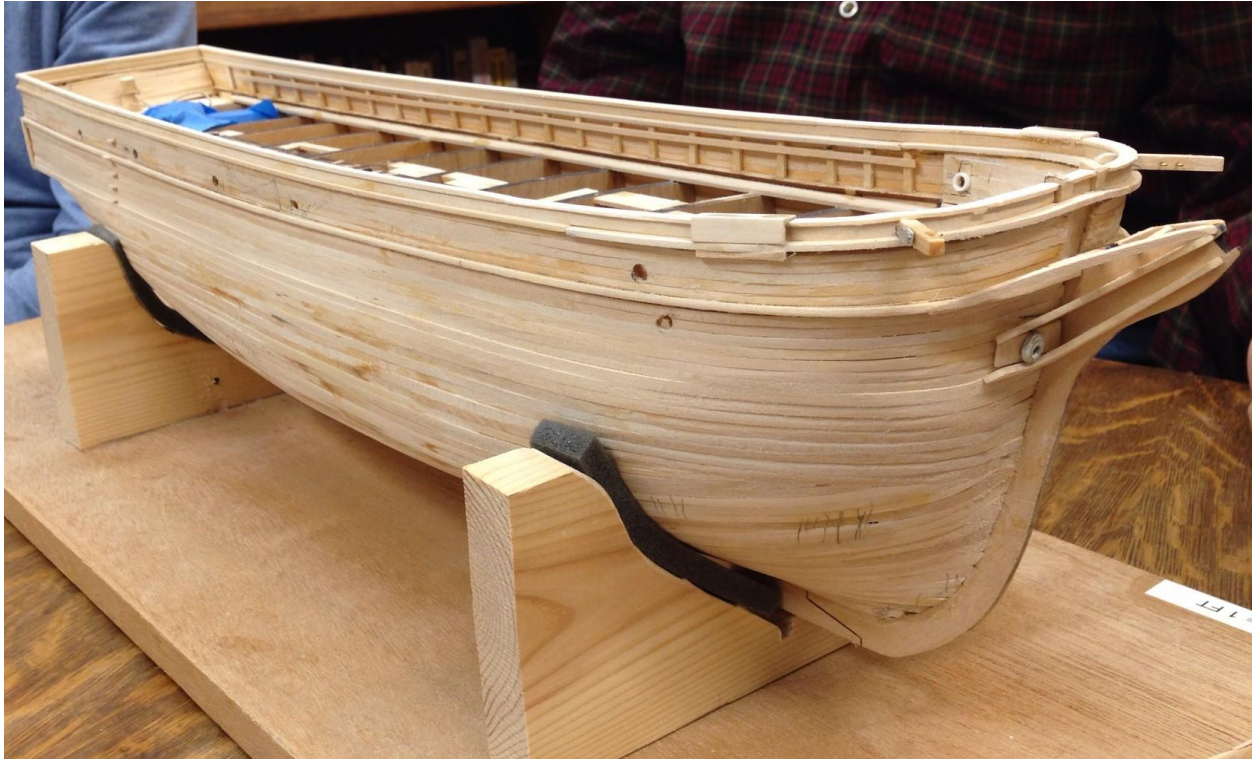
group build threads. His model is a scratch build of ebony, cherry, box wood and I believe holly. We echo the praise he has received from MSW modelers. An extremely well done model Rusty.



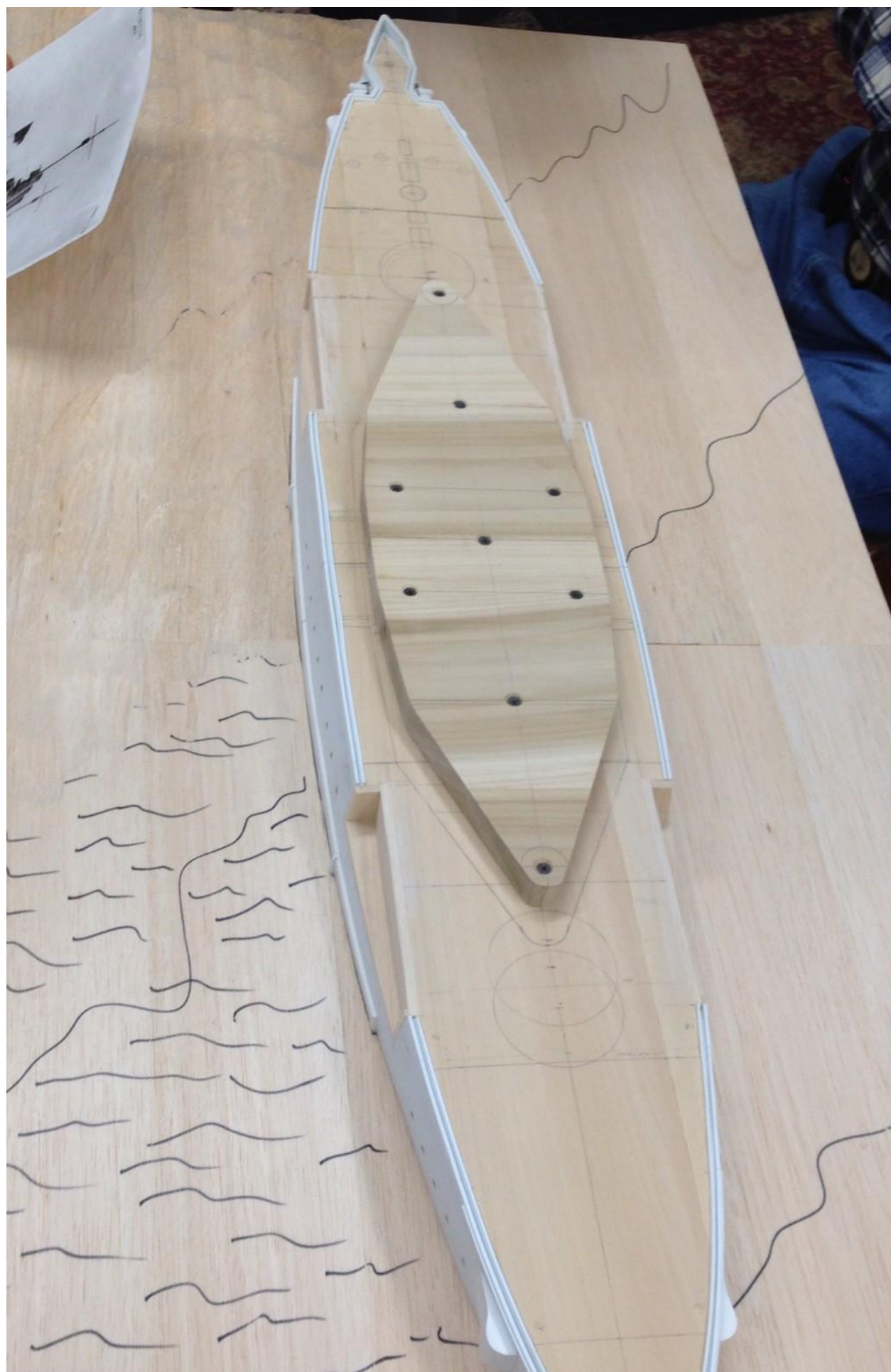
- ✓ *Tom Lockwood: Tom settled on his work to date of the Model Expo Morgan whaler. As you can see he has completed the planking and has begun adding detail. One has to appreciate the difficulty of planking this rather small hull with what appears to be 3/16 or so bass wood. He acknowledged that the bow*

section and stern with extreme curvature did give him some struggles. He commented that he resorted to long durations of soak in ammonia. We did discuss splicing techniques and different approaches. I do have in archive one or 2 methods given to me by others. I will pass them along as a shop note. A further note; both Tom and Bill employ sleeves of metal or plastic to receive their masts. They both feel this is a much easier approach to setting of the mast(s).

Tom was offered support from Tim's paint booth to paint his model.



Tim Igoe: Tim changed his topic to his continued work on research and corrections to his hull of the USS Rochester he is preparing for the museum. The Rochester was built in 1898 and at the time was christened as the USS New York. At the time it was the most heavily armed cruiser in the US Navy. It was later renamed and refitted in 1917 when it became the Rochester. Tim has uncovered various (later) photos of the vessel that suggest the changes and he is currently altering the hull. The changes also affect the gun turrets. It is a water line model and Tim also covered his technique to simulate a ship under way at sea.



- ✓ *Mike Kamish: Discussed his search for methods to create the ornate figures and “ginger bread” on his model of the Friedrich Wilhem of the 1600’s. As Mike describes it his attempts to recreate the decorations has resulted in a look more like “cake decorations” than carvings. He queried the group on “how to”. While none of us are proficient in miniature carving we offered the following:*

Bill Short’s “Carving Ornamentation in Miniature”

Three D printing.

Craig Smith may be a valuable resource

- ✓ *Len Ippolito: Also a new member, brought in his scratch model of a 1700’s vessel he did some time back. It is from plans in “Making Ships From Scratch”. The vessel is a replica of a Revolutionary War battle on Lake Champlain. It has an interesting furling arrangement for the Main square sail. It is hoisted and furled at the deck. Forgive me I did not record its identity. Len built it in a combination POB and simulated POF manner. Welcome to the group Len!*



- ✓ *Joe Lorenzo: A work in progress model of the Cutter Cheerful was not available for discussion due to a parts mishap. Joe did bring in for view the excellent parts available from Syren Ship Model Company for outfitting his model. It will be brought in at the next meeting.*

○ Group Business: Joe/All

10min

Hopefully we will have time to discuss 3 () important group elements.*

- ✓ **Growing the group through publicity:*
 - *First Friday Kickoff: We still have not managed to get this off the ground so at our next meeting we will allot time to do so. In concert Chuck alerted us to the December Open House/Gala. It is December 2,3. It is well attended and we need to prepare.*
 - *Secondly we have come to the conclusion that Facebook does not suit us. A number of us will meet offline and discuss reverting back to a web page. Standby.*
- ✓ **Starting A Build Night: I am going to suggest that the December event mentioned be a combination display and build event. Feedback please.*
- ✓ ** Model Ship Kit Donation status and next steps: Tom Lockwood has volunteered to help me in the next 2 weeks evaluate the kits we have and make a judgment call on their mission.*
- ✓ *The publication of our journal: Postponed*
- ✓ *A Field trip: Postponed.*
- ✓ *Joe Lorenzo was voted by a show of hands to continue to facilitate the meetings.*

✓ Future Meetings;

- ✓ *Lacy Smith will be bringing his find at an auction. An early glimpse can be found on MSW.*
- ✓ *Joe Lorenzo will be bring in the Cutter Cheerful.*
- ✓ *We will also make this a tool and jig forum of discussion.*