

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

October Meeting Notes, 2013



Meeting Commencement:

Our meeting took place on Saturday, October 26th at 9:30am on board the Eureka, which was not our regular meeting date. Due to the government shutdown, our regular meeting date/time was cancelled. Even though the government and the park were open in time, we'd already emailed the cancellation and then the BART strike hit. So, it was decided not to meet. However, a mini-meeting was called for the following weekend – we could not stand the idea of going another month without seeing each other's beautiful faces!

Even with the oddball meeting schedule this month, we ended up with 7 members in attendance. Leo Kane moderated and Clare Hess took notes.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck didn't provide a total, but said that with new member Warren Gammeter's prorated dues, we have \$7 more in the treasury from last time. You'll have to do the math.

Announcements and Club Business

Paul gave us an update on the Gracie S. for which he's been making some blocks for the new halliards. As you may recall from last month, the lines were turned on the club's ceiling mounted, motorized rope walk using waxed quilting thread from YLI.

An announcement was made that kit and fittings manufacturer BlueJacket Inc. has new owners.

Leo mentioned the fact that the NRG Conference was recently held in Charleston, SC. No one from this club attended this year. The 2014 conference is scheduled to be in St. Louis.



John Nash Passed Away

As everyone probably knows, we lost member John Nash who passed away on October 3, 2013. He had been battling both cancer and diabetes. John was 89. He was a regular attendee at our meetings and always brought his work in to share with us and he will be missed.

Show and Tell Segment

Carlos Oliva gave us an update on his 3/4" = 1' scale R/C Lobster Boat, the *Dolly O*. He's added work bench, pulley for the winch. He noted that he'd had some issues with the motor and that he'd installed a prop, but that it turned backwards. A suggestion from someone to simply reverse the wires led to a burned out speed control. Apparently, it matters which wires you reverse! He described some of the issues he's had to deal with on the model and hopefully, it will be launched soon.



Tom Shea brought in his 1:98-scale HMS Victory cross section model and gave us an update on his progress. He's now working on the masts and because there are different woods provided in the kit, he reported spending a lot of time using different stains to try to get a consistent color across the model, to give it a nice, all wood, even toned look. The one issue he caution people about is making all the details on a topmast before fitting it into place. As it is, his topmast won't fit through the cap, so he's going to have to cut something to put it in place.

Clare Hess brought in his nearly complete 1/4" = 1' scale 18th Century English Longboat that is being built from a Model Expo kit. He also showed the small brass jig he used to space the thole pins evenly. This plank-on-frame-ish build is one that he started at the beginning of last year a simple model that could be worked in between projects or while glue is drying elsewhere. However, the kit turned out to be its own challenge at the small scale.



Tom's HMS Victory Cross Section



Clare's 18th Century English Longboat

Leo Kane brought in the transom section of the USS Essex he is building. The model is $3/16" = 1'$ and based on plans by Portia Takakjian. This is a framed model that he is building admiralty style using an upright construction technique. The transom he's made features gallery windows that he built using a technique that he discussed at the tech session of a previous meeting (apologies as I don't have a photo).

Post Meeting News – Paul Reck Update

Paul Reck went in for back surgery last week and Tom Shea stopped by to visit him on Friday, 11/1. Tom reported that Paul seems to be doing fine, though he won't be able to pick up more than 5 lbs for a while or sit in a chair for more than 15 minutes at a time. He was scheduled to be home some time over this past weekend. We are all wishing him well and hoping for a speedy recovery and looking forward to seeing him back in the shop soon!

Next Meeting: 9:30am Saturday, November 16th. If you want some coverage in the newsletter, be sure to bring some part of your project to share. Hope to see you then!