

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

September Meeting Notes, 2014



Meeting Commencement:

Our September meeting took place on Saturday, September 20, aboard the Eureka, open at long last! It looked to be a relatively small meeting, but members kept arriving until we had 10 present.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck said our balance last time was \$553.99 with a purchase of \$52.60 for tables and chairs for the barbecue, leaving us with a balance of \$501.39.

Gracie S. Report:

Paul reported that the Gracie S diorama is nearing completion. There are still braces to fit under the hull, coils of line needed (for which Barbara Hayes offered her services), cleats to mount on the rail of the cockpit, and the various items around the construction grounds need to be fixed into place. If the visitor's center is still interested, it's close to being ready to go.

Web Report:

David Windgate put together some notes on guidelines for submitting posts on the blog site. There was some confusion and discussion again about how people would log in to the blog site, and Clare, the site administrator, explained that each member would be set up with an account and temporary login password so they could post on the site.

Announcements and Club Business

Annual Barbecue The annual club barbecue at Paul and Nancy Reck's house was highly successful and everyone certainly had a great time. Attendance seemed to be the best in a long time if not the best ever. Music was provided by Carlos Oliva, who played Ukelele. Other entertainment was in the form of great conversation.

Mary Rose Talk and Ship Model Display Clare brought up the ship model display for the Mary Rose talk will be on Saturday, October 25th, at 1pm. Models will be out for viewing from roughly 11am until 3pm. Clare, Paul Reck, and Leo Kane committed to each bringing a model. Nobody else volunteered models, but it would be good to see more participation at this even which takes place in our own Museum building. So contact Clare if you are interested in participating.

Model Boats on Parade A reminder that to participate at the big event at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. Tables are available in the SF Model Yacht Club's clubhouse for displaying models inside. Clare said he would be there helping to represent the online ship model distributor Ages of Sail. Carlos indicated that he was thinking about attending, but not bringing a model – Intelligence reports indicate that Carlos was indeed at the event and even had his Main Lobster Boat on the water! So, it was good to see some Hyde Street participation.

NRG Conference The NRG Conference will be taking place October 16, 17 and 18 in St. Louis this year. Members Leo Kane and Clare Hess will be the representatives from Hyde Street Pier.

Show and Tell Segment

While we had a good turnout and plenty of good conversation at the meeting, only 3 members brought their work to share.

Warren Gammeter didn't bring a ship model this time, but did bring something in that he is making: a trout fishing net. This is the second that Warren has made and this one has a handle and hoop made of walnut. He explained his method of how he was able to bend the hoop. His handle includes inset pegs in contrasting wood set at 1" intervals down the handle, allowing easy measurement of the caught fish.



Clare Hess brought in two models. The first was the colonial schooner he is building. It is heavily modified from Artesania Latina's *Independence* kit. Only the framework, sub-decks and first layer planking from the kit was used. Pretty much all else was replaced and even the deck

and mast arrangement were modified somewhat, using information from Hahn's book *The Colonial Schooner*. The model scale is approximately 1:43.



The second model was a card model of the English cutter HMS Alert, 1777. This is the first card model he's attempted and all is going pretty well. His comment about the paper models is that they aren't easy, but they are a LOT of fun to work with. This particular kit is from a Polish company called Shipyard and it comes with laser cut frames and deck. All the remaining parts are pre-printed in color and have to be cut out with a razor blade or sharp hobby knife. The model scale is 1:96.



Paul Reck brought in his model of the sailing yacht *Svenkist* that he's building for a client. The model provided some interesting challenges as the real boat has a fiberglass hull and this is a wood model. This required him to smooth and finish the hull in such a way that no wood planks would show through the paint.



Paul made special note of the use of custom vinyl printing and cutting that he gets from Hines Signs in Cotati. The owner's name is Jake, email is jake@hines-signs.com and phone is (707) 664-0468.

Did I miss anything? Let me know at catopower@mac.com.

Please bring your projects to share!

**Next meeting is Saturday, October 18th
9:30 am ABOARD THE EUREKA!**