

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

December Meeting Notes, 2014



Meeting Commencement:

Our December meeting took place on Saturday, December 20, aboard the Eureka. Meeting commenced at 9:44am. We had a small attendance at 7 members, probably owing to the fact that it was the last weekend (only 5 days) before Christmas.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck reported our balance at \$454.19 with dues for 2015 being due by the next meeting in January. We've decided to reduce the dues from \$25 down to \$24 to simplify (\$494.69) has not changed since last month.

Gracie S. Report:

We are still planning to put the diorama in the visitor center where the clipper ship model is now. Unfortunately, there's now a bit of a hold up as the powers-that-be have to decide what to do with the clipper ship. We are waiting for word from Dick Everett. Paul suggested that we should be prepared to display it outside the model shop.

Workshop Report:

Tom and Paul have been spending quite some time in the workshop on weekends, noting that nobody else from our club has been coming in. Tom's message is that we need to use it or lose it. Tom and Paul did a lot of clean-up in the shop, so now there should be plenty of room and no excuse not to come in and work on projects.

It was suggested that members should make more of an effort to be at the shop so that we have some visible representation on the weekends when visitors come. So, bring a project that you can work on at the shop and possibly leave at the shop if you want to avoid transporting it back and forth.

Web Report:

Clare Hess reported that our Facebook page is now at 100 likes, a new milestone. Our Facebook site can be viewed at <http://www.facebook.com/hydestreetpiermodelshipwrights>.

We have had more visitors in the last month on our blog page which is at <http://www.hspms.wordpress.com>. This includes visitors from 7 foreign countries plus the US. Clare has approached a couple members who have shown some interest in writing up a little content for the blog site.

Announcements and Club Business

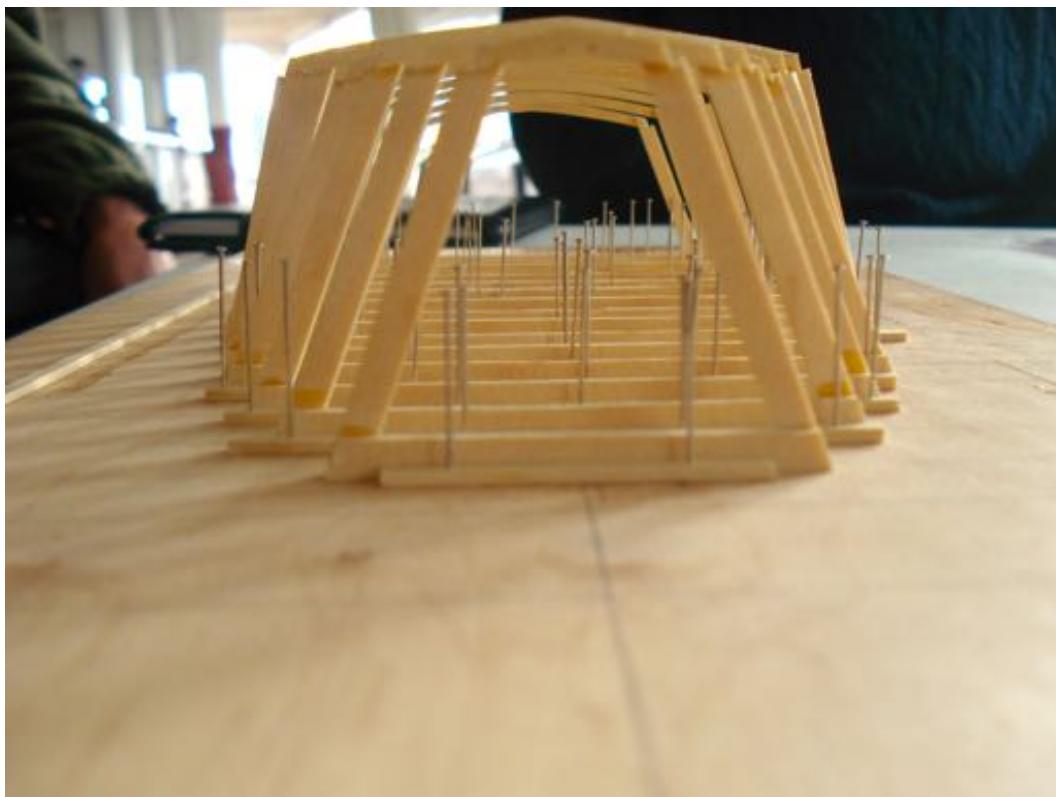
Dues are Due Please give your \$24 to Paul Reck at the next meeting to keep your membership current.

HSPMS Calendar was cancelled this year. Clare noted that we're too short on photos of member models to produce a club calendar this year. So, we should all get to work on ship model projects so we can have a first rate calendar next year.

Show and Tell Segment

Tom Shea started off our Show and Tell session mentioning his brig Niagara, which he is keeping in the shop. This is a kit from Model Shipways that his son had started and passed along to Tom. Tom had to redo a bit of work on the frames, and hopefully we'll see this model taking shape over future meetings.

Dave Wingate showed hull frames from the Lightning class sailboat he's making. This is his second set and he has a nice building boat he made to set the spacing of the frames. He had some questions about getting everything centered right. With the frames held in place, we can get a nice picture of the shape of the boat.



Paul Reck is apparently very busy with projects, having finished a half-hull of a Cal 34, repaired a Brigantine model and put in a proposal to build a model of a Morris 52' day sailor. Meanwhile, he brought in him battle-scarred cutter LEE that he will be repairing after it was knocked off a shelf by a newly acquired kitten.



Leo Kane is working hard on his scratch-built plank-on-frame model of the frigate Essex. He brought in some beautifully made capstans that he built for his model and they are masterfully done.



Clare Hess brought in his card model of the naval cutter HMS Alert. The 1/8" scale model is built from a kit produced in Poland by a company called Shipyard. Since last time it was brought in the caprails and some timberheads have been added. Progress will be slow as this is something of a side project.



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

**Next meeting is Saturday, January 17th
9:30 am Aboard the Eureka**

Please bring your projects to share!



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