

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

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Happy Holidays from HSPMS!

'Tis the Season... We're coming up very quickly to our last meeting of the year. It will be a regular meeting, since we already had our To celebrate, we're going to have some coffee and goodies to snack on.



Club Luncheon

Last month, we had our club luncheon at the St. Francis Yacht Club. As you may recall, this came up because we didn't have our annual club barbecue this year – Too many conflicting schedules. So, we finally came up with another way for club members to get together in a more social atmosphere and it was decided that we'd have a club-sponsored lunch at the St Francis Yacht Club.

The lunch was a follow-on to last months regular meeting. Unfortunately, this seemed to mean that it also had the same attendance level as most of our meetings, so there were only 6 of us at lunch. There was going to be a seventh, but Dan Canada had a medical emergency recently and was unable to attend. We're all hoping that Dan is okay now and hope to see him at the upcoming meeting.

Even with only 6 of us, we had a very nice time and had a nice lunch. The place was quite busy, so service was slow. But, the food was good and we all had plenty of good conversation to keep us occupied.



The dinning room had a nice view of the bay, and we even saw the Alma sailing by.



Leo, Paul, and Warren checking out a square rigger model.

This lunch was club-sponsored. Because of that, it was really just for members. Maybe in the future, we can do something so we can open up attendance to include spouses and guests.

Anyway, we hope to do more of these. But, we hope more people will take time out to attend. It's always nice to hang out with friends and fellow ship modelers.

What do you think would be a good place to do the next club luncheon? Or maybe we should do something in the evening for dinner? Come to the meeting and toss in your ideas for the next one!



Lots of beautiful ship models to see. Some, like this one was not made by Paul Reck...





But, there were many Paul built, like this one.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, December 16 9:30am aboard the Eureka

NRG Conference

The Nautical Research Guild conference was in Tampa, Florida this year. Unfortunately, HSPMS wasn't represented this year. Actually, neither was the South Bay Club. So, there's not much to report here. But, we do know that next year's conference will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. I don't recall the dates and it seems that the NRG isn't particularly anxious to post on their own website, though I know the dates are set, as are the hotel and rates. So, watch for information in an upcoming newsletter or visit our OWN website <http://www.hspms.org>.

Next Meeting

We'll need to decide on any changes in dues at our next meeting. We'll also bring up the topic of how we can work to support local ship model suppliers, like Ages of Sail and others, and vice-versa.

Being our last meeting of the year and to celebrate the holidays, we'll have coffee and pastries for everyone.

November Meeting Notes

Our November meeting took place as usual on Saturday, November 18, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. It was lightly attended with only 6 hearty souls in attendance

Announcements and Club Business

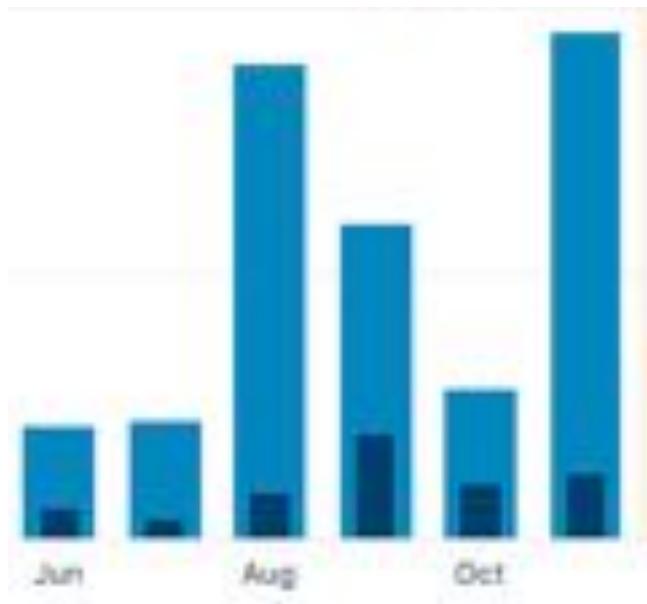
Treasurer's Report

Again, we didn't have an exact report this month. But, our balance stands pretty well unchanged for the past couple months with no new income or expenses.

Web Report

We operate a Facebook page, and a website (<http://www.hspms.org>). Visits to our website fluctuate over time, but has been generally trending upwards. With about 40 visitors a month, average, our site has been seeing more traffic in past months.

Here's a graph of website visits over the past several months to give you an idea of the relative change in visits over time.



The last column is November. The dark portion shows the number of visitors, the light portion shows the total amount of activity on the site. The graph shows that while November visits is lower than our all time high in September, the visitors on our site have spent more time viewing the contents of our site. So, clearly, we're posting stuff that people are interested in.

Most recent posts on our site have been from the club lunch and updates on Paul Reck's Philadelphia gunboat build.

As for Facebook, we have 224 followers as of our November meeting, and it's slowly increasing over time.

Show and Tell Segment

There was plenty to talk about around the meeting table, and we had a couple books showing that we passed around the table.

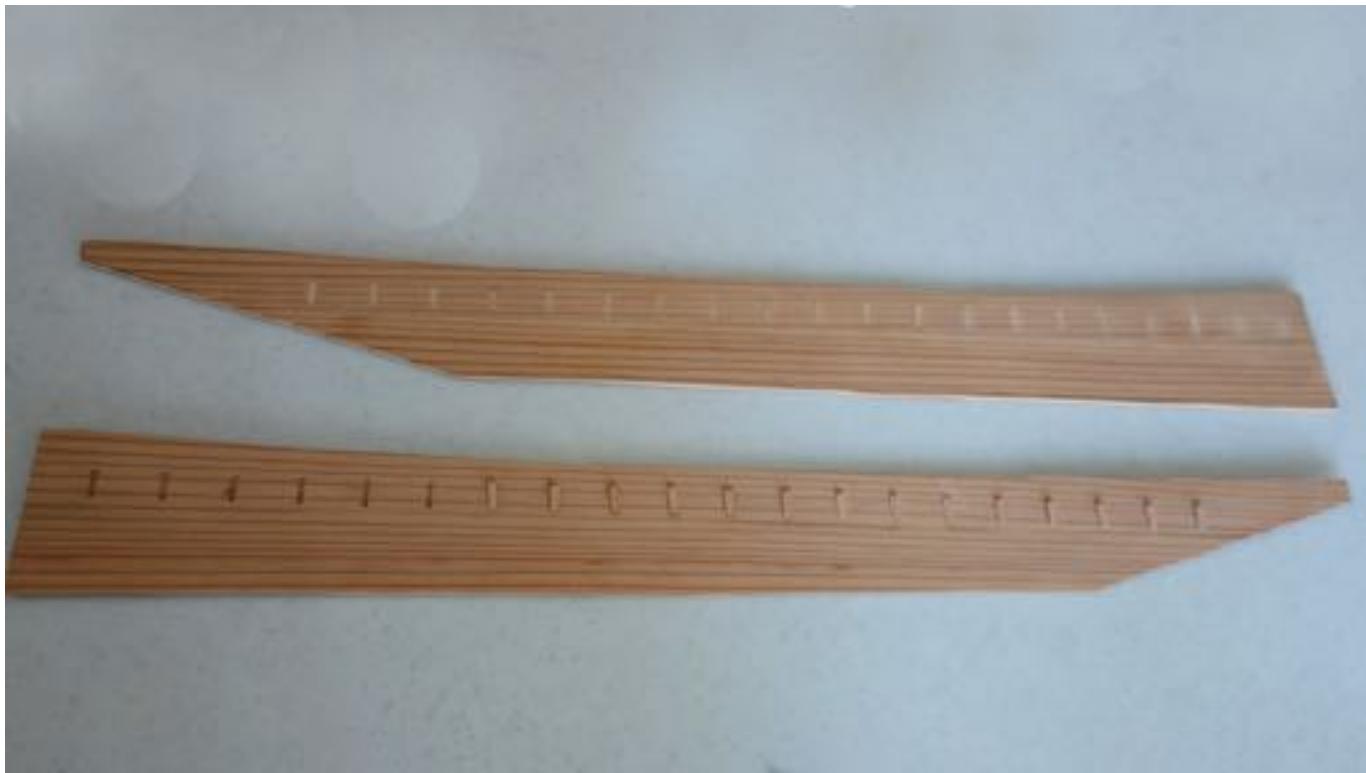
Leo Kane brought an unstarted kit that Paul Reck is going to build for a friend of his. The kit is an old out of production Amati kit of a French bomb ketch. Paul looked very pleased with the new project, and we're looking forward to seeing what he does with it.



Warren Gammeter brought in his latest experiments with miniature whaleboat carving.



Clare Hess showed some progress on the hull planks for his Japanese river boat, the Hozugawa Ayubune. Showing different stages of mortises cut and plugged.

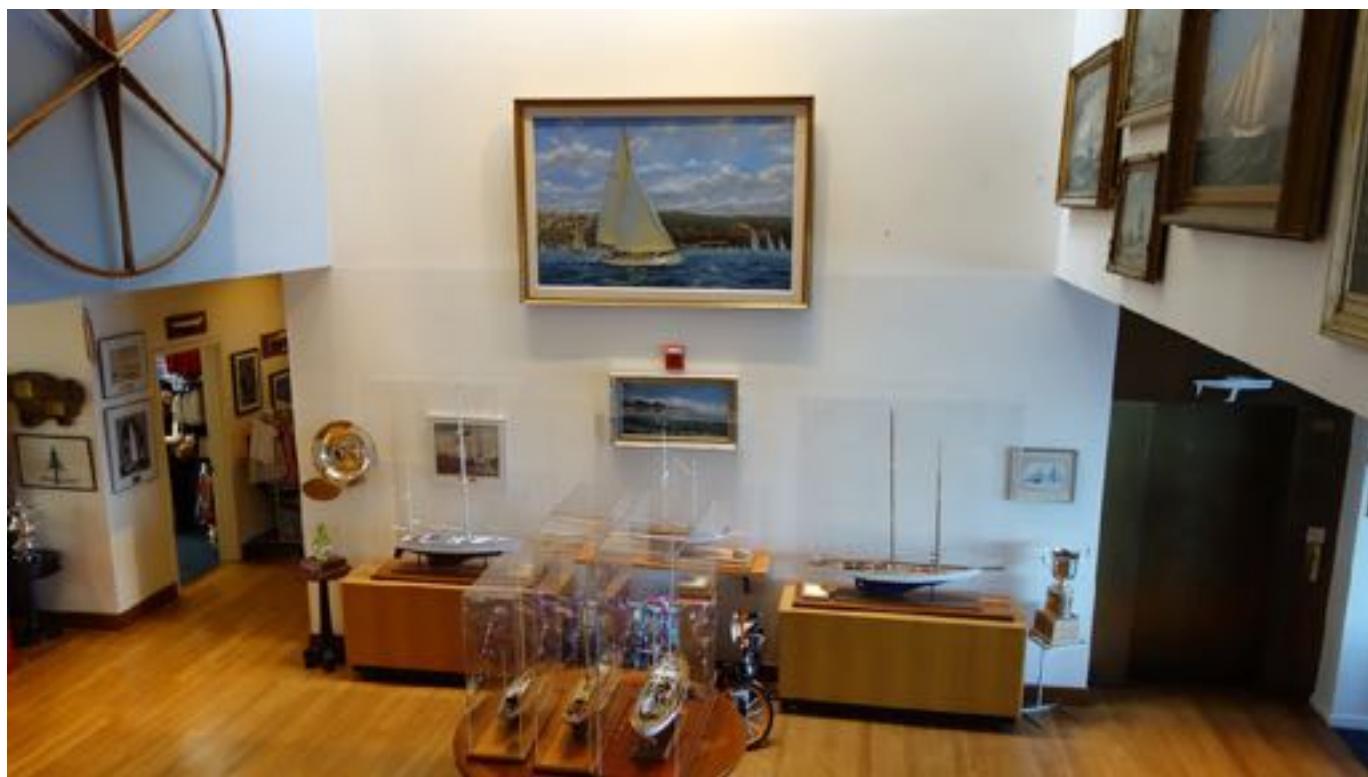


But, of course, the biggest event of the meeting was the lunch we had afterwards at the St. Francis Yacht Club.

Here are a few more photos from the event. These were taken by Warren Gammeter...







Any corrections? Let me know at catopower@mac.com.

**Next meeting is Saturday, December 16th
9:30 am Aboard the Eureka
Please bring your projects to share and discuss**

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