

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

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The NRG Conference

The big news this month is the recently held Nautical Research Guild conference.

This year, the conference was held in Las Vegas, at the Palace Station Hotel and Casino. This venue was a departure for the organization, which traditionally holds these events at a location of maritime interest. But, such locations are generally expensive for both the conference as well as accommodations. So, in hopes of boosting attendance and participation, Las Vegas was chosen, as it is a much less expensive location (unless you're a compulsive gambler, that is), and relatively inexpensive flights are generally easier to book.

The conference seemed to have some really great technical sessions and seminars, but attendance was very light. It seems that the benefits of the location weren't enough to sway large numbers of members to attend.



The four vendors present this year were, Ages of Sail, BlueJacket, Sherline and Train Troll.



New products from Train Troll



Pam from Sherline demoing how to taper dowels

Those who didn't make it to the conference missed out on seeing some really great models, including those of Ken Foran, Gus Augustin, and others.



Check out these and more in the latest posting on our website: <http://hspms.org>.

Next year's conference location was not announced at the member meeting, as the Board is looking at handling the conference in a different manner, teaming up with a museum instead of dealing with hotels and their expenses. Attendees would probably be required to take care of their own accommodations, though I'm sure the NRG would recommend hotels near to the event.

Nautical Research Journal Digital Edition

For those of you who get tired of the stacks of ship modeling magazines piling up in your homes, the NRG recently announced that digital subscriptions are now available. Now, members can elect to receive the same Journal that always been available (though recently expanded), or to obtain a digital copy, viewable online, or both.

For more information, go to: <http://www.thenrg.org>

October Meeting Notes

Our October meeting took place on Saturday, October 20th, at 9:30 a.m. aboard the *Eureka*. It was another gathering with light attendance due to member travel plans and health issues. Neither Paul Reck nor Leo Kane were present, so Tom Shea and Clare Hess ran the meeting.

Announcements and Club Business

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Ship Model Repair

Tom Shea received a call from someone with a model of the Sea Witch in need of repair. The model was owned by Mr. Tim Golden, whose father had built the kit long ago. Mr. Golden's father was a naval architect and apparently built the model from a kit.

Tom had been working on the model for about a week, repairing the ship's boat, rigging lines, and some of the stays.

He received a small compensation, which he said he will throw into the club's treasury.

Boxes of Books in the Shop

It was pointed out that there are still boxes of books taking up room in the shop. These were received from at least one or two donations. It's nice that people thought enough of us to donate

books to us, but they take up a lot of room that we could use for other things, and it was decided that they need to go.

So, this is your last chance. Come and sort through the books that are there, take what you want, and we're getting rid of the rest, one way or another – they won't be there come 2019.

Show and Tell Segment

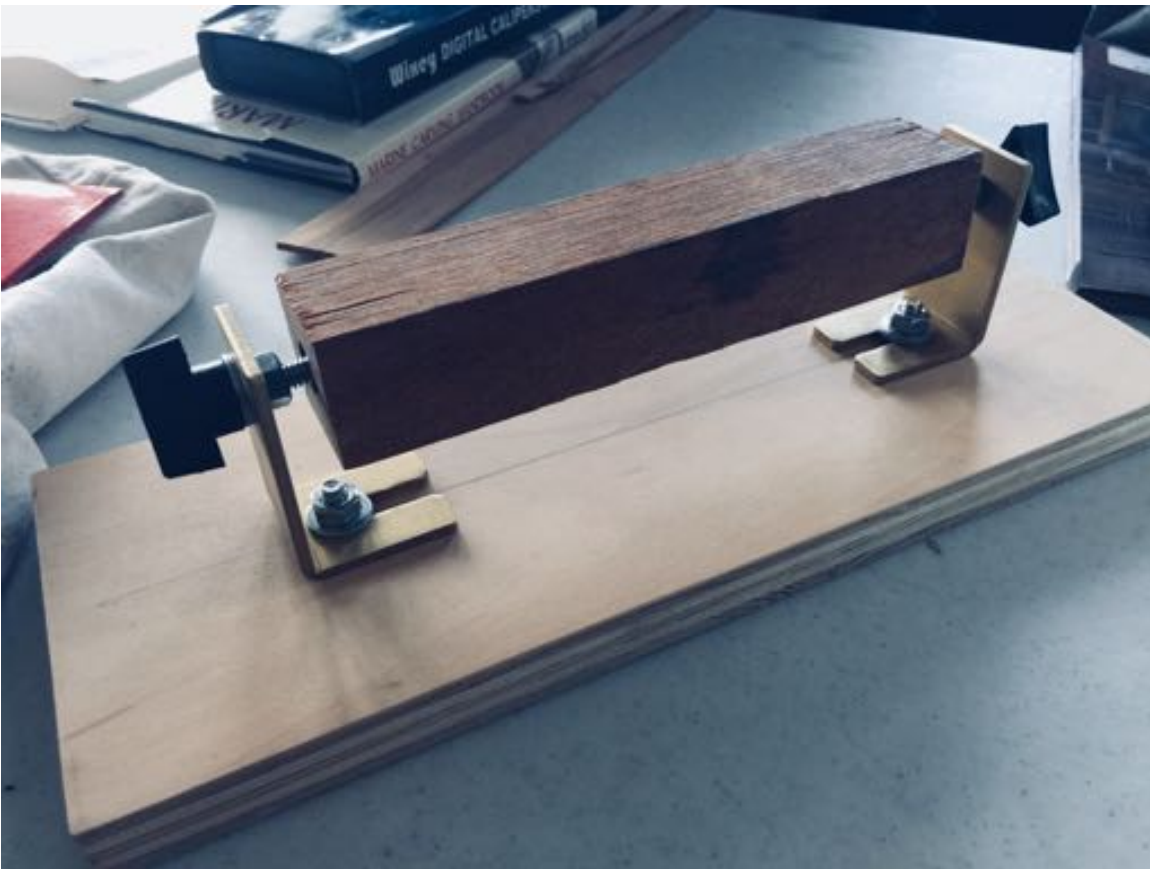
Warren Gammeter has been looking at building a model of the 1852 Great Lakes schooner "Challenge" from an old A.J. Fisher kit he had bought.

According the A.J. Fisher's website, before the 600-foot bulk freighters used on the Great Lakes today, all shipping was carried out by schooners. The earliest of these were shallow draft, centerboard vessels like the Challenge. These two-masted schooners dominated the shipping trade for many years until they got so large that it became necessary to rig them 3 or 4 masts



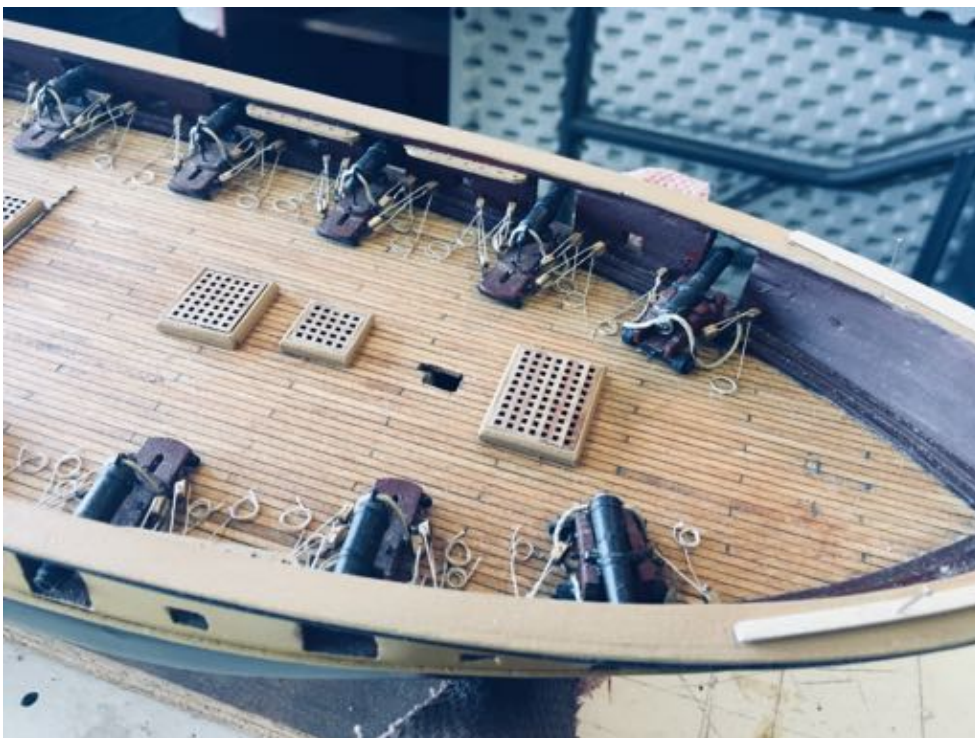
Apparently, the old kit that Warren got didn't have instructions, so he bought a set direct from A.J. Fisher, which is still around. Their website is <http://www.ajfisher.com>.

Warren showed us templates that he had made for the 1/8" scale kit's solid hull. He also showed us a keel stand he made based ones that Paul uses, and that was used by the club on building the Freda and the Gracie S.



Jerry Bellows didn't have a model, but reported on his trip to Athens, Greece, where he took some photos at the maritime museum there. He will post these in the future on our website.

Tom Shea is still working hard on his model the Niagara, Oliver Hazzard Perry's flagship at the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Having rigged all the guns, he is now turning his attention to the shaping of the masts and spars.





The Niagara was a brig, meaning she carried two square rigged masts. This means a lot more work shaping spars and rigging than Tom's earlier War of 1812 ship model, the hermaphrodite brig Prince de Neufchatel.

Tom's work brought up a brief discussion on methods for creating the 8-sided sections seen on larger spars.

Clare Hess updated us on a Billing Boats kit of the Danish steel-hulled fishing boat Dana that he's been working on. He reported that he is less than satisfied with his air brush and spray painting skills. So, at this stage, the model has been a bit of a challenge.



This Billing Boats kit is one of the simplest of the beginner kits, and features a vacuum-formed 2-piece plastic hull, so it's extremely light. Clare commented that it's actually a bit too light, and if he were to build the model again, he would glue some kind of weights inside, to make the model easier to handle.

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

**Next meeting is Saturday, November 17th
9:30 am Aboard the Eureka
Please bring your projects to share and discuss!**

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