

CAPE ANN SHIP MODELER'S GUILD

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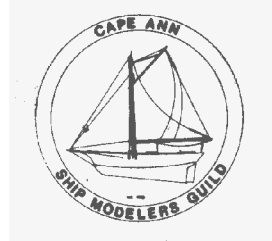
AUGUST 2007

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, September 12, 2007, 7:00 PM

GLOUCESTER VETERANS CENTER

12 EMERSON AVE, GLOUCESTER, MA



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Meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. by President Walter.

Secretary's report: Accepted as written in Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Balance July 11, 2007 _____ \$585.33
Credits: interest + other _____ 25.14
Debits, postage _____ 164.00
Balance: Aug. 8, 2007 _____ \$446.47

Correspondence: Newsletters, notice.

Old Business: The possibly of the Veterans Center closing and being sold is still around but not much has been mentioned lately.

Nothing new on the new club brochures but they are being worked on.

The Gloucester Marine Heritage Center features Cape Ann SMG in it's spring 2007 Newsletter.

The presentation Erik Ronnberg Jr. gave at the North Shore Art Association was quite good and was well received.;

New business: A review of the small homemade model ship kits for us to give away/sell was done. Walter will bring some riverboats, Brad simple sailboats, Pat medium sized small sailboats, Ernie a few tugboat kits and Doug with his ever popular walnut shell boats(who gets to eat the walnuts?)

NOAA is looking for a model of a current dragger.

Thank you Fred for taking notes in my absence. Brad

Tips: From "Precision tips From The Die-Making Trade" by Fred Johnson via the South Bay Model Shipwrights: To see if your table saw is cutting squarely, take a piece of scrap with parallel edges and crosscut it with the board flat on the saw table. Flip one of the pieces back to front, and put the sawn edges together again. Align them against a straightedge—the cut should only be a fine line. If not, adjust the miter gage or the sliding table until it is.

From Wally Haase from the Tampa Bay club, he finishes his duck models with tung oil and rubs them with 2000 grit paper(Kraft paper bags) for a high polish.

From Al Blevins of the Constitution Club: "After thirty-five or more years of searching vainly for a particular tool on the work area, which is strewn about

with other working tools, I finally found a solution which saves time for me.

I purchased a 15 by 6 by 1-1/2 inch container which I placed on the bench to the right side of my work area. When finished with a tool, even for just a minute, I place it in the box rather than laying it haphazardly in the workspace along with others leading to an eventual frantic search. Now at least, the search is limited to the area of the box. It took me a week to train myself to consistently use the method."

Show And Tell: I missed the regular meeting but at the Maritime Historical Center on Tues. the 28th we had a good showing of people and models. Fred Swart had his Dutch square rigged cargo ship *Red Lion* with the masts up. Fred also had a computer and showed a Power Point presentation of his trip to Woods Hole and visit to Erik Ronnberg's shop.

Ernie and Pat brought in some small toy boats for the kids on this coming weekend Schooner Festival in Gloucester. They also had several skiffs, a beautiful half model and Pat was working on another half model.

Ed Parent brought in his latest 1/240 civil War ironclad. This time it was the *CSS Stonewall* in a case.

Brad showed his model hull of the America's Cup sail boat *Rainbow* and a bunch of cast parts for his USS Chukawan.

We also had guest modeler, Larry Liebert from Rockport with a four foot scratch built tugboat hull. It will be powered and radio controlled so he will waterproof the hull with fiberglass. Very nice job Larry.

Coming Events:

September 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th. 2007, NRG Conference will be held in Manitowac, Wisconsin. Details of this event can be found on the NRG web-site: www.naut.res.guild.org

October 20th – 21st, 2007: Model Ship Show at the Torigian Center in Peabody, Mass., 9AM - 3 PM. On

Saturday October 20, Ed Parent will give a 45 minute slide presentation on his building of the *USS Niagara* at 1:00 PM. On Sunday Erik Ronnberg will speak on his model of the *Mt. Stewart*, a wool clipper with some ideas of his construction methods, also at 1:00 PM

October 21st, 2007: Granite Com XV at the Nashua Elks Club, 120 Daniel Webster highway, Nashua, New Hampshire. A modeling contest and show by the Granite State Modelers.
<http://www.gsmcipms.org>

August 2nd - 3rd, 2008, Salem Maritime Festival, from the Broadside.

Misc.: Saturday, September 1st. several members of the Cape Ann Ship modelers manned a space at the Gloucester Marine Heritage Center as part of the Gloucester Schooner Festival. There were four schooners tied up at the Heritage Center's dock, the *Virginia*, a pilot ship, the *Pride of Baltimore II*, a replica of a war of Independence Privateer, the *Lettie G. Howard* and the *Spirit of Massachusetts*, also a schooner. At the coast Guard Dock was the *Freedom*, a replica clipper from Salem and dozens of others there for the schooner race on Sunday.

There were a number of vendors, book sellers, food and representatives from the *Ernestina* and others. We had a half dozen models, a hundred or so little toy sail boat models for young children to assemble and talked with many-many visitors. It was a good time all in all.

The ship museums of London, At Greenwich there is the National Maritime Museum among the buildings of the Naval University. It has a good sized model ship display of many sailing ships, mostly square rigged types. There are also several huge cruise ship models including the *Mauritania*, said to be the 8th wonder of the world when built.

Very nice models but of a limited type.

Unfortunately the pride of Greenwich, "Cutty Sark" which suffered a fire earlier in the year is covered in a huge opaque white plastic cocoon and cannot be viewed at all though there is a website. Greenwich is a delightful ride down the Thames on a tour boat from Westminster Bridge.

The Imperial War Museum is devoted more to land and air war history with only a few model ships on display.

For a huge and varied marine display, the London Science Museum (behind the Natural History Museum) on Cromwell Street in the Kensington section of London can't be beat. Besides a collection of enormous steam machines it has a huge gallery of ship models dating from the ancient to the modern warship. One could spend days viewing all the models in the area.



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FRED SWART'S RED LION, A DUTCH TRADING SHIP



ERNIE'S SKIF AT THE H C



PAT'S TOY SAILBOAT FOR GIVING TO KIDS AT THE SCHOONER FESTIVAL



ERNIE'S SAMPLE TOY TUG



LARRY LIBERT' S HUGE TUG HULL FOR RADIO CONTROL



WALTER McGRATH SHOWING SOME KIDS HOW TO ASSEMBLE THE TOY BOATS THEY WERE GIVEN AT THE SCHOONER FESTIVAL



ED PARENT WORKING ON A MODEL AT THE SCHOONER FESTIVAL



WALTER McGRATH'S HUGE *SOVEREIGN OF THE SEAS*



SOME PICTURES OF THE SCHOONER FESTIVAL SHIPS

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<http://CASMG.org/Newsletter.htm>