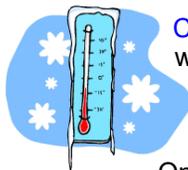




Forecastle Report

Newsletter of the Midwest Model Shipwrights ♦ www.midwestmodelshipwrights.com ♦ January 2018

● Scuttlebutt ●



COMMODORE, Bob Filipowski, has always had mixed feelings about the December meeting. On one hand, there's that great pizza, a flea market, and the joy of hanging out with fellow members.

On the other side of the coin, there is a lot that can go wrong. This includes the pizzeria dropping our order, or not having enough pizzas if it does arrive. The weather can have a huge impact on attendance, which leaves us with a lot of extra food. Last, but certainly not least, there's always the chance that our meeting hall, unbeknown to us, had been set up by the church for a religious function, which would put us out in the cold. (This last item occurred once, but not for our December meeting.)

Of course, none of this doom and gloom occurred, and we had an outstanding holiday gathering. Not only was attendance excellent, but every piece of pizza was consumed, and the crew went home contented!

● 2018 Elections ●

The annual election of officers was held, and all the incumbents were reelected for another term. Bob Filipowski thanked the membership for their trust, and promised, on behalf of all the officers, to do their best to provide the members with a supportive organization that will further the art of model ship building.

● Dues Are Due ●

If you haven't already paid, a check in the mail with your \$20 dues for the year would be welcome. We'll keep reminding you until March when, if you haven't paid, your newsletter mailing will cease.



Mail to: **Allen Siegel, 843 Bryant Ave, Winnetka, IL 60093**. Thanks, mates.

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January Meeting Notice

Gudgeons & Pintles

by Bob Filipowski

At the December meeting Bob Filipowski promised that every effort would be made to feature topics in 2018 that were requested by the membership. Being a man of his word, the New Year will kick off with a discussion on scratch building gudgeons and pintles. It has been exactly three years since we featured this presentation, so a refresher course should be beneficial for all of us.

Our next meeting will be at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, January 17, 2018
The South Church
501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL

● A Very Special Award ●

Although not a common occurrence, the Midwest Model Shipwrights have, from time to time, presented deserving individuals with Special Achievement Awards. However, there has never been recognition of this type initiated by the Chicago Tri-Club Association.

That all changed at the December meeting when **Kurt Van Dahm** was honored for his contributions to our Chicago area model ship building community.

Bob Filipowski noted many of Kurt's contributions, which largely go unnoticed by us. Bob stated that it would be difficult to say where our three organizations would be without Van Dahm's tireless efforts.



The award was not a surprise to Kurt since this was the third time that it was given to him! Due to the fact that it was being presented by the North Shore Deadeyes, The Nautical Research and Model Ship Society, and the Midwest Model Shipwrights, it was felt that a "ceremony" should be conducted at all three December meetings. Kurt was a good sport, and went along with the request. Considering all that he has done for us, thanking him three times was not overdone!

● **Pizza + Flea Market** ●



Here is **Richard "Santa" Kuenstler** making his list and checking it twice with **Fred Widmann**.



Patrick Sand is enjoying his (first, second, third?) plate of pizza. Everyone was very well fed this night, for sure.



Our award for the best image of the camaraderie that our club generates is this happy pair of (L-R) **Gordon Field** and **Robert (Wick) Wicklander**, who are clearly having a great time on this special evening.



How much pizza was left over? **NONE!**



We had a room full of happy, well fed mates enjoying the evening with festive decorations overhead.

● **Ships on Deck** ●

Neil Hurwitz has sent us more photos of the progress he is making on the *Fair American* he is doing with Sid Wotman. The outer hull has really bloomed under Neil's able hands and the model is shaping up to be a real beauty. Work done at the end of 2017 was the completion of the



head rail assembly and some preliminary gilding work. Adding a name and fancy work on the stern will be on the schedule for the new year - "when I'll be older and wiser" to quote Neil. Thanks, mate, for sending us the pics.

Bob Sikes has laid down another fine model, the *Rattlesnake* that promises to be a real winner.



It's noted that Bob thinks about the display of his models while he is building them. In this case, the base matches the model's trim. Nice job Mate.



Ken Wallenburg has created an amazing carving of an Indianhead Penny which is a real attention getter. Great job, mate.



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Ships of 2017



A fine body of work was completed this past year with many models earning awards in major competition. Our club can be justly proud of the level of excellence members have achieved as a result of working in such a supportive environment as the club has provided. And it can only get better for 2018. Great work, mates!

January was a very busy month with this group of fine new models:



Gus Agustin's *Launch* and *State Barge* done up in his antique book format. The launch of a whole series.

Paul Bien's *Walking Beam Engine*, ca. 1840 - and it really worked



Glen Estry's IPMS Gold Medal winner *Civil War Mortar*.

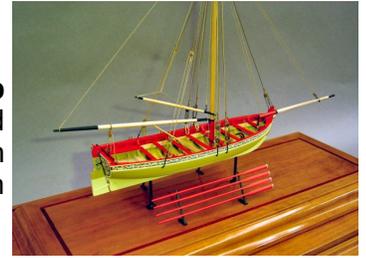


February saw **Doc Williams** complete a remarkable rebuilding of the *USS Constitution* for a happy owner.



We saw a few more of **Gus Agustin's** ships in miniature books. What a treat!

March ushered in **Bob Filipowski's** completed *English Long Boat*, which was a Gold Winner in Manitowoc.



Tim Foster scratch built an 'HO' scale model of the 1927 car ferry *Wabash*, thus adding to our Great Lakes historical models.



April saw **Bob Sykes** finishing another model; this one the *HMS Serapis*. Should make Bob our most prolific modeler this year by far!



May had **Glen Estry** finishing his 1:24 kit of the 32-pounder Carronade from the *USS Philadelphia*. Glen went the extra mile on this kit and scratch-built many parts.



June was winner's month, as the results of the 2017 Model Boat Show in Manitowoc were announced.

Alan Siegel finished his fine 1:50 model of the *Half Moon* in time to take a Gold Medal.



July had a group of launches to marvel at. **Helmut Reiter** completed his very fine, scratch built, *La Belle*.





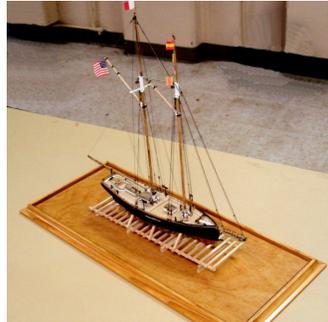
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John Hirsch finished his *English Long Boat*.



Elijah Jennings finished his *New York Pilot Boat*.



Gus Agustin amazed us with another fine miniature, a *Royal Yacht*.



August featured **Gus Agustin** again, this time with a 1:300 *Dutch Yacht* done up in his model-in-a-book style.



Richard Romaniak showed us the results of his many month's work on the *Baltimore Clipper Brig* in **October**.



We sailed into the new year aboard **John Pocius'** beautiful *Drift Boat* and outboard motor with a mountain lake and lofty, snow covered peak as a backdrop. Another in his long string of dioramas that are all works of art.



HAPPY NEW YEAR, MATES!

HISTORIC SHIP PROFILES

•Canal Boat Photo by Shurpy •

Kurt Van Dahm acquired this curiosity for us to add to our collection of floating wonders.

Shown is a floating grain elevator in New Orleans in the process of loading or unloading a canal boat.



At first glance, you might have a problem sorting out the grain elevator, canal boat and the freighter.

The canal boat, "No. 67", doesn't appear to be fit to be transporting anything, much less stay afloat. However, the steel hulled freighter appears to also be working with the grain elevator. Is it possible the grain is going from the freighter to the elevator and then to the canal boat, or is it the other way around? That looks like a bucket elevator going into the canal boat, which would suggest that the cargo is being removed from the boat. And does anyone know what canal that boat would be operating in?

Have fun with this one and share your opinions at our next meeting, mates.

THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

"ADVANCING SHIP MODELING THROUGH RESEARCH"

Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, *Nautical Research Journal*, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime history, nautical archaeology and maritime art.

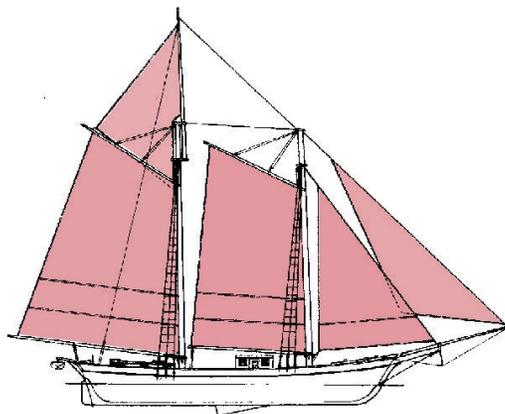
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