

HYDE STREET PIER MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS

July Meeting Notes, 2014



Meeting Commencement:

Our July meeting took place on Saturday, July 19. Terry let us into the conference room around 9:35. He told us that a new superintendent for the Park has been appointed, but it is not official yet and details will be forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report:

Paul Reck said our current balance is \$561.63. Funds are located in the safe at Paul's house.

Announcements and Club Business

Eureka Status The Eureka (and our model shop) remains inaccessible to the public. Terry expect work to be done in September or October.

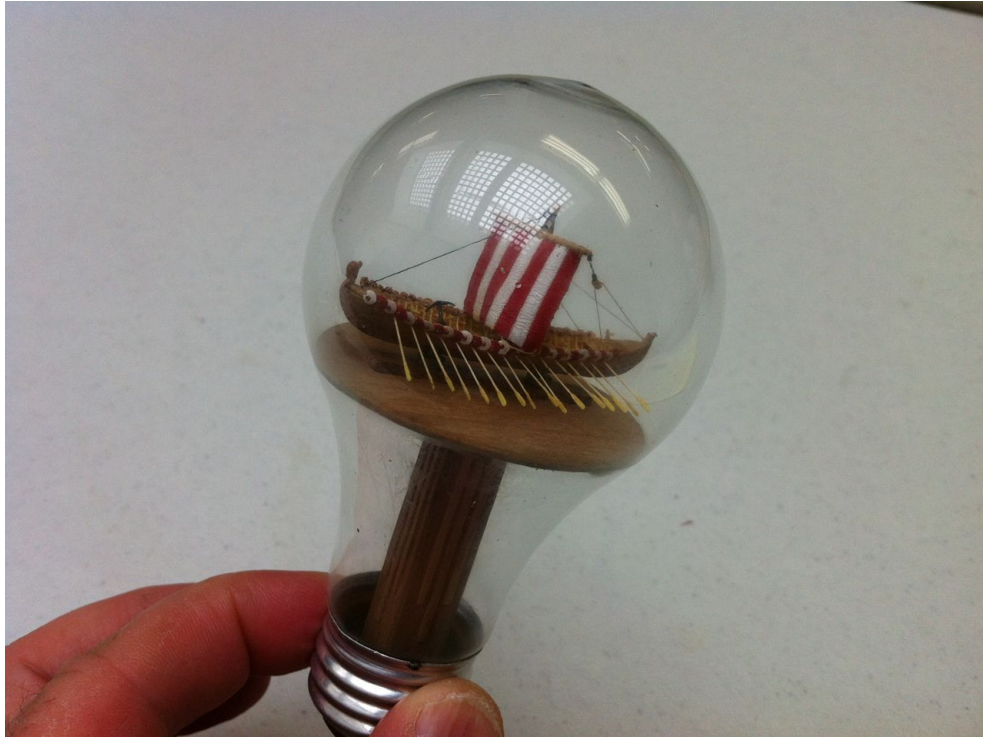
Gracie S. The model has not been moved to the visitor center yet. We still need to do coils of rope and gripes for two launches. Cost of display case estimated minimum \$800. We may approach the new Superintendent and ask for permission to display the model on the Eureka instead of in the visitor center.

HSPMS Blog: Clare sent out an announcement about a newly created Wordpress blog for the club. This is a proposal and sample created for club members to get an idea of what it is. There were a number of questions about the new blog created/proposed by Clare Hess. Dave Wingate explained how blogs work in general and how Clare envisions managing this blog. The group voted to make Clare the Editor and Dave the Assistant Editor. It was agreed that the blog could be a good source of publicity for HSPMS.

Club Mission Paul Reck asked the question "What is the purpose of the club?" Paul said we meet and build club projects, but what else do we do or what else can we? Bob Stark said education is part of our function, and he suggested putting instructional content in our new blog. Leo Kane said we have a unique capability with our shop, as it is the only resource of its kind available to model builders in our area; and that we have social functions like the upcoming barbecue. Several members of the group commented that the club is a source of inspiration and information for model builders or people who want to start the hobby.

Show and Tell Segment

Steve Palacios is a guest who found HSPMS online. His initial email to Leo Kane bounced back. Then he emailed Paul Reck. Paul is a member of Nautical Research Guild. He started building models at an early age, but stopped building and then returned to the hobby around 2001. He built a tiny Viking ship inside a light bulb. He also attempted a smaller vessel, a Cog, inside a light bulb.



Then he started building a highly modified version of Artesania Latina's 1:90 kit of the Spanish galleon San Francisco. Steve has not worked on this model since 2006. It is nearly complete, though, and everyone thought it was very well done. All of the work was done with hand tools. The acrylic paint looks very realistic. The details were built from scratch to an amazing level of detail. Steve doubled the number of bulkheads provided in the kit to insure a stronger and accurate hull. He also did extensive research as evidenced by stacks of notes, calculations, and drawings which he passed around.



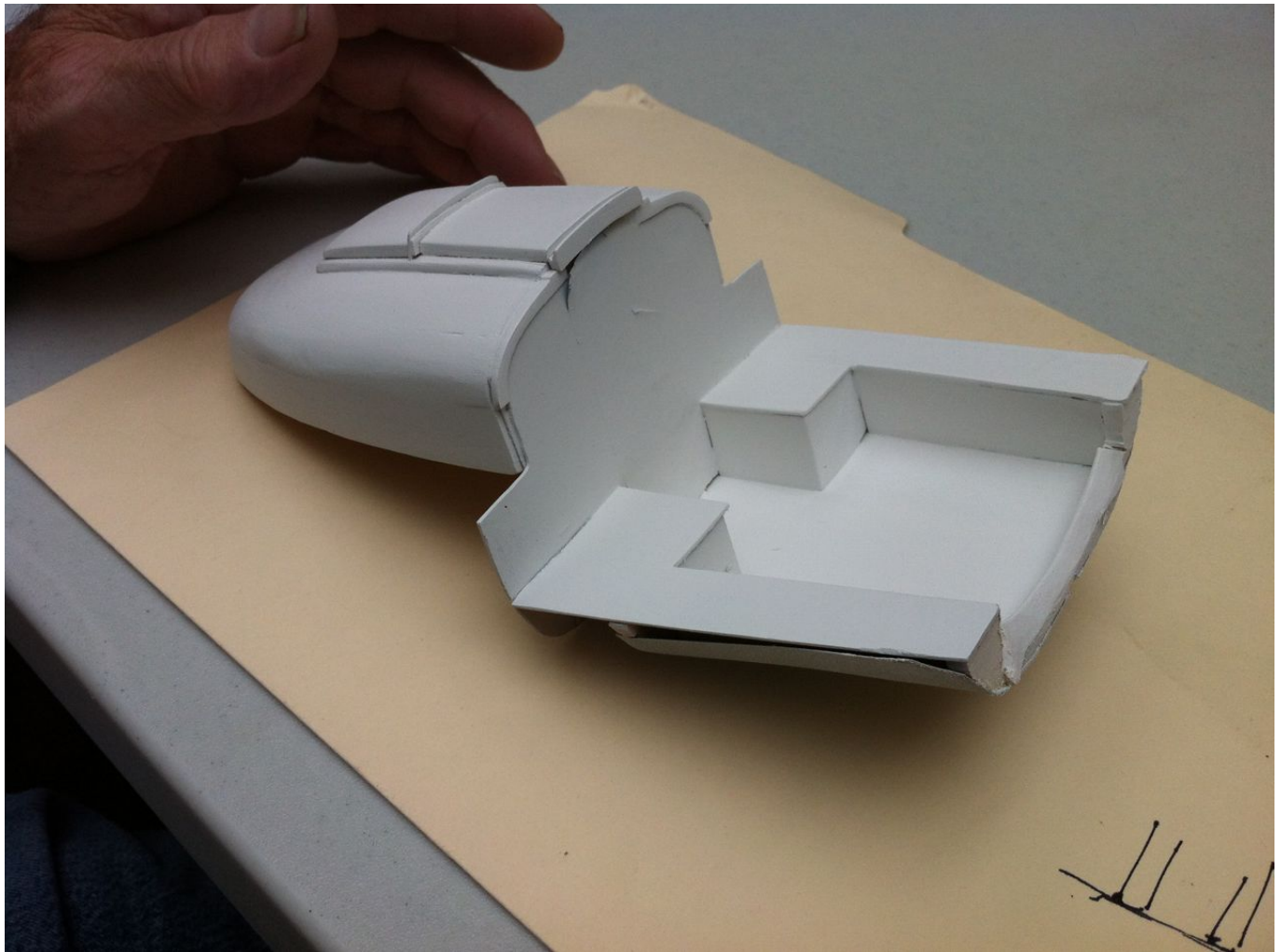
Steve also showed us three plank-on-frame models of the San Francisco's small boats.



Tom Shea got a Model Shipways kit of the U.S. Brig of War Niagara from his son.

Dave Wingate continues to work on a scratch-built 1:16 Lightning class sailboat with guidance and lumber from Paul Reck. Dave showed some bottom frame templates and mentioned some difficulties he's had cutting them out. Dave also mentioned that he will be visiting the Mystic Seaport Maritime Museum in Connecticut next week.

Paul Reck reported on the 1:16 scale model he is building of a 33' Knarr sloop. Paul discussed the difficulties of making a wood model of a fiberglass boat. He is building the hull using the lift method. Paul showed us the cockpit/deck house assembly (IMG_8723). He also updated us on the line drawings of the 80' ketch Shawnee he made based on deck plan and framing plan obtained from MIT. Paul will send his completed drawings to MIT to add to their records. Paul is also working on an index of his plans collection in case anyone wants to make copies for their own use.



Ken Lum is visiting from the South Bay Model Shipwrights. He is arranging a lecture on 10/25/14 at the Maritime Museum on "Saving the Mary Rose" Tudor warship. Ken wants to know if any of us are willing to display models at the lecture. Leo said we need time to think about it and we will have Clare get back to Ken on this.

Ken also brought some old books and magazines to give away for free, and he showed a 24-sheet set of plans of the Cutty Sark from a Dutch model builders' website. If anyone is interested, Ken will share the plans.

Please bring your projects to share!

Next meeting is Saturday, August 16th