



December Report

President's message:

As we have had our final meeting for 2021 we endured having to move once again from the VFW Facility to Fairfield Harbor due to Covid. Our attendance has picked up since some of the mandates have fallen by the wayside, and hopefully we are back to normal now as much as we can be.

I truly appreciate the faithful attendance we have had, and encourage other members who have not attended to please join back in our activities as we have adequate space to accommodate a larger crowd.

I wish each one of you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. There are a lot of exciting activities coming up in 2022 so join back in so you don't miss out!

Jim

Our attendance for our December meeting :

Jim Gower, *President*

Jim Brode, *Vice President*

Hank Bishop

Marshall Smith

Andy Fulcher

Dave Mahoney

Roger Brown

Mark Sandvigen

Jim gave a update on the proposed veterans Art Exhibit scheduled for sometime in mid 2022. May be a coordinated effort with the veterans group in Jacksonville, N.C. More later as we get closer to the actual date and plans are firmed up on dates and location. Mark Sandvigen added that he had met a local artist, Virginia Spencer who works with brain related injury artist who are wanting to express their skills, and suggested she would be willing to work with veterans who want to continue their art as well.

The ECPM DownEastCon, (aka CATCH '22) is still on for July 9, 2022 in Havelock and There is new information, including the early registration form, online at:

<https://www.ecpmod.com/downeastcon-2022.html>

As always, more info will be posted as the new year progresses.

Jim Gower is looking into a Saturday Exhibit in the New Bern Mall mid winter/spring if the Covid mandates will allow a small exhibit in the Mall. More as the new year begins and yes, all of our planned activities are sounding like broken records due to trying to get back to normal lives.

Mark Sandvigen gave some interesting facts on the USS Constitution. Mark is planning on building an 1803 model of her, and his research has produced some facts, and some he will incorporate in his build.

Did you know that the decks were painted red? Old saying was to blend in the blood during or after an engagement.

Did you know that the gun port covers were added at a later date?

Did you know that when she was under way at the beginning that they had trouble with the navigation as the compass was always going haywire? Well someone finally figured out that if you replace the old iron cannons that were mounted close to the compass box with brass cannons it would correct the compass! Wow what a relief to the captain and crew.

Did you know that the yellow stripe painted on the hull started out as dark brown?

Most modelers know that the masts were made up from pine but were 2 or more trees combined for strength and to achieve the diameter necessary. There is a 100 acre plot of Oak trees at the Naval Depot in Indiana that are grown for the express purpose of providing wood for



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repair/replacement of parts on her.

Did you know that the figure head started out as Hercules, but when she collided with the frigate President it was damaged beyond repair and replaced with Andy Jackson? Wow I know he was popular but on a man o war? Later it was replaced with fiddle heads which remains today.

There are a lot of interesting facts any modeler can gain about their build and its called research. Did I say research? Yes, if you want older models to depict a period of time that is the only way to achieve accurate results. Good luck Mark on this build.

Roger Brown presented a quick talk regarding a model he is working on of a 1950's electric boat cruiser ,the Richardson. Roger stated his family use to own one as was interested in keeping that period of time alive. (No picture available).

Andy Fulcher gave a update on the Cris Craft runabout which was shown at last months meeting. He now has replaced parts of the bottom around the keel. this project is a labor of love trying to correct someone else's boo-boo's building techniques.

Jim Brode stated he has exotic woods available for anyone who is interested in picking up some. Jim over the years has acquired a lot of materials as most of us do from his former building projects.

Dave Mahoney stated he has 3 orders for the miniature outboards that he scratch builds. You will recall last month Dave presented a Mercury Stacker Outboard. He stated each motor takes 3-4 months to construct and he has to order smaller parts from Germany to incorporate into his build as none are available here in the U.S.

Jim Gower presented a newly acquired model kit of a 1/48 Corvette that is about 12 years old. Jim stated that the former owner had the plans blown up to 1/48 scale so it would be accurate when building parts. Most of the fittings are from the U.K. and the prop and brass shaft are

manufactured in the Netherlands. The kit will produce a model of about 51 inches long, and is the biggest model Jim will build. Anyone have room for this boat once it is complete?

You can make a Canadian or U.K version of the boat. Most Corvettes when build early on, were always different in design due to the fact that most boats were changed while being built because something didn't work or they could find a better application and as for the deck guns, they always were changing the existing one for a better or advanced prototype . Corvettes were the answer for anti-submarine patrol and well suited for coastal patrol craft. Below is the full hull at 51 inches,



(below) Additional image added for inspiration. -editor



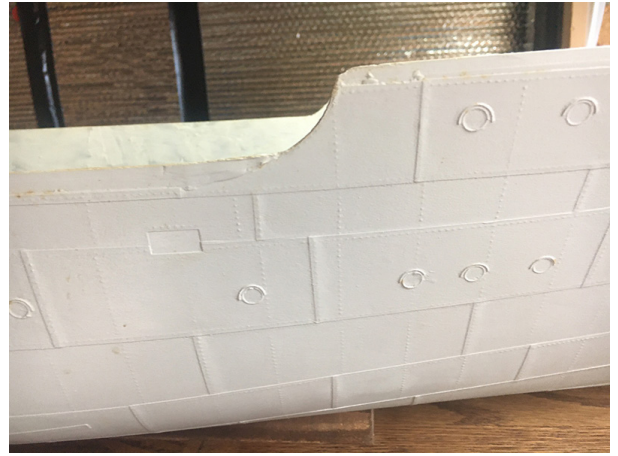
The date of the next meeting of the Beaufort Model Club will be announced as soon as possible.
Lets all support this club.



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(right) pic number 2 is the detail cast into the hull.



(right) pic number 3 is fittings of the 4 inch deck gun and a lifeboat .



The hull is manufactured by Fleet Scale Models in the U.K and the fittings were obtained from Simmar located in the U.K. as well.

Remember, the next meeting of the NBMMG will be January 8th., 2022 at the Fairfield Harbor Fire Station.

The Flower-class corvette, (also referred to as the Gladiolus class after the lead ship), was a British class of 294 corvettes used during World War II, specifically with the Allied navies as anti-submarine convoy escorts during the Battle of the Atlantic. Royal Navy ships of this class were named after flowers, hence the name of the class.

The majority served during World War II with the Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Canadian Navy (RCN). Several ships built largely in Canada were transferred from the RN to the United States Navy (USN) under the lend-lease programme, seeing service in both navies. Some corvettes transferred to the USN were crewed by the US Coast Guard. The vessels serving with the US Navy were known as Temptress and Action-class patrol gunboats. Other Flower-class corvettes served with the Free French Naval Forces, the Royal Netherlands Navy, the Royal Norwegian Navy, the Royal Indian Navy, the Royal Hellenic Navy, the Royal New Zealand Navy, the Royal Yugoslav Navy, and, immediately post-war, the South African Navy.