



April Report



From left to right: Hank Bishop, Jim Brode, Roger Brown, Jim Gower, Dave Mahoney, Alan Norris, Dale Albrecht.

President's Message:
April 19, 2022
Meeting 12:00 PM

Attendee's: Jim Gower, President
Jim Brode, Vice President
Deborah Mahoney, Secretary
Hank Bishop
Roger Brown
Dave Mahoney
Alan Norris
Dale Albrecht (new)

Dale is our newest member to join the group and he has traveled to 44 places round the world. He says that he is incredibly careful with tools and worked on a restoration in Mystic Seaport, Mystic CT on the Charles W. Morgan in 1973. He eventually wants to do a model of the Morgan.

Now in New Bern he has plans that shows a lot of rigging, which he loves doing. He is currently working on a model of the Friendship Sloop, and brought in some rigging plans from a Aeropiccola Model Kit he plans to start when he finishes the Friendship Sloop.

Jim Gower showed the mast of his 1862 Clipper Ship, the Sovereign of The Seas, a Donald McKay Design that he brought back from Georgia. From bow sprit, to end of the gaff boom, is about 82", and from the deck to the top mast is 40". What a beauty! He is pondering attaching the copper leaf plates and a place to display it when it is complete. Perhaps the Mystic Seaport Museum. The Mahoney's will be going there in August.

Jim Gower mentioned the Hobby Shop in Jacksonville. There is a plastic model of the Titanic that the owner Daniel is parting with. It normally sells for \$495. You can buy it now for \$100!

A 1/350 scale with photo etched parts and about 800+ parts.

There was some discussion about plexi-glass cutting. (Where was Andy?) Dave talked about a certain blade that cuts differently than expected with a skill saw made for plexiglass.

No new updates on the Model Expo. (Catch 22) theme, date: July 9th 2022.



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The Atlanta Expo held last month was attended with close to 1800 attendees and close to 75 vendors. (estimates). There were lots or should I say tons of plastic plane, train, tank, car and boat kits. I took 4 large 1/200 boat kits and got 0 interest! Glad to say all 14 plastic boat kits were gone by 3:00 and the show closed at 5.

Great show but I do not miss the traffic one bit.

Jim Brode is now having more fun assembling antique models of almost any type, not just boats. Being hand or die cut, it is perhaps more of a challenge instead of laser kit plans.

Jim showed pictures of a 1918 submarine that Joe Schwarzer from the Beaufort Maritime Museum asked him to build. This model is 10 feet 7 inches. It took Jim about 1 year and 10 months to complete it and it is on display in a museum on the Outer Banks.

Roger brown gave an update on the cabin cruiser he is restoring that he and his dad made back in the 1950's. Roger is changing out some interior components of the electrical wiring and the existing electric motor that was installed about 40 years ago.

(top right)- Jim Gower with the lower half of the main mast for the Sovereign of the Seas Clipper ship he is restoring.

(mid right)- Roger Brown with his 1950's model he is restoring.

(bottom right)- Jim Brode with his mould for a WWI sub he used to enhance the building of the 12 ft model that is on display at the Hatteras Maritime Museum





Member Spotlight: Jim Brode



(above) Jim's one year and ten month long project of a W-I U-Boat on display at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras. Impressive, Jim!

At 6 years old I built my first model with my father, a plastic model of a Stearman PT-17. It was his first plastic model and he had no experience with glue for plastics, and together we pretty much ruined that model. After that I stuck with balsa and started to have good success. After many balsa airplanes I got to where I could build a sensible model.

My first boat model was in 1994 and it was a 20' fiberglass guided missile cruiser which turned out to be a pretty amazing model. From that time on, I always wanted to build a giant model for a museum. In 2017 I was commissioned by the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras to build a World War I German u-boat in 1:24 scale. It made my dream come true even though it took a year and 10 months. It's on display in the museum.

Most of what I know about building boat models I learned from the Carolina Maritime Model Society guys. I worked for Jim Moores at Moores Marine in Beaufort for about 10 years. Jim is very knowledgeable in old wooden yachts and I built several for him. It's difficult to please the customer when

they are much more knowledgeable on the subject than you but I managed to get his approval on the many models that I built or repaired for him. Most all of them are on display at his business in Beaufort. A year or so ago I gave up commercial modeling and now enjoy building airplane models from antique kits. Since the New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild started, I have a new place to learn. It's a good thing there's no competition; there's only sharing ideas and techniques. Both clubs are quite a pleasure for me and I plan to be in them until the end of the ride.

Editors note: Jim also serves as President of the Beaufort Model Boat Club and has been an active volunteer for the Maritime Museum in Beaufort for over 10 years.

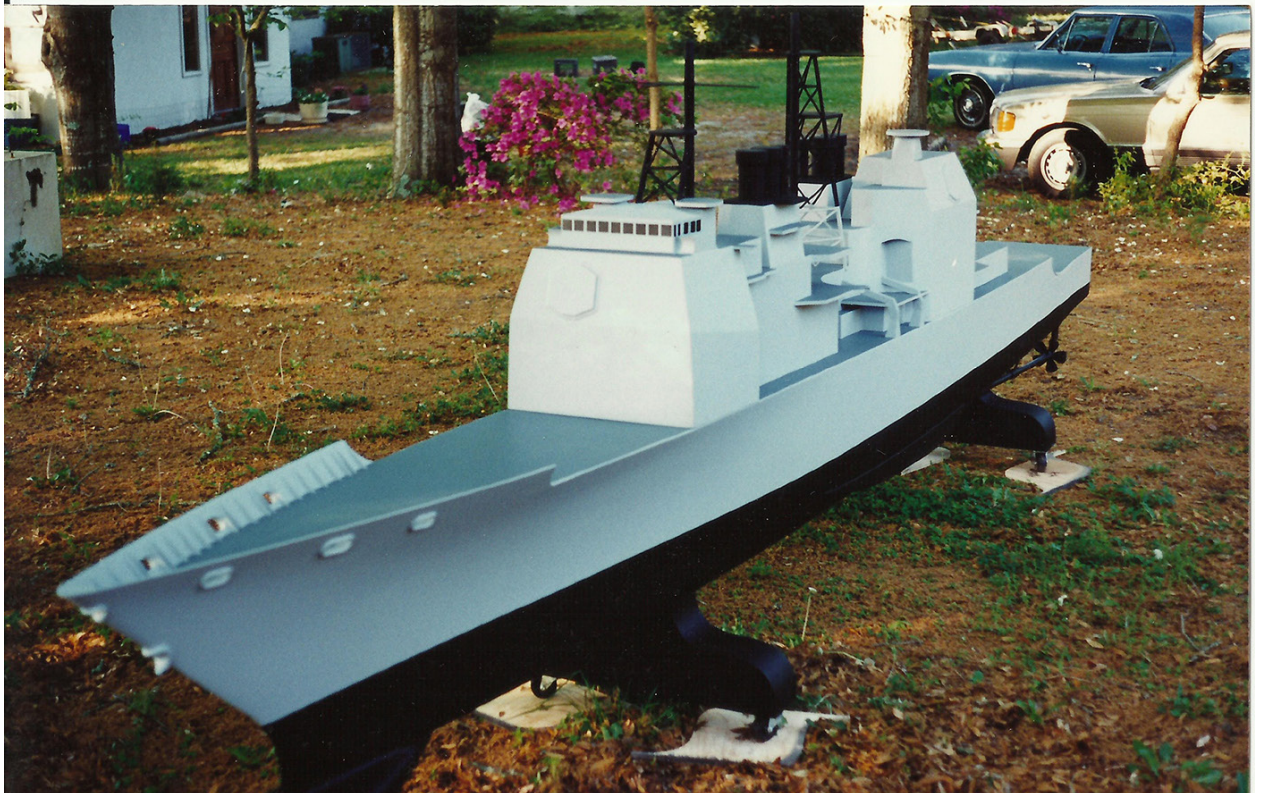
(next page) Jim's first, (YES, you read that right, FIRST) boat model, a twenty (20!) foot long Aegis cruiser. Nothing spells over achiever like Jim . . .

All kidding aside, Jim, it's beautiful.



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Finally, thank you all for your support, and our next meeting will be May 14th, 12 noon at the shop class Building, 406 Guion St., New Bern. And don't forget to support our last remaining Hobby Shop the Hobby Chest in Jacksonville, N.C.

Regards,

Jim

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