



March Report



Dave Mahoney and William Prentice manning the table at the New Bern Model Train Show. Alan Welch is in background setting up table for the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers

Our meeting for March, 2023 had 11 members in attendance including one new attendant that met NBMMG at the annual Train Show in New Bern on the first of March.

Jim Brode called the meeting to order at 12 noon and Jim Gower gave a brief presentation on the New Bern Train Show, where we had a table set up to attract potential members. The N.C. Battleship restoration was a big hit with all who stopped by the table, and the owner of the model made a visit to see the progress and was extremely pleased on the repair and restoration process.

We are pleased to welcome Michael McDougal with whom we talked at length about our guild, at the train show, and determined that his interest in Tug Boats would make a perfect fit for membership in the Guild.

Jim Brode brought his model of the Tug Boat Brooklyn, a Dumas kit he obtained from Norm Siedell of Charlotte several years before Norm's death. It was fitting for Michael to view this half-completed kit and expressed an interest

in finishing the kit. I believe since the meeting, Jim has arranged to transfer the kit to Michael.



(above) Jim Brode's model of Norm Siedell's build of the tug "The Brooklyn"

Jim Gower told the group that Alan Welch would be in later to present his thoughts, and information regarding our new proposed website we are considering.

Our Guild went straight into show and tell, and Roger Brown presented his new project, the Phantom which is a Model Shipways kit of a Pilot Boat number 11, built for the Port of New York in 1868. The Phantom's claim to fame was the dramatic rescue of 852 passen-



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gers from the British liner SS Oregon which ran into trouble off the coast of Long Island. In all, she rescued 882 passengers of which she transported over 400 to the port of New York without a single loss of life. The Phantom met her end, floundering off the coast at Sandy Hook during the “Great Blizzard of 1888 with a loss of 6 crewmen. (No Pic)

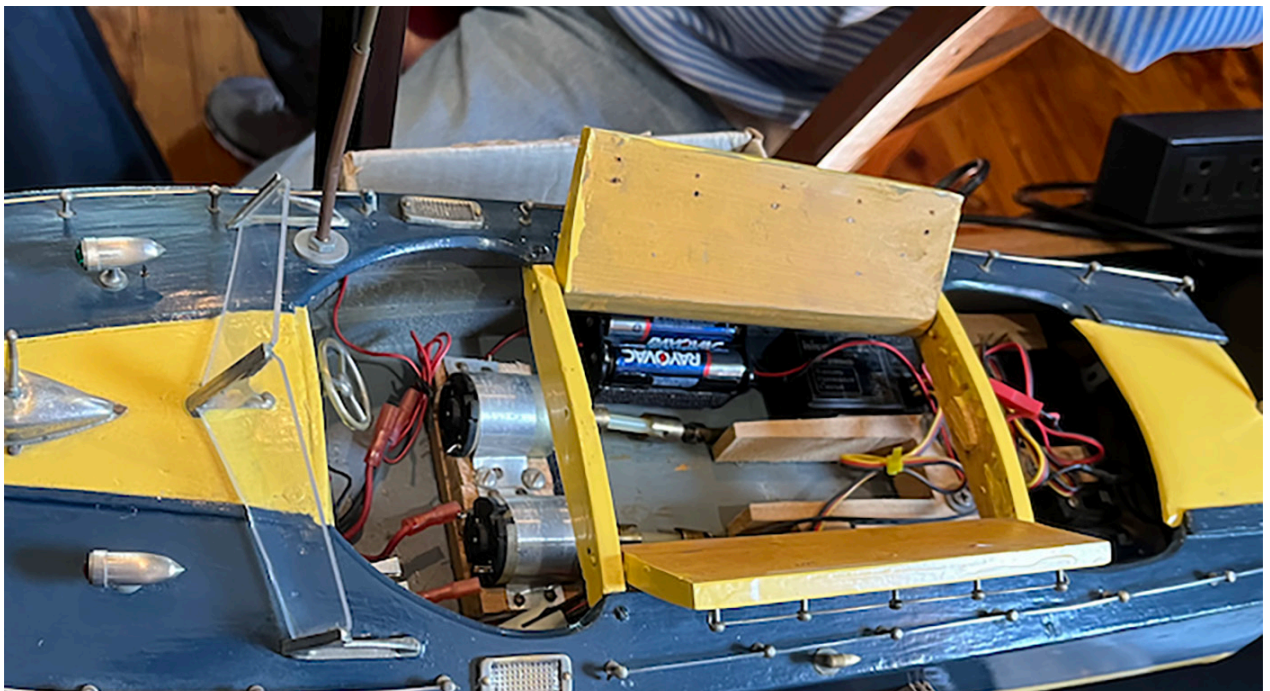
Jude Brown gave a presentation of his new endeavor to build U.S. Mail Boats that his dad built during his life. These vessels depict the mail carriers around the Great Lakes, and you may have noticed “runners” built into the bottom of the hull. These were used so the boat could be pulled over land during the winter, much like a sled in order to deliver the mail. Jude is a Naval Architect and will use his dad’s templates to build his models. One interesting note was how he was able to correct the sheer lines and curvatures by overlaying pictures of the boats from post cards to his line drawings of the models.

Steve Michel presented his model of a speed boat probably from a 1950-1960 era kit that he is restoring to a R/C model as originally intended. He purchased the model which was in disrepair from a antique shop in Swans-



(above) Jude Brown;s U S Mail Boat

(below) Lovely interior detail of Jude’s Mail Boat



(above) Steve Michels’s restoration of a build by Glenn Darst an attorney from Emerald Isle, N.C. and a former member of the Carolina Maritime Model Society in Beaufort, N.C.



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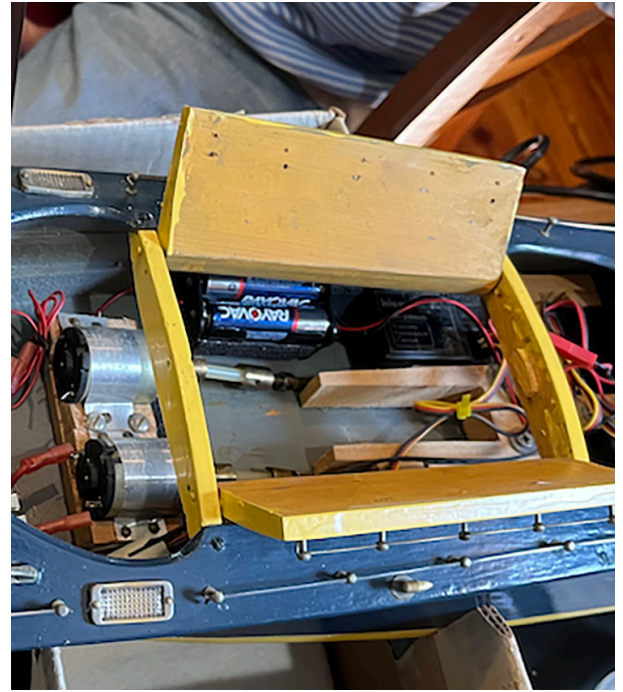
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boro, N.C. and has gutted the interior of the boat which housed the electric motor and accessories for turning on the running lights and stern lights which are now working. Steve mentioned that he knew nothing about the boat, but Jim Brode identified the model as one built by Glenn Darst an attorney from Emerald Isle, N.C. and a former member of the Carolina Maritime Model Society in Beaufort, N.C. Glenn passed away several years ago which may explain why he model was in a shop.

(right) The interior of Steve's power boat beautifully re-engineered with modern electronics.

(below) Andy's long term project of a Dumas restoration

(bottom right) The interior bracing and replanking



Andy Fulcher brought in his model of a 1957 production model of a 23-foot speed boat, possibly a Dumas kit he is building for a client. Andy is using basswood, balsa and now planking the hull with mahogany.

There has been some taking of the original model apart and rebuilding in order for Andy to be able to correct various defects and issues inside the hull for accuracy and accessories.





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Mark Sandvigen gave an update on his 4-stack destroyer which is a 3.5 ft long model produced by Blue Jacket models. Mark has kept his humor about making the templates in order to produce the correct lines on the solid hull provided with the kit.

We are eagerly awaiting to see the model, once it is far enough along in construction to be able to take off the bench. (NO Pic)

Lastly, Jim Gower had on hand a folk-art model of a 15-16th century sailing vessel that needs repair and a lot of cleaning. Jim picked up this project from a local widow in her 80's.

The owner wants it cleaned and repaired so she can donate it to a school or worthy organization who can display the model and show others what can be accomplished by "building something" with your mind and hands.

(below) Close up of the repair and restoration of the ship by Jim. Although not an accurate "scale model" of any particular ship the size and workmanship of the project deserve our efforts in restoring it to a state to be appreciated.



(above) Cleaning and repairing of a 15th or 16th century sailing vessel by Jim GOWER





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Alan Welch presented the process of buying a URL, cost of design and administrating the website for the club. Members were given a brief update about our Facebook page that William Prentice set up a few years ago, and how many hits we have received. A motion was made and seconded to have Alan proceed to establish our website.

Alan is the designer of the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers website and their newsletter publisher and designer and just recently won a national award from the International Plastic Models Society, (IPMS) for design and production of the ECPM website.

Our new website address will be:
www.nbmmg.org

Meeting Schedule for Carolina Maritime Model Society 2023

Schedule for the calendar year 2023:

April 22,

MAY ?

June 3,

September 23,

October 28,

December 2 (combined November-December meeting)

All meetings start at 2:10pm, in the Museum's Auditorium.

North Carolina Maritime Museum

315 Front Street

Beaufort, NC 28516

Meeting Schedule for the New Bern Maritime Modeler's Guild 2023

April 8,

May 13,

June 10,

July 8,

August 12,

September 9,

October 14,

November 11,

December 9.

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