



# February Report



*(above) Steve Michel's Harbor Tug frame resting easily on her main deck. This shows clearly the form she is taking.*

President Jim Gower called the meeting to order at 12 noon with the following members in attendance:

Jim Gower  
Jim Brode  
Andy Fulcher  
Dave Mahoney  
Dan Giffin  
Steve Michele  
William Prentice  
and Louis LaPlant.

New Business was initiated with a review of our existing membership, and members who have not attended any meetings in 6 months or more.

After the list was compiled, Jim will send an email inquiring if they are still interested in membership, and remaining on the email list

for any club news, reminders of meeting times each month, and receiving a copy of the monthly newsletter.

The annual New Bern Train Show will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the new Bern Convention Center. We have a table courtesy of the Model Train Group of New Bern to promote our guild and modeling. The guild took names of volunteers who will work the show both days. We will be able to set up our table and banner late Friday afternoon, and will display a model under construction along with plans of ships, a finished model, and a scratch built running model of a 1950-1960's outboard motor.

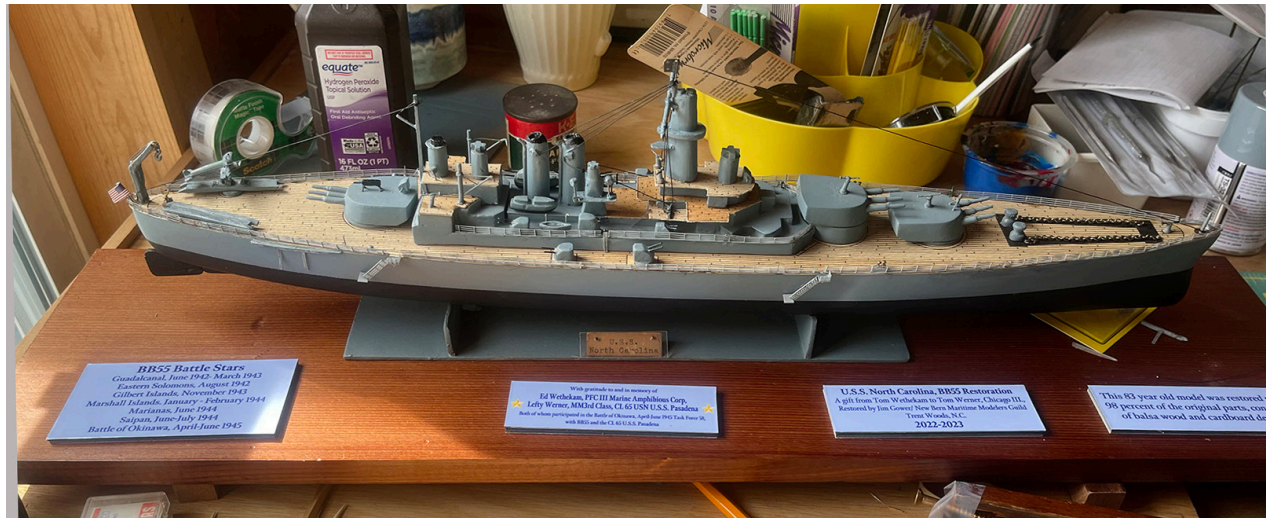
Jim gave an update on the BB55 North Carolina, informing the group that the owner of this restored 83-year-old model, has signed off on the 4 plaques to be mounted on the base,

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to honor his father who served on the light cruiser Pasadena, along with his best friend's father who was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Amphibious Corps. The restored model is now ready for delivery to the owner.

The scheduled "The Legacy Continues" exhibit on the BB55 slated for August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with models of warships beginning in the 1820 era all the way through WWII is to complement the battleships mission to interpret all ships named North Carolina. The models do not have to be of the name North Carolina, but of warships that served from the period 1820 through the WWII.

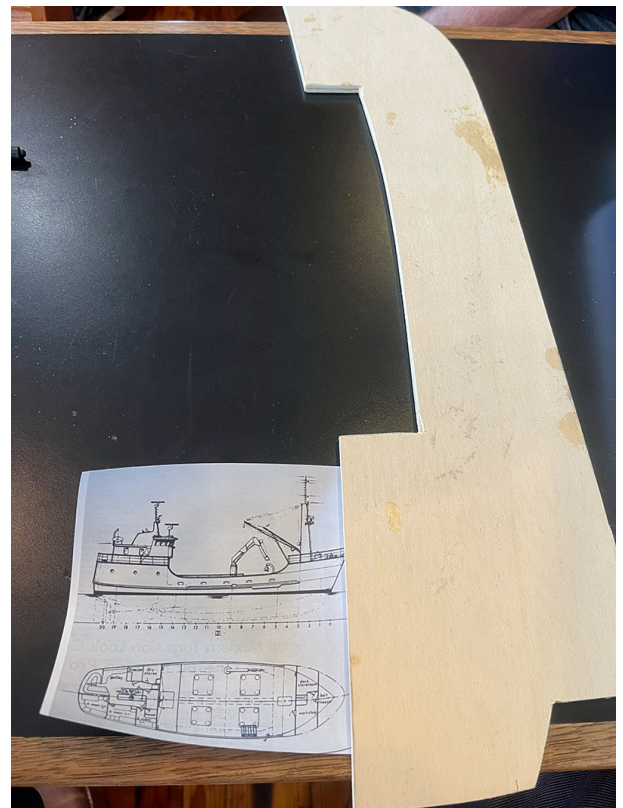
So far, we have a commitment from the N.C. Model Ship Builders who build 1/96 scale R/C models for a 7 ft model of the cruiser Rochester, the aircraft carrier, Guadalcanal, and a liberty ship which may have been built in Wilmington, N.C. Other displays will include a Fletcher class destroyer, DD680 U.S.S. Melvin the, HMS Hood battlecruiser, (under construction) the restored 83-year-old BB55 and a P.T. boat that used the City of Morehead for refueling while on coastal patrol, and 3-D printed parts such as 5 inch gun mounts, directional finders, and miscellaneous parts that would have been found on the BB55 from the New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.

Commitments from the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers include an Attack Transport, AP212 U.S.S. Montrose, the Heavy Cruiser, CA39 U.S.S. San Francisco, the Destroyer Escort DE635 U.S.S. U.S.S. England and a project underway of the U.S.S. Langley, CV-1.

The Beaufort Club will send a P.T. boat, a

*(above) The USS North Carolina in her not really final form, but the model, at least, is finished and ready for delivery to the owner. He has graciously agreed to let us display it during "The Legacy Continues" display on the actual ship.*

*(below) Sometimes one must make one's own tools and such. Such as this template made by Jim Brode to try and determine the sheer of the trawler Seabrook. Sheer genius.*



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Coast Guard Cutter, and possibly an armed Privateer from the 1800's.

The Wilmington Group will furnish volunteers and possibly a 3-D printing set up. (More later on this club's participation).

The following models were presented for the show and tell with a lively discussion regarding glues, and hull finishes that would be appropriate for putting a model in water. We need more discussions as this to enhance our building capabilities.

Jim Brode gave a brief of the Trawler Seabrook. One of the Beaufort members has a son who works on this crabber in Alaska, and will be featured on "The Deadliest Catch" later this year. Jim is trying to construct the hull and has encountered problems of not being able to have suitable plans to construct the hull. He is craving the hull out of a tree that was in the owner's yard which makes it more challenging.

Steve Michel gave a brief on a tug boat he is constructing, and displayed pictures and plans of the New York Central Tug boat of 1918. Steve plans to build this model for radio control use as why his discussion led to the glue and hull preparation as mentioned earlier.

Dan Giffin presented the hull of the Scottish Maid, a coastal schooner of the early 1800's era. Dan's big complaints were the quality of the wood furnished in the kit and no assembly instructions in English. We all are fortunate to have enough experience to be able to look at the pics provided and understand how to build.

Dan also pointed out he uses a plank bender, and soaks his wood in ammonia for bending the hull planking.

We will see you all at the New Bern Train Show at the end of the month.



*(above) Stetve Michel's simple and elegant building cradle and . . .*

*(below) The building cradle in actual use. Sometime simple is better.*



*(above) Dan Giffin's build of the Scottish Maid is proceeding. Apparently the Scotts were a wee bit too thrifty with this kit giving no instructions in English and poor quality wood supplied.*





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## Meeting Schedule for New Bern Maritime Model Guild 2024

All meetings start at Noon, at the Shop  
Class building, in New Bern.

(Train Show booth February 24-25)

March 9th,

April 13th,

May 11th,

June 8th,

July 13th

(DownEastCon July 20)

August 10-11,

(NBMMG Exhibit BB-55)

September 14th,

October 12th,

November 9th,

December 14th,

## Meeting dates for the Carolina Mari- time Model Society in Beaufort:

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

North Carolina Maritime Museum

315 Front Street

Beaufort, NC 28516

February 24th,

March 23rd,

April 27th

May 4th,

(Wooden Boat Show)

June 1st.

(July - August closed)

September 28th,

October 26th,

November combined with December,

December 7th,

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those who don't.

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20 July, 2024  
Rules and  
details  
on the  
next pages!!