



New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.

February, 2026



Attention On Deck February, 2026

Pic 4186 Mike Hooper presented his model of a 18 ft skiff for a client that is made out of white cedar. Notice the outboard motor that Mike also built to compliment the skiff.

February Newsletter, 2026

The NBMMG monthly meeting was called to order at 12 noon on February 14 th , 2026 by Jim Gower, President with 7 members present. Jim Gower, Jim Brode, Mike Hooper, Denny Cole, Roger Brown, Steve Michel, and William Reece contributed to the meeting and made presentations regarding upcoming events and projects in progress.

A general discussion was made regarding the New Bern Train Show held yearly downtown, and a call was made for volunteers to man the NBMMG Exhibit table as previously done to attract new members and show off some exciting models by the members. Most members agreed to spend time at the table during this 2-day event to be held next weekend, Saturday, February 21 st and Sunday, February 22 nd . See page 5 for more details.

Jim Gower also announced that we have been invited to exhibit a table for the Trent Woods Earth Day to be held beginning March 19th. The table will be manned by Jim and a few volunteers, but does not require total attendance as the exhibits are for 4 days and will be monitored by Town personnel in a secure spot inside Town Hall.

It will be an excellent way for this community to learn about the Guild and possibly attract new and younger members.



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The East Coast Plastic Modelers are holding their bi yearly Model Expo which is a regional event in Havelock, N.C. at the Convention Center which we have always supported this group with a table, and sponsorship of a boat category. Members voted to continue the exhibit table and sponsorship of a category.

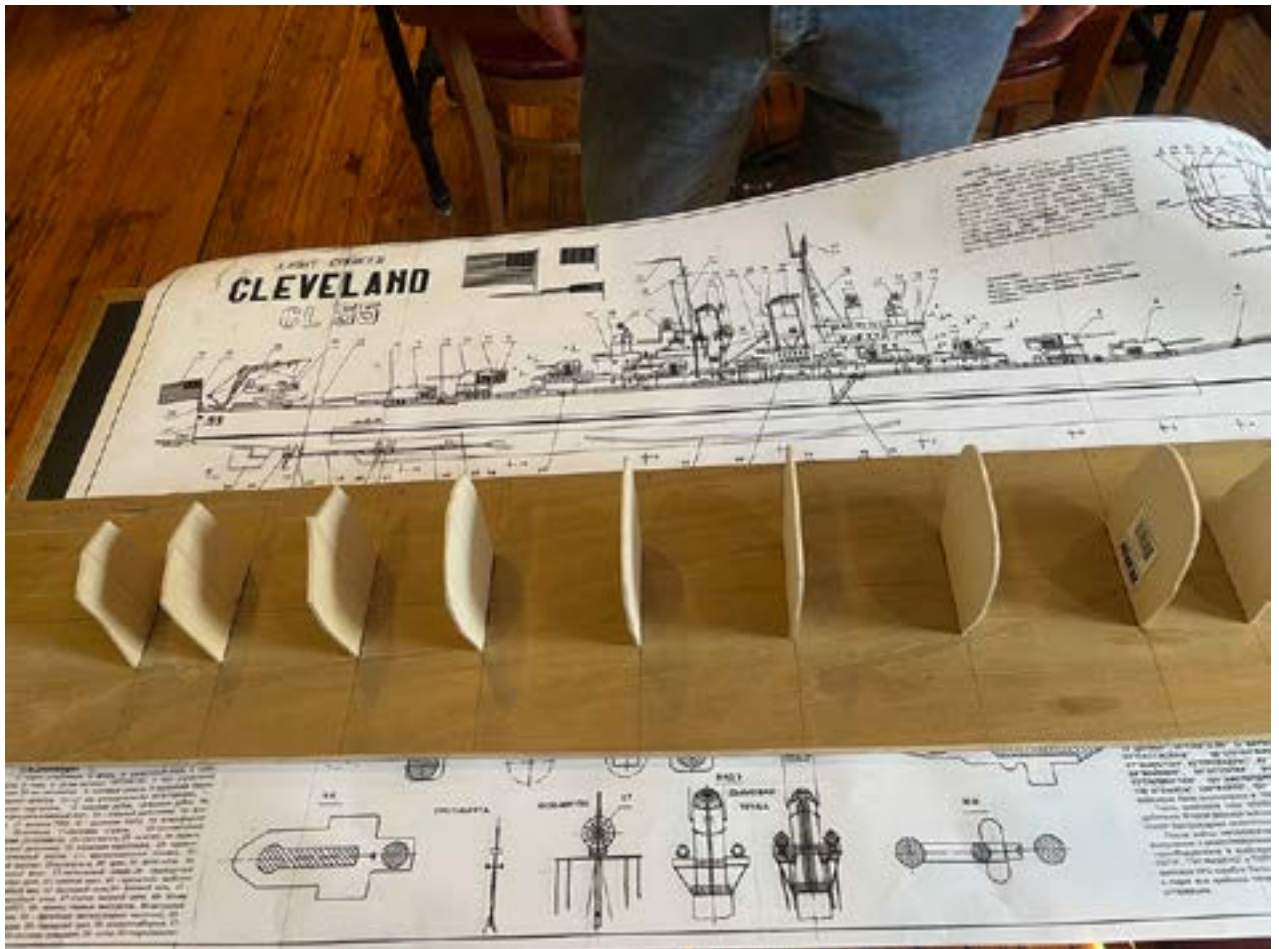
The show is planned to be held on July 18 th for one day only, but is likely to draw a large crowd of modelers as previously done over the past several years.

(below) Jim Brode has made and mounted the bulkheads for the light cruiser Pasadena. This model is a 1/200 scale with a scratch-built hull and numerous 3D printed parts being produced by Hank Strub. The model is being built for Tom Werner who has the 1939 balsa model of the Battleship North Carolina that the Guild restored in 2024-2025.



(above) The new logo for the Eastern Carolina Plastic Modelers contest, "AMERICANA" details can be found at:

<https://www.ecpmod.com/downeast-con-2026.html>





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As we began to present our show and tell, we also remembered our past members who have passed and some who are now battling health issues. Jim Gower gave an update on the model *Vasa* (Vasa) that John Vang has agreed to rig this model for Cris and Kay Miller of Durham, N.C. who donated Cris's workshop to our group, which was shared by the ECPM group and the model room in Beaufort, N.C.

John is well known on expert modeling and half hull construction. He currently has a display at the Beaufort County Public Library of several models and half hull projects he has made over the years not to mention his models on display in the Beaufort Maritime Museum in Beaufort, N.C. 🌟.

-Jim Gower



(above) Jim also presented his 30-year-old plug that he has used in building his sport fisherman models which are currently on display at the Beaufort Maritime Museum. Once Jim constructs the box and sets the plug, he casts the hull that produces a one-hundred-pound weighted box before extracting the hull.

(below) pic of one of his models using the plug. He utilizes silicone plastic using a 50/50 mixture (2 part) to cast his hull.





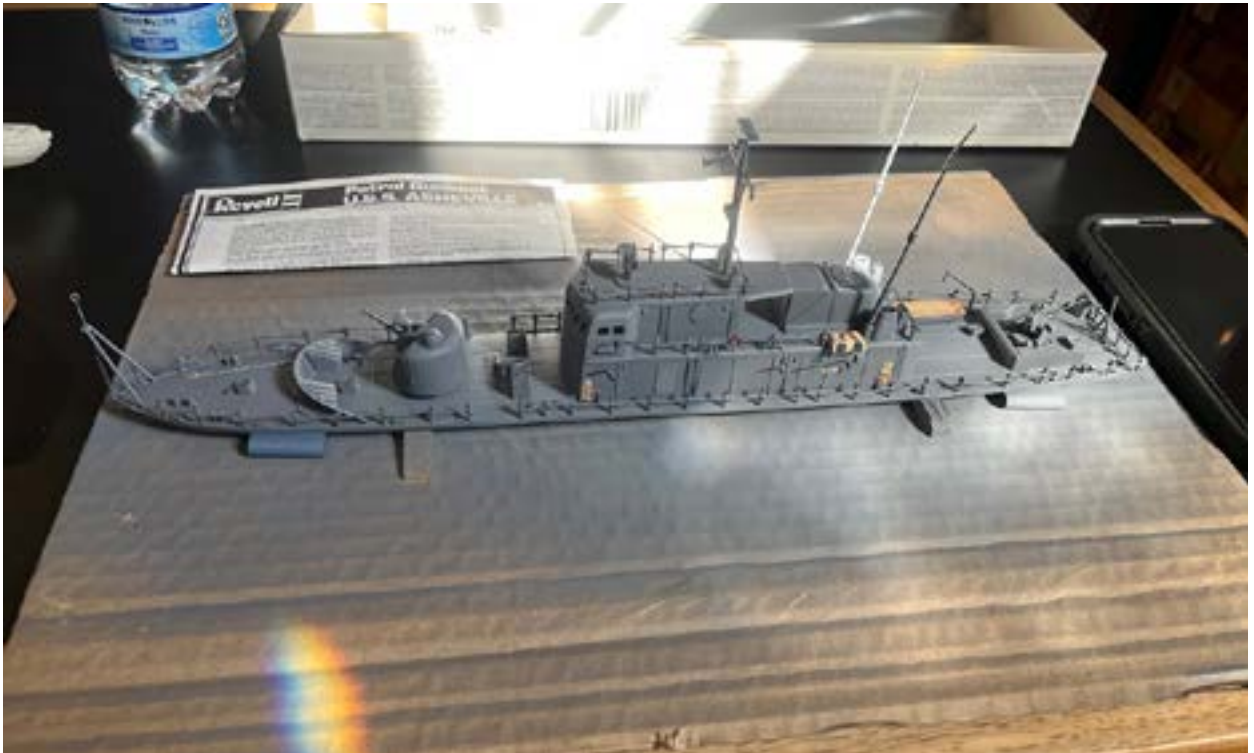
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(above) Steve also has a grand daughter who loves toy boats for fun in the bathtub. here is a wooden model Steve has made along with one of his 3D printed tugboat. Nice work Steve, especially for your granddaughter.

(below) Steve Michel has the 1/30 scale of the U.S.S. Asheville, a river patrol craft used during the Viet-Nam conflict. Steve intends to employ a homemade power supply so he can run it in his ponds and creeks.





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(above) The French Schooner Toulonnaise that Roger Brown is diligently working on now has the first set of masts set in the hull along with some blocks and gave a small presentation of some parts he and Mike Hooper have made that were not included in the kit. the 2 pieces are shown in pic 4190 and I am asking any reader to identify the pieces that were made and what purpose they serve. (sorry no prize for the correct answer).

(below) is the gaff booms and spare that Roger has made along with the two mystery pieces.





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COMING SOON TO A WORK BENCH NEAR YOU!



USS Pasadena CI-65

CLASS - CLEVELAND

Displacement: 10,000 Tons,

Dimensions: 610' 1" (oa) x 66' 4" x 25' (Max)

Armament: 12 x 6"/47, 12 x 5"/38AA, 28 x 40mm, 10 x 20mm, 4 Aircraft

Armor: 5" Belt, 6" Turrets, 2" Deck, 5" Conning Tower.

Machinery: 100,000 SHP; Geared Turbines, 4 screws

Speed: 32.5 Knots,

Crew: 1255.

Operational and Building Data

Ordered: 01 JUL 1940

Keel laid: 06 FEB 1943 by the Bethlehem Steel Co., Quincy, MA

Launched: 28 DEC 1943

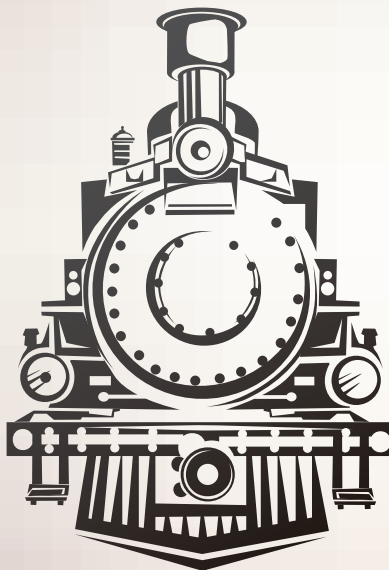
Commissioned: 08 JUN 1944

Decommissioned: 30 JAN 1950

Stricken: 1 DEC 1970

Fate: Sold for scrap on 05 JUL 1972 to Zidell Explorations, Portland, OR.

30TH ANNUAL TRAIN SHOW



**New Bern Riverfront
Convention Center
February 21 & 22, 2026**

Saturday 9am - 5pm

Sunday 10am - 4pm

\$10 for ages 12 & up

**Under 12 are free with an adult
Admission is good for both days**

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Meeting Schedule for New Bern Maritime Model Guild 2026

All meetings start at Noon, at
The Shop Class Building,
406 Guion St., New Bern.

Jan 10, 2026

Feb 14, 2026

April 11, 2026

May 9, 2026

June 13, 2026

July 11, 2026

August 8, 2026

Sept 12, 2026

October 10, 2026 *Tentative due to Fun
Run at Rocky Mount Lake R/C Warships*

November 14, 2026

December 12, 2026

Meeting dates for the Carolina Maritime 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



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