



November Report

New Bern Maritime Modelers Guild.

November, 2020

President's Message:

Our November meeting held at the VFW Facility was by far the best in attendance since the covid crisis developed.

I noticed that the 9 members present, presented another challenge regarding individual safety in regards to the mask issue.

In order to ensure each member feels safe in their own way I am proposing that we begin meeting in the large room and separate the tables for the members who chose to wear masks. This is a doable situation which will ensure each member feels safe to attend. I will encourage each member to attend our next scheduled meeting and try out our new layout in the large room.

We are fortunate that the spread has been relative low in our area and this should ensure a safe meeting for all concerned.

New Business:

Our regular meeting for December will be combined with the Beaufort Meeting to be held on December 5th. The meeting in Beaufort will be their annual auction of models, tools and anything you want to get rid of that has been cluttering your space for the last 50 years! Lol !! This is a great way for the New Bern Guild to help support the Beaufort club but also raise a few bucks for our endeavors as well. Please try and attend this meeting and auction.

Jim Gower called the meeting to order at 12:15 on November 14th at the VFW Facility. In attendance were: Jim Gower, Jim Brode, Dobert Owsley, Alan Welch, Dave Mahoney, Mark Sandvigen, Andy Fulcher, Hank Bishop, and George Rockwell.

Dave Mahoney presented information on shirts with the New Bern maritime Modelers Guild logo for members who would like to have a shirt to display our club.

According to Dave, Bender Apparel can supply polo type shirts with an embroidered logo of our Guild in various colors and sizes. If we buy 6 shirts the cost is \$22.94 per shirt with a onetime set up charge of \$35.00. This would average about \$28.78 per shirt. If we purchase 12 shirts the price would be \$17.90 per shirt and adding the set up charge would cost out each shirt at \$ 23.75 each.

Dave also mentioned that baseball hats could be purchased at a later date for between 12 and 15 dollars a piece with a onetime set up fee as well.

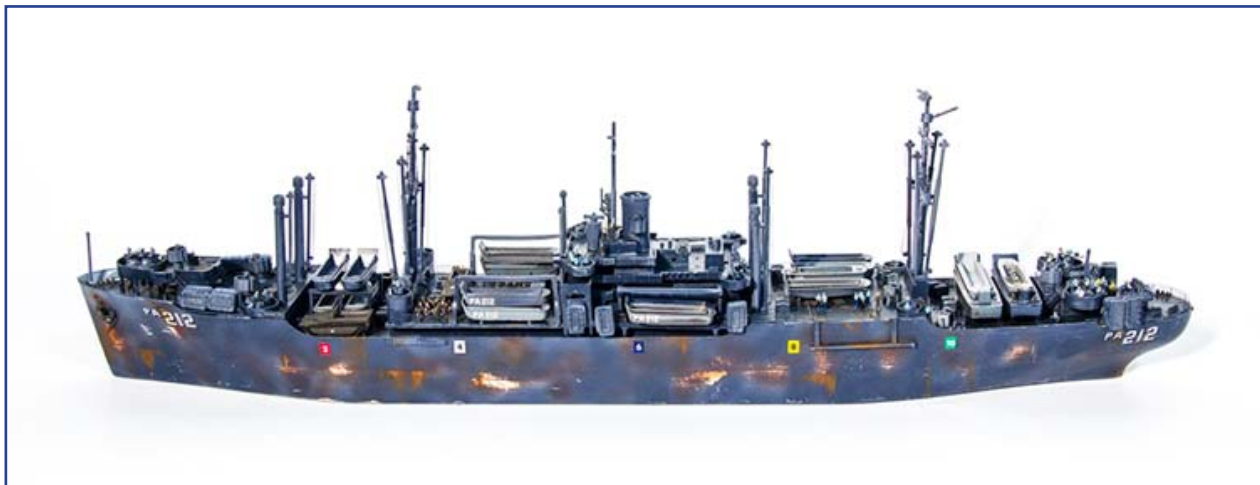


Please contact Dave Mahoney or myself if you are interested in purchasing a shirt. It would be a great idea if we can get 12 members to order a shirt to capitalize on the savings. Dave can be reached at: dmahoney1340@hotmail.com or 203-722-8608. I can be reached at: davidsym05@yahoo.com or 919-272-7248. Please let us know your size and color you would like.



Dave Mahoney had another 1/9 scale outboard Mercury motor complete with a gas tank from 1959. This is a different outboard, as it is actually a blender for mixing drinks! The motors were available only to the Mercury Dealers, and now you know the rest of the story why Dave is always relaxed at our meetings!

Alan Welch presented a 1/376 scale model of the U.S.S. Montrose, an WWII Attack Transport he modified from an existing 1956 Revell plastic kit. The modifications were new 3D printed details and photo etch railings. The guns, life rafts, Mk 51 gun directors, cable reels, naval crew and marines from Black Cat Models. He used 1/350 figures on the gun stations and infantry loaded inside the landing craft. Alan does extremely fantastic detailing of his models down to the rust on the hull.



Mercury motor drink mixer and ad broadside showing contemporary ad technology. We've come a long way. Unfortunately Dave did not supply a demonstration, (daiquiri), for thirsty club members, maybe next time.

When asked about his gun mounts, he said that he drilled out the old cast in place gun mounts that depicted a gun and installed his 3-D printed fittings from Black Cat. Based on what other modifications (bashing) he did, his desire for better detail is amazing. He only has to finish the rigging and finesse a landing craft swung out from the deck to depict a loading operation into the water.

USS Montrose by Revell in an undetermined scale; 1:400 or 1:376 depending upon the issue of the kit. More pictures on page 4.



Jim Gower went down memory lane again by presenting a Sterling Kit of the American Scout that was released in the late 1950's. Jim stated the model appeared in the American Modelers magazine at the time and sold for a whopping \$19.95, His first purchase was bought by sell-

ing drinks at the N.C. State University football games for the entire season of home games. He purchased this kit online and stated on the hull some 10 years ago. Along with the Missouri he displayed last month he still promises to build each one of these vintage kits.

Jim Brode displayed the case he has constructed for the yacht America that he and Mark Sandvigen have been building for one of marks friend. You will remember several pics we have included over the past several months of their progress on the model. We should have it mounted inside the case the first of the year for presentation to Mark's friend.

To the right is a completed restoration of the Vasa completed by **Bill Mitchell**, one of our out of town members from Winston Salem. It took Bill a little over a year to finish the model as the covid delayed fittings and parts being easily obtained. We are fortunate to have such skilled members who do outstanding work on restorations and repair. Great work Bill!



Ship model and case will make a spectacular display once both are finished and installed. Great work on both exhibited.



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Another project below is by **Robert Tuttle** from Clemmons N.C., of the vessel, Malabar II. His client was a former owner, and Roberts's model is, 1 inch /1 foot making this a 42 inch model. Robert is using plans he found online from MIT Maritime Museum.



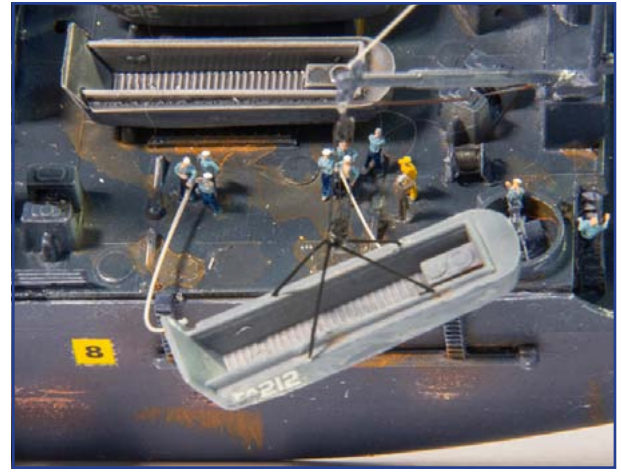
We will keep you posted with stages of progress in upcoming newsletters.

Finally, I want to thank each and every one for their support to the Guild during these unprecedented times. I see good things ahead for our group once this covid is defeated.

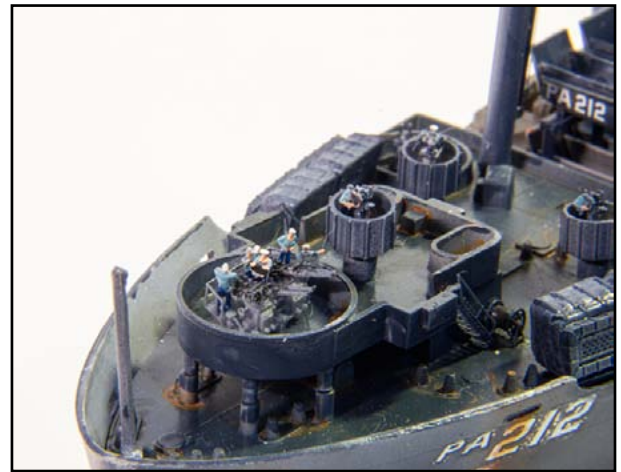
Remember, NO meeting in December! Please join us December 5th in Beaufort for the annual auction at the Maritime Museum. The famous Andy Fulcher will be the auctioneer extraordinaire!!

A modeler's best friend is a modelers club!
I wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Jim Gower



Unknown to Jim the landing craft launch from USS Montrose was finished post writing of the newsletter so here it is.



The forward 40mm quad mount on USS Montrose. The 3-D printed parts really spruce up a rather pedestrian kit.

*Happy Thanksgiving
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