



Forecastle Report

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● Scuttlebutt ●

COMMODORE, Bob Filipowski, opened the November 2016 meeting at 7:15 with an enthusiastic crew of 22 on hand.



With no guests to introduce, the meeting moved on to the important business of requesting everyone planning to attend the December meeting to sign up for their pizza and soft drink preferences. Those members who were not present but who plan to attend next month are asked to contact Bob Filipowski by email or by leaving him a message at **847-394-0757** with their preferences. Thanks, mates.

Winner of this night's raffle was Allen Siegel, who took home a fine set of tweezers. The meeting raffle for December will not be held, as there will be a flea market in its place.

Our mate, **Ray Oswalt**, is still on the mend and, though he has requested no visitors or phone calls, you can send him your best wishes at the following address: Ray Oswalt, 2289 N Village Drive, #347, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Hope to see you again soon, mate.

We are happy to report that several of our mates won awards at the recent IPMS show held on November 12, 2016. **Bob Sykes** garnered two and **Rich Romaniak** and **Glenn Estry** each came away with one. In addition, Steve **Wheeler** won a gold, Best Ship Model and Best of Show. Way to go, guys! They all reported that it was a very well attended show and well worth a visit.

Kurt Van Dahm reported that **Wendy Lutzke** has been retained by the Wisconsin Maritime Museum to run the model ship contest for 2017. Good news for all, as Wendy does a first class job on this event. Also, per Kurt, the Tri-Club has acquired new software for video production. **Bob Filipowski** sold several old video titles; among them Resin Casting, Gratings, Planking Concepts and Flags by Gus. Two new topics, Building the Charles W. Morgan by Doc Williams, and Making Metal Castings by Steve Wheeler will be coming out in January.



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December Meeting Notice

"Pizza Party & Flea Market"



What a great way to wind up our modeling year, with a really fine pizza spread and lots of time to share our accomplishments and questions

with our mates.

And to top it all off, we'll have a great flea market, too, so everyone can go home with a special treasure.

Don't forget to bring stuff you'd like to sell and your latest project, if you like, and help add to the evening's enjoyment.

Our next meeting will be at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21, 2016
The South Church
501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL

● 2016 NRG Conference ●

Photos by Gus Agustin
Comments by Bob Filipowski

Bob prefaced his comments on the many photos we viewed by stating that the major reason we had such an excellent presentation was due to the 160 outstanding photos taken by **Gus Agustin**. Thanks, Gus. Your response to our request for photos was truly first rate.

Added to all the fine models and social events, there was a beautiful commemorative pin given to all participants to help remind them of the event. Thanks goes to Gus, again, for helping to design this. A really great effort all around.



The model display area was more than adequate and the room also included tables for several vendors selling tools, kits, etc. Altogether, there were 56 photos of models shown, so our coverage will be a bit selective.

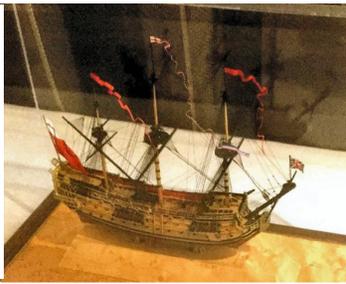
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Our **Gus Agustin** was well represented with these fine examples of his miniature modeling art.



HMV Kitchen



HMS St. George 1:384



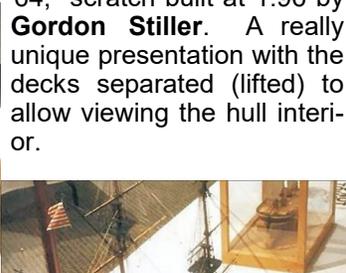
Royal William



Le Fleuron, 1729 French 64, scratch built at 1:96 by **Gordon Stiller**. A really unique presentation with the decks separated (lifted) to allow viewing the hull interior.



USN Anchor Hoy, 1805, 1:48 scratch built by **Paul Payne**.



Mike Lonnecker's work on this 1:48 kit of the 1780 Fair American was outstanding.



Beautiful 1949 Chris-Craft speedboat scratch built by **Bill Norris**. The finish on this model was exceptional. Lovely job on this 1:64



scratch built schooner *Blue-nose* of 1921 by **Dave Yotter**.



Jon Sanford's 1:96 rendering of the 1803 *Armed*

Launch kit included a lot of added detail.



Don Dressel brought out the best in this 1:350 resin kit of the 1941 USS *Porter* DD-356.



Another of **Jon Sanford** models, the 1:30 Danish fishing boat *Norden*, was equally embellished.



The ever-popular "Model Shipways" kit of the *English Longboat* was nicely finished



off by **Gary Seaton**. The 1:50 Corel kit of the revenue cutter *Ranger* was very finely finished by



Gary Seaton. The colonial gunboat *Philadelphia*, 1:48, was beautifully scratch built by **Chuck Seller**.

● Ships on Deck ●

Kurt Van Dahm showed some really fine hooks made by "Syren Ship Model Company". Early versions were black plastic



and are now made of brass. At left is a "how to" done by **Bob Filipowski** on his method of making flags based on a method similar to **Gus Agustin's**. Bob's results look very good to us.

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John Hirsch has completed his 1:48 "Model Shipways" kit of the 18th century *Long Boat* and embellished it with a really beautiful base made from a solid block of burlled walnut. Fine job, mate.

Walt Philips is working on



some of the deck furniture for his 1:32 scratch built model of the *Emma C. Berry* and has created a really great looking windlass. Walt says it is a work-in-progress, as he has tried several times to get it just right. We'd say he has arrived.



Gordon Field has started a 1:96 scratch built model of the schooner *Lucia A. Simpson* using plans he acquired from the Smithsonian Museum's collection. Space between bulkheads have been filled with balsa to aid in fair-



ing out the hull. Gordon followed the technique outlined in our October issue when making the transom with good results. Looks like a real beauty is in the making here, mate.

Allen Siegel has completed his well researched effort to create an authentic ship's boat for his 1:50 model of Henry Hudson's ship *Half Moon*. He found that the most likely form for this boat was not a typical long boat but rather a fishing dory. His model was built over a plug with ribs and



planks. Fits in just right, mate.



Your Editor, **John Mitchell**, has reluctantly started installing ratlines on his 1:48 scratch built model of the 1852 Great Lakes Clipper Schooner *Challenge*. After doing research on whether such schooners were set up with ratlines, he concluded the likelihood was that they were. Historic photos of schooners of this age found on the "Wisconsin Maritime Museum" web site were not distinct enough to show ratlines but on page 268 of Howard I. Chapelle, *The History of American Sailing Ships*, ratlines are there. Plenty of clove hitches to go!



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Bob Sykes has launched his truly magnificent 1:75 "Corel" model of the 1628 Swedish warship *Wasa*. This is a great example of the best in kit building, as Bob has



been able to eliminate all of the usual kit problems and has created a model nearing scratch built quality. Great launch, mate!

Kurt Van Dahm brought in several tools he has found that have particular value to the modeler. Chisels of 1, 2 and 3 mm from UMM-USA are very sharp and just the



right size to get into the smallest areas. Next to that is a "center finder" used on doweling pins.

Another tool that makes work easy is the electric rotary sander with a variety of sanding surfaces. Not pictured were NRG Carving Blanks. Contact Kurt for more info on these neat tools.



HISTORIC SHIP PROFILES

● USS *Augusta* (CA-31) ●

USS *Augusta* (CA-31) was a *Northampton*-class cruiser of the United States Navy, notable for service as a headquarters ship during Operation Torch, Operation Overlord, Operation Dragoon, and for her occasional use as a presidential flagship carrying both Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman under wartime conditions (including at the Newfoundland Conference).

At 05:30 on 5 August, President Roosevelt secretly embarked on the *Augusta* from his yacht *Potomac* and sailed to NS Argentia, Newfoundland, arriving on the morning of 7 August 1941.



FDR and Churchill on Augusta

On 9 August, Prime Minister Churchill with Harry Hopkins arrived at Argentia from England aboard HMS *Prince of Wales*.

On 11 and 12 August, the Prime Minister and members of his staff came on board the *Augusta* for conferences with the President and his aids; from these discussions emerged the famed "Atlantic Charter". On the latter day, the final draft of the "Eight Points" of the charter was completed¹.



United States

Name: USS *Augusta*
Namesake: City of Augusta, GA
Builder: Newport News Shipbuilding
Laid down: 2 July 1928
Launched: 1 February 1930
Commissioned: 28 January 1931
Identification: CA-31
Fate: Scrapped 9 November 1959

General characteristics (as built)

Class & Type: *Northampton*-class heavy cruiser
Displacement: 9,050 long tons
Length: 600 ft, 3 in (182.96 m)
Beam: 66 ft, 1 in (20.14 m)
Draft: 23 ft (7.0 m)
Propulsion: 4 x Parsons reduction steam turbines, Curtis cruising gears. 4 x screws
Speed: 32.7 knots
Range: 10,000 nmi at 15 kn (17 mph)
Complement: 116 officers, 679 Enlisted

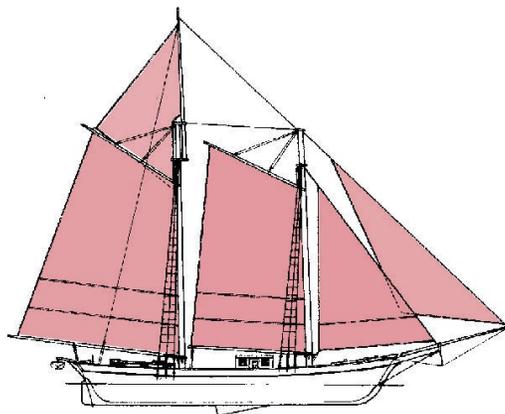
General characteristics (1945)

Armament: 9 x 8"/55 cal. guns (3x3)
8 x 5"/25cal. AA guns
2 x 3-pounder saluting guns
6 x quad 40 mm Bofors guns
20 x 20mm Oerlikon cannon
Aircraft carried: 4 x Curtiss SOC Seagull scout-observation floatplanes
Aviation facilities: 2 x catapults amidships.

¹ [https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Augusta_\(CA-31\)](https://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/USS_Augusta_(CA-31))



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