

● Scuttlebutt ●

Cutting It Close

During the July Ships on Deck a discussion on cutting loose ends off blocks, served lines and standing rigging occurred. Many of those in attendance had their own pet tool and technique for this type of model ship surgery, but the primary tool of choice was the micro scissors.

These handy little devices come with straight, angled and curved blades, and can measure as little as 3 1/2" in length. They can be obtained through many online suppliers and can cost as little as \$7.00 to \$8.00 each.

Another favorite was the Cuticle Nippers. Although slightly heavier than micro scissors, they also can measure as little as 4" in length, and with one side of the jaws being ground flat, getting close to the finished knot is not a problem.

They can be purchased at most drugstores, and cost about \$17.00 each. However, before you commit to one of these, you might want to carefully inspect their cutting edges. Make sure both surfaces line up with each other on the flat side. Don't be surprised if you have to inspect each package on display before you find a good set.

One final thought concerning these devices. Under no circumstances should you cut wire or any other hard material with the scissors or nippers. They should be treated only as a rigging tool. Follow this rule, and they will serve you well.



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August Meeting Notice

Moldings & Beaded Edges

By Toni Levine

Moldings and beaded edges are not a topic that gets a lot of attention in our hobby. It's difficult to say why since these decorative pieces can really add a lot to a model. A lot of us have dabbled in this technique, and we may have a vague idea as to how it is accomplished, but we aren't very adept at it.

There probably isn't anyone in our Tri-Club organization that employs scraped moldings and beaded edges on their models like Toni Levine. On a recently completed cross-section, she created 5 different examples plus some very nice steps. No matter your skill level, this presentation will be entertaining and most informative! Toni always does a great job.

Proceedings will begin on Wednesday, August 17th, at 7:00 PM CST, but you will be able to log on as early as 6:30 PM. Hope you can make it!



Giggle Juice

Another tip that came out of the July meeting was the use of "Giggle Juice," which is a mixture of steel wool dissolved in pickling vinegar. The finer the steel wool, the faster it will dissolve.

When applied right out of the jar, the mixture will produce a weathered grey look on wood. Neil Hurwitz showed us an example of this on his HMS *Bounty*. If mixed with craft paint, it will produce a vintage old barn appearance.

When storing the solution, an air tight jar is recommended. If exposed to air, over a period of time, an oxidation process will start turning the solution orange. It is highly recommended that you experiment with this technique prior to applying it to your model.



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HMS *Swallow* by Toni Levine

Photos by Toni Levine



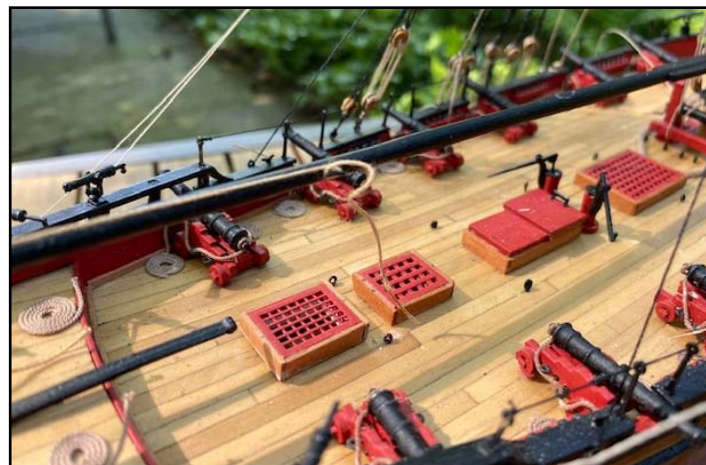
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Alert by Allen Siegel

Photos by Allen Siegel



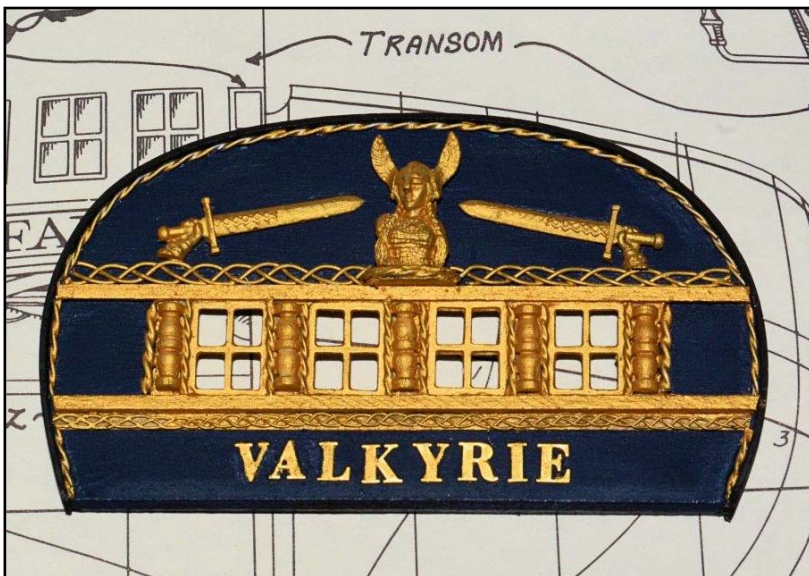
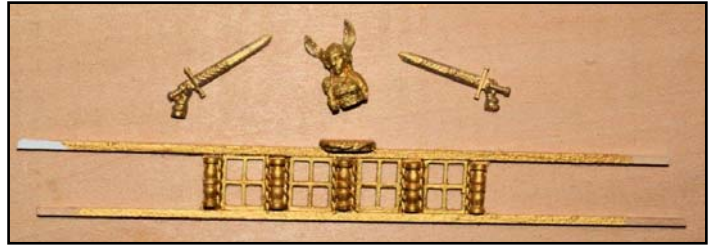
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Valkyrie by Sam Parent

Photos by Sam Parent

Sam has been experimenting with doing some three strand wire braid that he was able to incorporate into the fancy work on the *Valkyrie's* transom. The photos show the braiding, various decorations, the transom lights, the final assembly attached, and the overall rails and trim on the quarters.

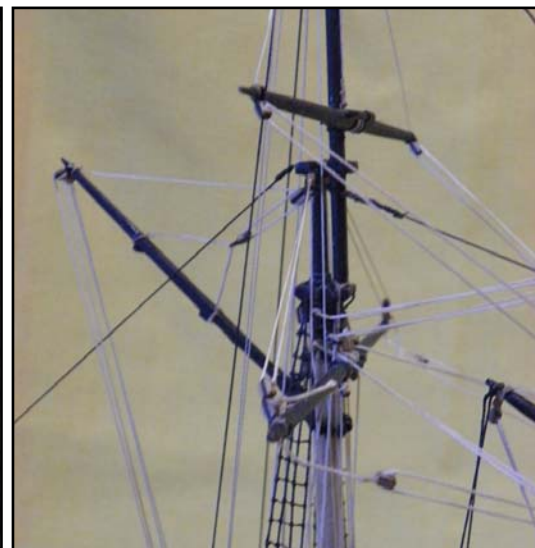


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***Sultana* by Don Purney**

Model is finished! Congratulations, mate!

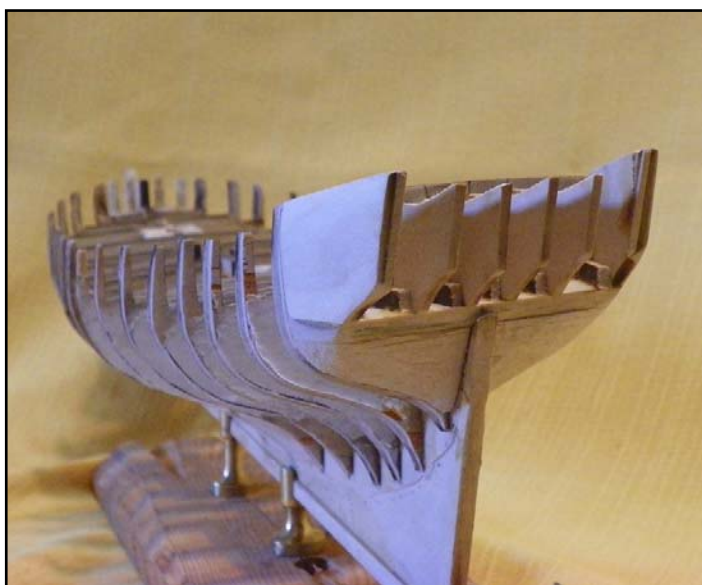
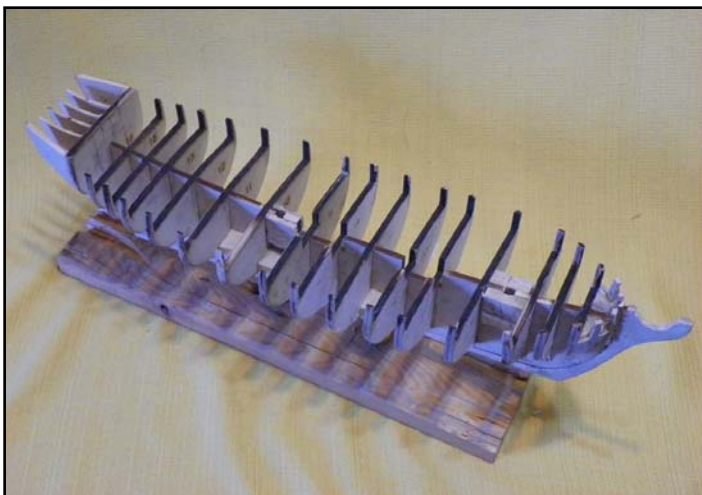
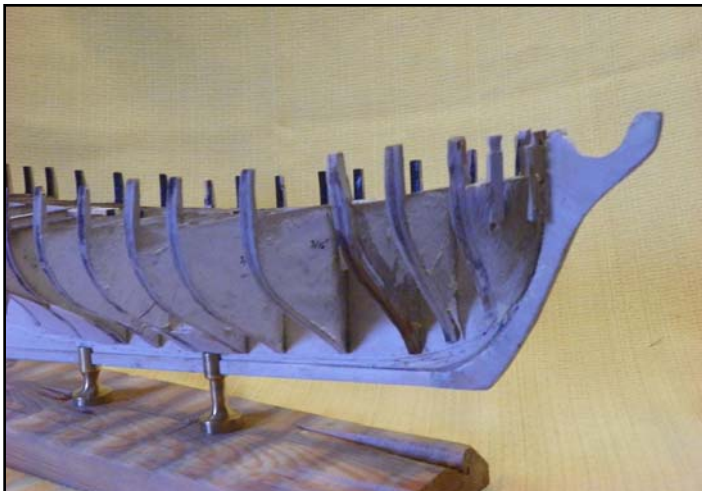


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***Fair American* by Don Purney**

Photos by Don Purney



***Half Moon* by Ray Kroschel**

Photos by Ray Kroschel



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Gus' COVID-19 Fleet

Photos by Gus Agustin

Thanks to COVID-19, it's been 2 1/2 years since our last face to face meeting. You may recall that we had our first Zoom meeting in April, 2020. Since then, no one has completed more models than Gus Agustin. The photos shown here represent a large portion of what he has accomplished, but not everything. As a change of pace, Gus also did some remarkable carvings and flags. We hope you enjoy this display of the miniaturist's art.



Santa Maria 16'=1"



Thames Barge 1:600



Speedwell 16'=1"



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Blandford 32'=1"



Ceremonial Sailing Barge 1:48



Royal Caroline 16'=1"



HMS Leopard 32'=1"



Utrecht 16'=1"



Sussex 32'=1"

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Gus' COVID-19 Fleet

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HMY *Charlotte* 16' = 1"

Note the awning structure behind the mainmast.



● MMS Anti-Piracy Policy ●



Here is a list of banned companies that have been pirating and duplicating kits, books, and plans from reputable manufacturers. Quite often these disreputable companies offer their products at what appear to be reasonable prices, but these items are often poor in quality. Many of them do not have websites. They market their illegal products via the Internet on sites such as eBay.

If you are contemplating your next project, please check this list. If you are not sure, discuss it with Kurt Van Dahm before you commit to a purchase. For easy reference, this information will appear in all future issues of the *Forecastle Report*.

Please note that CAF has been removed from this list.

ZHL	WN
RealTS	Unicorn Model
Snail Model	YQ (YaunQing)
XinFeng	Master
JD Model	CN
LHQQ	CF
Shi Cheng	Shi hai
Woodenkit (Russian MFG)	4H Model
YengFan	SC
Moxing	DUJIAOSHOU

● Historic Ship Profiles ●

New Great Lakes Freighter *Mark W. Barker*

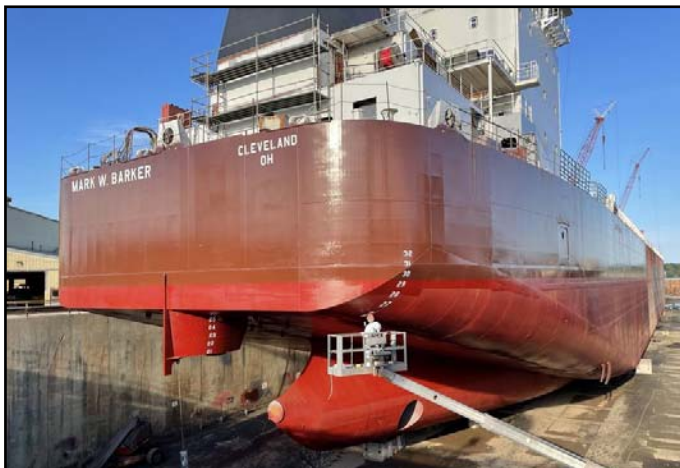
The newest freighter to ply the Great Lakes began her maiden voyage July 27th, a trip from Wisconsin to Michigan's Upper Peninsula to load stone that will be used to make ready-mix concrete.



The *Mark W. Barker*, a 639-foot ship built for the Interlake Steamship Company, left Sturgeon Bay, Wis., at 10:36 a.m. Central Time on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, for the 110-mile voyage north to Port Inland, Michigan, where the vessel loaded stone and delivered it to Muskegon.

This was a monumental day for Interlake and the U.S. flag fleet as the much-anticipated freighter departed on her first voyage in what will be a long life of service on the Great Lakes.

The *Barker* is the first U.S.-flagged Great Lakes cargo ship since 1983 to be built in the region and is also the first built for Ohio-based Interlake in 40 years. Construction began in August 2019, with the launching taking



place on October 28, 2021. The ship was built at Fincantieri Bay Shipbuilding in Sturgeon Bay, and is the tenth ship in the Interlake fleet.



The *Mark W. Barker* is a "river class" vessel that's shorter than the modern "1,000-footers." The *Barker* is closer in length to some of the so-called "classic lakers" built around World War II, which still carry cargo on the Great Lakes. A self-unloading bulk carrier, the ship will transport raw materials such as salt, iron ore, and stone to support manufacturing around the Great Lakes region.



The construction of this vessel was accomplished with steel manufactured in Indiana, from iron ore delivered by vessel from Minnesota. The slogan, "Made in America" could not be more appropriate!



Submitted by David Kupeczyk