

FORECASTLE REPORT



Newsletter of the Chicago Tri-Club Association

December 2024

Gus Hits a Grand Slam



In what may have been Gus Agustin's most remarkable competition, our resident miniaturist won seven awards at the 41st Annual Butch O'Hare Chapter Open Model Contest. The awards included four gold, a People's Choice, Best Nautical and Best of Show. Visit page 2 to view the models and awards.

Virtual MMS Meetings Are Back ...For Awhile

You may recall that last year it was decided that the Midwest Model Shipwrights would shut down operations for the first three months of 2024. It was not a popular decision, but weathering the upcoming Chicago winter while trying to get to our meetings did not appeal to many of us.

At the November meeting, after considerable discussion, it was decided that we would go virtual for those first three months in 2025. It's been quite a while since our last Zoom meeting, and a learning curve might be needed. Everyone was reminded that it is not possible to conduct a virtual meeting from the church where we meet. It was tried not long after we moved in at South Church, and the results were less than acceptable.

As in the past, invites will be sent out a few days before the meeting. Please remember, the first virtual meeting occurs in January. Hope you will be able to join us.

NRG Happenings



If you are a Nautical Research Guild member and you missed the last workshop and/or the members' meeting, all is not lost. Videos featuring the 2024 Membership Meeting and SS *Naparima* Workshop are now available on the Guild website.



December Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD December Meeting



The December North Shore Deadeyes virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 PM. The featured topic will be a video, **How a World War Two Submarine Works**. The ZOOM invite will be sent out soon.

The NRMS December Meeting



For December, the Nautical Research and Model Ship Society meeting will be a hybrid session. The face to face segment will be held at 237 S. Lincoln Street, Westmont, IL. Kurt

Van Dahm requests that those who plan to attend in person let him know so they can be accommodated.

For those preferring to attend the virtual version, an invite will be sent out a few days before the December 14th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

The MMS December Meeting

The Annual Holiday Pizza & Flea Market Celebration



Arguably the most popular meeting of the year is upon us. In addition to featuring our holiday pizza bash, we are inviting you to bring in your unwanted kits, tools, plans and books. This is a great chance to make a few dollars, and, pick up a bargain or two!



The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th at the *Dasom Community Church* in Mount Prospect.

Proceedings will commence at 7:15 p.m. and pizzas will be served as soon as they arrive.



Ships on Deck



Award-Wining Models

Photos by Gus Agustin



The four models entered in the *Butch O'Hare Chapter Open Model Contest* represented miniature examples of HMS Blandford, HMS Royal Escape, Mediator, and HMS Sussex. The "Sussex" was the recipient of all three special awards.



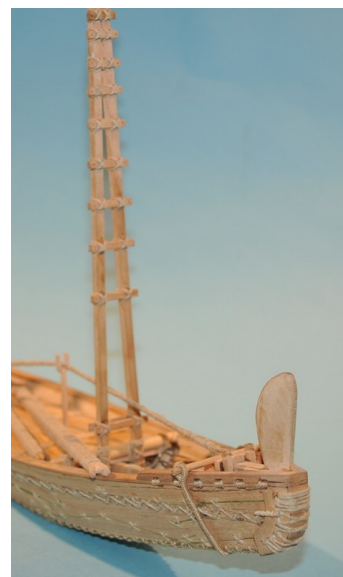
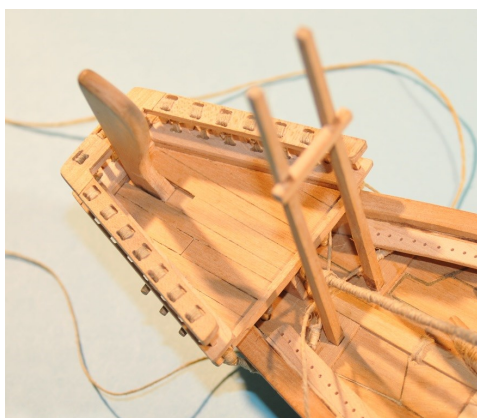
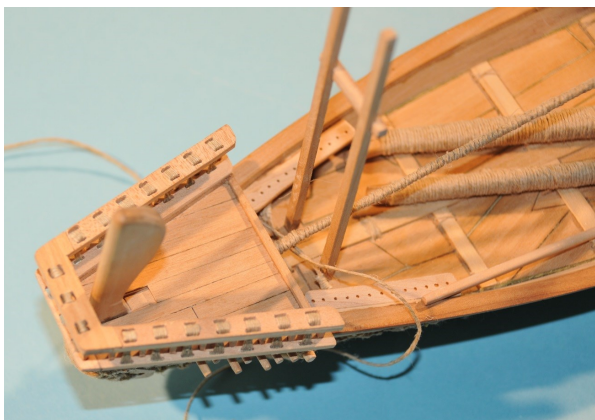
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Nave Egeza

by Rick Szydelko

Without a doubt, Rick Szydelko's Egyptian *Nave Egeza* always captures everyone's attention and imagination at our meetings. Nothing about it comes close to providing information for other Ships on Deck models. With a certain amount of pride, Rick will often state that nobody knows for sure what one of these vessels really looked like ... and he's right! It's truly unique!



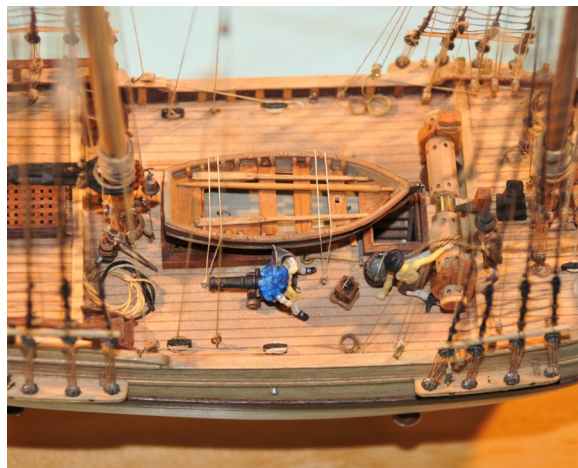
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HMS Sultana by Richard Romaniak



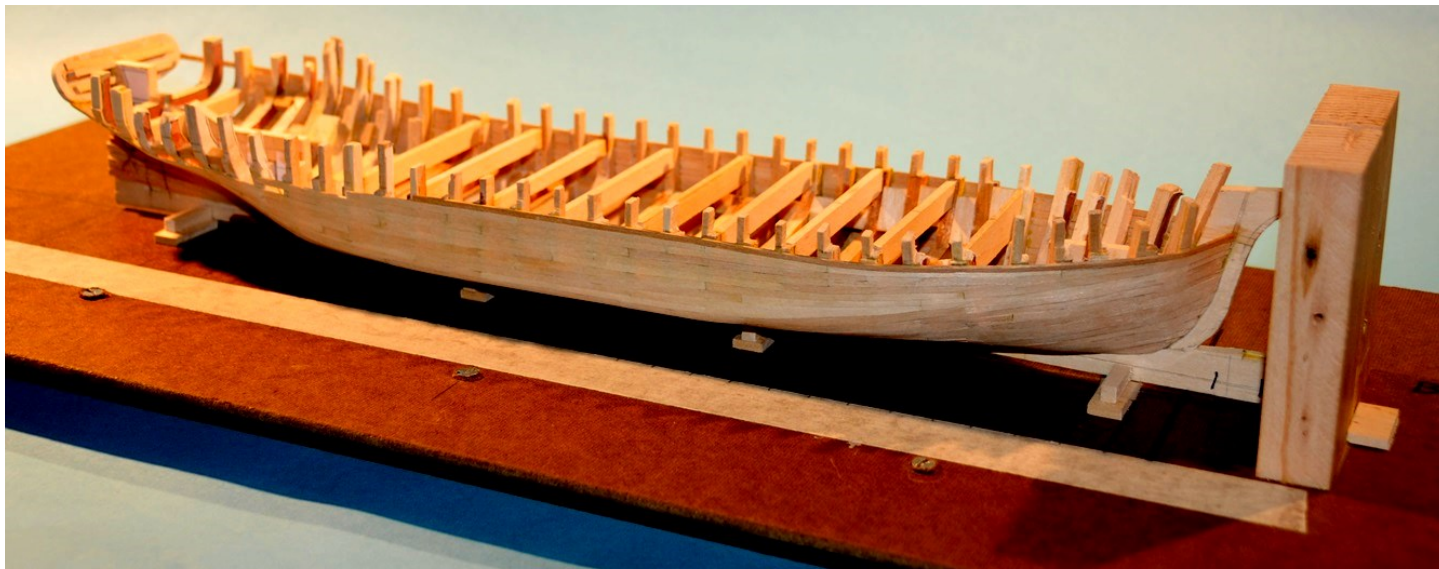
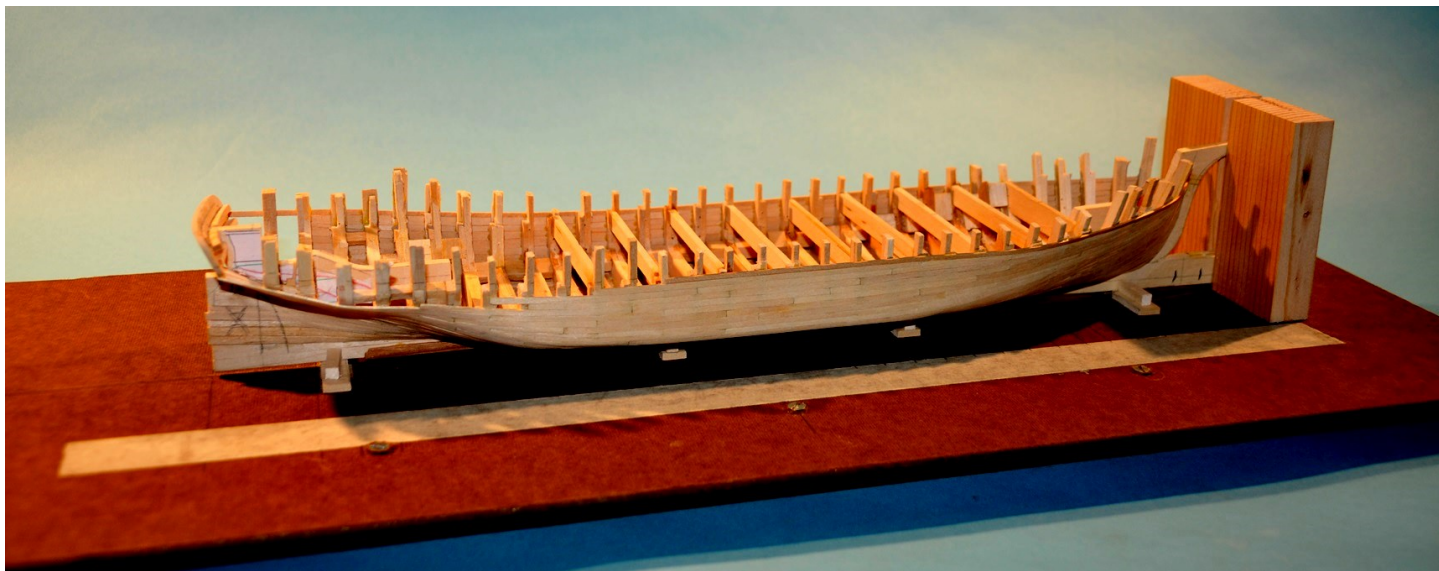
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Lucia A. Simpson
by Dan Pacholski

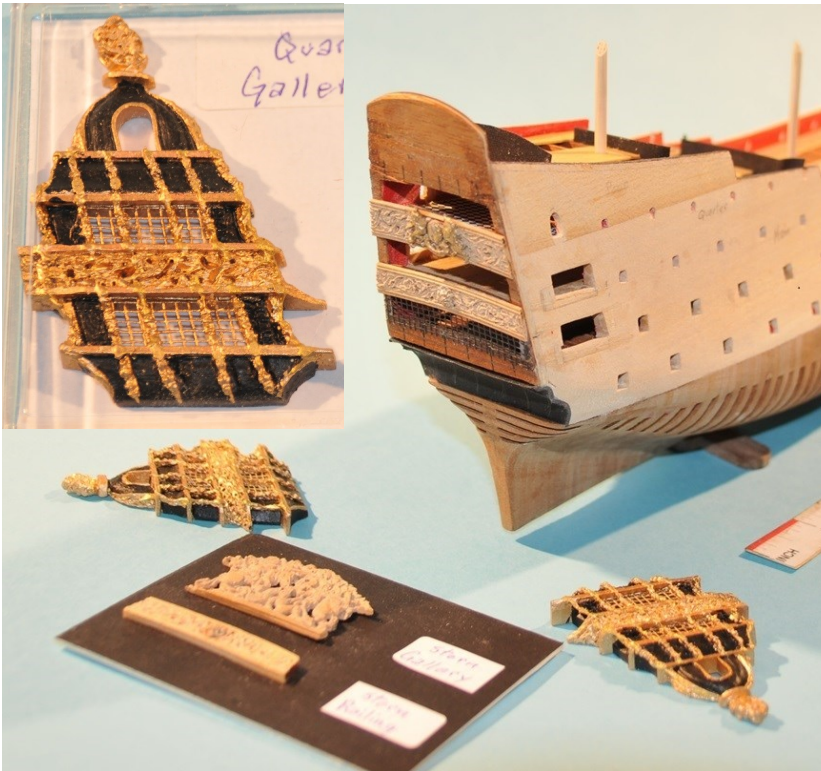




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Britannia by Gus Agustin



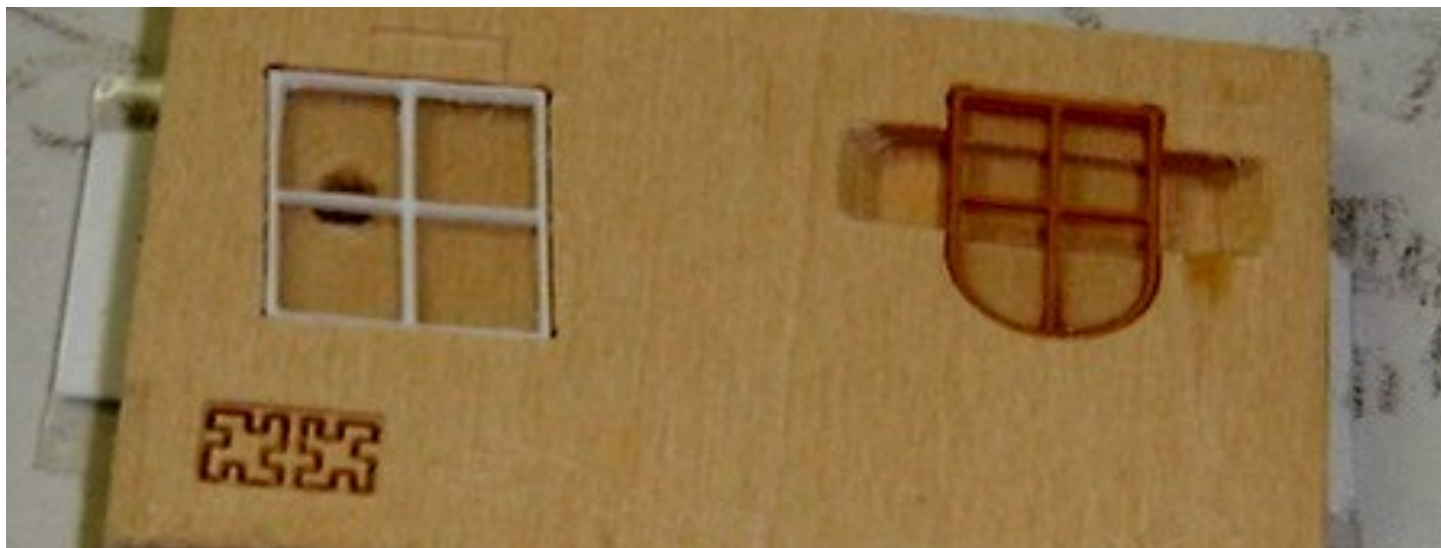
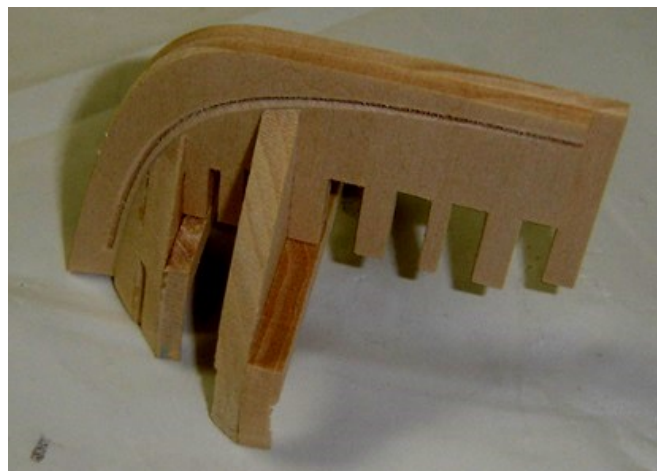
Over the past few months, Gus Agustin has shared some remarkable work while building a model of the 100 gun Ship of the Line, *Britannia*. Gus recently completed planking the decks, which took 2400 tree-nails! As you can see, he's well along on the quarter galleries and transom. This could turn out to be his best work yet!



Ships on Deck



Paul McClay continues to WOW us with work that his CNC machine is capable of performing. He stated that the bow section he brought in for Ships on Deck is just for show and tell. Considering how well it has turned out, it would be great to see the rest of the hull completed! The trail board was made from a strip of ivory piano key. You can't tell from the photo, but the two window frames have been glazed over with some plastic sheeting.

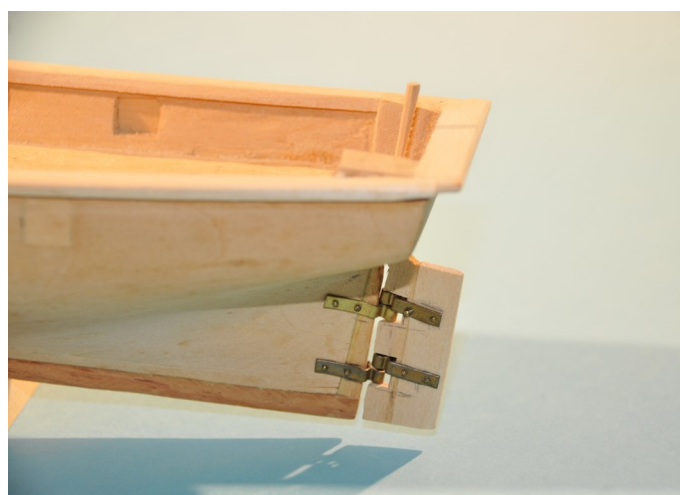




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Roger B Taney
by Ray Kroschel





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Scenes from the November MMS Meeting

Photos by Bob Fryszak



• Tri-Club 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*.

DryDock Models and Parts (Canada) selling for companies that pirate.

CN	ZHL
CF	RealTS
shi hai	Snail Model
4H Model	XinFeng
Moxing	Crown JD Model
Microcosm	JD Model LHQK
WN	Huasong
Jaocdoen	Shi Cheng
SC	woodenkit (Russian MFG)
DUJIAOSHOU	YengFan
LHQK	Unicorn Model
Master	YQ (YaunQing
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