



Forecastle Report

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● Scuttlebutt ●

COMMODORE, Bob Filipowski, opened the June 2016 meeting at 7:30 with a loyal crew of 21 on board. With no guests to introduce, Bob moved right into the night's business. **Kurt Van Dahm** presented **Bob Filipowski** with the award plaque for his third place finish in the Wisconsin Maritime Museum's Master's Competition. Congratulations to our Commodore for the fine work he did on his model of the *New England Fishing Pink Schooner*.



We were also happy to



learn of the overwhelming success our mate **Bob Sykes** had at the recent NIMCON 5 show and contest, where he came away with no fewer than five (5) prizes, among which were

the People's Choice Award, a Master Class Award and the Best Ship Award. Congratulations mate. You are an outstanding ambassador for our club.



Our mate, **Sid Wotman**, is selling off some of his valuable collection of nautical books. He will bring in a few items at each meeting priced to sell! Many books in his collection are very rare and valuable editions that would greatly add to any ship modeler's library.

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July Meeting Notice

Manitowoc Model Contest - Part 2

by **Bob Filipowski**

In Part 2, Bob is going to review all the Masters Contest winners and participants at this year's Manitowoc Model Contest. As an added bonus, this presentation will include photos featuring the RC model demonstration, the Burger Boats Tour, and a new museum exhibit that recently opened. This last item will amaze you!

Our next meeting will be at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20, 2016
The South Church
501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL

● Manitowoc Model Contest - Part 1 ●

by **Bob Filipowski**

Bob's presentation covered nearly all the models shown at the 40th Anniversary meeting of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum's *Model Ships & Boats Contest* held in Manitowoc, WI May 20 - 22, 2016. The model analysis Bob gave us along with the many, many slides was very complete and fairly detailed the hits and misses found in each example.

Needless to say, it won't be possible to show all the models entered in this year's contest, which numbered well over 40. However, here are some fine examples of Gold, Silver and Bronze winners that were selected for their unique subjects and the quality of the photos. We also have to add our thanks to **Wendy Lutzke** at the WMM for many of these great shots.

Gold Medalists:

80' *Elco Motor Torpedo Boat* by **Tom Swille**.



Photo by W. Lutzke

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Photo by W. Lutzke

Barbara Ann by Samuel Parent



Photo by W. Lutzke

Hanna by Toni Levine



Royal William by Gus Agustin



Sheboygan by Raymond Groh

Silver medalists:



Bloodhound by David Richey



Cape Cod Catboat by Al Butkus



Photo by W. Lutzke

Blackbeard's Pirate Ship by Ken Goetz

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● Ships on Deck ●

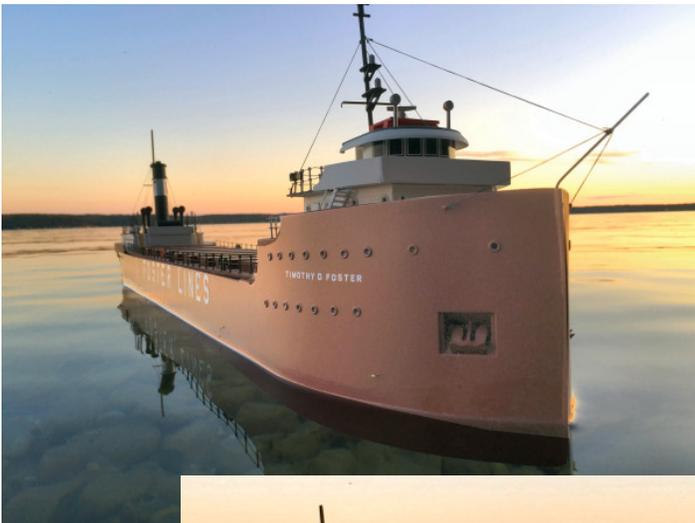
Tim Foster brought in his now complete 1/96 R/C model of the C-2 Class Freighter *Manitou Spirit*. Built from a 1962 "Sterling" kit, this model has had a lot of parts added. To get her seaworthy, Tim had to add 19 lbs. of



lead weight ballast, which he secured using 35mm film cans placed on both sides of the hold. Water trials have been held and Tim reports excellent sailing results. The kit's balsa hull was fiber-glassed to keep it water tight.

To prove his seamanship with these R/C freighters, Tim sent along a couple of photos he took at a lake in Michigan showing his other effort. It was shot just inches above the water, which was 10 inches deep at this point.

This is the "Foster Lines" *Timothy D. Foster* sailing on



the Great Lakes. She's cutting the water in great shape.

Thanks for showing us your latest and for sharing your photos, as well, mate.



Glen Estry started building the "Model Shipways" kit of the *New Bedford Whaleboat* on May 1, and has made great progress, as the photo shows. Glen says that Steve Wheeler's presentation last month helped him with doing the "clinker" style planking. Without that info, things may have been quite different. As it is, Glen has solved the planking riddle and has a first class model underway.



Ken Goetz's 1:128 scratch-built model of the schooner *Bluenose* has its hull completed, painted, striped and mounted on its permanent birch wood base.

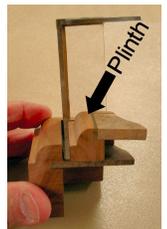


Ken built his model using "Model Shipways" plans reduced by 50% and is achieving a really trim result.



Deck planking has also been carried out to great effect, with very neat tree nail detail. She's really shaping up to be a real masterpiece, mate.

Bob Filipowski showed us the base and plinth he built for his model of the *English Longboat*. Details of how to piece this together are shown in this photo of a practice model made for him by Gus Agustin.



Gus Agustin made up two "Mini-Books" which contain a beautiful figurehead and a set of flags. What a unique way to showcase your signature work, mate, and the books look really antique!



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Sea of Galilee by John Curry

Bronze Medalists:



Albatross by Robert Bednar



Rachel & Serra by Dave Strapple



USS Vigor by Gordon Stiller

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You can now purchase DVDs on the two presentations we saw last month, "Brodie Stoves" by Bill Maxwell and "Cataract Boats" by Steve Wheeler. **Bob Filipowski** has them at a price of \$5.00 each. Shipping and postage charges would be extra. No orders will be shipped outside the USA. Contact Bob, if you are interested.

Kurt Van Dahm reported that the Tri-Club finances are in good order and that we had expensed \$600 for contest sponsorships at the Manitowoc Model Contest. Our Tri-Club received a grateful thank you from all the officers at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum for our support of this very unique event.

Bob Filipowski extended his thanks to members who have brought in items to give away or to supplement our door prize raffle. These generous gifts have added to the enjoyment of our meetings and are greatly appreciated.

Doc Williams (L) and **Richard Kuenstler** (R), our two resident "Tars", were kind enough to sit still for a group portrait, which still needed some photo shop work. We missed photographing their appearance at our Christmas party with their Santa hats. Their attendance is nearly 100% and always helps make the meeting special for their presence. Thanks, mates, for your club spirit.



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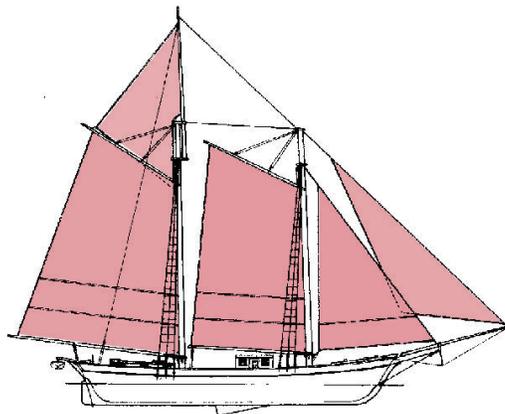
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