



Newsletter of the Midwest Model Shipwrights

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July 2019

● Scuttlebutt ●

The June meeting, attendance wise, certainly wasn't as noteworthy as the May gathering, but it still had its highpoints. Don Purney signed on after checking us out for the past two meetings, and an old friend and Shipwright Plank Owner, Jim Hohenzy, returned to our happy band of boat builders.

It's interesting to note that a hiatus of 32 years gave Jim a new perspective on our organization. After the meeting, he sent the following message: "Great meeting and talk. Since '87, the depth of club subject matters and modeling skill has gotten rather deep for this modeling-researching dilettante-duffer. Downright flippin' scary." Knowing Jim, it won't take long for him to start contributing his own unique style to our meetings.

Ralph Sykes was our big door prize winner for June. Ralph chose a Sergal kit of the pilot boat *Achilles*, circa 1794. This kit retails for \$129. That's a pretty nice return on the cost of membership. Congratulations, mate!

● Manitowoc Epilogue ●

When Kurt Van Dahm won his awards for *Splash* at the 43rd Annual Midwestern Model Ships and Boats Contest and Display in Manitowoc, he stated that



he would present the Gold Medal and Best Racing Class Sailboat awards to *Splash* owner, Kurt Breuer. They now occupy a very special place in Mr. Breuer's home that commemorates the history of this Burger built vessel.

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July Meeting Notice The Mississippi River Museum Memphis, Tennessee

This facility opened in 1982, and is part of a remarkable complex that celebrates 10,000 years of Mississippi River history. Find out how the Chicago Tri-Club Association played an important role in its ultimate completion. This will be a nice change of pace from our more technical presentations.

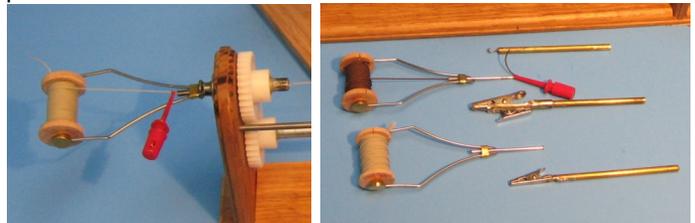


Our next meeting will be at 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
The Dasom Community Church
501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL

● Serving and Stopping ●

The June presentation opened with an explanation of the three procedures used to help protect standing rigging from wear and rotting. They were worming, parcelling, and serving.

When it comes to model ships, only serving is normally simulated, and the membership was shown a number of serving machines that are commercially available, which can help expedite the process. Some homemade examples were also showcased.



Numerous hints and tips were provided that included the use of fly tying equipment such as the fly tying bobbin, which can be purchased at sporting goods stores. Stopping blocks was also addressed, with many suggestions being offered by those in attendance.

● **Ships on Deck** ●

Photos by Bob Fryszak

Swedish Gunboat Circa 1801 by Ken Goetz

Model has been completed. Congratulations, mate!



Dutch Kaag by Allen Siegel



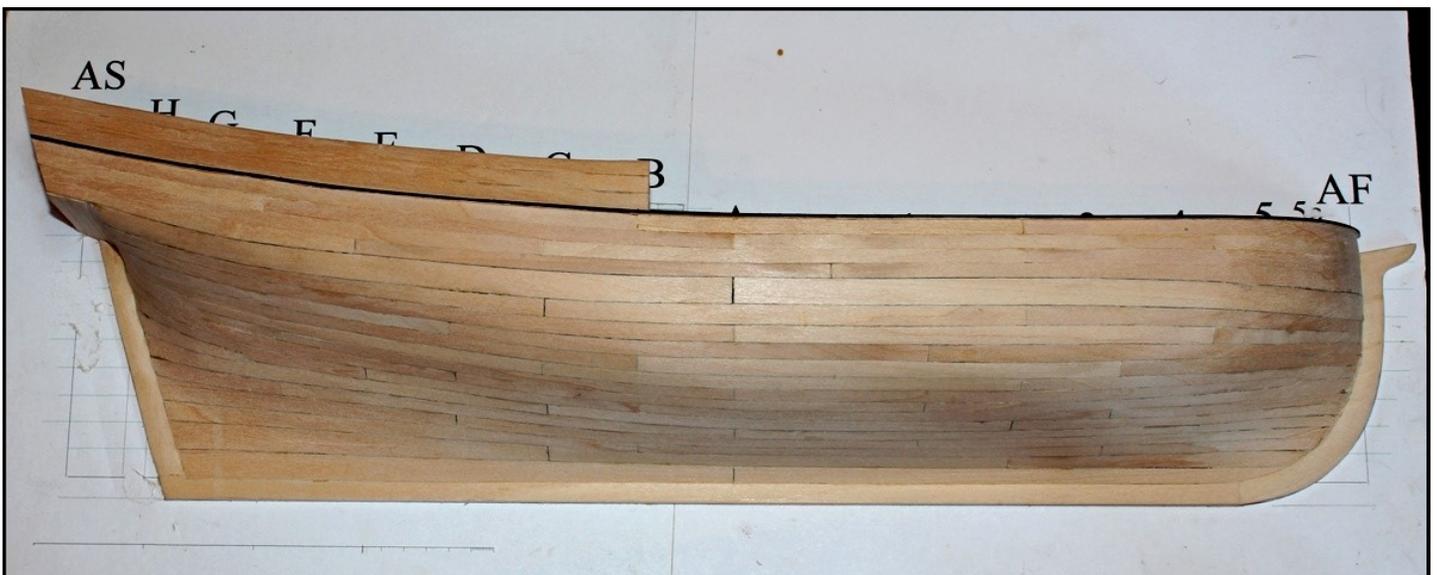
● **Ships on Deck** ●

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Royal William by Doc Williams



NRG Spiling Kit Prototype
by Toni Levine



● **Ships on Deck** ●

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Spanish "74" *San Juan Nepomuceno* 1765 by Bob Sykes

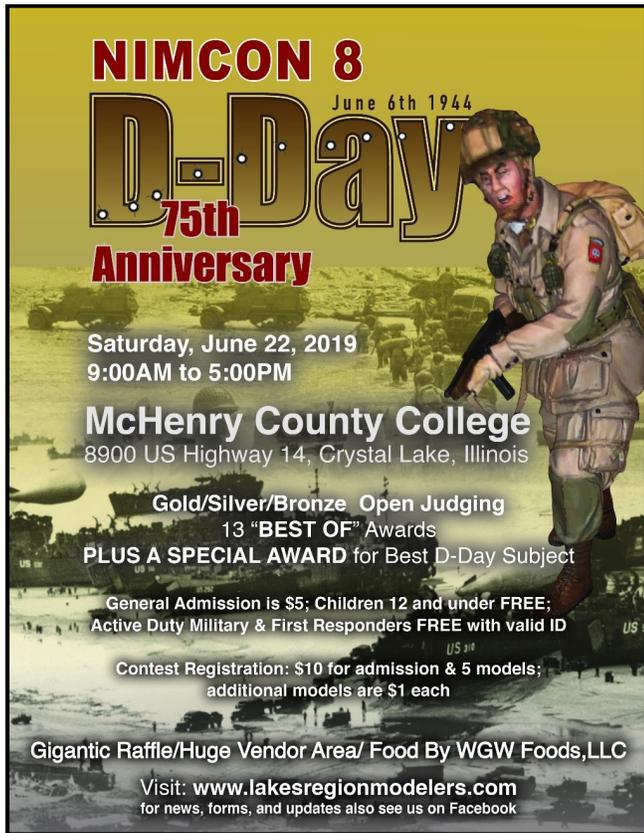


Emma C. Berry by Walt Philips



● **NIMCON 8** ●

The 8th Northern Illinois Model Contest sponsored by the IPMS Lakes Region Scale Modelers



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Ralph Sykes took gold for his *San Juan Nepomuceno*.



Bob Sykes received a silver medal for his scratch built English 2nd Rate (above), and a bronze award for his *Royal Caroline*. (Lower Photo)



Although primarily a plastic modelers organization, the LRSM also welcomes individuals that specialize in cast resin, card, and wood models. Three Shipwrights competed in this year's contest, which was held on June 22nd at McHenry County College.

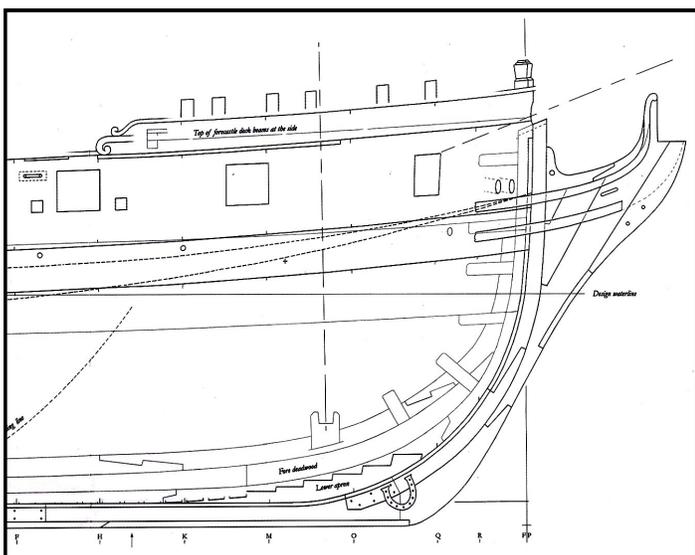
Richard Romaniak entered his *Early Baltimore Clipper Brig*, and won a gold medal.

● **Swan Class Sloops Plans Set** ●

By David Antscherl

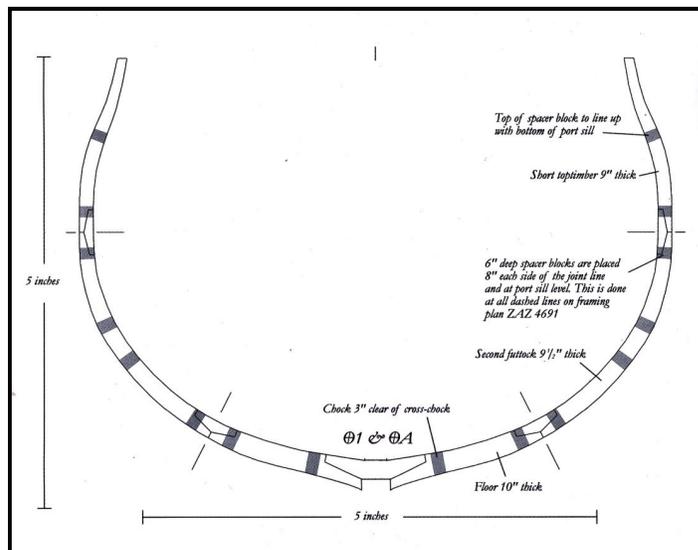
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Without a doubt, one of the finest references on Eighteenth Century men of war is the four-volume set, *The Fully Framed Model, HMN Swan Class Sloops, 1767—1780*, by David Antscherl and Greg Herbert. This benchmark series was supplemented by a set of plans marketed by Antscherl and Herbert that assisted the model maker who wished to build a fully framed model. Originally created by Mr. Antscherl, they were used by Herbert while he was building “Pegasus,” which is the basis for Volume III in the series. Not long ago it was announced that these plans would no longer be available.

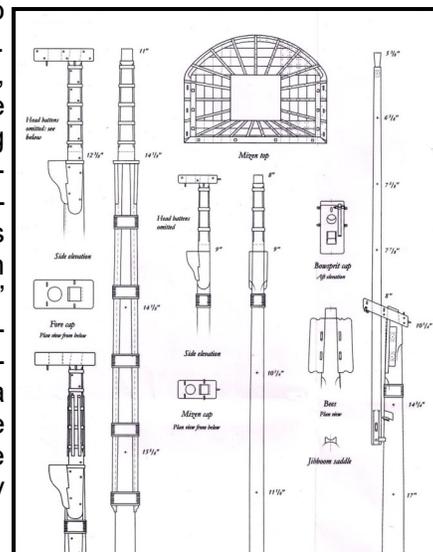


Bob Friedman of SeaWatchBooks stepped in, and worked out the details that resulted in a portfolio of seven plans being offered for a limited time at a reasonable price. Drawn to a scale of 1:48, this set provides the sheer, profile, half-breath, and body plan that represent a generic Swan class vessel. Drawings are also provided for all the fore and aft cant frames, hawse timbers, transoms, and deck beams. Patterns are featured for each pair of frames, and include the locations for the chocks, spacer blocks and scarph joints.

One nice touch concerning the frame drawings is the use of vertical and horizontal reference scales. These lines measure 5” in length, and confirm the accuracy of the plans. Every frame pattern was checked, and they were all perfect.



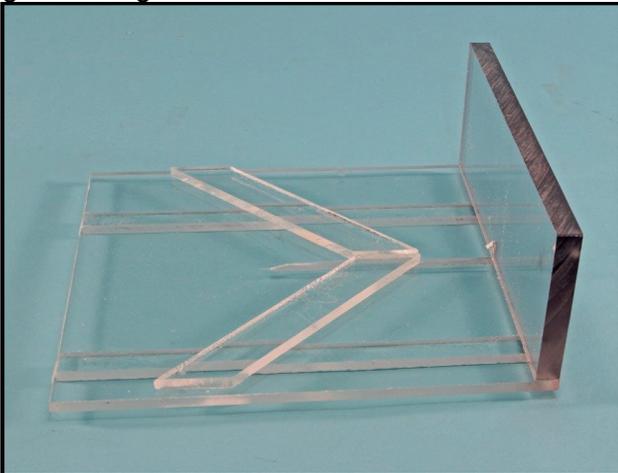
This package of drawings is not entirely devoted to the hull. An added bonus is an entire sparring plan that is applicable to sixth rate vessels. Every yard, mast, boom, and top are featured, along with full size dimensions. Attention to detail is quite evident on this 20” x 34” sheet. It is exemplified by the details provided for a fish davit and fire boom, which are rarely covered by most references.



● **Miscellaneous Items of Interest** ●

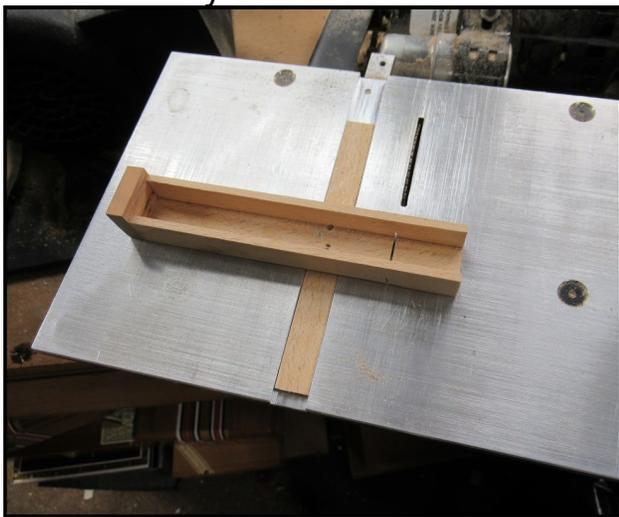
Byrnes Saw Framing Sled
by Kurt Van Dahm

Kurt made a framing sled for his Byrnes saw. It makes perfect 45 degree corners when meeting angles are cut from opposite sides of the blade. Any error is cancelled out by using the complimentary angle cuts together.



He designates the left side as #1 and the right side as #2. Just make sure the cuts that meet up are cut from the other number, and all will fit. Each of the 4 pieces must have a #1 and a #2 cut, and then it's guaranteed to be a square assembly - assuming the pieces were cut to the proper length.

Preac Saw Plank Cutting Sled
by Doc Williams



Doc Williams fabricated a sled that provides planks that are a consistent length. Each will be exactly 100 mm in length (in scale, about 22 feet).

Adventure
by Jim Hohenzky



Using the pseudonym, James Hood, Jim Hohenzky has written two books about an alternate, parallel world that is discovered in the early 1970's. Referred to as "Neverland," it is a place composed of blue people, purple sky, and two moons. A "gate" is found that allows an expedition to enter it for the purposes of exploration and possible conquest.

It would appear that Jim has not lost his creative writing skills!

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