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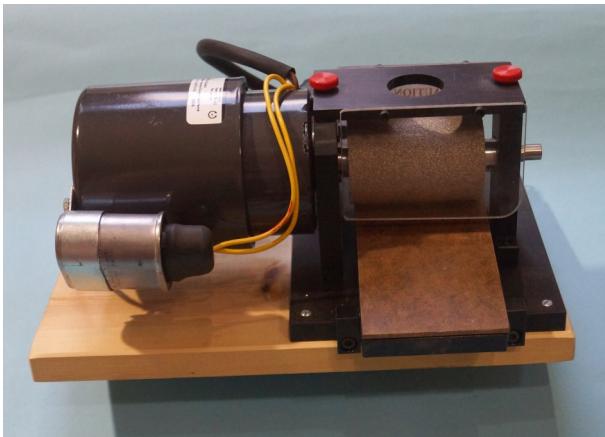
September 2025

Flea Market IV

Rick Szydelko and Bob Filipowski weren't sure how the membership would respond to this August meeting flea market. This was mainly due to the fact that a lot of the items on display were somewhat more expensive than the run of the mill odds and ends normally offered. As it turned out, both sides, buyer and seller, seemed satisfied with the final prices.



Where items such as a Sherline or Vanda Lay lathe are concerned, if the buyer did not have enough cash to close the deal, the item was put on hold until the next meeting.



The September meeting will feature hundreds of model ship and history magazines. The asking price for these publications will be extremely generous.

September Tri-Club Meeting Schedule

The NSD September Meeting



The September North Shore Dead-eyes virtual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM. The ZOOM invite will be sent out a few days before the meeting. The featured presentation is *The Development of Naval Guns part 2*.

The NRMS September Meeting



For September, 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 September 13th meeting. Proceedings start at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to log on as early 6:30 PM.

The MMS September Meeting



The September face to face Midwest Model Shipwright meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM.

We will be featuring Part V of our 2025 Tri-Club flea market, compliments of Coleman Seskind. Emphasis this month will be on monthly periodicals, but there might also be a few books and tools available.

Proceedings will begin at 7:00 PM, but you will be able to enter the building as early as 6:30 PM.

As usual, F2F Shipwright meetings are held at

The Dasom Community Church

501 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, Illinois



Ships on Deck

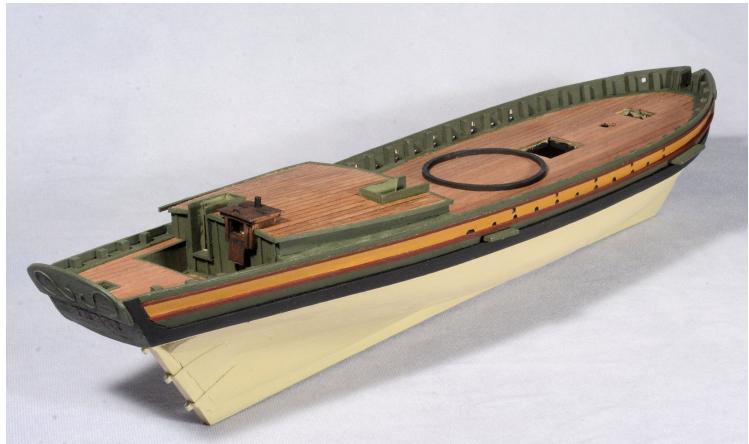


***Fyret aka Lively* by Samuel X. Parent**

Jim Roberts is the originator of the original kit for the "Lively" and in his introductions he talked about the fact that there is no real documentation regarding a vessel named the "Lively." He then went on to talk about how he developed the kit/plans around a small to moderate sized Cape Henry pilot boat. As the US did in fact issue a large number of "Letters of Mark" during the War of 1812 to many small coasters and pilot boats, Sam decided that he would make it his own and play with some alterations that would be period correct. Several years ago, he had the pleasure of being able to be aboard the "Lynx" which is a topsail schooner of a smaller Baltimore clipper type. The name has always stuck with him. When Sam decided to do the Lively as a project, He thought about that "Lynx" as a predator/privateer. These smaller privateers had to be quick and agile sailors so as to pick a target and then decide to either take her or turn and run. The little ferret came to mind. The name is derived from the Latin word furittus which means "Little Thief" which certainly seemed appropriate for a small privateer. The Old English spelling of ferret is "Fyret." Thus, this little topsail schooner was rechristened.

The simple scroll on the transom is brass wire shaped, attached and painted over.

Sam suspects that there are "Purists" out there that likely will not approve of his "Whimsy" and execution of Artistic License. So be it. He hopes to build a model that will attract some attention and discussion plus be a credit to his abilities as a ship modeler.





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Britannia by Gus Agustin



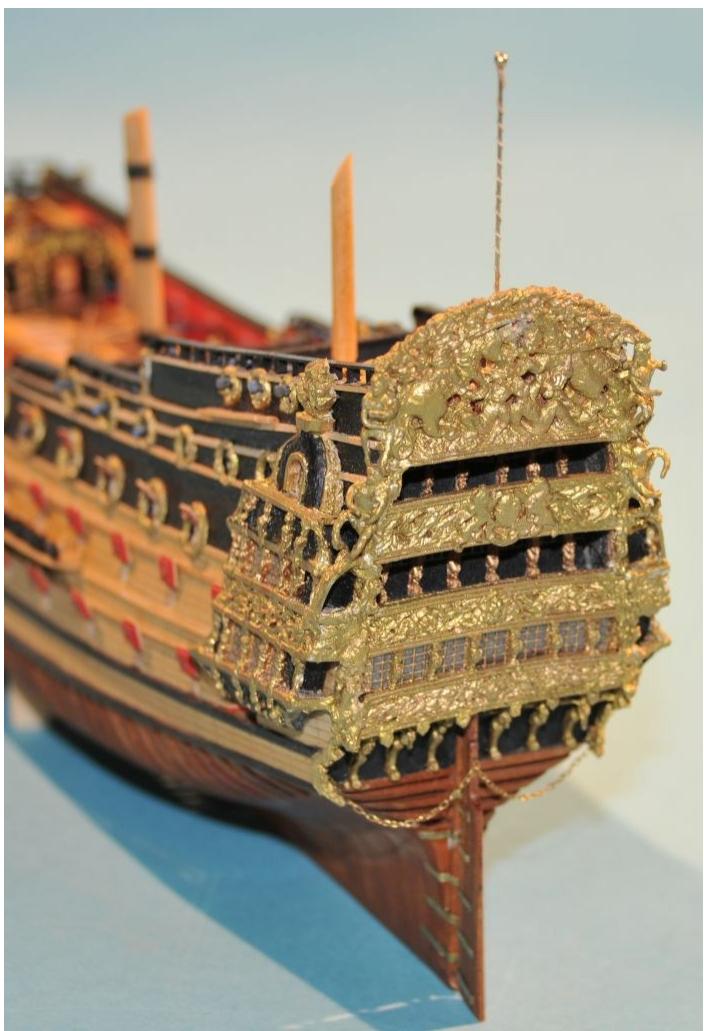
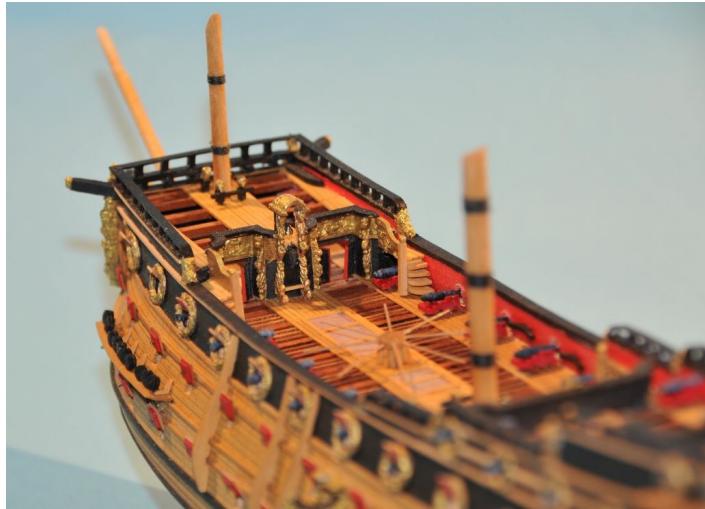
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Britannia by Gus Agustin



Gus Agustin's *Britannia* continues to work its way towards completion. Current completions include the installation of the top rails, which were made from styrene and painted black.

This model now sports something that is relatively rare on Gus' models, canons! Three out of the four photos on this page do not feature them, but the previous page does. Although difficult to see, Agustin applied a grey wash to the guns, which emphasized the gun's details.



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USS Flint by Keith Zeilenga

Keith has named his latest “Dumpster Kit” USS *Flint*. The progress made in the last month suggests that it no longer deserves such a demeaning title. Another “mongrel” nobody wanted is turning into a real gem!





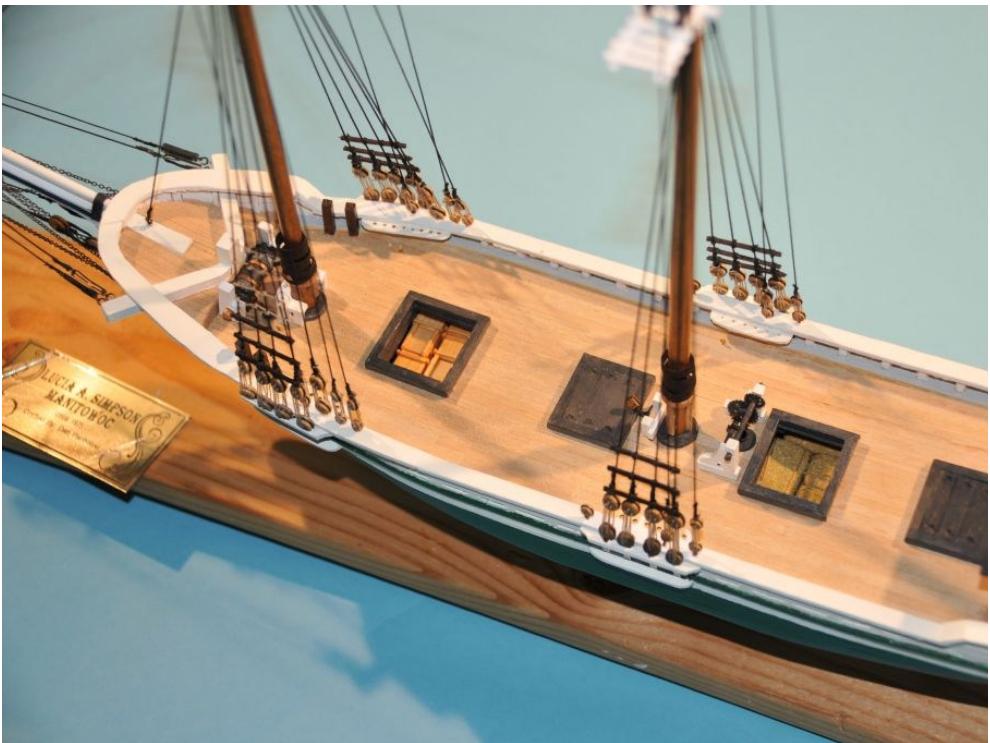
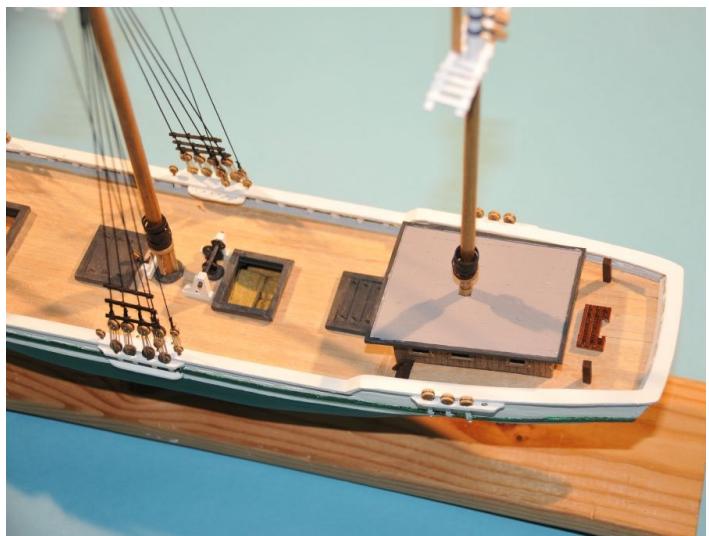
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***Lucia A. Simpson* by Dan Pacholski**

Dan Pacholski was at that point where his nearly finished model of the *Lucia A. Simpson* just didn't look right. After much deliberation, he decided it was the lower part of the Great Lakes model's hull. The light green was replaced by a darker shade that really made a difference.

Another nice touch was the added winch that was installed just aft of the main mast. This was a common feature on these schooners. It was used to raise and lower the center board, which could provide the shallow draft vessel with greater stability when not in shallow water.





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***Roger B. Taney* by Ray Kroschel**
Revenue Cutter c.1833



Model is finished. Congratulations, Mate!



Amazing Show—Amazing Winner!



To say that ships did well at the recently completed IPMS Convention might be a little bit of an understatement. Gene Berger, who happens to be President of the Hampton Roads Ship Model Society displayed several of his large-scale models at the 2025 Nationals and took the following modeling awards: • 1st Place, 1/350 Scale, U.S. Battleships • Best Ship Award • Judges' Grand Award Best Ship and the George P. Lee Grand Award, all for his 1:48-scale BB-39 USS *Arizona*, 1918. In addition, Gene won 1st Place, All Entries, Early Steam & Sail with his C-6 USS *Olympia*, 1st Place All Entries, Conversion & Scratch Built with his SS *United States*. His USS *Kendall C. Campbell*, DE-443, won 3rd Place. This was Gene's first participation in the national event. Congratulations, Mate. You made your Model Ship Building Brethren proud.



The cage masts are scratch built.

Scenes from the May 2025 MMS meeting



Clipper Ship *Hurricane* Manifests

Compliments of Ken Manske



Forward		384	11	9
10 dozen	Upset Potted Meats 2 Cans 4 lbs	124	6	4
1 dozen	Reserve But	12	16	10
4 1/2	Dried Mfrs	154	3	1
2 1/2	Upset Saus	149	1	10
2 lbs	Blackening	8	1	1
3 lbs	Hop Flowers	36	10	6
2 dozen	Cloves	12	1	10
1 1/2	Aniseed	121	13	
2	Raspberries	16galls	1	6
2	Champagne	36	3	12
1	1/2 Pint Refined Sponger	22	486	11
1	Cash 1/2 Rrum	10galls	4	2
13	Couch Fine 1 American Pork	901	50	10
2	Flies L. Steer Beef	187	13	
2	Cans 2 dozen Brandy	36	3	4
Cleaning	72 Barrels Beef and	57	18	
Carting	6 to 6 from East India docks			
Reloading	D & Dock charges		8	6
3 dozen	Ale	7	1	1
2 Bottles	Brandy		11	
1 Case	of Reserved Potatoes	14	8	6
1 Case	48 Comprised Vegetables		2	10
1 Barrel	Super Flour	166	2	6
1 Box	Veronica	4	3	8
1 Pound	5c Carriage	33	1	18
11 Boxes	Wheat Powder 2 1/4 lbs	1	1	2
6 Potted Oysters	1/4	1	18	
		578	14	10
London July 31 st 1855		Dinner 25.72	6.5	18.12
S. Berg Jr.		71.10	24	1.15.10
Received		20	7	10
Hartford Banker		2	498	7
5/1/55				
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Hurricane was a large extreme clipper of 1608 tons burthen built in Hoboken, New Jersey, United States in 1851. Reputedly the most extreme clipper ever built, Hurricane proved a very fast vessel, reportedly capable of speeds of up to 18 knots (33 km/h) in ideal conditions. She establishing a number of record passages in the early years of her career.

Compliments of Ken Manske, here are excerpts from a manifests dating back to 1855 and 1857. Some research seems to indicate that the ship, in one case, was preparing to make another voyage from New York to California possibly with passengers seeking to join the gold rush. At least some of the provisions might very well have been for the growing West Coast population.



Ken sent the original manifest to Mystic and they were very interested in it. They have several exhibits or pictures featuring this ship.

London July 1855				
Capt. Very & Owner of the 'Hurricane'				
Bought of Hooper & Strongman, Division Merchants Dealers in General Stores, 70 Mark Lane & 3 Billiter Street City				
July 11				
1	Cash of 3 dozen Ale	64	1	1
2	Bottles Brandy (Duty paid)	56	11	
1	Case of Reserved Potatoes	56	8	6
1	48 Comprised Vegetables	496	2	10
16	1 Barrel sup. Flour	2	6	6

● 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) sells 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)
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LHQK	Unicorn Model
Master	YQ (YaunQing) Modelship Dockyard (China)

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