

Minutes

We had a great turnout for our season closing meeting at the Twin Pines Diner. We "dropped anchor" around 0900 and our "Commanding Officer" James called us all to "Captain's Mast" precisely at 0915 hours. There was a nice display of models. As with the December meeting and the June meeting any type of model(s) could be displayed. Many non-nautical models were present. I had asked Tom Szabo if he had brought his still under construction scratch-built Charles W. Morgan. He said no, since the scale crew was out fishing for minnows. Hopefully they'll be back in less than a standard 4 year cruise!

The main topic covered were the plans for the 2024 ship's conference which we will be hosting, and some of the "practices" that somewhat marred the past April gathering. Due to the locale of this breakfast meeting, it was decided more will be discussed at the October meeting where we will begin solidifying details.

James closed the meeting at 0950 which was followed by a mad dash to the mess hall for a wonderful breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 1130 when we all weighed anchored until September.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Abramson

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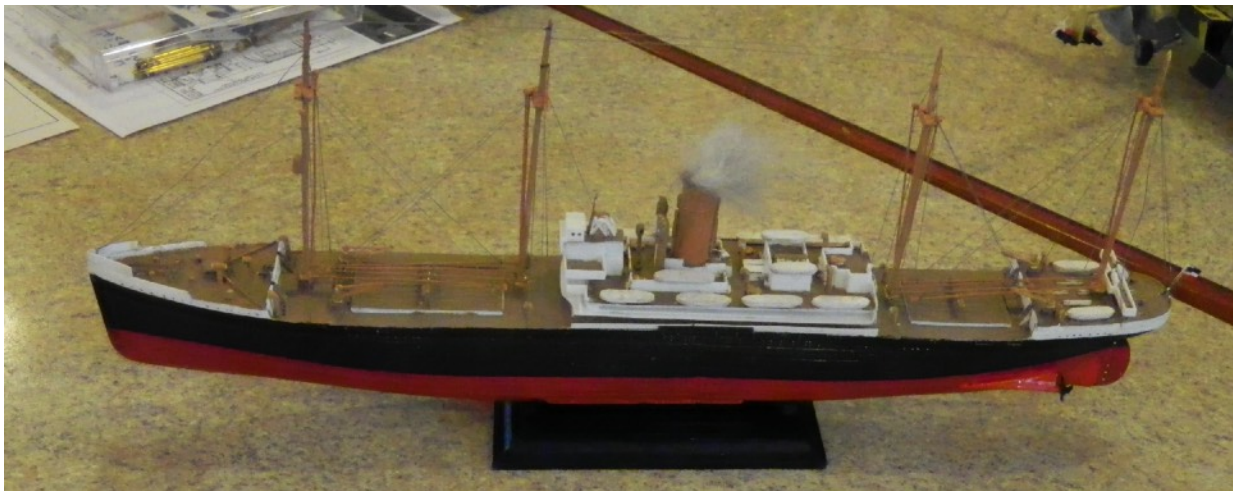
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Jon Meir displayed two beautifully built helicopters, one Russian and one American. The workmanship and paintwork was superb. Jon gave great descriptions on the history of the two choppers and details on how he built and did the painting.



The American chopper was a Hughes Aircraft AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter. The Russian model was a Hind M-24 Gunship. Both models were 1:48 scale by Monogram.



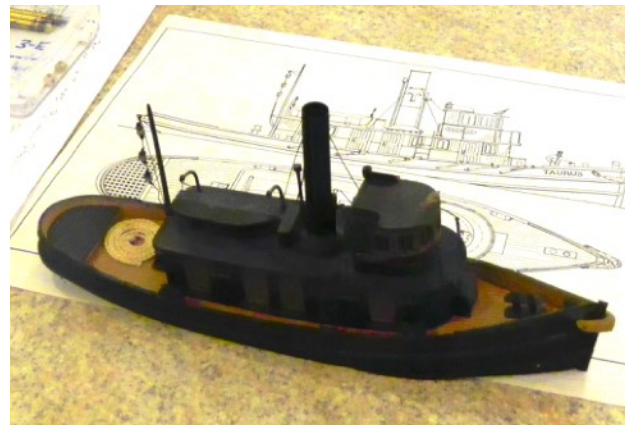
Howard Williams had a very unique model ship, the S.S. Main in service with North German Lloyd 1900-1921 as an immigrant ship. He told us how his Russian grandfather came to the USA aboard her in 1912! He explained that 3 of this class were built for immigrant service between Bremen-NYC. In WWI, two of the ships went to the USN, the Main went to England and was scrapped in France in 1921.



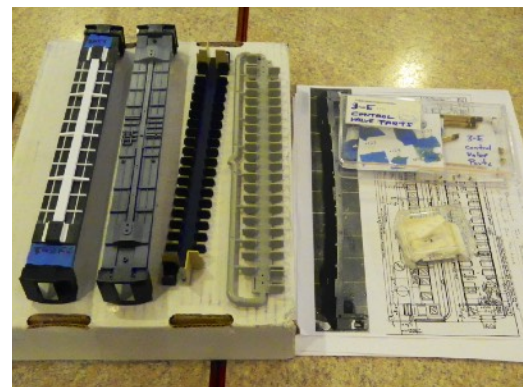
What was extremely interesting - and kudos to his modeling skills - Howard modified a Revell *Titanic* hull to match the hull of the Main and then scratch-built the superstructure.

Dave Varholy displayed his 1:87 (HO Scale) Model Shipways tugboat Taurus. This was his first wooden ship

model he built when he was 14 years old! Dave, was that about 10 years ago??



Switching from sea to land, Dave showed the New Haven RR 7800-7950 series coach models by Bethlehem Carworks. To make the models more correct, he machined off all of the under-frame details and scratch-built new frame members. Dave is continuing to work on more details. Definitely, a great "work in progress."





Rick Abramson displayed his 1981 built model in 1:25 scale of the famous Civil War locomotive, the Western & Atlantic RR The General.

This engine played a key roll in the famous Great Locomotive Chase, also known as The Andrews Raid which took place on April 12, 1862. The raid was a total failure due to heavy rains. Some of the raiders including Andrews were captured and executed as Union spy's.

In ensuing years, the General was severely damaged and later rebuilt. The engine operated under her own steam to the 1964 NY World's Fair. The General, is on permanent display at the Cyclorama in Atlanta, GA.

Next meeting CMMS Meeting

September 9, 2023

at

Christ and the Epiphany Church,

East Haven

from

10 am to 12 pm