

Minutes

Since I was not able to attend this meeting, I want to thank Al Saubermann for graciously filling in for me by taking notes and photos.

There were 13 attendees present, one of which attended via Zoom (John Fisher).

The Treasurer's report was given by James. The following items were then discussed:

1. People's Choice Award (PCA). James passed out a report outlining the issue of the value of continuing to award the PCA at the spring Joint Conference. Some members raised the question of should we offer this reward or not. The report reviewed the issues and the pros and cons. The report was discussed and opinions were expressed. James took a straw poll and the vote was 6/4 in favor of retaining the PCA. James elected not to vote as he was acting as moderator. Two did not vote. It was decided that the issue should be discussed further between the leadership of the participating clubs.
2. Choosing a speaker for the upcoming Joint Conference was discussed. James suggested that the Focus of the talk should be about ship modeling and that a good topic might be "Choosing, Designing and Producing a Commercial Ship Model". He further suggested that he could talk to Nic Damuck to see if he might be interested in speaking and report back.
3. Continuing on the issue of next year's conference, James asked for and received several suggestions for the main raffle prize

Respectfully submitted by Rick Abramson

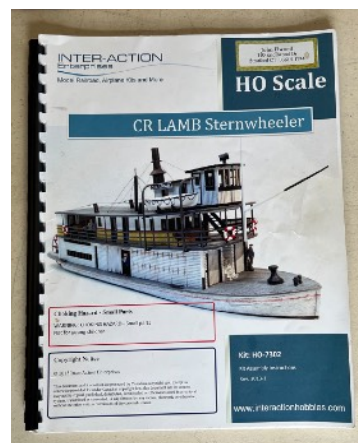
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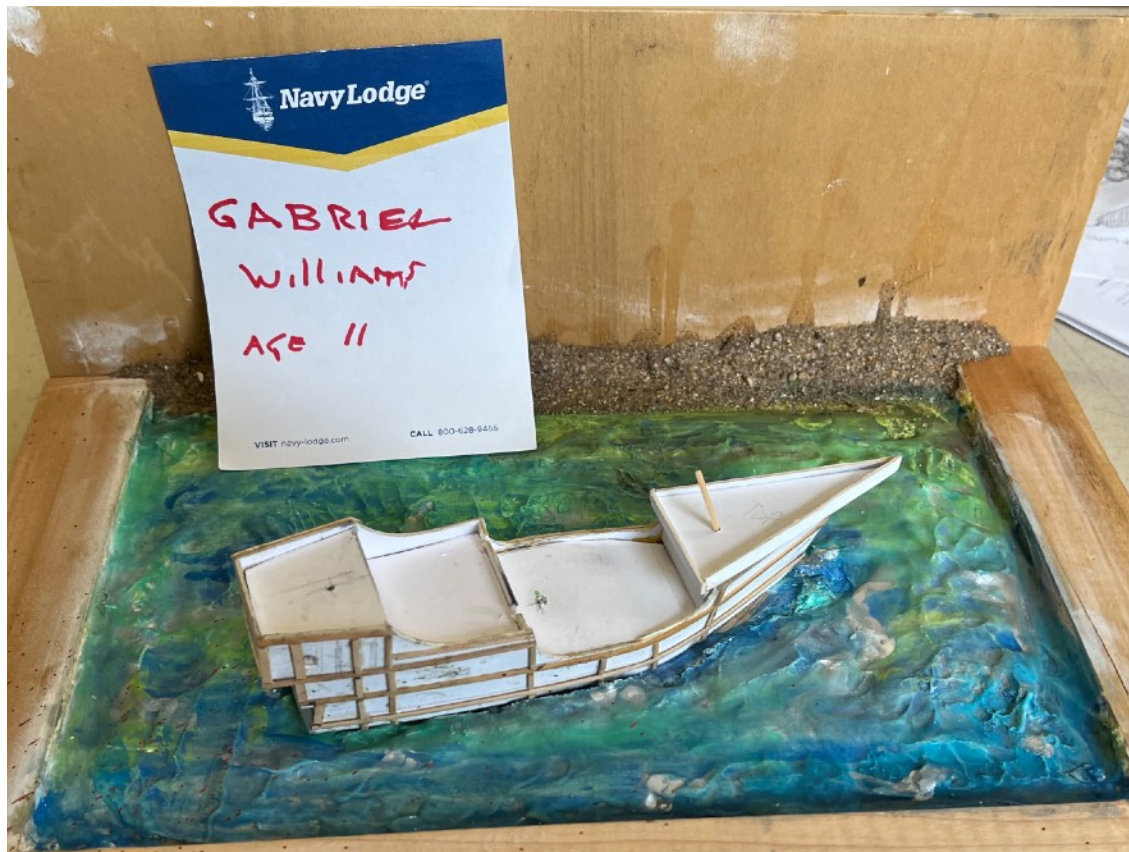
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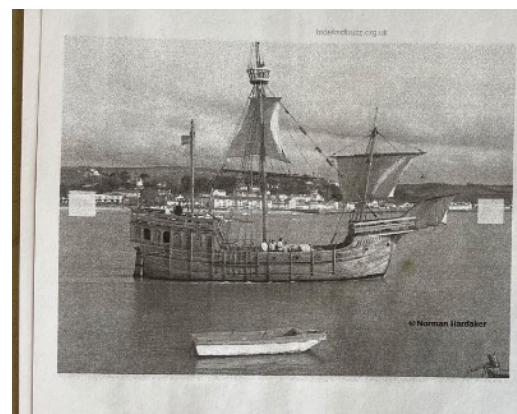
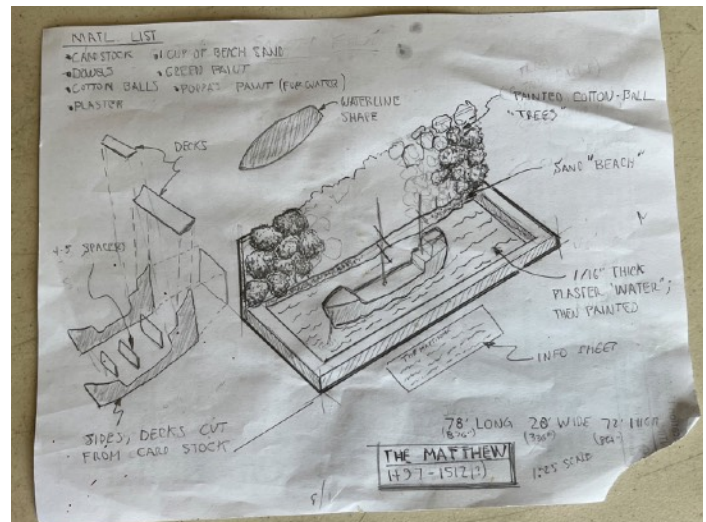


John Elwood: Model is the *C.R. Lamb* in HO Scale. The prototype was built in 1907 for the Arrow Lakes Lumber Co. Ship was in service for 30 years. John indicated that the model is very close to the original boat. The kit has laser cut parts and is plank on bulkhead. John enhanced the two lifeboats; thinned the hulls and added planking using styrofoam. Toothpicks were used to make the oars and sanded to shape. Kit was made by Interaction Hobbies. Model was constructed 12 years ago.





Gabriel Williams, Howard Miller's grandson, could not attend the meeting so Howard presented Gabriel's model of the *Matthew*; circa 1497. Gabriel is 11 and into models; he has a technical mind-set. Howard helped with the design; Gabriel did all of the construction. He hopes to enter it in the April 2014 Conference. He learned about the ship in school. The model is constructed of card stock, dowels, Styrofoam and epoxy.



Ed Petrucci:

Ed Petrucci: Model is the *Sultana*. Totally scratch-built, English Colonial. The quarter badges were cast using silicon glue and colored epoxy. Most of Ed's discussion was about his casting technique. He uses silicon glue over and original or molded or a modified fitting. He used a commercial quarter badge fitting and modeled it. After making this silicon mold he casts the piece using epoxy. The epoxy is colored as needed.



For your interest and because there are a number of our members who were submariners, here is a copy of a letter to the editor of the CT Post written by Rick Abramson concerning the memorial recently dedicated to the crew and the USS Thresher which was lost in April, 1963.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Honoring the Silent Service

Upon seeing the article concerning a memorial erected in Veteran's Memorial Park in Shelton to the USS Thresher, my wife and I went to the memorial and paid our respects to the 129 men who perished when the boat sank in April 1963. What really brought this incident home was learning in the article that crew member Lt. Smarz was a Shelton resident. While it took many years to establish this memorial to a fine crew and boat who are on eternal patrol, what is equally important is that it got done. Hopefully, this brought some closure to Lt. Smarz's family.

While the loss of USS Thresher, SSN 593 was tragic, the result of its loss was the establishment of "Sub Safe" by Adm. Hyman Rickover which ensured that an event of this nature would not happen again.

While I did not have the opportunity to serve in the Silent Service, I have always held in the highest respect the 52 boats and crews who were lost, and on eternal patrol in WW II, the USS Scorpion lost in May 1968 and all the crews who have served and are serving in the Silent Service where "Pride Runs Deep" helping to protect our country.

May God protect not only those in the Silent Service, but all of the men and women who serve in our armed forces.

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Next meeting CMMS Meeting

October 14, 2023

at

Christ and the Epiphany Church,

East Haven

from

10 am to 12 pm