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## Monthly Newsletter of the Washington Ship Model Society

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# Visit to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division Has been Scheduled!!

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### This Month's Meeting

**Saturday, 12 July, 2014 at 10 A.M.**

**Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, VA 22308**

#### Directions:

- From the beltway go south on Route One to the first left, Fort Hunt Road (SR 629). Head south about 3.5 miles to Shenandoah Road. There will be a Shell Gas station on the near corner and the Hollin Hall Shopping Center sign on the far right corner.
- Make a right turn Shenandoah Road and proceed to the driveway on the right just beyond the 7-11. There is a large parking lot. The building is a converted school.
- Enter the building by the door under the green pitched roof/canopy at the flag pole. Turn right; there is an elevator. Go to second floor, turn left, go to end of hall, turn right and go down the corridor to room 213 or 217.
- Coming from the south turn off Route One to the right at Sherwood Hall Road and continue past the Library about a mile to Fort Hunt Road. Turn right on Fort Hunt Road and head south to the gas station noted above.

*Visitor's Always Welcome!*

### Skipper's Corner

Well we've blasted out of June and are already deep into July. Nevertheless we still have some sensational events coming up over the next two months. First, in August we have been afforded an opportunity not to be missed by Dana Wegner, a long time WSMS associate to visit his workplace, the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (NSWCCD). Carderock is the Navy's state-of-the-art research, engineering, modeling, and test center for ships and ship systems. It's

the largest, most comprehensive establishment of its kind in the world, supporting both our U.S. naval forces and the maritime industry. The date for the visit is 19 August and we are working out a time for the visit. Expect to spend at least 2 to 3 hours for the tour and visit to Dana's model storage facility. Dana has a serious modeler's dream job. He is the U.S. Navy's Curator of Models. He oversees the Department of the Navy Ship Model Program which focuses on collecting, preserving, interpreting, and displaying scale models in Federal

museums and offices and in state and local public educational museums and facilities. These models are recognized as a precious national treasure. To learn more visit Dana's website;

<http://www.navsea.navy.mil/nswc/carderoock/pub/cnsm.aspx>

Neither I nor our 1<sup>st</sup> Mate Warren will be available for July's Monthly meeting. However Commodore Bruce Buchner, an old hand at leading WSMS meetings will take charge. We do need however a volunteer for the monthly focus meeting nominally scheduled for Saturday, 26 July. If you can host it, please identify

yourself to Warren, Bruce or myself so we can help get the word out.

As a final note; we are over-due for a bridge election. Our Commodores (ex Skippers), led by Doug Wilde are working on finalizing a slate. If you have any ambitions in this regard please contact Doug and throw your hat into the ring. The intent is to hold elections in August and have a bridge team elected and appointed to take over in September. Should the new Bridge team and you agree, I will stay engaged in WSMS events planning and provide support to the WSMS as they may desire.



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## 12 July 2014 WSMS MEETING AGENDA

- Ψ 1000 – Commodore's Remarks
  - Some exciting upcoming event opportunities
    - David Taylor Research Center Tour
    - Eastern Shore Working Craft Boat-Building Tour
    - June 2015 Regional Shipmodel Workshop Co-sponsorship
- Ψ 1010 –Show & Tell
  - ✓ Bruce & Peter Gutterman discussion on wood preservation products
  - ✓ Member Show & tell
- Ψ 1140 – Business Meeting
  - ✓ Treasurer's Report – John Reeder
  - ✓ Old business
    - Election Report Candidates for office slate – Doug Wilde
  - ✓ New Business
    - WSMS & PSMS proposed Middle Atlantic Regional Meet
      - 1. Need Volunteers to help organize
    - WSMS visit to the Navy David Taylor Research Center
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    - Focus Meeting and Show & Tell demonstration volunteers needed
- 1200 –Meeting Adjourn

## Topics In Consideration For Future Meetings:

- Ψ **Fall 2014 Topic** - *Establishing a WSMS "model bureau" where models that members are willing to loan for a show such as the Model Expo at CBMM, can be used even if they are unable to attend.*
- Ψ August 2014 – *Update on the progress of a Spring 2015 Regional Workshop and coordination with the PSMS and other Ship modeling organizations*
- Ψ Fall/winter 2014 events - *If you have a topic that you would like to see addressed, send it to the Ship's Clerk for addition into the agenda - Ship's Clerk - Douglas Beatty [pdbeattyword@msn.com](mailto:pdbeattyword@msn.com)*

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## Notes on WSMS Meeting Planning for New & Potential New Members

There are, with few exceptions, two WSMS meetings monthly. The regular monthly business meeting is virtually always on the 2nd Saturday of every month and rotates between Bethesda (even numbered months) and Alexandria (odd numbered months). Exceptions to the foregoing are when we have an event that coincides with a 2nd Saturday such as the field trip to tour the USS New Jersey. The 2nd meeting each month is the Focus meeting which is held at a hosting member's house every 4th Saturday. Again, there are exceptions when a planned event overlaps a 4th Saturday; or when a holiday proves problematic such as Thanksgiving & Christmas which we try to work-around.

The Lynx, our newsletter, which we try to get out by Wednesday or Thursday preceding the regular meeting, contains both an agenda for the upcoming meeting and a long range schedule listing.

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## June Focus Meeting Summary

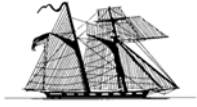
John Williams, a relatively new WSMS member volunteered to host the meeting at his beautiful home in Fairfax Station, VA. Eight members attended. The theme for the meeting was as John described it, was a "free fire zone", where we members could participate in a regular show and tell, discuss challenges we've faced completing projects and anything else that came to mind. We got to tour John's den and well equipped work space which revealed him to be a man of many talents; excellent ship, plane and armor modeler, naval war games enthusiast, wooden day sailboat, mahogany run-about and antique car restorer. His extensive collection of models yet to be built indicates that he like many of us are anticipating cheating death for many more years. will be available for viewing, as is his progress or lack thereof on current projects including his excessively large (according to John's wife) collection of models. This includes an apparently not to be missed museum quality model of the 1905 Russian Cruiser "Askold" from Fine Scale Models. Those not familiar with the company and their meticulous work can check them out at [finescalemodels.com](http://finescalemodels.com). He is also a collector of antique arms, toy soldiers, and especially an absolutely awesome "Fine Art Model" of the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Russian cruiser Askold.. You should be able to see their line of vehicles, aircraft and ships at [fineartmodels.com](http://fineartmodels.com) Bravo Zulu John, we all had a Fantastic time!

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## Member Scuttlebutt

**Nothing new to report**

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## AREA MARITIME-RELATED EVENTS

Nothing new to report

## CLASSIFIED ADS & OTHER NOTES

### WSMS BOOKS FOR SALE

There are still a variety of great books left from the February auction. They will continue to be brought to our monthly regular meetings for purchase.

#### Newsletter Ad Policy

Members may submit as many ads as they choose for printing in the Lynx as they desire. They may be either want or for sale ads and should normally be limited to a 100 or less words. Non-members may also submit one ad to a monthly newsletter, also limited to a 100 words. The acceptance of the ads are at the discretion of the editor. He will also have blanket authority to edit the contents as he believes appropriate.

## WEBMASTER CARL'S CORNER

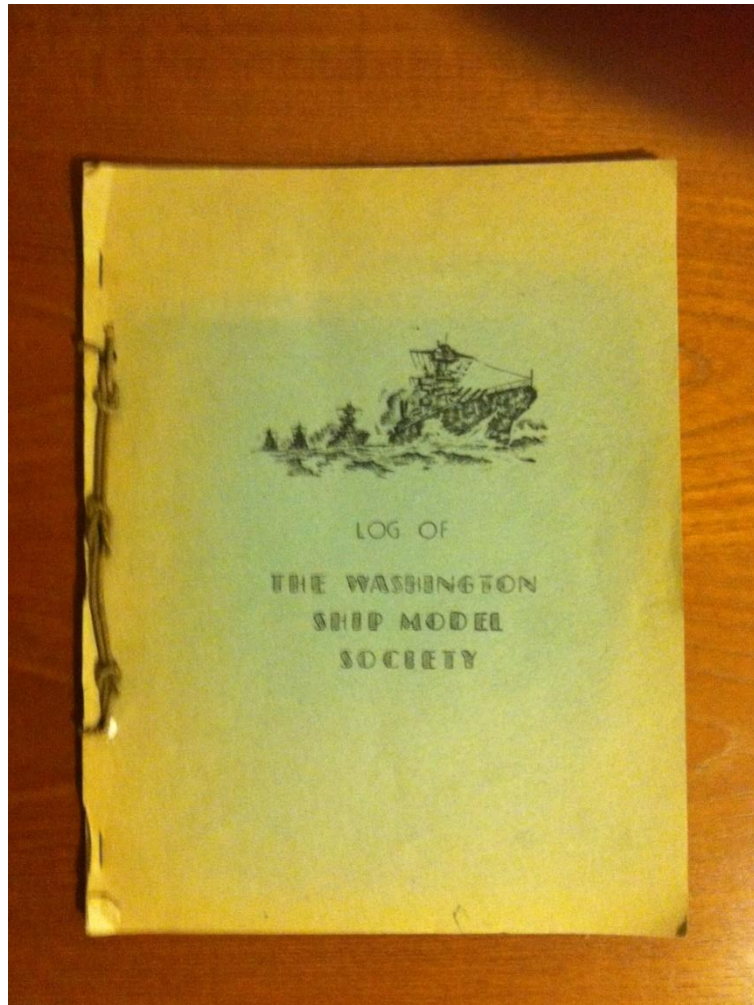
By chance while conducting a Google search on "Washington Ship Model Society", I found the below pictured "WSMS Log" for sale in a book store in Maine for \$20. At that price I could not resist it. I plan to pdf its 24 mimeographed sheet and put it on our website. . (The log was published in early 1945)

Here are some extracted notes and quotes that may be of interest:

"The Log of the Washington Ship Model Society is dedicated to all of our Shipmates that have left their homes and natural ways of life to serve their nation in this hour of need

"The primary purpose of the organization as stated in the By-Laws are "For the mutual benefit to each other in model making for the exchange of ideas, and to preserve for posterity exact replicas in miniature, of historic vessels".

The Society had its inception at the home of Kenneth A. Foote on October 8th, 1929, at which time 3 members were present. Meetings were held at the homes of various members. At meetings, members



were frequently entertained by guest speakers of note; Naval officers, travelers, merchant seamen, and others describing aspects of nautical interest.

The First Annual Exhibition (was) held at the office of the Canadian Railway building on New York Avenue. The second annual was held at Woodward and Lothrop's Department Store. (on F street NW

Franklin D. Roosevelt accepted Honorary Membership in the Society, and loaned one of the models from his collection for exhibit with the models built by members of the Society. Mrs. Roosevelt has attended exhibitions and expressed her pleasure and interest in the models shown.

An annual banquet was held each February at which time the winning models shown in the annual exhibit are awarded cups by the chief judge, these cups being held by the winners for a period of one year, or until won by another entry. Each spring a Ladies Night was held, at which time the wives and sweethearts of the members are guests of honor. On these occasions speakers, music and other entertainment of the highest order have been in order.

In May 1938 members made a trip to Annapolis Naval Academy to view the Rogers collection of ship models.

(Skipper's note; this confirms that our relationship with the Annapolis modelers has been a long and rewarding one!)

At the 13th Annual Banquet in 1944, CWO W. B. Garniss, a veteran Navy man gave an interesting account of his Navy life and especially his trip around the world with the Great White Fleet of the USN.

## **JULY'S IT OUGHT TO BE A MODEL ANSWER!**



What was her name, what was she originally, what is she now, where is this picture taken?

Send your guesses to [lbhusser@verizon.net](mailto:lbhusser@verizon.net)

