

# The Lynx

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## Next Meeting

**Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 10 a.m.**

**Hollin Hall Senior Center**

**1500 Shenandoah Road**

**Alexandria, VA 22308**

**Room 213 “Club/Model Railroad Room,”  
or Room 217 “Class Room”**

### Directions

- The Senior Center is only a few miles away from the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, where we have been holding our meetings. From the beltway go south on Route One to the first left which is Fort Hunt Road (SR 629) and head south about 3.5 miles to Shenandoah Road. There will be a Shell Gas station on the near right corner and the Hollin Hall Shopping Center sign on the far right corner. This is Shenandoah Road.
- Make right turn and go to the right drive entrance just beyond the 7-11 store and some trees. There is a large parking lot. The building is a converted school.
- Enter the building by the doorway under the green pitched roof/canopy at the flag pole. Turn right and there is an elevator. Go to second floor, turn left, go to end of hall, turn right and go down 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.

Please plan on arriving on time for the start of the meeting. The doors will remain open, but usually they are locked after Saturday meetings begin. If they are locked call Lou's cell at 540-226-2110.

## Skipper's Corner

Hope you all had a great holiday season and Santa or whomever your favorite Elf may be loaded you up with a ship chandler's warehouse cache of great models, tools, books, and other loot you can crate in for Saturday's Show & Tell!

My apologies for being out of communication for the past two months... I was on a lee shore for a good portion of November and early December but seem to have weathered the worst of it for now. To all of you that sent a cheery word my way, it was much appreciated. The other apology I owe you is having to cancel my hosting of the December special-interest meeting. I'll try to do better next year.

Vince tells me that Peter Gutterman pulled together a demonstration on planking his *Chasseur*, which was the original pride of Baltimore. Peter gave a first-rate demonstration of how he lays out his planks, keeping the planking symmetric on port and starboard, and demonstrated cutting the plank out and fitting it in place. He did everything but bend and install the plank, but it was clear that it was going to be a perfect fit. Nice technique. Wish I had been there!

As we start a New Year, it seems to be a tradition to make some New Year's resolutions to improve oneself. I think that as your Skipper I owe you a few for consideration:

- Try to reinvigorate the interest of and participation in the WSMS among those members that we haven't seen for awhile
- Identify attention grabbing topics that would spark more interest in the monthly meetings
- Conduct a maritime-related road trip
- Sponsor a regional ship modeler's meeting
- Hold a WSMS awards dinner

These are not for me to pursue alone, but hopefully for all of you to become engaged in. What do say you? Let me know at [lhusser@scires.com](mailto:lhusser@scires.com).

Oh yes, we are in great need of members to host special-interest group meeting in the coming months. I'd sure like to see some of your work spaces so as I can copy your ideas or add to my wish list!

Hope to c'ya soon, ... like this Saturday!?

—Lou

### **Note from the Editor**

Thank you to all who contributed extras to this issue of the *Lynx*: John Powell, Karl Erickson, and Ranny Robertson!

If you have something you'd like to contribute or have published (e.g., progress on your model, want ads, recommended reading, shop tips, articles, news, etc.), please send them to me at [newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@dcshipmodelsociety.org).

**JANUARY 2013 WSMS MEETING AGENDA**  
**Hollin Hall Senior Center**  
**1500 Shenandoah Road Alexandria, VA 22308-1100**

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- Ψ 1000—Skipper’s Remarks
  - Recognition of any New Guests or strikers
  - Volunteers for Focus meetings in 2013 needed
  
- Ψ Treasurer’s Report—Jim Reeder
  
- Ψ 1015 – Demonstration—Vince McCullough will be doing a demonstration on building a case to include actually assembling the case and base during the meeting. Time permitting, there may be a showing of a DVD on the history of the functioning of *HMS Victory*.
  
- Ψ 1100—Show & Tell
  
- Ψ 1140—Business Meeting
  - Old business
    - Intention to Distribute members list and email addresses
    - Dues & Initiation Fees Announcement
  
- Ψ 1050—New Business
  - By-Laws Change—Appointment of Election Committee
  - 2013 Venues and their coordination
  - Ideas for future meeting presentations..
    - ex. projects that we’ve stared and put away, what discouraged us??
  
- Ψ 1100—Meeting Adjourn

**Upcoming Schedule of Events**

- Ψ Focus Group Meetings
  - January—TBD
  - February—TBD
  - March—TBD
  
- Ψ Always looking for opportunities/venues to display our creations

## Lynx Links

<http://www.dcshipmodelsociety.org/>

<http://www.cnc-models.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/EJJ.shipmodeler/index.htm>

<http://www.papermodel.jp/english/>

<http://wmunderway.8m.com/home/home.htm>

<http://www.modelslipway.com/>

<http://www.boatnerd.com/>

<http://www.billingboats.com/>

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepsy9w/sealaunchcommander2/>

<http://www.greatlakesmodeling.com/>

<http://www.jdproduct.com/>

<http://www.micromark.com/>

<http://www.joesmodels.com/>

<http://www.servicehistorique.sga.defense.gouv.fr/02fonds-collections/banquedocuments/planbato/atlas/rec.php>

## It Oughta Be a Model!

Can you provide the name(s) of the ship?

What type of ship is it?

What was its purpose as pictured?

Did it serve in any wars?

Where is it now and why?

Forward your answers to the Skipper. The first submission with the correct answers will earn a \$10 Gift Certificate awarded at the January 2013 meeting

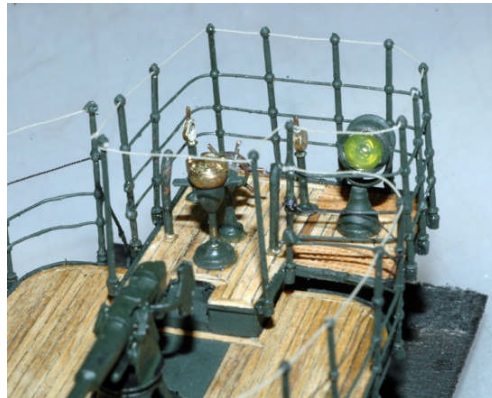
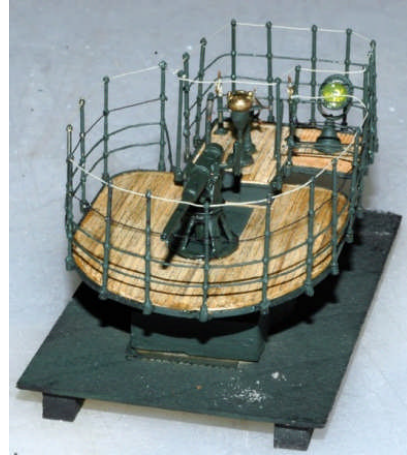
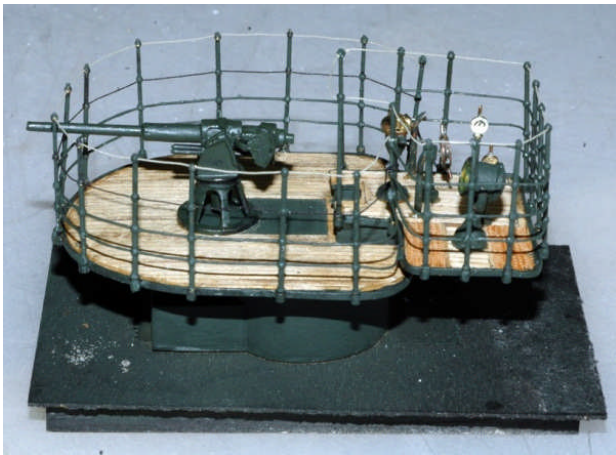


## Model Progress Pages

WSMS Member **John Powell**, who lives in Norfolk, VA, has finished his *USS New Jersey*! He says, "After 9 months and who knows how many hours, I've finished my *USS New Jersey*. I hope ya'll enjoy it as much as I do."



WSMS First Mate Vince McCullough sent three photos of the bridge of the *Bainbridge*. The ship is approaching completion. In a few weeks, he hopes to have everything in place except the ship's boats and the awning stantions, which he expects will take until sometime in February to complete.



Please send details and photos of your project to [newsletter@dshipmodelsociety.org](mailto:newsletter@dshipmodelsociety.org) for inclusion in the *Lynx*.



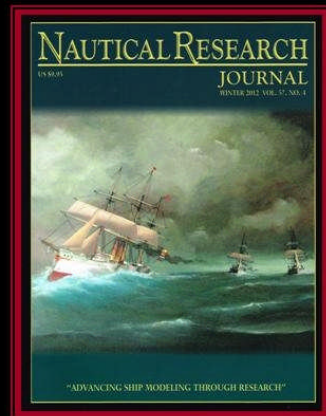
## Don't miss Charleston

The NRG will be holding its 2013 conference in Charleston, South Carolina, on October 16th to the 19th. Visit the CSS *Hunley*, and listen to esteemed speakers such as Ab Hoving, restorer of ship models at the Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, and Fred Hocker, Director of Research at the *Vasa* Museum Stockholm, Sweden.

*As a member, special rates will be available to you. Visit our new website at [www.theNRG.org](http://www.theNRG.org) for more information about membership, the Journal, our library sale, and the 2013 Photographic Ship Model Competition & Review.*

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## HARBOR TUG *Dwight Hartman*

*Note from the editor: Ranny Robertson has graciously shared his article for publication in the Lynx.*



This is the harbor tug from the Hartman Fiberglass hull that I completed a couple of years ago. I wanted to put together this article in memory of Mr. Hartman.

I placed my order for the hull in July of 2006, and I spoke with Dwight Hartman several times after that. He did a great job of keeping me informed of his progress on laying up the hull and the issues he encountered—floods in Illinois, ice and freezing in his basement workshop, etc. He sent copies of his notes dealing with customers ahead of me in his production process. For instance, hull number 629, 631, and 632 all stayed in Illinois but number 630 went to Norway. Mine, number 636, was shipped on January 11, 2007. Others went to Missouri, Ohio, and Minnesota.

When the hull semi-kit arrived, it was in great shape, and I began to work on it as time allowed. During the wait for his hull, I had begun other projects that needed to be finished to make room for the tug project. But finally I began in earnest.

The article in *Ships in Scale* by Kurt Van Dahm beginning in the July/August 2006 issue was extremely helpful as well. He expertly pointed out shortcuts and methods I probably wouldn't have come up with. Overall, the build was a real pleasure.

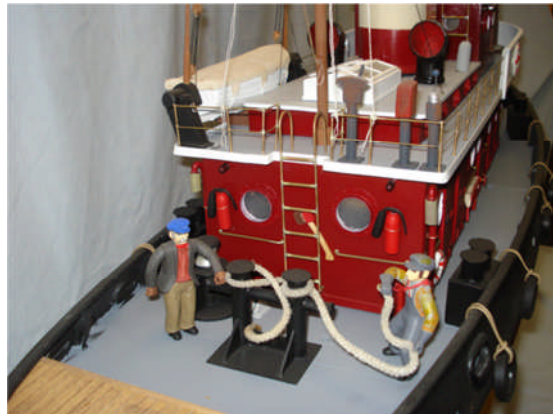


It was sad to learn of Mr. Hartman's passing in November of 2007. I was only partially finished with the tug, so I decided to name it after Mr. Hartman. I hope he could be proud of it. It's a tribute to his work.

Here in central Virginia there are no clubs that I'm aware of, so I don't get to run often, but it is powered and fully lighted with many details. Many of the details and methods Mr. Hartman noted in his plans were obviously very old but were time-tested and generally still worked very well. The pilot house is detailed as well. Possibly you can see the captain as well as his crossword puzzle book at the helm, as well as a mate

standing behind. Also, please note the “Made in America” logo on the stack of the vessel in the photo above.

I never met the gentleman in person, but felt I knew him through his progress notes and a couple of phone conversations with him between the placing of the order through delivery of the hull. Thank you, Mr. Hartman, for an excellent product, “Made in America” as he proudly displayed on his shipping containers. And a thank you as well to Loyalhanna Dockyard for keeping his products available.



—Ranny Robertson  
Ashland, VA  
SSMA Member #04M0779

## Recommended Reading

*Best Book of True Sea Stories*  
Edited by Robert A. Rosenbaum  
Doubleday, 1966, 286 pages

This is a compendium of 19 true stories told by the seamen who lived them. The following were some of the most interesting to me:

- “Authentic Narrative of the Death of Lord Nelson,” an eye witness account by Surgeon William Beatty of *HMS Victory*
- “Tramps and Ladies,” James Bisset Second Mate of the *RMS Carpathia* recalls his ships learning of the sinking of the *Titanic* and rescuing its survivors.
- “Captain Canot, or Twenty Years of an African Slaver,” a vivid account the slave trade shipping between Africa and the Caribbean, including a breakout of slaves on his ship.
- “A Voyage Round the World,” chaplain of 6- gun *HMS Centurion*, Richard Walter describes a 1741 seven week rounding of Cape Horn in winter gales and a crew stricken with scurvy and its effects.
- “Shipwreck of the Whale Ship Essex,” First Mate Owen Chase’s narrative of the ships sinking by a whale and the survivors’ ordeal in three small boats.

—Carl Erickson, WSMS Member



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>WSMS</b> <b>Regular</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Martin</b> <b>Luther King</b> <b>Birthday</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Lynx</b> <b>newsletter</b> <b>deadline</b>	<b>26</b> <b>WSMS</b> <b>SIG</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>(host needed)</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		