



THE SCUTTLEBUTT

The Scuttlebutt is the official newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights. Its objective is to promote, develop and further scale model shipbuilding, as well as study maritime subjects, including art, history and traditions.

December, 2023

Looking Forward to a Shipshape 2024

Meeting Information:

Shipwrights usually meet the THIRD Saturday of every month at Rockler Woodworking and Hardware, 2553 S. Colorado Blvd. Denver. Store opens at 9:00 am and meeting starts at 9:30.

The Next Meeting will be Short (election of next year's officers) as we celebrate the holidays with a potluck for the morning of December 16th. Please come and bring family, friends, and food.

And remember our Arvada workshop.

It is held at the Arvada City Hall, Police entrance.
The address: 8101 Ralston Road.

This workshop is scheduled for the FIRST Saturday of every month beginning at 9:00 am
Next workshop: January 6, 2024



Officers:

Commodore.....Alice Sampson
Skipper.....Bob Fivehouse
First Mate.....Ralph Buckwalter
Purser.....Steve Lofshult
Clerk.....Jim Cuscaden

Committees:

Library: Bob Bunch
RMS History: Roger Hanson
Mentoring Program: Ralph Buckwalter
Scuttlebutt & Website: Martin Jelsema

Website:

<http://rockymountainshipwrights.org>

Skipper's Log

Hi Shipwrights,

The auction was a success! I think that the bidders and sellers had a lot of fun and most of the lots were sold. Steve will have a bill for the money so pay up as soon as possible so that he can distribute to money to the sellers as quickly as he can. All in all, it went very well with very few snags. I thank everyone for their cooperation and especially Jay McKeown for managing the logistics, Steve Lofshult for handling the finances, Rob, Alice, Hugh, and Ralph for moving items being auctioned and Martin for communicating the event details to the membership. All their work made this a smooth-running event.

December is here again and that means our potluck meeting. Bring something to eat and enjoy the companionship of your fellow models. Guests are invited to join us and partake of our hospitality. The club will supply drinks so just bring something to share. ***We will have a short meeting to elect officers for 2024.***

As the year ends, I want to thank the present officers for their fine work in making this a good year for our club. Ralph, Jim, Steve, Martin and Alice have made this a great club and I really appreciate their efforts. Hope to see you all at the meeting!

Bob Fivehouse, Skipper

Minutes of the November 18, 2023

The Skipper, Bob Fivehouse, called the meeting to order at 9.30am. Members stood to attention and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 members in attendance together with 1 guest.

Nominees of officers for 2024

Ralph Buckwalter, nomination chairman, confirmed that he had secured 5 volunteers to fill the 5 Board positions for 2024. These are as follows:

- President/Skipper: Martin Jelsema
- Vice President/First Mate: Scott Shilling
- Treasurer/Purser: Steve Lofshult
- Secretary/Ship's Clerk: Jay McKeown
- Commodore: Bob Fivehouse (as past Skipper, the Commodore post is a an unelected, honorary position)

Ralph Invited additional nominees from the floor to stand for these positions. There were no additional nominees. At the December meeting this slate of nominees will be presented, additional members will be given the opportunity to place themselves in the running for any office. If no other nominees declare themselves, the clerk will ask that the slate offered by the nominating committee be declared elected by unanimous decision. In addition, Hugh Long has volunteered to edit the Scuttlebutt.

Treasurers Report, Old Business, New Business and Show N Tell

These items were not performed to provide more time for t

Respectfully submitted, Jim Cuscaden, Clerk

My Apologies!

As the last Scuttlebutt I've produced, I really screwed up! First, Scuttlebutt was published late. Second, you won't find any photos in this issue. Third, it's really bare bones. I won't get into the "poor mes" It's just stuff going wrong time after time; a sign that it's time to turn over this challenging job to someone with fresh ideas and a way to express them. Besides, the only "news" this month was that a slate of officers were put up for election, and that the auction was successful.

Martin Jelsema, editor (for only two more weeks)

The December Workshop

Here instead of photos you'll just find a list of the stalward's attendees.

Steve Lofshult	Charlie Kinskey
Bill Moorecraft	Ralph Buckwalter
Jim Cascaden	Bob Cascaden
Jay Phillip	Martin Jelsema

Get Rocky Mountain Shipwright Gear

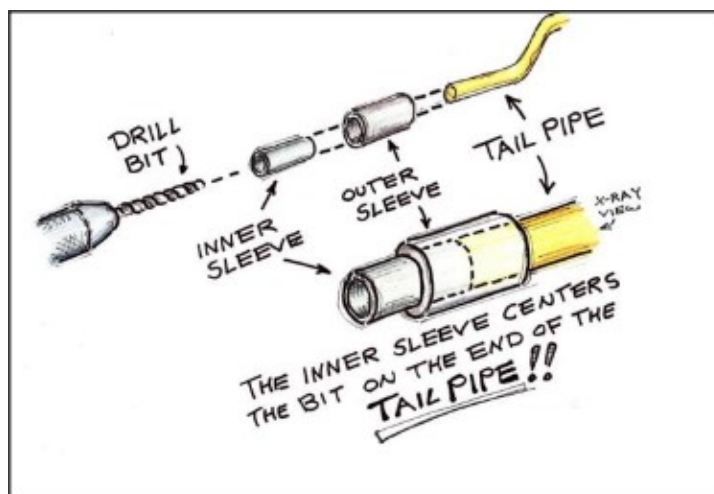
- For polo shirts and vests, ask Steve Lofshult at the next meeting.
- For caps, ask John Lamb at the next meeting. (They are back in stock)
- For name badges, ask Rob Cuscaden at the next meeting

Drilling Perfect Holes in Rod Ends

Put a piece of tubing over the piece. Slide a second piece inside the first, then insert your drill bit into that one. Using a pin vise, you can now drill a perfectly centered hole that will run straight down the rod without drifting toward the side."

Telescoping, thin-wall brass and aluminum tubing are available on line or at a well-stocked hobby shop. If the diameter of the inner tubing leaves you with a smaller hole than you want, use that as a pilot hole and enlarge it with

Tips to Motivate Your Modeling The following tip is from Gregg Mundkowsky, Tenn, and was originally posted in the October 2023 "The Forecastle Report".



Selected Informational Resources for Model Builders

Modelshipbuilder.com

This website has a popular forum with over 1900 members and an extensive group of building logs. They also sponsor group builds and provide an opportunity for members to place articles. In addition archived issues of "Warships and Workboats" and "MSB Journal" can be accessed here. www.modelshipbuilder.com/.

Ships of Scale

This website provides a forum and build logs from around the world, though it is an English language site headquartered in the USA. It was never associated with now-defuncted *Ships In Scale* magazine (whose intellectual properties were acquired by the Nautical Research Guild). <https://shipsofscale.com/sosforums/>

Nautical Research Guild

Official website for this premier ship building organization. There are articles, links, and NRG news. <http://www.thenrg.org/>

NRG's Model Ship World

This large, comprehensive site is now operated by the Nautical Research Guild. It's a major forum w build logs and plenty of response to modeler's questions. Also access shop notes, tips, techniques and research. <https://modelshipworld.com>

FAQ for Ship Model Builders (by John Kropf) This is a model ship building site which answers all sorts of questions about ship modeling. Many of the links do not work. <http://sites.google.com/site/shipwrightsfaq/>

John's Nautical & Boatbuilding Page This site includes mostly life-size boat building material, but its self-proclaimed "Mother of All Maritime Links" can be helpful. <http://www.boat-links.com/>

Bottled Ship Builder This is a forum that is all about ship in bottle and miniature building. there's a lot of information on the site for any one interested in ships in bottles and miniatures <http://Bottledshipbuilder.com>

Model Ship Building Secrets This is an English blog with a directory , "50 of the Best Model Ship Building Sites" <http://www.modelshipbuildingsecrets.com/resources.html>

Modeler's Central – An Australian commercial site that features a blog with many modeling tips as well. <https://www.modelerscentral.com/>

DeAgostini Model Space A British commercial site selling kits and tools with a forum filled with build logs of large models <http://forum.us.model-space.com/>

Arsenal Modelist – Olivier Bello's ship modeling site featuring 43 short tutorials, closeups of his fine work and a building log. <http://www.arsenal-modelist.com/index.php?page=accueil>



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