



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.

April, 2023

Spring Into More Modeling This Spring

Meeting Information:

Shipwrights 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 Take Place on April 15, 2023

Jay McKeown will show us the way he constructs water on model bases and dioramas

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: May 6, 2023

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,

When I was young, I built many plastic kits of all types. The problem was that there were no kits of the ships I wanted to build.

When I was in 6th grade on vacation with my parents, an older gentleman was demonstrating model building at the Penobscot Maritime Museum, Searsport, Maine. He gave me the address of James Bliss & Co. I wrote away for their catalog and when it came, it was like a Christmas catalog! It was full of plans and kits and fittings for ship models. I was in Heaven!

It was then that I became a scratch ship modeler. I could build my own models of what ever ship I wanted! I never looked back. I still build whatever ship I want and there is a great feeling of satisfaction in doing so. Scratch building is really possible for anyone; try it...you might be surprised!

Bob Fivehouse, Skipper

Minutes of the March 18, 2023 Meeting

The meeting was brought to order by the Skipper, Bob Fivehouse, at 9.30am. Members stood to attention and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty five (25) members were present, together with one guest Rebecca Jelsema. No new members attended.

Finances:

Steve Lofshult stated that the 2023 membership drive is coming to an end. Total membership stands at 35, which is lower that in the past. Members are requested to make one last contact with past members, who may not have rejoined and persuade them to rejoin.

Steve summarized the balances of the respective Checking and Savings accounts. This month's expenses include a \$100 donation to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum to sponsor the "Modeler's Choice" award for the May ship models contest at Manitowoc.

The Club's annual financial report has been submitted to State authorities.

Old Business

Scuttlebutt Data Base - Martin Jelsema requested Members information about local suppliers for inclusion in Scuttlebutt. Please send him (martinjelsema@gmail.com) any data that you have, including addresses of purveyors of model cases and wood supplies.

Library Reorganization - Four Club members have been revising the inventory of Library books. This includes weeding out non-essential books. These will displayed at meeting. Some will be for sale, but the majority will be free to members who wish them. The extra space will be utilized for new donations and those that John McGann provided.

New Business

Model Display - members discussed at a luncheon on March 15, the status of efforts to organize a display of club models. Facilities under consideration includes those at Windcrest and the Denver Public Library. The latter facility was perhaps the most successful display to date. Library displays remain the most appealing, especially those at Littleton and Lone Tree. They have excellent display areas, staff that assist in monitoring the exhibits, and some offer publicity. Alice Sampson recommends the Library at Grandby that has excellent facilities and has been cooperative to date. The Board will pursue a model display for this year. This will provide incentive to members to improve modeling skills, and to complete models.

Three- D Modeling. Tim Brown stated that there is growing interest in 3-D modeling and encouraged the First Mate to find a volunteer to make a presentation.

Auction - the sale will be moved to November in order to provide time to better organize the event. Jeff Potter recommended that a volunteer be found to coordinate this effort.

Show & Tell

Jay Phillips displayed the progress in modeling the SS. Maple Leaf. A description of this vessel was included in last month's Scuttlebut.

Alice Sampson is considering buying a company that manufactures and sells modeling kits for children and moving it to Denver. The models represent a tug boat, a paddlewheeler and a sail boat. She will update us as the sale proceeds.

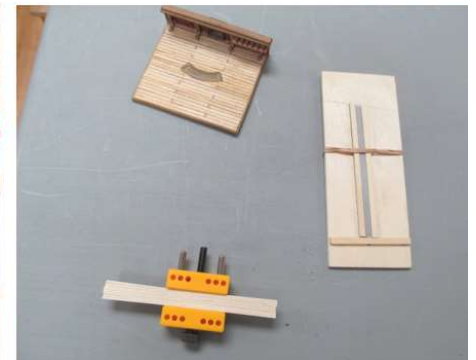
Martin Jelsema displayed several items that will augment his decking presentation.



Jay Phillip's SS Maple Leaf



Alice Sampson's children's kits



Martin Jelsema's decking jig/exhipients

PRESENTATION

Decking for Wooden Ship Models by Martin Jelsema.

Before proceeding with a planking operation, a modeler needs to consider scale, ship type, false deck, deck beams, joints etc. The presentation covered sheer and camber, deck beams, waterways, margin and king planks, planking patterns, nibbling/joggling, deck furniture, trenails and finally, finishing. The presentation was augmented with photos, tables and diagrams in Power Point format.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Cuscaden, Clerk



April Workshop

Another lightly-attended workshop, but one new member was signed up. He is Hugh Long. His phone is 303-601-5930 and his email is hlong222@comcast.net. There's room for double the current attendance. Give it a try on May 6th.



Jeff Potter

Charlie Krinsky



Hugh Long



Ralph Buckwalter



Martin Jelsema



Jim Brooks



Bob Fivehouse



Steve Lofshalt

Jay Phillips

Get Your Gear at the Next Meeting

- For polo shirts and vests, ask Steve Lofshalt 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.



Another Reminder of Manitowoc Contest

If you have any interest in entering a model or attending the model ship conference and contest at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum on May 19-21, you might want to contact Ralph Buckwalter (303-914-0897) He can fill you in because he attends regularly and comes away with awards every year. May 1st is the closing date for registration. You can get registration forms and make reservations by clicking [Wisconsin Maritime Museum](http://www.wisconsinmaritimemuseum.com).

Local Sources of Tools, Supplies & Services for Modelers

This page lists local suppliers of goods and services that could be of value to ship modelers. On the next page are selected on-line suppliers. Both lists are incomplete. Please contribute the names and contact info for others you have discovered. With your contributions we can make it a valuable and comprehensive resource. Thanks to Ralph Buckwalter, Grand Harrison and your editor for getting these listings started.

Rockler Woodworking and Hardware

2553 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO (303) 782-0588
Home Base for wood, tools and supplies

Colpar/Hobbytown – two locations

1915 S Havana St, Aurora, CO [+1 303-341-0414](tel:+13033410414)
3355 S Wadsworth Blvd,, Lakewood, CO
Good local hobby shops, some wood ship kits, lots of supplies and tools.

Rocky Mountain Train Supply

6060A W 55th Ave, Arvada, CO
<https://rockymountaintrainsupply.com/>
Only train shop in Denver, good selection of supplies, strip wood, details, scenic supplies.

Plasticare

4211 S Natches Ct Suite K, Englewood, CO
303-781-1171 <https://www.plasticareinc.com/>
Plastic supplier/resin with customer shop. can do acrylic fabrication & laser engraving.

Laird Plastics

4200 Carson St #102, Denver, CO 303-292-1687
<https://lairdplastics.com/>
For plastic case covers ask for Tom,

ABC Imaging 77 Klamath St. Denver 303-573-5757

denver@abcimaging.com
Large & small format copying, b&w printing

Austin Hardwoods of Denver

975 W Mississippi Ave, Denver 303.733.1292
<https://www.austinhardwoods.com/>

Woodcraft of Colorado

6770 S Peoria Street, Centennial [303-290-0007](tel:3032900007)
denver-retail@woodcraft.com
(303) 698-3838

Meininger Art Supply

499 Broadway, Denver (303) 698-3838
<http://www.meininger.com>
Paints, brushes, tools, papers and more

Guirys

Multiple locations 303-412-6522
<http://www.guirys.com>
Art supplies and house paints

Reynolds Advanced Materials

3920 Grape Street, Denver 303 399-0202
<https://www.reynoldsam.com/>
Clays, resins, silicone and lots more

Art Parts Creative Resource Center

3080 Valmont Road, Boulder, 720-379-5328
<https://www.artpartsboulder.org>
Contributed used arts stuff you get for cheap.
From chalk to sewing machines and more

Michael's

Multiple locations
<https://www.michaels.com/>
Arts and crafts supplies

Hobby Lobby

Multiple locations
<https://www.hobbylobby.com/>
Arts and craft supplies

On-Line Sources of Tools, Supplies & Services for Modelers

Nautical Hobby Shops

Model Expo (

<https://modelexpo-online.com/>

Nautical hobby shop, extensive ship kits, parts, tools and supplies

Cast Your Anchor

<https://www.castyouranchorhobby.com/>

kits, supplies, tools, based in Canada so shipping is a little longer

Blue Jacket Ship Crafters)

[Bluejacket Shipcrafters, Inc.](http://www.bluejacketshipcrafters.com/)

Sells kits, parts, plans, supplies and tools.

ModelersCentral

<https://www.modelerscentral.com/>

kits, supplies, plans, tools

Tools

MicroMark: Small tool specialist

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

lots of tools, some ship kits, ship modelling supplies

UMM-USA

<https://www.umm-usa.com/onlinestore/index.php>

Modeling tools for plastic and wood models

Contenti Jewelry supply

<https://contenti.com/>

jewelry tools, good prices on hand tools, cheap and quality versions of most tools,

Byrnes Model Machines

<https://www.byrnesmodelmachines.com/>

Top of the Line micro saws, sanders, etc.

Razor Blade Company

<https://www.razorbladeco.com/>

many types of cutting blades and handles

Materials

Midwest Products

[Midwest Products – Saunders Midwest, LLC](http://www.midwestproducts.com/)

Balsa, basswood and more – strips, sheets and dowels. Also beginner boat kits

Northeastern Scale Lumber

<https://www.northeasternscalelumber.com/products.html>

Wood and fabricated wood for models, doll houses and railroad layouts

Cards of Wood

<https://www.cardsofwood.com/>

Thin veneer and ply.

Constantines's Wood Center

<https://www.constantines.com/>

Wood veneers plus Rockler-like tools and supplies.

National Balsa

<https://www.nationalbalsa.com/>

wood supplier, airplane centric but good stock of dimensional strips, sheets, and large number of blocks in many types of wood, does have a \$50 minimum order.

Parts

Flags of the World

[Flags of the World fotw.info](http://www.flagsoftheworld.com/)

Info about all typrs of flags but not a source of nautical modeling flags

J.T. Sitek

<http://www.gsitek-props.co.uk/> ~

The best scale model ships propellers.

Graphics

Shapeways

<https://www.shapeways.com/marketplace/miniatures/ships>

3d printing company, many parts for units ranging from complete ships to figureheads. Also do custom work.

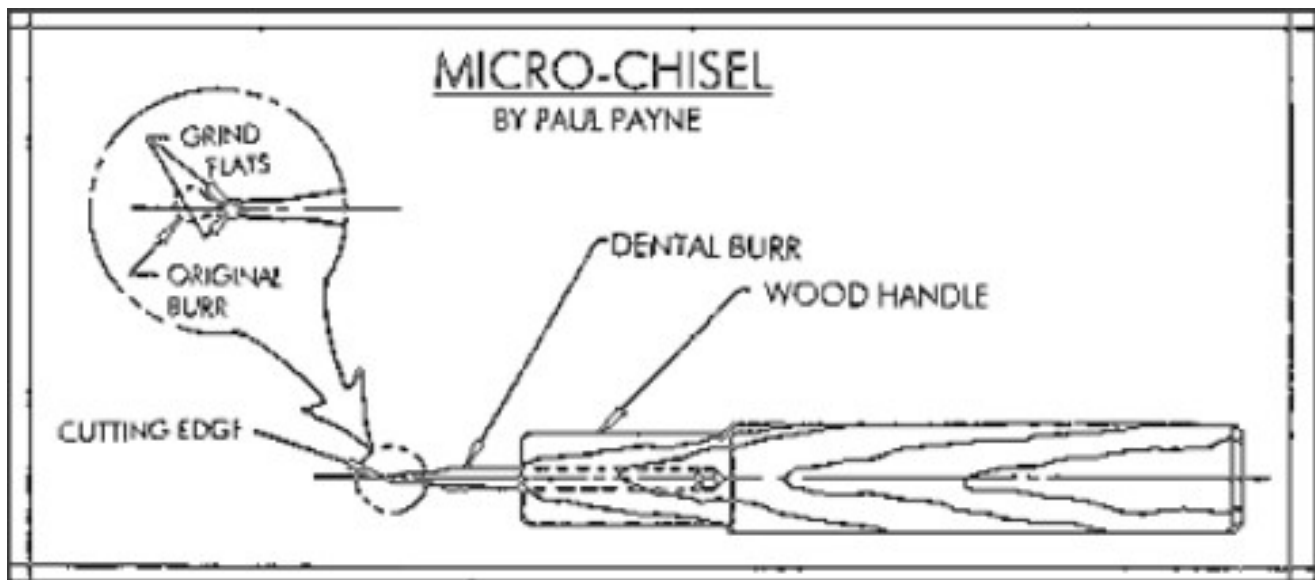
Making Micro Chisels

Here's another article your editor stowed away but forgot to record the source. For more current articles I've made it a point to record the source. Anyway, here's Paul Payne's article on making your own mimi-chisels.

Some modelers still like to use chisels to make wood carvings.. If you have tried to buy small chisels for making wood carvings for small scale models, you have probably found that they are expensive, and even the smallest ones available are not small enough for some situations. Paul Payne, the provider of this tutorial, decided to make his own out of some dental burrs, which are made of high quality steel. Chisels of 1/32 width or even smaller are perfectly feasible with this method.

PROCEDURE

1. Ask your dentist for old dental burrs
2. Grind cutting edge at desired size and angle (this can be done by hand honing on a flat diamond abrasive surface.)
3. Turn a wood handle on your lathe, or carve the handle.



The Elements and Practice of Rigging And Seamanship, 1794, by David Steel,

You, too, can own a copy of a 200-plus year old authoritative book on British seamanship.

This is a comprehensive, classic English textbook of rigging, seamanship and naval tactics. A key reference for those interested in the age of Nelson. Although at times difficult because of its fine detail, it will reward those that search through it to understand the technology of the era.

This document resides on the site <http://www.hnsa.org/doc/steel/index.htm> As photocopies. You can download it for free. The site is maintained by Historical Naval Ships Association

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://shipsoscale.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>

Wooden Ship Modeling for Dummies (aka Naval Model Making for Dummies) contains illustrated photos (3000) and videos (200). However, unless you pay to subscribe, you may only access a limited amount of this instructional material. Those unrestricted tutorials are certainly worth exploring. <https://shipmodeling.ca>



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