



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.

January, 2023

Shipwrights: Start This New Year Right. Model More

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 January 21, 2023

Ralph Buckwalter will discuss his plan for 2023 presentations and talk about the presentation resources available to us.

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: February 4, 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

Communications

Martin Jelsema (Scuttlebutt & Website)

Website:

<http://rockymountainshipwrights.org>



Some members, spouses and guests enjoying our after-meeting Holiday celebration. Good fellowship prevailed.

Skipper's Log

Happy New Year!

Another year and another crew. Finally. I want to start out by thanking the out-going officers for their **long** service. I think that this is the longest anyone has served on a single election! I offer a tremendous thanks to Alice, John, Jay and Jim (and Nat) for keeping us together during the pandemic and through the last year. We are intact and with many new faces, and we have the out-going crew to thank for that!

I wish to thank the new crew for giving of their time and effort to keep the club working! Ralph is our new First Mate, Steve is the Purser and Jim remains (as always) the Clerk. Alice is now the Commodore to lead us to the future and, of course, where would we be without Martin at the helm of the Scuttlebutt.

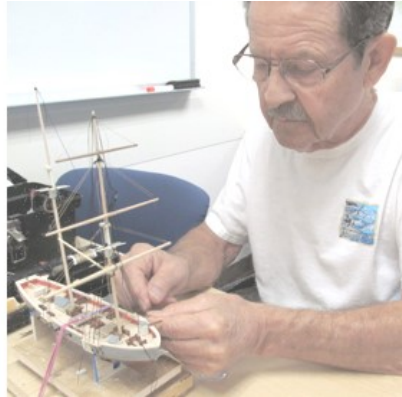
With any luck, we will try some new things this coming year including the possibility of an auction and a "Bring-A-Model" meeting. We look forward to "Show and Tell" at each meeting and the big Rockler's show in October. Remember, you don't have to bring finished work to the meeting; work-in-progress is what we want to see! If you have any skills to present, we will make it as easy as possible to present them at a meeting. Let's make this an exceptional year of ship modeling!

Bob Fivehouse, Skipper

Your Officers for 2023



Skipper Bob Fivehouse



First Mate Ralph Buckwalter



Purser Steve Lofshult



Clerk Jim Cuscaden

Minutes of the December 17 , 2023 Meeting

The meeting was brought to order at 9.30 am by the Skipper, Alice Sampson. Members stood to order and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty four (24) members were present together with 1 new member, 3 wives/partners , and three members of the Colorado Crew R/C boat club.

New member: Ross Clark. He has just moved from Houston and is interested in power boats and r/c controls.

R/C Club visit: Don Kibbe (President) summarized the scope of the club as having about 70 members with boats that they compete with on Denver, Fort Collins and Pueblo lakes. The main problem has been getting approvals to access water to sail these boats. Most boats have gas powered motors but they have a few electric and wind driven boats and even a submarine. The highlight of the club year is the regatta on Keystone lake.

Finances: Jay Phillips stated that the monthly earned income has dropped to \$0.23 as a result of the \$500 purchase of modeling tools. The Purser requested that billings be forwarded to him ASAP to be included in the 2022 accounts.

Election of 2023 Officers: Ralph Buckwalter requested any additional volunteers from the floor to run against the slate of officers proposed in the November Scuttlebut edition. No additional volunteers were received. The club members were then asked to accept the volunteers proposed and they were accepted by acclamation. The 2023 officers will be as follows:

Skipper	Bob Fivehouse
First Mate	Ralph Buckwalter
Purser	Steve Lofshult
Clerk	Jim Cuscaden

Our current Skipper, Alice Sampson, has been designated "Comodore" per the club's by-laws.

New Business

Web Site: Martin Jelsema informed us that the club website was currently down due to technical problems with which the web hosting company has not been able to solve. He recommended that the club consider an alternate host provider that can be contracted for \$5 - \$10/month. By vote, the club approved a new website host be contracted with a fee of no more than \$23/month.

Name Tags: Rob Cuscaden made a final call for any additional tags. Tags will be obtained for the current 3 requests plus additional tags for new members.

New Modeling Tools: Grant Harrison presented the new control manual for the recently purchased modeling tools. This contains operating instructions and a checkout listing for each tool; the manual will be kept in the Rocklers file cabinets. Martin Jelsema requested that each user be prepared to give a presentation on the used equipment.

Monthly Draw Grant Harrison had the winning ticket for the Rockler gift card.

Show & Tell

Martin Ters presented his model of a Kris Kraft running boat that was developed from a Dumas hit. The model is twin skinned with a mahogany top layer. He is using a new ¼ HP motor and a 6 channel radio , 32 GHz receiver. The latter equipment is Chinese built, much cheaper and resistant to interference.

Chuck Stroble showed his model of a 5 inch coastal defense motor that is set up to fire with black powder.

Steve Lofshult is modeling 3 rowing skiffs, scratch built from a Steve Rodgers book. The models are on a scale of 1 inch/1 foot and are in a varying a stage of completion. He has cross planked the bottoms to provide extra strength.

Ken Cook has been experimenting with drills that run slower than those made by Dremel. He has found 3 tools manufactured by Aeromac that have met his needs and cost in the range of \$30 to \$ 80.

Clint Curry showed his Artesania model that he is in the process of double planking.

Gary Broeder and his grandson presented their group model. They have been planking the hull. They have experienced some problem in gluing and have found Bondo has met their needs.

PRESENTATION

Meaning of Nautical Words – by John Lamb

John gave us a light hearted summary of common nautical words and phrases that have been passed down from the Navy. He asked the audience to guess their derivation and uses in our current conversation.

After the meeting, members and guests enjoyed a bountiful table of food and drink to celebrate the Christmas season.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Cuscaden, Clerk



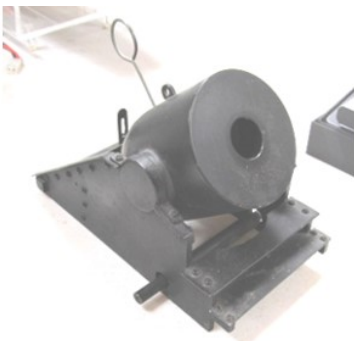
Martin Ters- R/C Cris Craft



3 skiffs by Steve Lofshult



Clint Curry's Schooner



Chuck Stroble's mortar



Gary Broeder (and grandson) group build



Ken Cooks slow-drill kit



John Lamb's presentation



Three guests from the Colorado Crew

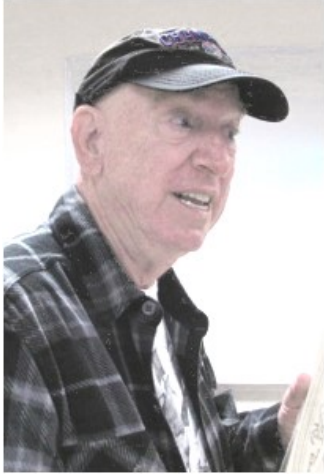


Ross Clark – newest member
Phone 303 972 3476

DUES ARE DUE Yes, it is that time again. They're still just \$12.00. They've not gone up since the club's inception in 1991! Your Purser, Steve Lofshult, can take your payment at a meeting or a workshop. (Try to pay with small bills) You may also mail him a check at 4025 D, W.104th Drive, Westminster, CO 80401.

January 7 Workshop Attendees

Workshop attendance is looking up! Until now, and partially because of the pandemic, members weren't taking advantage of our monthly workshop. So perhaps guys were making New Year resolutions to partake in the fellowship and instruction the workshops offer. Thirteen members, a guest and a spouse attended. Here are the members.



Tim Brown



Steve Lofshult



Ralph Buckwalter



Charlie Krinsky



Alice Sampson



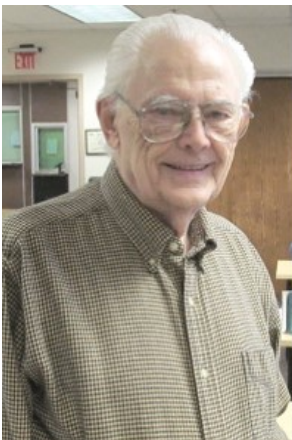
Jay Phillips



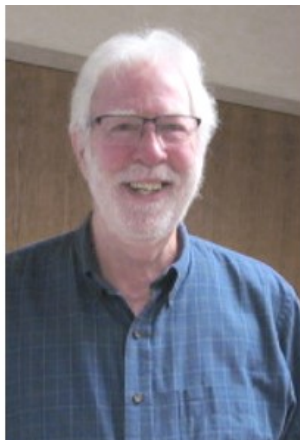
Jim Cuscaden



Ross Clark



Martin Jelsema



Bob Fivehouse



Jeff Potter



Don Griesing



Rob Cuscaden

Workshop After Regular Meeting for Group Build

For those who acquired a group build model last year, here is an opportunity to commiserate with your peers and perhaps get some tips for this instruction-less project. And you might have solved a problem that have your fellow builders stumped. Right after the regular January 21st meeting, we will meet in the back of the room for an hour to compare notes, build a bit and encourage each other. Also, bring your model in for Show and Tell.

Tools the Club Library Owns for Your Use

The Shipwrights acquired a set of power tools from an ex-member who no longer models. Photos of them appear below.

Prior to Grant Harrison moved to the East Coast, he cataloged them and developed a notebook of the tools and their accessories. That notebook and the tools themselves are located in the library. Members can check out the tools in the same fashion as you can check out the books. In the future, members who are familiar with the more sophisticated tools might volunteer to demonstrate them as a meeting presentation. If you are able to, please contact Ralph Buckwalter.



Sherline Mill



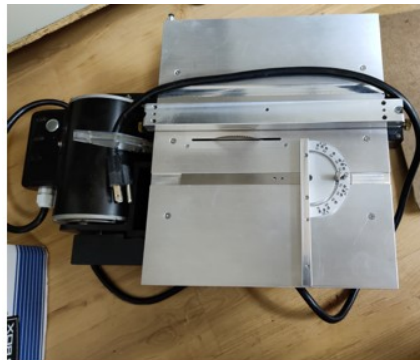
Sherline Lathe



Scroll Saw



Drill Press



Byrne Table Saw



Chop Saw



Disc Sander



Flexible Shaft Rotary Tool

Gear Is Here!

- 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.



John McGann's Last Finished Model

Prior to John's passing last July, he finished this half-hull model of a Great Lakes ore boat for a Minnesota-based relative. It's just another example of John's far-ranging interests and expert craftsmanship. Bruce Bollenbach provided the photo.



Variations on the Clothes Pin Theme

Clothes pins have been used for modeling from the time of the invention of the clothes pin. Popular Science magazine advised modelers to adapt them during the 19020's. First of all, they are cheap. Second, their tensions can be varied. Third, and most importantly, they can be modified for various applications. Pictured below are some of those variations. With a little imagination, you can probably come up with your own when other clamping devices just won't do.



The Basics of Serving Rigging

Once again your editor has delved into his semi-extensive downloaded resources to share with you something he has found helpful. The source of this material has been lost. Sorry it can't be attributed to its creator.

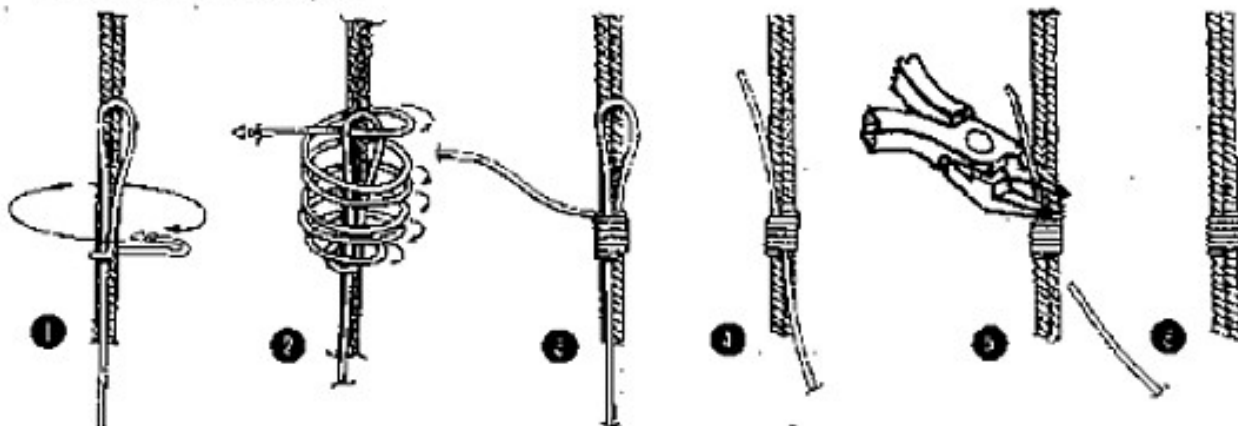
What is it? Serving is the practice of wrapping a large line tightly with a small diameter line. The purpose is to protect large lines in high-wear situations or to bind segments of two large lines together.



Serving Line Diameter Steel specifies that the circumference of serving line is 1 inch. For various scales, the diameter is:

Scale	1:1	1:32	1:48	1:64	1:96
Serving Line Diameter (Inch.)	0.31	0.01	0.007	0.005	0.003

Modeling Technique



Serving as Slip Knot Before being secured, the seized line can be slipped inside the seizing. This permits the length of the line to be adjusted. This is very useful, for example in adjusting the length of shroud lines such that deadeyes are in proper locations. Another example would be to permit a line to be seized on the work bench and then to slip the seizing until it fits tightly around a mast or yard.



Arrows show the direction of slip to lengthen the line

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Selected Internet 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://shipsofscales.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/shipwrightsfag/>

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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