



Quarterdeck

OCTOBER
2021
Our 90th
year

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY.

www.philadelphiaSHIPmodelSOCIETY.com

Launched January 7, 1931

The 887th Meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society was held at the Independence Seaport Museum on October 7th 2021 and called to order by Vice President Mike Weaver at 7:17 P.M. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

♥ **Sick Call:** Jean Spicer recovering, doing well.
Jim Wheeler, reaction to a flu shot.

Visitors: None. Ron Neilson is our new member.

This meeting is the first face to face members meeting for a year and a half.

Members present:

Steve Bulova,, Mike Weaver, Joe Jordan, Spence Delin, Joshua Fichmann, Ron Neilson, Fred Signor, Joe Gudonis, Todd Wardwell, Jim MacIntyre, Al Curatolo, Enzo Curatolo, Allie Curatolo.

Presentation; No presentation

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as read.

New Business

WHITE WHALE SALE AND AUCTION:

The White Whale Sale is alive and well. Bring all the models in the closet, garage and attic that you'll never build to the auction. Retired Chief Warrant Officer Todd Wardwell will again be our auctioneer. We'll have a fun time.

ModelCon: The committee for 2022 is:

Joshua Fichmann, Chairman, Jim Wheeler, Joe Jordon, Mike Weaver, Ron Neilson and Todd Wardwell.

Old Business

THE 2022 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE- April 2022

UPDATE: (The last Saturday in April).

Location: Port and Starboard Conf. Center, Connecticut.

The PSMS committee for the conference is:

Committee Leader Emeritus Pat Leaf,
Steve Bulova, Ron Neilson, Fred Signor, Todd Wardwell, Joshua Fichmann, and Mike Weaver.

For model day manageability and table space we are limiting 3 models per attendee.

Equipment: We have what we need; badge holders, table top placards, microphone sound system, raffle drum.

We need, separate special raffle with 3 prizes.

Joshua Fichmann donated a spray booth as a prize valued at approx. \$700.00

Ron Neilson recommended news promotions and advertising.

Joshua Fichmann will advertise on line thru many clubs and model groups.

Try to get Micro mark as a vendor or at least 100 catalogs for our swag bags.

Contact NRG to be at the conference.

Registration on line, send out to other clubs. PayPal account.

Manufacture award plaques.

Contact Mike Swanson (another Club)?

Door prizes and prizes in our swag bags ???

The Shack: Due to deaths in the family, both Joe Jordan and Mike Weaver who were committed to sit the Shack on Saturday and Sunday, had to cancel. Todd Wardwell and Fred Signor stepped up and filled in..Thank you gentlemen for keeping the lights on!

HOLIDAY BRUNCH HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH (It was originally Dec. 12th.)

Cost per person will be \$35 and \$20.00 for children.

Emails will be sent out to our membership to see who is attending.

Jim Wheeler will contact the Steamship Society people to see who will be attending- it is usually 11 people

PARKING: PSMS will subsidize your parking cost at \$10.00 per meeting at ISM until further notice.

Break for refreshments:

We would like to thank all who brought refreshments to our face to face members meeting, especially Jim MacIntyre for his Soda Bread. It was excellent.

Show and Tell

Joe Gudonis, Joe Jordan, Mike Weaver, Ron Neilson, Steve Bulova, Todd Wardwell.

PSMS Name Tags

Contact Spence Delin sdelin@verizon.net

Respectfully submitted,

Vice President Mike Weaver

For Secretary Joshua Fichmann

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next PSMS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, NOVEMBER 4th at 7:00 PM

BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY:

The battleship is open for tours every day from 11 am to 3pm. Add a free guided tour of turret II or an engine room

INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Hours of operation

Open full time: 10AM to 5PM seven days a week.

DON'T MISS THE WHITE WHALE SALE!

BRING YOUR "STUFF" AND ENJOY THE FUN AT THE NOV 4TH MEETING!



THE ANNUAL PSMS HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The PSMS Holiday Brunch will be held again at the Corinthian Yatch Club on the Delaware River on Sunday December 5th, 11:30 to 3:30.

Please return your reservation by November 23rd.





WE NEED THE FINAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES BY NOVEMBER 23rd

Send a check **made out to PSMS to:** Steve Bulova Treasurer, PSMS 4631 Larchwood Ave.
PLEASE PRINT

GRAND TOTAL. _____



SHOW & TELL

JOE GUDONIS



Bag of “STUFF”.

- * Spackle that was good and some not so good.
- * Professional welder that was like rubber.
- * Epoxies that didn't set up.
- * Duco cement that doesn't get hard.

JOE JORDAN

Photo: Joshua Fichmann



A gift boat while sitting at the shack. A model just to play with.
A Dumas radio controlled Cris Craft model, 10" long packed with electronics and 2 motors

SHOW & TELL *continued*

CHIEF TODD WARDWELL



1275 USCG FAST RESPONSE CUTTER

Scale 1/48

Length 39"

Plastic

Todd showed a work in progress of a model he was commissioned to build for the commissioning of the Coast Guard Cutter Emlen Tunnell at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia. (For the complete story of Emlen Tunnell, see the July 2021 issue of the Quarterdeck).



Photo: Joshua Fichmann



MIKE WEAVER

Mike presented a cased model of the *RMS LUSITANIA* along with the German submarine that sank her. Both models are in the same scale, 1/600. Kit makers unknown. Plastic.

On May 7th 1915, the German submarine (U-boat) U-20 torpedoed and sank the Lusitania, a swift-moving British cruise liner traveling from New York to Liverpool, England. The ship sank in 18 minutes leading to the death of 1,198 individuals, 128 of whom were American.

Photo: Mike Weaver

SHOW & TELL continued

RON NEILSON

Photos: Joshua Fichmann



HMS CAMILLA.
18th Century British ship of the line with an unusually long sailing career of 45 years. Scratch built. Made of pear wood. Scale 1/48 Beautiful Ron.

HMS Camilla was a royal Navy 20 gun Sphinx-class post ship built in Chatham Dockyard, launched in 1776. She served in the American revolution, the French revolutionary wars and the Napoleonic Wars before being sold in 1831.



THE SEAMAN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

SCI provides a Christmas Ditty Bag that is given to seafarers filled with items for personal use. The bag is an expression of love and appreciation to the many seafarers whose job requires them to leave family and friends in order to deliver the much needed goods here in the port of Philadelphia and South Jersey.

A ditty bag contains toiletries and similar items at Christmastime and SCI has an annual goal of giving them to 3,000 seafarers who visit our ports between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

SHOW & TELL continued

STEVE BULOVA

Photos: Joshua Fichmann



R/C TUGBOAT ANTEO

A beautiful challenging Italian tugboat Panart kit - Italy.

Scale 1:30, a1981 kit.

A large scale, radio controlled . Wood and brass. The hull is lemon wood with 20 lbs of keel weights. Beautiful rivet work on the brass bulwark.

Well done Steve.

IN MEMORIAM



On Saturday, October 23rd, this obituary appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer

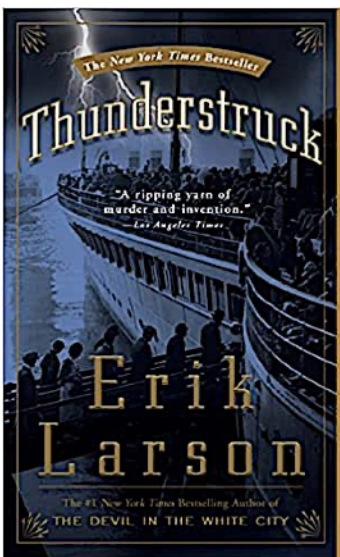
JOSEF MESSMER

JOSEF MESSMER, 83, of Fayetteville, PA, passed away Tuesday, October 19, 2021 in the Chambersburg Hospital. Born March 26, 1938 in the Czech Republic He was a very educated man and obtained his master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He was employed as a consultant in the transportation industry for many years. Josef enjoyed golfing, hiking and traveling with his wife. He was a very talented model kit builder, building many intricate and beautiful ships and types of models throughout his lifetime. His phenomenal attention to detail was quite obvious when looking at his work.

Joseph was a member of PSMS for years, and he and I built the Shack. I really enjoyed working with him. His attention to detail was world class. He retired from extensive travel as the hassle factor took its toll.

Joe Jordan

BOOKS



THUNDERSTRUCK

A true story of love murder and the end of the worlds “great hush”.

By Erik Larson

In *Thunderstruck*, Eric Larson tells the interwoven stories of two men- Hawley Crippen, a very unlikely murderer, and Guglielmo Marconi, the obsessive creator of a seemingly supernatural means of communication whose lives intersect during one of the greatest criminal chases of all time.

Set in Edwardian London and on the stormy coasts of Cornwall, Cape Cod, and Nova Scotia, *Thunderstruck* evokes the dynamism of those years when great shipping companies competed to build the biggest, fastest ocean liners; scientific advances dazzled the public with visions of a world transformed; and the rich outdid one another with ostentatious displays of wealth. Against this background, Marconi races against incredible odds and relentless skepticism to perfect his invention: the wireless, a prime catalyst for the emergence of the world we know today. Meanwhile Crippen, “the kindest of men,” nearly commits the perfect murder.

With his unparalleled narrative skills, Erik Larson guides us through a relentlessly suspenseful chase over the waters of the North Atlantic. Along the way, he tells of a sad and tragic love affair that was described on the front pages of newspapers around the world, a chief inspector

who found himself strangely sympathetic to the killer and his lover, and a driven and compelling inventor who transformed the way we communicate.

Emlen Tunnell U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Commissioning

PHILADELPHIA-The U.S., Coast Guard commissioned the USCGC Emlen Tunnell (WPC 1145) Patrol Forces Southwest Asia's 154 ft Centennial Class-cutter into service.

Photo: Todd Wardwell



U.S. Coast Guard

On October 15th, the U.S. Coast Guard commissioned its 45th Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutter (FRC), named in honor of Delaware County Steward's Mate 1st Class Emlen Lewis Tunnell, a Radnor High School 1942 graduate. Emlen Tunnell rose from humble beginnings to become the first African American enshrined in the Pro Football hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Recognized as one of the NFL's top 100 players of all time, he was awarded the U.S. Coast guard's Silver Lifesaving medal for heroism in WWII, and is regarded as one of the greatest athletes ever from Delaware County.



Photo: Todd Wardwell

At the official reception, the model displayed on the table was built by PSMS member Todd Wardwell.



U.S Coast Guard

THE SHIP SHACK



Photo Ron Spicer

The Museum is relocating it to the old book shop space (up front adjacent to the entrance). The Museum will give us two weeks notice to empty the shack of personal items in order to lighten the load of moving. When the shack is moved, we will have six windows in the front of the building next to the main entrance. These windows will give public exposure to our craft. The Museum will place signage to draw visitors to the Boat Shop.

Joe Jordan enlightened them as to how much of a gem the actual building of wooden boats is to visitors. It is deeply appreciated by the public. The submarine pool will be placed behind the Diligence and in front of the Indianapolis model. The Shack, in its new location, will draw visitors down the hallway we use to get to the elevator to the 2nd floor.

NOTICE: The relocation will not occur until late December or early January.

Give a day to the ISM Shack experience.

Sat. 10 AM to 5 PM. Sunday 12 noon to 4 PM

Contact: Joe Jordan jjvtown@aol.com 609 518-9672

NOTICE : At the present time, Shack sitters will have to pay to park. Parking costs will be reimbursed thru the Treasurer Steve Bulova. Call 215-747-7441 or email bulovastevel@msn.com

MODEL BOAT SHOW & FALL FESTIVAL



Saturday, November 13, 10am to 4pm
FREE indoor/outdoor event

Regional Model Boat Builders Exhibit & Sales
Oyster Raw Bar & Craft Beers and Spirits
Kids Mini-Wooden Boat Races
Fun for the Whole Family!

OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTER
OXFORD MARYLAND

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021.

What --- The **Oxford Community Center** is planning its eighth **Model Boat Show !!!**

Who --- Model boat builders with their models are invited. Set up your models and discuss them with visitors as I do, or you can set up your booth and sell as much as you can. If you have a story to be told this is your opportunity.

When --- Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 10a.m. until 4p.m. Set-up starts at 8:30a.m. Take-down at 4p.m. Doors open to visitors at 10a.m.

Where --- Oxford Community Center auditorium, **Oxford, Maryland.**

There is **no charge** for table space. Tables and burlap covers are provided or you may use your own.

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In Oxford the other scheduled event at this time is the traditionally popular Oxford VFD Auxiliary's Annual Antique Show and Sale. It is held next door in the firehouse main room on both Saturday and Sunday, and helps get people to drive down from Easton to Oxford. These two events complement each other as once folks park the car they can walk between the buildings.

Other interesting locations and restaurants in the town are open as well.

In Easton, Maryland, The Waterfowl Festival (World famous for its decoy carving and wildlife art.) is held Friday November 12, Saturday November 13, and Sunday November 14.

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Registration and information sheets will be e-mailed to you in early October.

Please share this information, and my e-mail address, with other model builders.

It will help with planning if you are able to let me know now that you **intend to participate** (or not) this year.

It is you and your models that visitors come to see - you make the show a success! We enjoy providing the venue for showcasing your talents and sharing your passion for the history and artistry of model-making.

Thank you all for your past participation – last show about 400 visitors came from throughout the Eastern Shore, and farther, to enjoy your work and to have the opportunity to get to know the 30+ model makers. This was a tribute to the quality of your models and your enthusiasm for displaying and talking about them.

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THE NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD

"ADVANCING SHIP MODELING THROUGH RESEARCH"

Annual membership includes our world-renowned quarterly magazine, Nautical Research Journal, which features photographs and articles on ship model building, naval architecture, merchant and naval ship construction, maritime trade, nautical and maritime history, nautical archaeology and maritime art.

Other benefits include discounts on annual conferences, ship modeling seminars, NRG products and juried model competitions which are offered exclusively to Guild members. We hope you will consider joining our ongoing celebration of model ships and maritime history.



For more information contact us at: www.thenrg.org or call 585 968 8111



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QUARTERDECK SUBMISSIONS

Take pictures with your camera or cell phone of a current or past project that you would like to show (maybe you already have). Include a description. Be sure to include the name of your (project, ship), scale, scratch or kit (manufacturer), era (year) and country, and anything you would want to say about your project. Just as you would when you fill out the presentation sheet at the meeting or stand up and talk.

A word about pictures. Make sure they are well lighted, (possibly take them outside) and in focus and no more than 2 or 3. Put them against plain backgrounds if possible - not on your oriental rug. **But workbench shots are welcome.** Send them to the editor:

rspicer33@aol.com



Short Sleeved Polo

PSMS SHIRTS & CAPS WITH EMBROIDERED SOCIETY LOGO

LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS NAVY BLUE

Men's sizes small thru 4 XL.

Add \$2.00 for 2XL, \$3.00 for 3XL and \$4.00 for 4 XL

\$35.00

Women's sizes thru 2X.

\$35.00

SHORT SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS, NAVY BLUE

Men's sizes small thru 6XL and tall in XL thru 3X

Women's sizes small thru 3XL

\$28.75

Hat 6 panel wave cap, navy with white trim

\$14.50

FOR ORDERS:

Contact Pat Leaf at pjlebl@comcast.net

Please be sure of your size



**THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP
MODEL SOCIETY**

Launched January 7, 1931

The Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the

Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) at 1900 hours.

ISM is located at Penns Landing,

211 South Columbus Boulevard,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

PSMS annual dues are \$35.00 for an **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP**

\$40.00 for a **FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**: Includes MEMBER as well as family with children **FREE**

FORTH COMING EVENTS

November 13th

Oxford Md, Boat Show

December

ISM Parade of Lights. Date to be announced

December 5th

Holiday Brunch Corinthian Yatch Club

April 30, 2022

Northeast Conference

Host: Philadelphia Ship model Society



THE SSMA JOURNAL

Become a member of SSMA

Annual dues are \$25.00

All membership applications and renewals

should be sent to:

Heinz Ricken

514 Cranford Avenue



Delaware Valley Chapter meetings are held at The Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's landing on the Delaware River. Membership is \$15 for one year. Contact Steve Lovless at sldvesshsa@gmail.com or 215-495-8889 for more details or if you are interested in joining

FOR SALE

**10% OF THE SALE PRICE WILL BE DONATED TO
THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP MODEL SOCIETY**

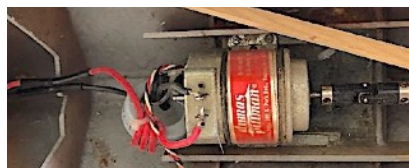
PRICES ARE NEGOTIABLE



I have a large scale small freighter that I am selling for Tom Smith (twin brother of deceased Dennis). Length: 36". Beam: 8.5". Has speed control, s futaba servos, futaba receiver, motor and looks ready to go (with a little repair work). Asking price \$175, but can be negotiable.



Also, a large scale tug for sale for \$125. It has 1 servo and a Dumas Pitman motor. Length: 24" Beam: 7.5 inches. It was running at one time.



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