



# THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club  
of New England*

**2014-- Our 24th Year!!**

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**Visit our club Web Page at: [www.marinemodelers.org](http://www.marinemodelers.org)**

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sunday, February 16, 1 - 4pm.** Indoor meeting at the Church Hall- United Church of Christ, Medfield, MA. In addition to the usual business, we'll have Show and Tell, and a Swap Meet. So, bring along whatever your current project is! We have use of the hall from noon to 4pm. Official meeting start is at 1pm, but you can come earlier if you have stuff to set up.

Our old friend Bill Partridge, of Piel Craftsmen in Newburyport will be there. Bill will be bringing a collection of kits, fittings, magazines, etc. Bill attended last year, and a number of us went home with some great deals!

The swap meet works this way: You bring your excess hobby-related stuff and sell it. You then spend the money you collected, buying stuff from other club members. Everybody goes home happy, lots of us with more stuff (and less cash) than we brought! Buy and sell to your heart's content—the club doesn't get involved or take a cut.

**Sunday, March 16, 1-4 pm.** Indoor meeting at the UCC Church hall in Medfield. Program tbd.

**Sunday, April 27, 10am – 4pm.** Our first on-the-water event of the season. We'll be on Lake Massapoag, at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. We call the first lakeside event the "Icebreaker"—but there hopefully won't be any ice around this late in April!

## **New Club Officers**

Our club officers for 2014 were elected in November - the masthead has the updated list.

## **Editor's Notes**

Here's a link to an interesting article about using "balsa foam" for creating lightweight, detailed structures for models. While the article is geared towards armor modelers and model RR layouts, I think the material and techniques are universal. It's on a number of pages, so don't forget to hit the NEXT button at the bottom. The author achieves some really neat results with this stuff.

Here's the link:

[http://www.modelarmour.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&id=1437:balsa-foam-sculpting-made-easy&Itemid=59](http://www.modelarmour.com/index.php?option=com_content&id=1437:balsa-foam-sculpting-made-easy&Itemid=59)

### **Free Books available online!**

The name Mike Asheby will be familiar to some of you, as he authored several books on model building for Kalmbach in years past. He has now made them available on his website for free download in PDF format.

The titles are:

- Detailing Scale Model Aircraft
- Tips and Techniques for Building and Detailing Scale Model Aircraft
- Building and Detailing Scale Model Aircraft
- Building and Detailing Scale Model Ships
- Modeling Realistic Tanks and Artillery

The Link is:

<http://mikeashey.com/BOOK-INDEX-PAGE%20.htm>

These were very good value when first published and even better now that they are free!

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