



THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2015-- Our 26th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, November 15, 1pm – 4:30 pm: Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall at 496 Main Street in Medfield, MA. On the agenda is election of officers for next year, show and tell, and a Swap Meet-- so bring along those odds and ends to sell! Finally, we have been asked to bring boats and set up our pool at the **Providence Boat Show** in early February. (They would pay us.) Can we do it? Do we want to? Would they want us for all 4 days? Mike Hale will have the latest info for us to discuss at the meeting....

Sunday, December 6, 12pm -3pm: Our annual Holiday Dinner, at Prezo Grille and Bar in Milford, MA.

December Holiday Dinner

Our annual Holiday Dinner will be on Sunday, December 6th, at Prezo Grille and Bar in Milford, MA. The address is 229 ½ Main Street (Route 16), Milford, MA. The menu will consist of: Choice of Marsala steak tips, Scallops Butta, or Chicken Parmesan
Garden salad, bread and butter, coffee or tea and ice cream for desert
Everyone to pay for their own mixed drinks

The cost is \$25 per person, to be paid to Ed Arini by **11/25** so we can give them a head count.

October Night Run & Cookout

Ed Arini reports that the following people were in attendance: Ed and Linda Arini, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Mike and Jeanne Hale, John Cooper, George Gargano, Charles Tebbetts, Dan Makocevich, and Richard Monroe.

Ed Arini provided the following picture. It looks like it was a nice calm evening, and not too chilly...



Ed also reported that George Gargano flew his electric airplane, which featured strips of LED lights on it. Ed said that in the dark, it looked like a UFO!

North Carolina Warship Report

Eric Bertelsen send along the following report:

Once a year, on Columbus day weekend, about 60 people converge on a small lake in the city of Rocky Mount NC with one goal, to run their 1/96 scale RC ships together. This year, the Marine Modelers Club was well represented with 4 members that made the drive down. The members included Paul Phinney, Craig Johnson, Shaun Kimball (and his Mom), and Eric Bertelsen.

For those of you that do not know about the event, this is a 1/96 scale- only event, with ships from any era. The event is held for 2 1/2 days, starting Friday at 9am where we have a captains meeting, and captains' photograph to remember the event. After that it is a free for all to run your

ships, talk about things that you have done to your ships, and some showing off. This year there was a lot of music coming from ships, a few crashes, and a lot of laughs. We have a pig roast thanks to the great people that live there, but they don't know what BBQ sauce it at all!

The 2015 event was the 9th annual event held on Columbus day weekend on City Lake. This is not a club event, or a contest of any kind, but a weekend for members that have the love of ships in 1/96 or 1/100 scale that want to run in formations, testing, or just came to talk to friends about their ships. Some people come from as far away as Long Beach California or Canada. We drove the 13 hour trip from Boston to NC with about 5 ships in the truck, and a stop in Annapolis on the way.

One of the ships that impressed me was the USS Arizona with full detail from William Blackmore. William also always brings his wife along who makes the islands, and paints people for her husband. Other ships included a number of Iowa-class Battleships that sailed around the pond protecting the fleets. I think at one time there were 9 on the water. I also saw a number of destroyers, frigates, and even one Nimitz-class carrier, the USS Truman, which has been 10 years in the making from Tampa, Florida. Paul brought a Type 45 British Destroyer and I brought the USS Milwaukee, a new LCS jet powered model from our fleet. Shaun brought a German ferry from his fleet.

You can see some of the moments from the event on Youtube.com with the video: <https://youtu.be/TmnY5K-xlBq>

Moving announcement!

Homeport Models is moving to Porter Mill Studios in Beverly MA.

Homeport Models has decided to relocate our studio from Lowell MA to the new Porter Mill Studios in Beverly, MA. This is a small artists' building where we rent some space to build 1/96 scale RC model warships. These models are museum quality on the table and photograph as real ships on the water. We are really looking forward to this move as it will be more conveniently located and give us more build time.

Also, Homeport Models is doing more 3D printing for even more detail on our ships, doing more stencil work with the vinyl cutter, and we are introducing a state of the art laser cutter so we can now cut 20-inch x unlimited size boards. We will be cutting wood, plastic, and more. The laser cutter will be up and running in early 2016!

The studio is moving in November, and we will be having a open house party in the spring time of 2016. Hope to see you there!

Eric & Paul

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Editor's Notes

I'm baaack! After publishing the June Foghorn, I took a leave of absence from my duties as Foghorn Editor for 4+ months, as we were moving. It has been a crazy four months-- getting the house ready for sale, selling it, endless hours looking for a new place in southern New Hampshire, closing on a new place, and now moving in. We've been in the new place for three weeks now, and there's still a lot of boxes that need to be dealt with!

I have a gigantic basement that will eventually be the home of my model shop, but that is still quite a bit in the future. But I at least have internet service now, and a table to work on in my office, so I'll be able to produce a newsletter. The first few issues will likely be on the light side, as I won't have a lot of material.....

Hobbyland in Stow, MA is closing. Their last day is November 14th. Some of you may remember that last spring, I attended a seminar there on the hobby applications of the Arduino family of programmable microchips. We had made arrangements to hold our November meeting at the store, and have the Arduino presentation as part of the meeting, which obviously won't be happening now. These are hard times for "brick and mortar" hobby shops.....

Model Boats Magazine. For a long time, this British magazine has been my favorite. I used to be able to find them in hobby shops or even Barnes and Noble stores, but when they changed North American distributors several years ago, they became a lot harder to find. So, I have been a subscriber for years, even though the postage from the UK isn't cheap, and seems to keep going up every year.

Model Boats had been offering a digital subscription option for a few years now. I had always resisted, as going digital meant giving up the free plan that comes in every other issue. But when my subscription ran out while we were between homes, and a renewal for the paper copy was now twice the cost of the online version, I finally went digital.

So far, it has been great-- I get access to 6+ years of back issues, and I get access to the current issue as soon as it is released. (I used to have to wait a month for a copy to show up in the mail from the UK!) And I realized that I won't really miss the free plan, as I've only actually used one of them in the last 6 years. If another design comes along that I really want to build, I can get one from a friend in the UK, or just buy one. Even if I do that a couple times a year (unlikely) I'll still come out ahead.

One more thing- as I mentioned above, you used to be able to find MB in the hobby magazine section at Barnes and Noble. Then for a few years, I couldn't find them anywhere. I even called a few stores around the area and was told they didn't carry it anymore. But I was in the B&N store in Nashua, NH, last week, and they had the current issue of Model Boats! I'm hoping that's a good sign, and that maybe they'll be easier to find. One thing I do know-- not every store carries them- so it is worth checking when you're in a store that isn't your usual one.