

THE FOGHORN

*Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England*

2016-- Our 27th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, November 13, 1-4pm: Indoor meeting at Frost Farm Village Condominiums in Sudbury, MA. Thanks to Harold Cohen, we'll have use of the Meeting House there. The address is 150 Meeting House Lane, Sudbury, MA.

Sunday, December 4th, 12-3pm: Our annual Holiday Dinner, at Prezo Grille and Bar in Milford, MA. Sign-up deadline is .

Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017: Providence Boat Show, at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI.

November Club Meeting Agenda

Our next meeting is at the Frost Farm Village Meeting House, in Sudbury, MA, on Sunday, 13 November, 1-4 pm. We'll have a lot going on:

- A couple of videos sent to us from Dumas Model Boats
- A swap meet-- so bring along your extra hobby-related items! With luck, you'll sell them, and pick up a few bucks to spend on someone else's stuff!
- Election of Club Officers for 2017
- A Rope Serving Demo by Lou Hills. Lou will show shrouds being served. His 1840's twin propeller RC tug "R B Forbes" requires ten shroud lines to support her fore and main masts. Lou will also explain how he is making the deadeyes.
- "Show and Tell" of members' latest projects!

Directions to the Meeting: Frost Farm Village is located at 150 North Rd. which is Rte 117, in Sudbury. It is approximately one mile west of the corner of Sudbury Road and North Road in Concord.

There is a large green sign at the foot of the hill with the number 142-150 at the top. It lists a number of schools and businesses in addition to "FFV" at the very bottom.

One should go up the hill. Make the first left turn and proceed further up the hill. One will pass a large building on the right, with a big "RevoLabs" sign on it.

Continue up the hill until you see the sign "Private Way Residents Only" on the left. Make a left there, and continue to stay on the left. Do not make the immediate first right. Meeting House Lane will be a right turn. The Meeting House is a pale yellow and is on the right. Park anyplace on the street. Please do not park in any of the residents driveways.

December Holiday Dinner

Our annual Holiday Dinner will be on Sunday, December 4th, 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.

Cost is \$25 per person. You must sign up and get payment to Ed Arini by Nov. 26 if you want to attend. (Everyone who went last year had a great time!) In addition to great food and company, we usually have some nice door prizes to raffle off!

November Day/Night Run Report

This year's event was graced with nice weather-- clear and mostly flat calm.

Quite a few members and family members were in attendance: Ed and Linda Arini, Arthur Perlmutter, Mike and Jean Hale, John Cooper, Bill Michaels, Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Gaspar and Joanne LaColla, Shaun Kimball, Charlie and Bonnie Tebbetts, with son Dave and grandson Noah, and guests Joe and Ann Wells.



The afternoon started off with some fine sailing on the calm waters.

Left: Arthur Perlmutter brought along his tug Michael P.

Below: Shaun Kimball's USS Missouri, cutting a fine wake in the calm seas.



We then broke for dinner, enjoying burgers and hot dogs with a variety of side dishes.



We all want to thank the Okerholms for bringing the camp cook stove, and for head cooks Linda and Johanna, who cranked out plenty of burgers and dogs!

After we had all eaten, we then did some more sailing as night fell. Nearly everyone had at least one model with working lights, so there was a lot of action on the water.

Bill Michaels brought along a trio of lighted buoys, which were deployed in the harbor. Also marking the entrance to the harbor was the Nantucket Shoals Lightship.

Right: Here is the Nantucket on station, warning skippers away from some submerged rocks along the shore.



Left: Ed Arini's runabout with running lights energized. In the distance are a pair of buoys marking the entrance to harbor.



Bill Michaels brought along a pair of lighted buoys, made from tennis ball cans. The buoys feature a blinking LED mounted in the cap, powered via a simple circuit with a battery and a resistor. The single LED will last for days, if needed!

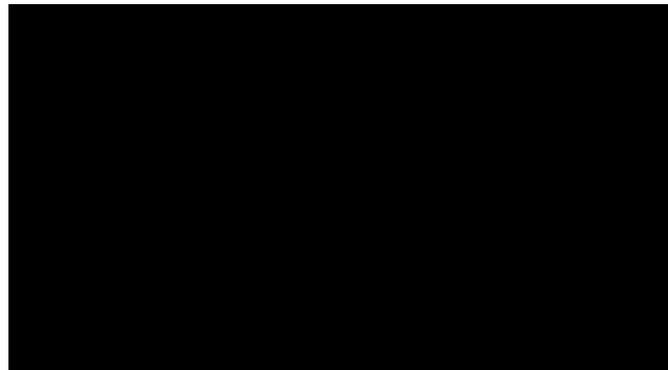
The goal was to make the buoy as inexpensively as possible. The cans were free from the High School tennis coach, and they are ballasted to float upright with a handful of gravel, held in place with some leftover door & window caulk. The LEDs and wires came from the scrap box, and the buoys were painted with cheap Home Store spray cans.

Charlie Tebbetts' big tug looked terrific with all the lights on. The lights were very bright, and really shined (pun intended) as the evening grew darker. I understand that Charlie ran his model so much that day, that he actually ran the battery out!



We may have to make Shaun Kimball an honorary "Coastie". Shaun's USCGC Goliath made yet another rescue of a stranded model-- though this time it was his first nighttime rescue!

It was a little dark to get a good picture, but here's a shot of Shaun's rescue.....



Club Elections

The November meeting is when we elect the club officers for next year. The same four people have been serving for many years-- maybe someone would like to volunteer to help fill one of the slots? It is bad enough the same people serve year after year-- but when no one steps up to fill a vacant position, that work also falls on the remaining officers.....

Editor's Notes

The WRAM Show has new sponsor! I found this press release on the AMA website:

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), in cooperation with the Westchester Radio Aero Modelers (WRAM) announced it will continue the long-standing tradition of hosting an annual East Coast hobby trade show, which will be held February 24–26, 2017, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

For 48 years, the AMA chartered WRAM Club produced and managed the ‘WRAM Show’. It has been one of the longest-running shows of its kind in the model aviation industry. “Since we are not holding a show in 2017, we are pleased that AMA has stepped in to continue with a show for model aviation enthusiasts from Maine to Virginia,” club officers stated.

The new show, AMA Expo East, will be modeled after the successful AMA Expo West, held in Ontario, California each year by the AMA. AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson said, “The Westchester Aero Radio Modelers’ Annual WRAM Show has been a staple in the modeling world for nearly 50 years. AMA is pleased to be able to carry on the WRAM tradition that benefits model aviation enthusiasts from throughout the Northeast.”

Next year’s show (2017) will include guest speakers, new activities, and other special programs. AMA Ambassador and NASA space shuttle pilot and commander Robert “Hoot” Gibson will be a one of the guest speakers. David and Sarah Oneal, hosts of the popular podcast, That Drone Show, founders of International Drone Day, and director and producer of the new documentary The Drone Invasion, will also be attending as guest speakers. The Drone Invasion will be shown during their presentation.

Providence Boat Show: The show management is excited about having us back in 2017. The show will be 3 days long-- Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. (Super Bowl Sunday.) The show ends early enough to give us plenty of time to get home before the big game that evening!

The indoor pool was a big hit at the 2016 show, so they are moving it to the center of the exhibition area. The pool will be a little larger, and we'll have a display booth area across the aisle from it. We'll have more details as we get closer to the show.

Hobby Auction in Newburyport: Bill Partridge passed this along: The Merrimac Valley Ship Model Club is holding an auction at the Unitarian Church on Pleasant Street in downtown Newburyport. The Auction is scheduled for 8am to 10 am on Saturday, November 12th. The event is open to club members and visitors alike. There will be all kinds of modeling items: kits, tools, books, plans, wood, etc... Bill says that the format is fairly informal, but they ask that anyone bringing items to sell make sure they have a written description of their items to give to the Auction Secretary at the meeting so we can keep track of the item and the owner. Bill said that the club is “....very loose on the donation (sales commission) to the host club, say 20% or so seems fair.”

Nantucket Lightship Article Published: My article on converting the Lindberg 1/96 scale model of the US Coast Guard Lightship LV-112 “NANTUCKET” to RC was published in the fall issue of the Scale Ship Modelers Association of North America (SSMA-NA) Journal. I know most of our members are not SSMA members, so I'll be running my article in a future issue of the Foghorn-- probably one of the winter editions where there isn't that much else to write about. (“So, how thick is the ice on the pond?”)

2016 – 2017 Winter Schedule

(updated 25 October 2016)

DATE	EVENT
Saturday, October 15 2 – 7pm	Club Picnic and Day/Night Run at Memorial Beach Park in Sharon. Rain date is Sunday.
<i>Saturday, November 12 8-10am</i>	<i>Merrimac Valley Ship Model Club Auction, Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA</i>
Sunday, November 13 1-4 pm	Indoor Meeting, Swap Meet at Frost Village Farm Condominium in Sudbury, MA.
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Friday-Sunday, February 3-5	Providence Boat Show, Rhode Island Convention Center
<i>Friday-Sunday, February 24-26</i>	<i>AMA Expo East (Formerly the WRAM Show), Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, NJ</i>

Note: Items in *purple italics* are not club-sponsored events- they are listed here because we felt they may be of interest to our members and friends.

Check the club website for the latest version: www.marinemodelers.org