

THE FOGHORN

***Newsletter of the Marine Modelers Club
of New England***

2014-- Our 25th Year!!

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Upcoming Meetings

Saturday, October 4, 3pm – 7pm. Our annual day/night run, at the Memorial Park beach at Lake Massapoag in Sharon. Note that this event is at the big park/swim beach at the North end of the lake. Last year we had a great day for it— some of the docks were still in the water, making for a nice harbor with multiple exits. You’ve got plenty of time to test out your model’s lighting and get it ready!

Sunday, October 19, 10-3pm. Fun Float at Memorial Park beach at Lake Massapoag in Sharon. This is our last planned on-the-water event for the year. This is a new event for us last year— we added it because the fall weather is often nice, and we didn’t want to end the boating season on the first weekend in October. Last year we had a good day—hopefully we will again this year!

Sunday, November 9, 1-4 pm. Indoor meeting at the UCC Church Hall in Medfield. Agenda for this meeting is still being worked out, but we know that we’ll need to elect new officers for 2014, and we’ll certainly have a Show-and-Tell!

Reminder: The November meeting has one important piece of business to attend to—the election of club officers for 2015. It seems like the same people do the jobs year after year— maybe someone else would like to step up and help? If you’re interested, or just have questions, just contact any of the current Officers.

Sunday, December 7, 11am -1:30 pm. Our annual Holiday Brunch. We’ll be at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA.

September Picnic Report

Saturday, September 14th was a lovely day—bright and sunny, with a high that hit the mid 70s. For the third straight year, we held a Cookout and Potluck picnic at the Wayland Town Swim Beach. We were there with the Charles River RCers, who were holding a two-day Float Fly In.

Turnout was light this year—a lot of members couldn't make it for a lot of reasons. In attendance were: Bob and Johanna Okerholm, Bill Michaels, Ed Arini, Shaun Kimball, Ed and Linda Arini, and Chris Thiry.

The wind was light in the morning, but strengthened as the day wore on. By noon time it was 10-15 knots, and the smaller RC planes were getting blown about a bit—there were some exciting landing. The full size rescue boat was called out several times. We only had one rescue— Bill Michaels's Springer pushed a stalled plane back in on the calmer morning seas.

After lunch, the flying tapered off, as the wind had gotten stronger. Shaun, Bob, and Bill all took their tugs out for a bouncy ride—all three models handled the seas quite well.



Above Left: Lunch time! Above Right: Bob Okerholm's tug handling the rough seas.
Below: Bill Michaels' Springer and Shaun Kimball's Goliath at sea.



Editor's Notes

New member: First off, I want to welcome a new member: **Mike Maynard**. I asked him to send me a little info, and here's what he provided:

I'm a long time Rhode Island resident, retired, and had an interest in models of all types since I was about 6 years of age. Built my first R/C boat model in 1970, (and had no idea what I was doing, it was a long learning curve). Other R/C builds include wood kits, and a few scratch builds as well. I got out of the radio control facet of the hobby about 14 years ago when I sold off the bulk of my "fleet". These days I build a variety of kits, (both plastic and resin), and operate a backyard garden railway.

I still dabble in r/c sized ship models but they're built as static displays and like my operating boats, most are US Coast Guard prototypes. These days I'm involved with the Coast Guard Heritage Museum on Cape Cod and have a number of my models on display. I've provided some photos of my work for your inspection.



Mike Maynard's Dumas USCG Forty foot utility boat, Point Judith's 40494 (his first r/c model).



Mike's USCGC CAMPBELL, 1:48 scale, scratch built as an R/C model, in its new "homeport" at the USCG Heritage museum, Barnstable Massachusetts.

Laser Cut Hull Kits: I found another little model boat vendor this month while poking about the internet.

MR Aerodesign is based in Quebec, and features an interesting line of laser cut aircraft and boat kits. Run by Martin Rousseau, they've been around since 2001. Just do a web search for **MR Aerodesign** and you'll find them, or you can use this link:

<https://mraerodesign.securicom.ca/en/products/index.cfm?RubriqueID=26>

There is an interesting range of subjects, both sail and power. Hulls range in size from a 33" tug, to a 74" tug, to a 107" long America's Cup Defender from the 1920s. These are not full kits, just the laser cut parts to build a hull. One interesting subject is the 85' steel tug—a shape that most of us would recognize as the venerable Lindberg Diesel tug. The hull parts for this class of tug are available in both 36 and 74 inch long sizes!

Membership Update

I was a little short on material for this month's newsletter, so I sent out an appeal to the membership for some help. Several people responded with some news about what they've been up to.....

Dick Shafer sent the following from his home in Wolfeboro Falls, NH:

Greetings from the north woods of New Hampshire! Sorry I haven't been able to make any meets this summer. Between honey-do list, daddy-do list, and gramps-do lists I didn't have much Dicky-do time.

I have been making slow but steady progress with my 42" 1/24 scale model of a USCG 82' cutter. Getting the hull to deck joint was a challenge as was access to the innards. I finally made a large access hatch to the engine room and built up a grooved seal all around with a 1/8" recessed gasket. This seems to work quite well. With a slight bow to the deck water just runs off. Took it in tow behind my tug "Lackawanna" and Don Speilberger's hull rode well in 12 pounds of ballast.

This encouraged me to install the engine room controls from Action Electronics (UK). After mounting the three PC boards on standoffs I put them all on one large PC board to keep them out of the bilge. I chose Action as the motor controls are programmable to drive two motors 'independently' - rudder inputs speed up one engine and slow the other. Full rudder deflection will put one forward, one reverse and it turns in its own length-- in theory.

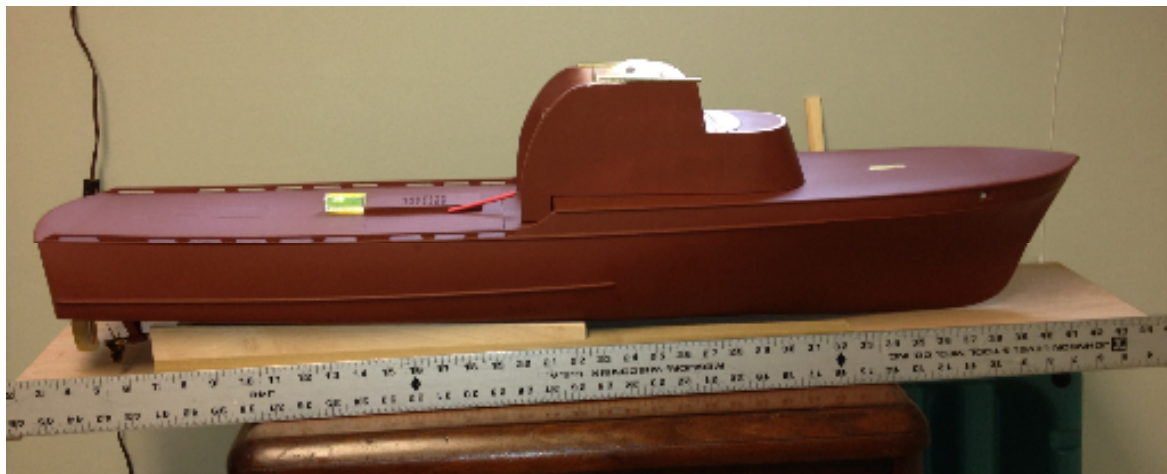
I installed everything Wednesday and headed to Crescent Lake for sea trials. Using a 12V APC backup battery (perfect size and weight) I took it for a spin. Does in fact spin like a top with one forward, one reverse. High speed turns are flat with no heeling - thanks to the 82 footer's flat bottom and deep keel.

Shakedown runs are supposed to find problems. The Mabuchi 3T motors run rough. I need to install rubber anti vibration mounts for the drive tubes - very noisy. And one jam-nut on the port shaft came loose and froze up the shaft - I had to limp back on one engine in reverse!

Learned a lot. Warning! Do NOT use red loctite on prop. It is permanent. Blue is removable. Red is not. I had forgotten this from my days as an aircraft mech in another life. Now have shafts soaking in MEK for three days to pull props and replace jam nuts.

While those soak, I'll remove everything, waterproof and paint engine room. Looking for dark grey satin finish paint for hull. Doing this in the Vietnam War configuration. Need five .50 cal machine guns. Making main gun from brass. Considering pneumatic BB gun system... JUST KIDDING!

Dick also sent a photo showing his model as it looks today.



Lou Hills sent a couple of pictures. He writes:

For those modelers interested in building a well designed test tank. Here is RC sail modeler Jim Linville with his recently refurbished tank in Hull, MA. In the other photo, we see it being put to good use with the first ballast test of my 50 inch "R B Forbes" RC scale tug.



Eric Bertelsen also sent in some news and a couple of pictures. He wrote:



I thought that it might be nice to show off a little. I was in Blue Mountain lake last week and sailed a little with my 1/96 scale USCGC MELLON and took some photos on a red sun night. It was really rough seas, but she handled well and fended the storm. You can show this if you like in the newsletter.

I am about to start on a new model of the 1/48 Coast Guard Buoy tender so I should have some photos of that soon.

OH! And I have 3 ships in New England Comics window in Malden Center till the end of October!

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2014 Events and Meeting Schedule

(Rev. 7 August 2014)

Date	Event
Sunday, March 17 1 - 4pm	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Sunday, April 27 10 am - 4 pm	Icebreaker: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, May 18 9 am- 4 pm	Warship Day: On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
Sunday, June 8 10 am - 4 pm	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Sunday, July 13 10 am - 4 pm	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Saturday, August 2	TBA
Sunday, August 17 11 am – 3 pm	On-the-water at Community Center Beach (Off Dubinsky Dr.), Lake Massapoag in Sharon, MA.
Sunday September 7 11 am - 3 pm	On-the-water: Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
Saturday Sept 21 11am - 3 pm	Float Fly-in, Fun Float and cook-out: Lake Scituate , town Swim Beach , Wayland , MA (Co-located with the Charles River RCers Floatplane Fly-In)
Saturday, October 4 3 pm - 7 pm	Day/Night run: On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, October 19 11 am — 2 pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach, Lake Massapoag at Beach Street, Sharon, MA.
Sunday, November 9 1 - 4 pm	Indoor meeting at UCC Church Hall Medfield, MA
Sunday, December 7 11 - 1 pm	Holiday brunch, at the Holiday Inn Mansfield, MA..

Visit us at www.marinemodelers.org for updates to this schedule and for directions.