

THE FOGHORN

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

2016-- Our 27th Year!!

April 2016

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, April 24, 11am -3pm: Icebreaker-- our first on-the-water event of the season, at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA.

Saturday, April 30: NorthEast Model Ship Conference, New London, CT. This is not an MMC club event, but may be of interest to the membership.

Sunday, May 15, 11am – 3 pm: On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.

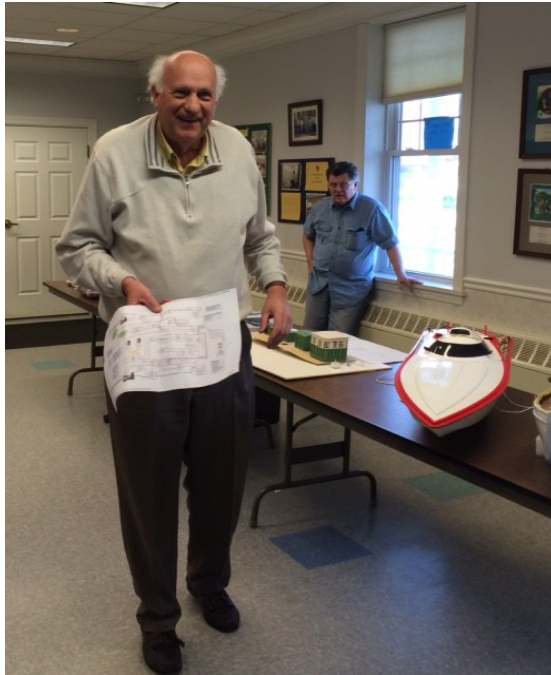
March Meeting Report

Members in attendance: Mike Hale, Gaspar LaColla, Ed and Linda Arini, Bill Michaels, Alan Beeber, Lou Hills, Harold Cohen, John Cooper, Shaun Kimball, Bob Mayo, and Larry Milo. With only 11 members present, we had a quorum and were finally able to officially complete the election of the 2016 club officers. The Club Officers for 2016 are the same as 2015, but with Mike Hale and Gaspar switching roles from last year. (Gaspar is the new Commander.)

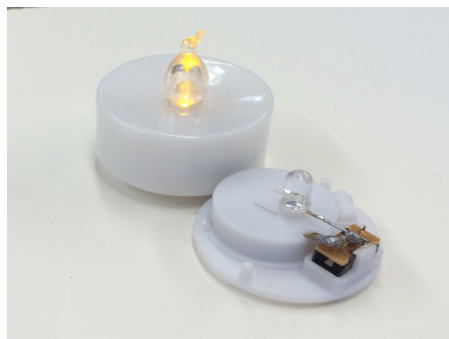
Bill Michaels and Mike Hale gave a short recap of the Providence Boat Show. The bottom line was that everyone who participated enjoyed the show, and the show organizers really enjoyed

having us there. We expect there is a very good chance we'll be invited back next year-- the organizers are already working on getting a sponsor for the pool.

Several people brought along projects for Show and Tell.....



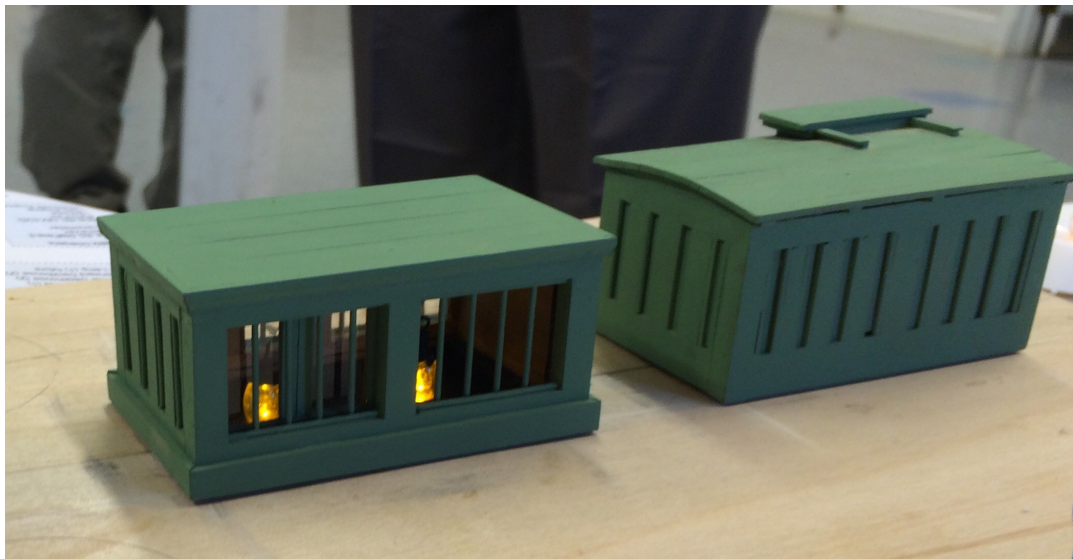
Lou Hills is still working on his 19th-century steam tug. He brought along a cabin assembly and some battery powered tea lights. These little lights are designed to look like a candle-- they and a circuit that makes the LED “flame” bulb flicker. Lou showed how mounting a disassembled light inside the cabin gave the effect of an oil-fueled lantern from the period.



Above: Lou Hills with a wiring plan.

Two candles, one partially disassembled.

Below, the light installed in the cabin.





Larry Milo brought along a neat collection of motors and other fittings, including props, shafts, and a variety of universal joints.

Larry creates all sorts of custom parts for models- if you're looking for something hard to find, you may want to give him a call....

Right: Ed Arini and Bob Mayo didn't bring anything for Show and Tell, but they did bring an appreciation for Linda's coffee and cookies! (As did your editor!)



Editor's Notes

The provisional club schedule for 2016 is attached to this edition of the Foghorn. It is also posted on the club's website. Some of the details are likely to change as the year goes on, so look for updates in the Foghorn and on the website.

Want to stay in the loop for late-breaking club news? Make sure Ed Arini has your cellphone number, in case we need to text people about a last minute change or cancellation. Don't have a cell phone? Make sure a friend knows, so he can call you at home.

I've gone to Marblehead a couple of times this winter to meet Eric Bertelsen and others at Redd's Pond. This is a nice pond, originally built for pond sailers, and now used by the Marblehead RC Sailboat club for their weekly races. We've scheduled a provisional club event at the site this July-- it could be fun to try out a new place!

I recently picked up the Dumas kit of the USCG 36 foot Motor Lifeboat. This is a 1/16 scale kit of the CG36500, the Station Chatham boat used in the famous SS Pendleton rescue in 1952. This is the story in the recent movie "The Finest Hours". The kit is pretty nice, and there has been a lot of good reviews and comments about the kit online. I'm really looking forward to starting it soon....

2016 Schedule

(updated 16 April 2016)

DATE	EVENT
Sunday, April 24 11am -3pm	Icebreaker Fun Float-- Our first on-the-water event of the season. Memorial Park Beach, Sharon.
<i>Saturday, April 30</i>	<i>Northeast Model Ship Conference, New London, CT</i>
Sunday, May 15 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA. Theme: Military/Gov't Vessel day
Sunday, June 12 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme: TBD
Sunday, July 10 10am - 2pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Parking Pass required in order to enter the park
07/24/30 03:30 PM	Fun Run at Redd's Pond, Marblehead, MA
<i>Sunday, July 24</i>	<i>Empire State Model Ship Club Regatta, Flushing, NY</i>
Saturday, August 6, 8am - 4pm	Salem Maritime Festival Static display and Noodle Tugs in the portable pool!
Sunday, August 14 11am - 3pm	On-the-water at Memorial Park Beach in Sharon, MA. Theme: TBD
<i>Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21</i>	<i>Antique and Classic Boat Show, Salem, MA</i>
<i>Sunday, August 21</i>	<i>Task Force 50 Regatta, York, PA</i>
<i>Saturday, September 10</i>	<i>Submarine Fun Run, Sub Base Groton, CT</i>
<i>Sunday, September 11</i>	<i>Patcon 2016 Scale Model Show, Hudson, MA</i>
Saturday, September 25 11am -3pm	On-the-water event at Silver Lake in Wilmington, MA.
<i>Saturday, October 01</i>	<i>Yankee Steam Up, East Greenwich, RI</i>
<i>Friday-Sunday, October 7-9</i>	<i>1/96 scale Fleet Run, Rocky Mount NC.</i>
Sunday, October 15 2 – 7pm	Club Picnic and Day/Night Run at Memorial Beach Park in Sharon. Rain date is Sunday.
Sunday, November 13 1-4 pm	Indoor Meet, Election of Officers, Program TBD, at UCC Church Hall in Medfield, MA.
Sunday, December 4, 12-4pm	Holiday Dinner

Note: Items in *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