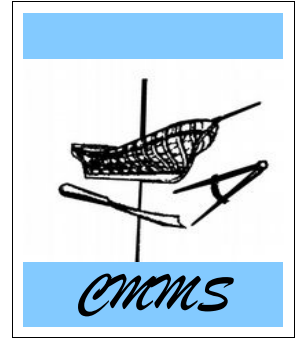


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## THE 32<sup>ND</sup> N.E. JOINT CLUBS CONFERENCE

### DEADEYES, DAVITS, AND "DUFF-ISMS"

What a great boat show! Our club did an outstanding job in planning, organizing and running this event, and I want to thank everyone for an excellent job.

We have received many accolades for our efforts, from 'great job in organizing it', great food, fantastic speaker. Our members also garnered 6 of the 8 available trophies this year-WOW! Peter took the Jim Roberts award plus best in the sail division with his Emma C. Berry, and Ron took best of show with his HMS Ardent. Jack, Bill and Duff also won awards. Keep up the excellent work.

Our April meeting, at the Custom House, was our final planning meeting for the show and therefore there is not much to report, except the results above speak for themselves.

I will close with two thoughts:

1. It is real pleasure for me to be associated with such a great group of kindred spirits, whose volunteerism, craftsmanship and camaraderie inspire me daily; and
2. Keep on building; you are getting better with every model.

**Duff**

To all: As most of you are aware, this will be my last publication of the CMMS NEWSLETTER. I turn it over to Ron with the May issue. I started in January, 2009 and am "retiring" with this, my 65<sup>th</sup> edition. It has been my pleasure and I thank all those who assisted me and made it possible. And what a way to go out. What an outstanding job we all did to get this Conference together. So, let's all continue to make sawdust and enjoy this wonderful hobby. I started on my 2015 Conference model already. And Ron, anything I can do to help you in your new position—just name it!

**Bill**

## Pictures by Howard Williams



The Conference Venue in full swing!

**Pete, Justin and Helene Miller at  
the registration Desk.**

*Thanks Helene for Lending a hand!*

**We wish the USSCSMG all the  
best on hosting the 33<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Northeast Joint Clubs  
Conference**

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**



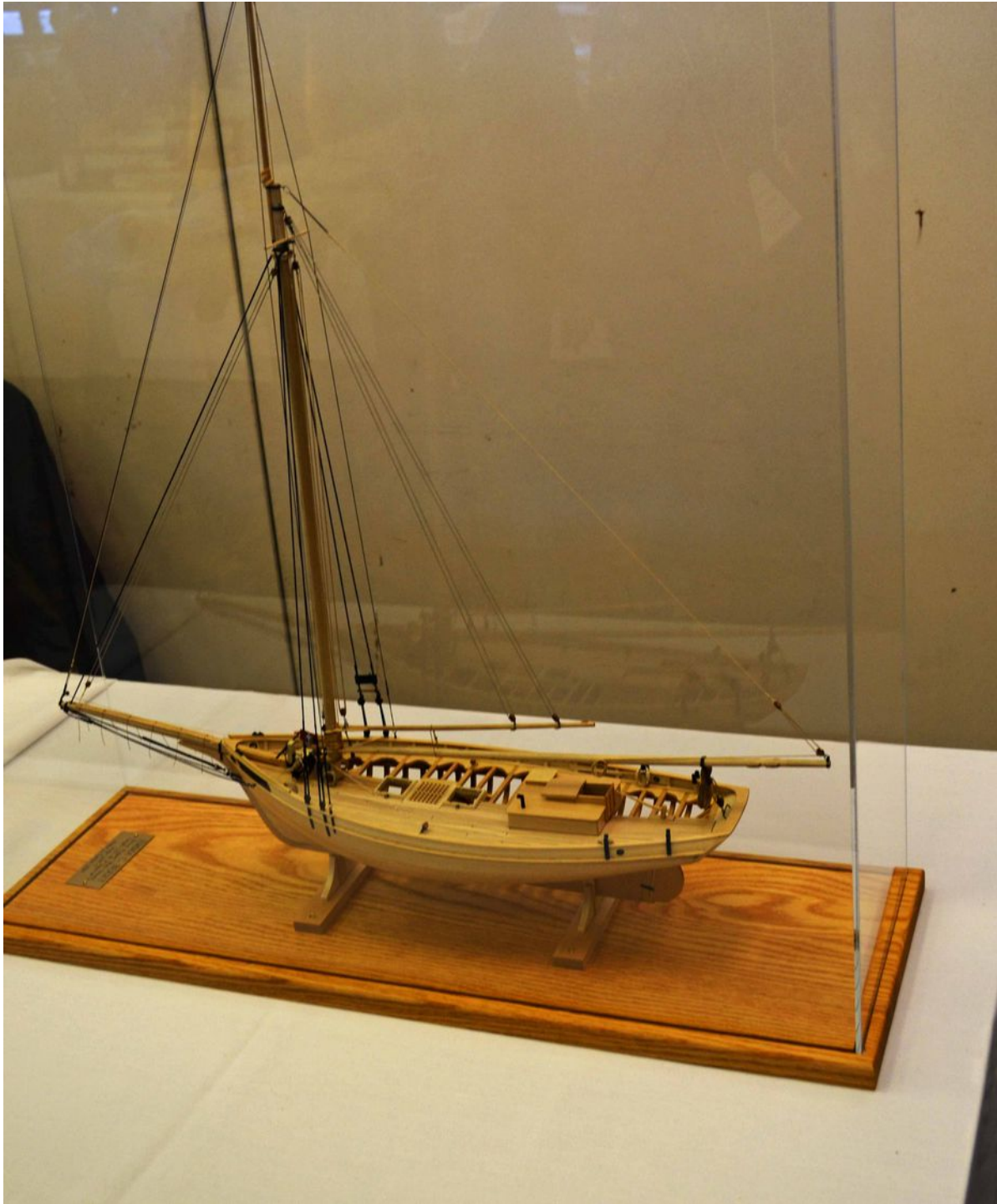
"Is that spelled with a "K" or a "C"?"

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**THE 2014 JIM ROBERT'S AWARD**

**Peter Carlin, CMMS**

***Emma C. Berry, Noank Smack (Mystic) (Scale 3/8" = 1' 0")***



"They finally "tied the knot" and made it, after a six year romance! Congratulations Pete!"

# THE CMMS 32<sup>ND</sup> NE JOINT CLUBS CONFERENCE PHOTO GALLERY

## THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: BEST IN SHOW

Ron Neilson, CMMS  
British Third Rate *HMS Ardent*, 1764 (Scale 3/16" = 1' 0")



The Plaque says it all! Second year in a row. Actually the plinth came in 1<sup>st</sup> with Ardent a close 2<sup>nd</sup> but after much consideration the judge ruled for the people and decided a plinth's duty is to share any accolades received with their assigned ship model. Congratulations Ron! Nine months of building! Way too much time, Ron. Speed it up a little, will you!



*The Plinth* A Neilson/Griffith Production. Coming soon to a model near you!

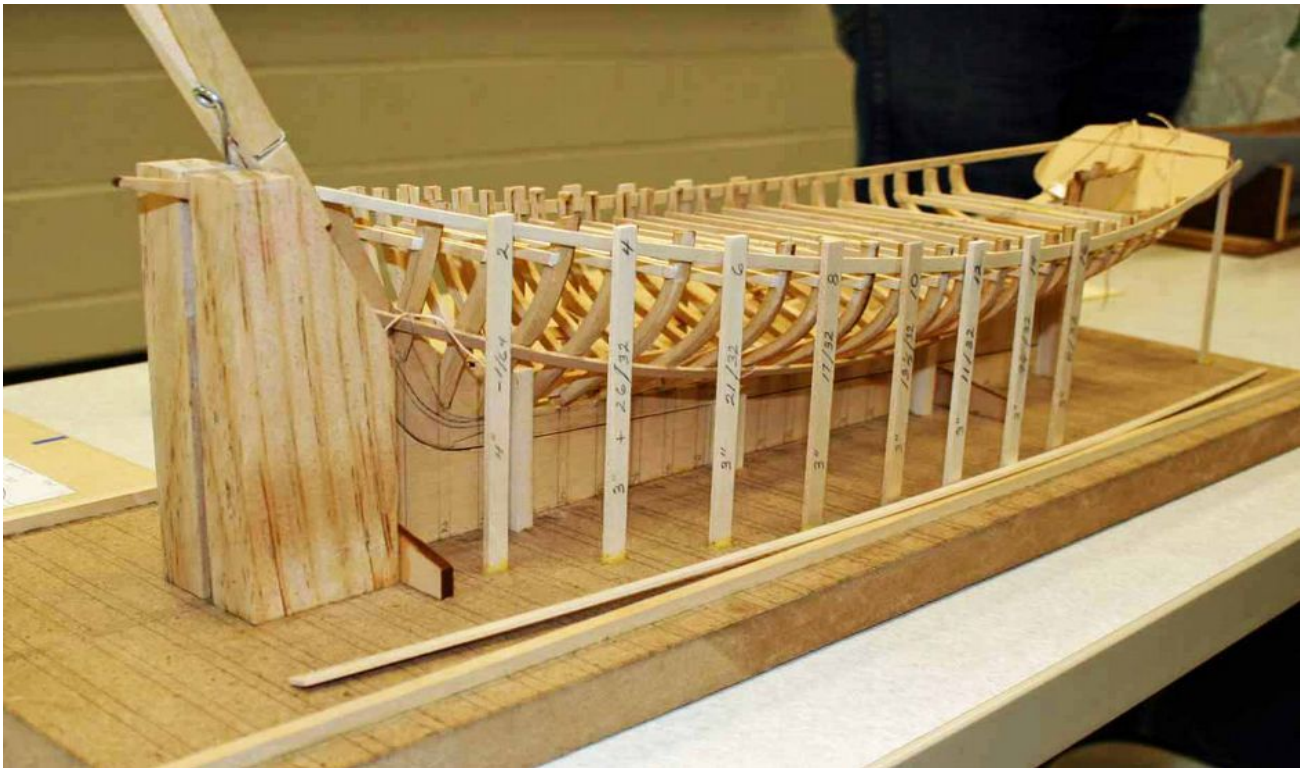
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**THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Place,**

**Wind Powered Division**

**Peter Carlin, CMMS**

***Emma C. Berry, Noank Smack (Mystic)*** (Scale 3/8" = 1' 0")



I went back and found one of *EMMA's* baby pics. This is September, 2009. She was cute when she was little!



*EMMA's* 30<sup>th</sup> Conference. Sort of a "coming out" party!

# THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Wind Powered Division

Richard "Duff" Griffith, CMMS

*Le Soleil Royal*, 104 Gun French Ship of the Line (Scale 1:100)



Done one Heller of a Job!

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THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Place,  
**Other Maritime Division**

Bill Strachan, CMMS

*Thomas A. Edison*, Diorama entitled "Early Morn" (Scale 1/4" = 1' 0")



About 7 AM, April 27, 1904



About 7:10 AM, April 27, 1904

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**THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place,  
Other Maritime Division**

**John E. "Jack" Dillon, CMMS**

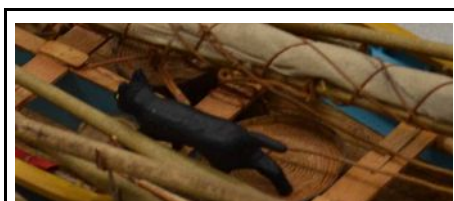
*New Bedford whaleboat, Delano Type (Scale 3/4" = 1' 0")*



I fought the Plexiglas and the Plexiglas won.



So here is the detail from the March meeting. Jack, far and away, won the cat lovers' vote!



Meow!



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**THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Place,**

**Non-Wind Powered Division**

**Oswald Thalmann, SMSNJ**

**Bismark, German Battleship (Scale: 1:200)**



Just think of it as a very hazy day at sea. Beautiful model, slight surveillance camera malfunction.



Photos courtesy of Joe Gelsimino. (Ed. Note: I take responsibility for the first photo!)

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**THE 2014 Peoples' Choice Award: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place,**

**Non-Wind Powered Division**

**Frank N. Clements, USSCSMG**

***USS Olympia, Protected Cruiser (Scale 1/16" = 1' 0")***



Photo courtesy of Joe Gelsimino.



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Bill Strachan

*Mystic's 35' 4" New Haven Sharpie, July, 2005 (Scale 3/8" = 1' 0")*



John Elwood

*Sampson Barge No. 2, Islander, and C.R. Lamb (Scale 1/87)*



A Special Thanks to John for coordinating our Venders.

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**Fred Kerson**  
**US Brig Niagara (Scale 3/16" = 1' 0")**



**Justin Camarata**  
**Puritan & Genesta, 1885 (Scale 3/32" = 1' 0")**



“Make ready the jib topsails”

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**Dave Dinan**  
**USS Barb (SS-220) (Scale 1/350)**



**Tom Kane**  
**Whaleboat and Tug**



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Howard Williams

**Geo. W. Wasburn, Hudson River Tug, Lehigh Valley RR Barge (Scale 1/4" = 1' 0")**



Dave Morris

**"Coke Bottle" Steam Engine and USS Essex Figurehead**



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**Bob Siegler**

***Hannah*, Colonial Schooner (Scale 1/4" = 1' 0")**



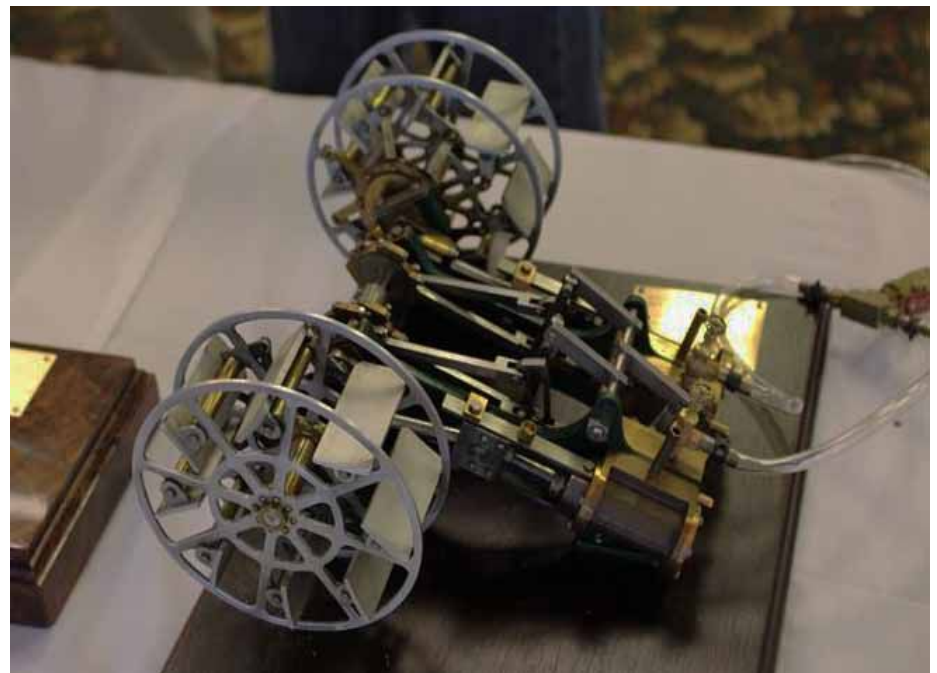
Bob's *Hannah* from Harold Hahn's plans is coming along nicely!

**David R. Williams**  
**Steam Engines x 2**



Compound Engine

**Photos courtesy of Joe Gelsimino.**



Paddle Wheel Engine

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Bob Poulin

*Oliver Cromwell, 1777, Philadelphia Privateer (Scale 1/4" = 1' 0")*



**A Special Thanks to Bob and all his efforts on behalf of our Club in handling the Awards: from the award plaques to the vote tabulations, and to the Emcee duties and the Awards Presentation Ceremony. It is my understanding, that if the CBS and Stephen Colbert agreement to replace David Letterman falls through, the job is his!**



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Ed Petrucci

*Orland, Dutch Royal Yacht (Scale 1/4" = 1' 0") and Phantom*



Ed, I've really enjoyed covering your builds in the Newsletter. You have taught me a lot about how to properly approach and enjoy this hobby. Your Dutch Yacht, to me, gets my vote for Best Model of the Rest of the Best.

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Charles Andrewson

*21' English Pinnace, 1757 (Scale 1/24)*



I almost missed Charlie, but thanks to John Adriani's search vessel, his pinnace was located in the end.

Ron Neilson

*Confederacy, 36-gun Frigate (Scale 3/16" = 1' 0")*



**A Special Thanks to Ron for getting the word out to the Public.**

**A Public Relations guru if there ever was one!**

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**John Adriani**  
**It seemed like the entire US Navy)**



**Wait, there is a few more!**



Can you find the location of the following in John's Fleet: USS Forrestal, USS Nautilus, USS Lionfish/Uss Bailfish, USS Yorktown, Cutty Sark, Uss Fletcher, and USS Brough? Seems like a lot of "fire power" to take out one 250 year old 21' unarmed English Pinnace.

### We Thank all our Venders and Supporters but....



...we reserve a special place for Nic and Evan!



Back Row (L to R): Joe Gelsimino, Tom Kane, Dave Dinan, Bob Siegler, Richard "Duff" Griffith, Jack Dillon, and Charlie Andrewson.....

Middle Row (L to R): Dick DeWick, Philip Crombie, Ed Petrucci, Fred Kerson, John Adriani, Ron Neilson, Bill Bernhart, David Williams, and Dave Morris....

Front Row (L to R): Bob Poulin, Bill Strachan, Howard Williams, Pete Carlin, and John Elwood

**Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month,  
September thru June, 10:00 AM to Noon**

*At the University of New Haven*

*300 Orange Ave, West Haven, CT 06531*

*In Kaplan Hall, Room 207.*

**Next Meeting: May 10, 2014**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Strachan

May 2, 2014

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