

# Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The September meeting of the HRSMS was held at Bill Fox's office at JJMA in Newport News on Friday the ninth. Six members and guests Gary Thimsen, Alan Frazer, and Bill Johnson attended on this stormy evening.

The meeting was called to order by Skipper Bill Clarke at 2034. There was little in way of either new or old business. Guest Alan Frazer passed around an announcement for Lloyd McCaffery's new book Ships in Miniature: A New Manual for Modelmaking. After a brief discussion of our August cruise aboard Paul Brindza's CHRISTEL, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 2034.

Several models were brought by members and guests and were shown and discussed. Guest Gary Thimsen displayed his 79-inch RC schooner, brought from Elizabeth City, NC, in a special crate on his pickup. This impressive piece of work is the prototype for a full-size boat that he hopes to build for charter cruising. Alan Frazer's contribution was his boyhood half model of a Coast Guard patrol vessel built from Popular Science plan, and mounted in a shadow box display case built by his father. This model shows great skill for a first-time builder of fifteen, and was a harbinger of things to follow from Alan in later years. Paris Aiken and John Cheevers brought the models of the VPA's WILLIAM A. GRAVES and twin-screw VIRGINIA. Bill Johnson's polite comment was that they looked fine but were behind schedule and needed additional effort. These are truly excellent works, and are looking better each time we see them.

The October meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Tom Hesse, 78 Columbia Avenue, Hampton (722-8853) on Friday the 14th at 2000. Plan to attend, and bring something to show and tell about.

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