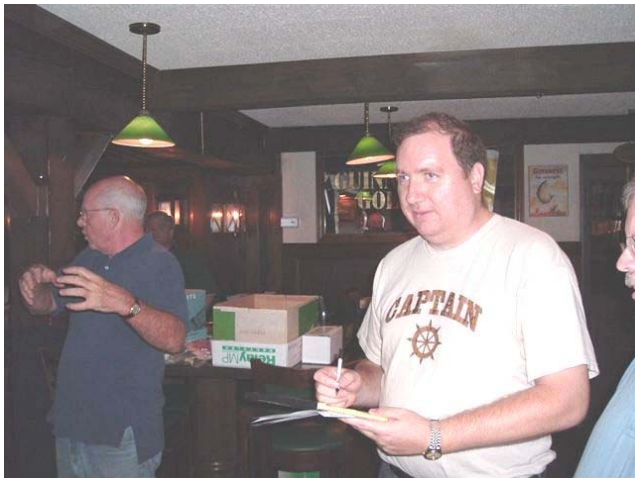


## Skipper's Corner

### **WSMS Returns to Bethesda Naval Medical Center**

*By Charles Huet  
WSMS Skipper*

I am happy to report that the WSMS auction was a big success. If you weren't able to attend, you missed a chance to pick up some bargains and have a great time with your fellow modelers. The Venue was the Old Brogue pub in Great Falls. The food was good, the beer plentiful and the staff took very good care of us. I would like to thank all the members who made the auction possible.



The bridge is still working on a permanent meeting place in Maryland and planning some field trips. We will give details once things are finalized.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. We will be showing some photograph collections of ship model museums.

**Next Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8, 2004  
At 8 P.M.  
At  
Bethesda Naval Medical Center**

At this meeting we will be discussing various model collections that members have visited. Several members will be presenting slides of the collections with a discussion of their contents..

Bethesda Naval Medical Center is located on left side of Wisconsin Boulevard approximately one mile inside of the beltway. It is across the street from the National Institutes of Health. After going through the guard gate, take the first right and proceed to the first street on your left. Turn left and make an immediate right into the outpatient garage. Proceed to the second floor, and take the skyway to the hospital. A member will meet you as you enter.

Please be sure to bring your parking pass or military ID, and that all persons in your vehicle have photo identification. Vehicles may be searched by the Marine Guard contingent before entering the grounds, so try to leave extra time before the meeting.

If you have neither a parking pass or military ID, please send me an email at [Vincent.mccullough@ngc.com](mailto:Vincent.mccullough@ngc.com), or leave me a message on my cell phone at 703-217-6192 and I will have you added to the access list.

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## Steel Navy Meeting

The Steel Navy special interest group meets the last Saturday of the month in one of the members' homes. The group focuses largely on post-*Monitor* powered ships, with particular interest in steel hulled warships, though merchants and passenger liners are also fair game. Models may be wood, plastic, resin, card stock, metal or "virtual" (i.e., computer generated). Discussions of models, modeling techniques, research and reference material are always lively, with virtually everyone taking home some new ideas to use on their own models

Due to the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, we will not be holding meetings in November or December. We will return again in January.

Photo # NH 51126 USS L-3 running trials off Provincetown, Massachusetts



**USS L-3 Running trials off Provincetown, Massachusetts, September 1915. *US Naval Historical Center photograph***