

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, we held a Modeler's Symposium in Denver, CO hosted by the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights Club with thirty-two Denver area modelers participating.



At 8:30 A.M. Ed Quam, Commodore of the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights called the club's monthly meeting to order, announced two upcoming club events and then turned the day over to the NRG. NRG Director and Symposium Coordinator, Kurt Van Dahm then welcomed the group on behalf of the NRG and announced the first of day's speakers. (More photos below.)



The morning presentations were Sharpening of Slotting Blades for Wood Cutting by Chairman Lloyd Warner ...



Next was Kurt Van Dahm with Molding Plastics in the Home Shop.



The last presentation before lunch was Planking the Deck by Director Dan Pariser.



A great lunch, catered by Rocky Mountain Shipwright member Norm Seidel, featured sandwiches of Beef Brisket or grilled Chicken breast, salads and some outstanding cookies to wrap up the meal.



The afternoon started with Dan Pariser's presentation on Grates and Coamings ...



... followed by Sharpening Tools by Director Mitch Michelson.



The day concluded with the presentation by Kurt Van Dahm on Silver Soldering.

There were a lot of questions and comments during and following the presentations and the breaks between speakers gave everybody a chance to get to know one another. A great part of the spring Modeler's Symposiums is the opportunity the Directors have to meet and talk with NRG members and non-member modelers.

Director Mickey Martelle staffed the sales table and sold a bunch of copies of Shop Notes 2 as well as a few of the original as well as the usual hats and other goodies. Several prospective members left with membership applications and a recent back issue of the Journal to give them the incentive to sign on.

We were very happy with the reception we received, the interest shown in the presentations and that we ended the day without anybody leaving early. We enjoyed the time we were able to spend with the Denver area modelers and the members of the Rocky Mountain Shipwrights.

We are always looking for suggestions for locations for future NRG Modeler's Symposiums. Contact Kurt Van Dahm with suggestions of locations – kurt@modelshipyard.com .