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CWRUbotix Presentation

At our February meeting CABBS members were treated to a fascinating presentation by Amitan Bar-Evan, president of Case Western Reserve University's robotics club, accompanied by team member Kiran Doh.

The CWRU engineering students—electrical, mechanical and computer—design and build robots for a variety of robotics competitions. They engage with the local STEM community and provide a learning environment for students interested in robotics, regardless of prior experience with a focus on teaching members technical skills such as CAD modeling, circuit design, programming, and manufacturing.

CABBS got an up-close look at "Scuba Dooba Tuba: Electric Beluga," a robot CWRUbotix deployed at the 2025 MATE ROV Competition World Championship in Alpena, MI. The robot was designed to manipulate and carefully place objects underwater. The CWRUbotix team took first place in the Explorer category out of 29 teams.

The MATE ROV Competition is an international competition hosted by the Marine Advanced Technology Education center in which teams design an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) capable of performing a variety of water-related tasks.



Celebrating Our 58th Year!



CABBS FIELD TRIP TO TOLEDO

Following up on last year's field trip to the Buffalo Maritime Center, twenty-two CABBS members and family decided to carpool to the National Maritime Museum of the Great Lakes in Toledo on February 22. These day trips are popular events.

Located on the Maumee River, the museum building was originally intended to ferry passengers on river excursions. When that proved unfeasible, the Great Lakes Historical Society in Vermilion saw an opportunity to expand and rename itself. The history of the Great Lakes is told in fascinating displays of exhibits and stories. The museum also offers dockside tours of a 617' freighter, the *Col. James M. Schoonmaker*, and the 1903 era tug, *Ohio*.

CABBS contributed to a recent exhibit titled *Frozen in Time*. John Bailey's Cape Cod Frosty was displayed as a tribute to the hearty souls who launched these light, 6' dinghies and raced all winter when the larger boats were in storage.

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In a different manner, but also apropos of the exhibit title was the CABBS built Wischmeyer pram. A few years ago Ed Neal discovered that Henry Wischmeyer, a Bay Village hobbyist naval architect who died in 1958 produced several full scale design plans that were never built. Frozen in time, Ed decided to bring one to life and the 9' *Little Henry* was built and launched on what would have been the 151st birthday of Henry Wischmeyer.

We enjoyed these and other exhibits. Lunch, too, in the museum cafeteria. There was also an outdoor ice skating rink right next door to the museum getting good use. Notice a theme here? It wasn't too cold, but we didn't have time to skate. Maybe next time.

—Lou Brodnik





MARCH WORKSHOP

BASICS OF SEWING

Instructor: Ernie Michaud

March 21, 9:00–11:30 AM

Learn the capabilities of the CABBS sewing machine and basic sewing techniques so you can complete your own projects at the shop. Bring an item for repair and hands on learning.

APRIL WORKSHOP

TRAILER MAINTENANCE

Instructor: Paul Jira

April 18, 9:00–11:30 AM

Keep your trailer in good order with this class, as the focus is on tires, bearings, wiring and lights.



SUSAN TAFT, CANOE BUILDER

Meeting Presentation, March 8, 1:30 PM

Susan Taft will discuss the considerations involved when using boat design CAD software to design a hand-powered watercraft, specifically a canoe or kayak. She will then show her process for moving from the CAD design to wood-cored composite construction using wood-strip building techniques to produce a canoe or kayak and introduce how she applied them to also build a cartop cargo carrier. A canoe and a kayak, both built using her methods, will be on display.

MAY WORKSHOP

RIGGING THE SMALL BOAT

Instructor: Ron Abate

May 9, 9:00–11:30 AM

A returning class from last year covering sailing hardware and lines to optimize your sailboat performance.

JUNE WORKSHOP

EPOXY 101 FOR BOATS

Instructor: Paul Herregesell

June 13, 9:00–11:30 AM

Learn the various applications of epoxy in boatbuilding, includes hands on work mixing and applying.



FIBERGLASS REPAIR

The FIBERGLASS REPAIR CLASS just completed four sessions on how to repair a fiberglass hull. Steve Nimrod led the class, as he has done for several years, in how to repair a through hole—including making it structurally sound, color matching to the hull and finishing to a nearly invisible repair. The participants finished the class planning their Spring repairs!



CABBS

Safety Orientation

Sunday, March 15th, 10AM
CABBS Workspace
3535 Perkins Avenue
Cleveland

Reminder to all persons interested in using the CABBS workspace—a necessary first step to becoming a qualified user of the space is to participate in the CABBS Safety Orientation.

The orientation is a free review of general shop safety practices for persons using tools, equipment and materials at CABBS. Please expect to be at the shop for about two hours.

Contact Vic Janezic via email—vjanezic@cabbs.org or by text at 216-906-0859 to let him know you will be participating.



Mug Alert!



We have recently received a report from one of our members who stated that their CABBS mug cracked and broke when they tried to make tea. Please use caution and let Paul Jira know if you experience a similar event. Just send him an email— phira@cabbs.org

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+50
\$140

CABBS treasurer, Kevin Hoy, informs us that the 50/50 raffle held at our February meeting took in \$140. Be sure to bring your bills to the March meeting for another raffle. It might be your lucky day!



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SHOPBOT WORKSHOP

The first LEARNING WORKSHOP of 2026 was held on February 7th to learn how to use the ShopBot CNC machine. We had 15 people turnout and Dave Wagner led the group through creating a cutting file to make a part and the setup of the ShopBot to incorporate the cutting file and the characteristics of the material being used. The ShopBot has a wide range of capabilities so there are numerous setup parameters, but Dave provided a written handout, with screen shots, that detailed the complete process.

NAME THAT THING OVER THERE

bays?
stations?
slips?

It's nothing serious, but recent controversy has disrupted the general esprit de corps that we have come to appreciate as the "CABBS way."

It seems we disagree over the name for the work spaces available to members for their projects.

Are they *bays*, *stations*, *slips*, or something else?

Does it help to put "work" in front of any one of those terms? What are they, and what do we call them? Presently we all use different terms.

A *slip* is a good nautical term, but generally applies to assigned dockage at a marina. It's watery, but so are we. The land term used by auto garages for their similar work is *bay*. *Station* and *space* are not very specific. We are fortunate to have this issue as our most divisive, because it's nothing to speak of, yet speak we must. So what will it be?

We have tentative plans for a fundraiser sometime later this year (date to be determined). CABBS board member Tom Lix has offered the venue of Cleveland Whiskey and may include a tour of the facility, There will be a chili cook-off and attendees will vote for their favorite dish. Perhaps we can make a game out of "Name That Thing Over There" and raise money for the organization in the process. As with all controversy, your hard opinions will cost you. In this case however, it will all be in good fun and the money goes to CABBS.

Stay tuned for more information on the coming fund raiser.

—Lou Brodник