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ST 477 Lives Again...

.....Well, Sort Of!

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Yesterday I received a phone call from Harold Bradeen, the current President of the DeLand Naval Air Station Museum who let me know that a long-awaited special project was finished: it's a *huge* model of DeLand U S. Army tugboat ST 477 commissioned by DNASM member Ed Carson and built by Robert McCray.



A completed Army tug boat on Lake Beresford



WW2 photo of ST 477

The model is just wonderful, and I'm certain we will be checking it out carefully as we finish up the real thing down

the road a bit. It's a Design 327 boat: 18 of these were made at Beresford in WW2 and 3 more were finished up by the Olson Corporation in 1946 when the WW2 contract was ended for AMC. I've checked it out thoroughly and it seems very accurate to the design. It was built using original plans for this tugboat. The model is about three feet long, and is currently on display in the DNASM Annex across from the DeLand Airport Restaurant. Ed tells me it will be on display going forward at different venues. Check delandnavalairstation.org for hours of operation *but by all means check it out!* Many thanks to Ed Carson & Bob McCray at the DNASM.

