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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING July 25, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:30 PM with 29 members in attendance.

The members were asked for comments and or corrections to the July Broadaxe. There being none, the July 2006 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Tom Ruggiero reported on the South Amboy Library Exhibit which will run through the end of August. Tom Ruggiero will be presenting a discussion on scratch building techniques and Tom McGowan will be discussing kit models at the Library on August 14, 2006 from 7 to 9 PM. If you would like to participate in this live discussion, please contact either Tom Ruggiero or Tom McGowan prior to August 14th. **Ed Hegstetter** advised the members that the Library is still looking for additional cased models to display. Ed indicated that the library could accommodate up to 5 additional large models (up to 36" long) or 10 smaller cased models. Ed also said that a representative of Cablevision expressed an interest in doing a story on the show.

Mason Logie, Jr. advised the members that the planned harbor tour on the NYC Fireboat *Harvey* would have to be cancelled. Mason was told that there would be too many people present on August 26th and that they would not be able to accommodate our group. Mason indicated that as an alternative, he could perhaps present a tour of Sandy Hook State Park after the close of the summer season. Jeff Fuglestad thanked Mason for all of the time he has spent trying to arrange the *Harvey* trip.

Jeff Fuglestad asked for a show of hands of members planning to attend the South Street Seaport show. Several members present indicated they would be attending.

A brief discussion followed regarding the Club's brochure. Jeff Fuglestad asked the members if the brochure should be changed and updated. Some of the members suggested a tri-fold brochure, a color brochure and postcards as a replacement to our handout. After some discussion on the various suggestions, it was decided to stay with the current black and white generic handout. **Bob Fivehouse** offered to update the handout and provide a sample to the membership by the September meeting.

Ozzie Thalmann circulated a list of ship model kits that were for sale at cost by a modeler Ozzie met at the recent Manitowac show.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Tony Vouvalides brought in a book, "The Sloops of the Hudson River" written by Paul Fontenoy and published by Mystic Seaport in 1994. The book provides a history of the development of Hudson River sloops. The book includes line drawings taken from half hulls and also includes a chapter on the modern sloop *Clearwater*. It is an excellent reference on this type of vessel.

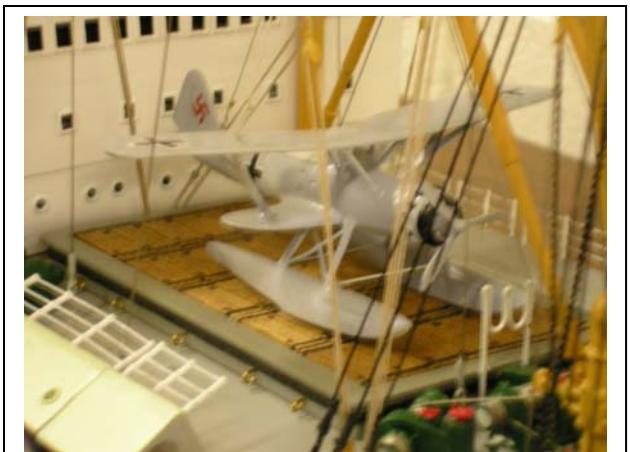


SHOW AND TELL

Don Otis brought in his work in progress of the British warship *Royal William* built in 1719. Don will be building the model as the ship appeared in 1759 when the *Royal William* was the command ship at the battle of Quebec where the British victory over the French confirmed British control of Canada. The ship was originally built as a 104 gun subsequently cut down to an 84 gun ship. The hull is complete and the ship's 5 boats are nearing completion. Mastling, rigging and sails are next and should require another year of work.



Henry Schaefer brought in his completed model of the German Raider, *Atlantis*, built in 1938. Henry's model is in 1:100 scale, making it 60" long. The hull, plans and most of the fittings were purchased from John Haynes in England. The hull is fiberglass. All of the deck structures are scratch built. Henry has portrayed the *Atlantis* in one of her camouflage schemes as she mimicked the Norwegian freighter *Kurt Nielsen*. Henry built the port side of the ship as she would be seen by an unsuspecting merchant ship; the starboard side displays her "teeth", ready for action with her deck guns uncovered, gun ports open and torpedo tubes ready to fire. Henry also cut out a section of the hull to display the mine storage area. The model has working navigation and cargo deck lights as well as lights in the exposed compartments. Henry also demonstrated how he can reverse the color of the navigation lights port and starboard just as the *Atlantis* did at night to confuse other ships as to her direction.



Bob Fivehouse brought in his work in progress of the SS *Minneapolis* built in 1900. Bob started the model about 6 years ago. The ship was built by Harland and Wolff for the Atlantic Transport Line. She is a "shelter deck" ship with open holds fore and aft. Bob explained that these open areas were not considered as part of the structural area of the ship and therefore excluded from gross tonnage calculations. In addition to cargo, the ship would also carry up to 300 first class passengers. The model is in 1:192 scale with a sugar pine hull consisting of hollowed-out lifts. The hull has been sealed with diluted Elmer's glue. Bob explained that he used this type of sealer as he plans to put on the steel plating on the hull using tracing vellum to simulate the plates and wanted a good base for the tracing vellum. Bob said he likes to use tracing vellum because it is strong for its thickness and can be sanded.



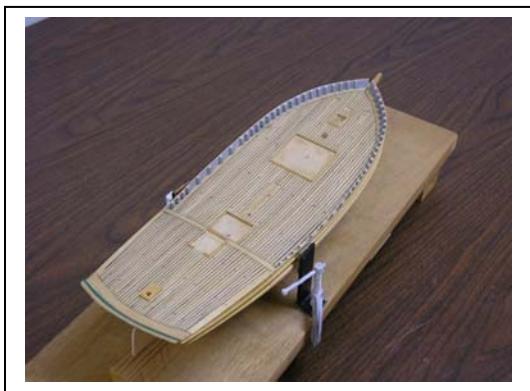
Len Schwalm had a 1:72 scale Revelle kit of a Type 7C U-Boat which he is making for a friend. Len is making it as U-482. He explained how he made his own insignia of a green frog with a golden crown on the conning tower. Using dry pastels, Len has weathered the hull quite nicely.



Mason Logie showed us his progress on the T23 German torpedo boat which was a small destroyer built in the 1920's to get around the restrictions imposed on Germany by the Versailles Treaty. Mason has been putting on the photo-etch railings and radar which is proving to be a challenge in his 1:400 scale model. Mason also showed us a Lindberg kit of a diesel tug boat which he has yet to start. Mason explained that he wants to create a 9/11 New York Harbor diorama and will build this tug as a Moran tug.



Tony Vouvalides had an unfinished model of the Hudson River sloop *Victorine* (1848). Tony got the model from a friend who had started the model as part of a model building class run by Portia Takakjian. Tony pointed out to us that the deck was individually planked with film strips between the planks to simulate the caulking. The hull is of solid block construction.



TECH SESSION

As noted in the previous Broadaxe, **Gary Kingzett** brought in a short video of the children's story "Paddle to the Sea". For those unfamiliar with the story, it's about a young boy who carves and paints a canoe with an Indian one winter and places his finished model on the snow and allows nature to take his little boat wherever it wishes. The film followed the little canoe's trip through Lake Superior and finally to the Atlantic Ocean. If only some of our RC models were as sea worthy! Thanks, Gary.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

Although it wasn't mentioned at the meeting, updated membership rosters were available at the front table. I try to keep the club database as up to date as possible and I ask you all to let me know of any changes that should be made such as home addresses, phone numbers or email addresses.

By the time this issue of the Broadaxe is released, the South Street Seaport show will just be a fond memory. Several members indicated that they would be attending and hopefully took some pictures of the event. If you have any pictures, please email them to me so I can include them in the next issue of the Broadaxe. Thanks! I also want to thank Stan Sinowitz for sending me additional photos from the last meeting. I must have had the "yips" that night - too many of mine were blurred. Great shots, Stan!

Mike Gutsick



"Soundings From D-Deck"

GRID LOCK ALERT!!

Just a reminder to any of the members that use Route 78 to get to the Milburn Library. The Express Lanes of Route 78, both East and West are closed for construction! Hopefully, the feared traffic jams anticipated will not materialize on our meeting nights but plan accordingly. Construction will continue through this December.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

August 22, 2006 – Tom McGowan will give a demonstration of resistance soldering techniques

September 26, 2006 – Jeff Fuglestad and Tom Ruggiero will present a discussion on bread and butter hull construction and lofting techniques

October 24, 2006 – Bring a Model Night

JUST A REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July - August 2006 – Model exhibition at the South Amboy, NJ Public Library.

October 12-15, 2006 – San Diego, CA, NRG Conference

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A few more photos of our last meeting



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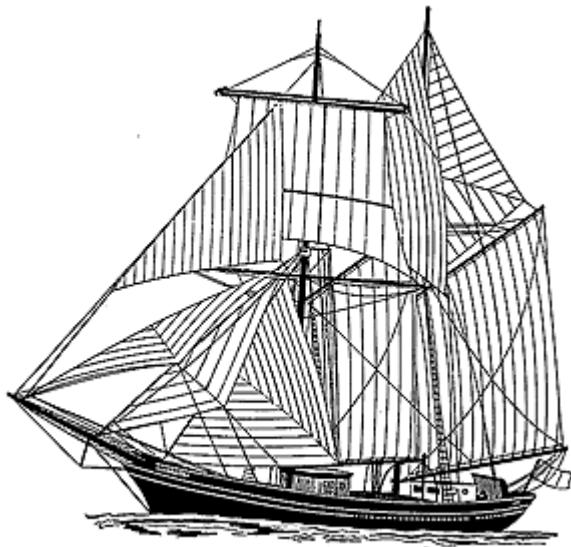
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