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MINUTES OF THE EXCOM MEETING

There was no Executive Committee Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, March 26, 2002

Bring a Model Night brought out 25 members and 4 guests. **Dave Sasher** was unanimously voted into membership. Welcome aboard **Dave**!

Visiting for the second time was **Frank Eppedio** of Basking Ridge, and for the first time we welcomed **Dennis R. Powell** of Scotch Plains.

A special guest was young **Benjamin Starace**, grandson of our President **Nick Starace**.

OLD BUSINESS

Acting Broadaxe Editor, **Dave Watkins**, will attempt to place the April Broadaxe on our website. (See **FROM THE EDITOR** below.)

Barry Rudd's April Tech Session will concern "An Alternate Method of Hull Planking".

Other Announcements:

1. We will not have a model exhibit at Fairleigh Dickenson University. The University has canceled their plans.
2. The Northeast Ship Model Conference is Saturday, May 4.
3. A club tour of the Battleship *New Jersey* could occur in May, and a model exhibit may be scheduled for October.
4. **Gary Kingzett** thanked participants and visitors to the March International Plastic Modelers Society show.
5. **Len Schwalm** mentioned an upcoming New Jersey Historical Miniatures Expo in Somerset.

6. **Jeff Fugelstad** solicited prospective buyers for two lathes being offered at bargain prices.

SHOW AND TELL

Dave Sasher: In progress, a scratch built 9th century Arab dhow in 1/2" scale.

Ken Schuetz: Completed, *Wild Goose*, a 1926 sternwheel diesel towboat with a fully detailed pilot house interior in 1/4" scale.

Don Otis: Completed, a US Navy Perry Class frigate in 1=350 scale from the Blue Water Navy kit.

Len Schwalm: In progress, a reconstruction of an unidentified solid hull kit which **Len** is constructing as the slaver *Dos Amigos*.

Benjamin Starace: A sailboat made with his father's assistance.



Frank Hanavan: A home made machine for serving the stays on sailing ship models.

Barry Rudd: In progress, the Mamoli *Friesland* with hull planking now complete in 1=75 scale.

Tom McGowan: In progress, the Bluejacket plank on frame revenue cutter *Benjamin Davis* with hull finished and ready to rig.

Ernest Conner: Entertained us with a superbly detailed plastic airplane model, the Panavici kit of a British Toronado jet fighter. **Ernie's** model shows the rivets. It also has working lights, an authentic jet sound, a completed cockpit with a canopy that opens and closes and an engine that projects heat out the jet exhaust. This wonderful model is in 1/32" scale.

BRING A PROBLEM

Gary Kingzett sought information about pintles and gudgeons he will be placing on the ships' boats he is making for his *USS New Jersey* BB16.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

President Nick Starace called our attention to the useful information found in the bi-monthly magazine "Sea Classics".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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Contributions to the BROADAXE are always welcome, and SMSNNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to The Editor as typed manuscript, electronic files, or on 3.5" floppy discs. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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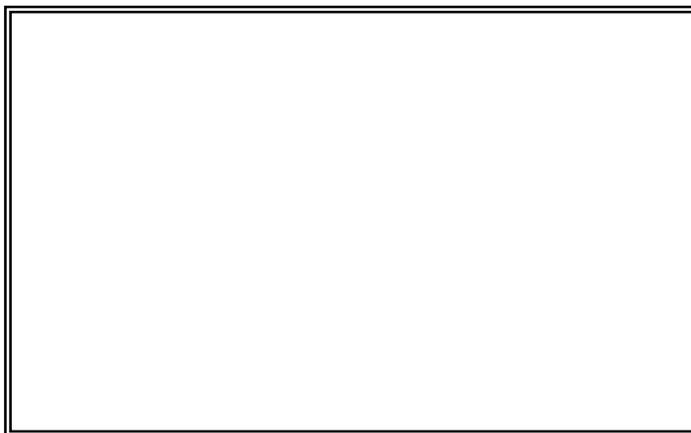
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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M, at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey.

Guests are always welcome.



FROM THE EDITOR

Broadaxe Distribution

At the last two SMSNNJ meetings there has been some discussion about distributing the Broadaxe by posting it on our website or by sending it out by E-mail, thus saving the cost of printing and postage. The current printing and postage cost is about \$80 per issue. As an experiment I put the March issue of the Broadaxe on our website in addition to

mailing it out as usual. I then sent E-mail to all of the members for which I have addresses notifying them where to find the Broadaxe and asking their opinions as to whether website posting would be a satisfactory alternative to mailing.

I received only a few replies, and they varied from supporting the idea of web posting as an alternative to mailing for members with web access, to requesting the Broadaxe be sent by E-mail, to recommending web posting in addition to mailing.

There are some advantages to web posting over E-mailing. When posted on the web, at least theoretically, any person with a browser can view it independently of his or her computer type or operating system. For example, both MAC users and PC users running either Microsoft Internet Explorer or Netscape should be able to read it. It is a much greater problem in trying to make the Broadaxe compatible with the wide variety of E-mail readers.

I would welcome further comment or opinion sent to davidwatkins@telocity.com. Perhaps we can discuss it at the next meeting.

Websites

In the March issue I promised to list some more of my favorite websites.

Robert Eddy is a professional modeler of yachts. His website at <http://www.yachtmodels.com/new-site-index.htm> contains beautiful pictures of his work along with step by step views of how he constructs his models. I recommend this site both for its esthetics and its technical content.

Since most of us live not far from Manhattan the **South Street Seaport Museum** website at

<http://www.southstseaport.org/> is probably of interest to many. It contains basic information about hours, exhibits, how to get there as well as descriptions of the several ships that it has on display.

The ShipModelers-Forum website located at <http://www.shipmodelers-forum.net/> provides a variety of interesting pages including a gallery of completed models, articles on construction of various models as well as links to a large number of vendors that you might find useful.

The **Fine Art Models** website can be found at <http://www.fineartmodels.com/>. It is similar to the Robert Eddy site, but it has trains, cars and airplanes as well as ships. There are very beautiful photographic close-ups of some of the models that they have produced. The page loads probably will be pretty slow with a 56K modem, but try one. You may well find it worth the wait.

That's all for now. There are few more on my list that I will try to get to in the next issue



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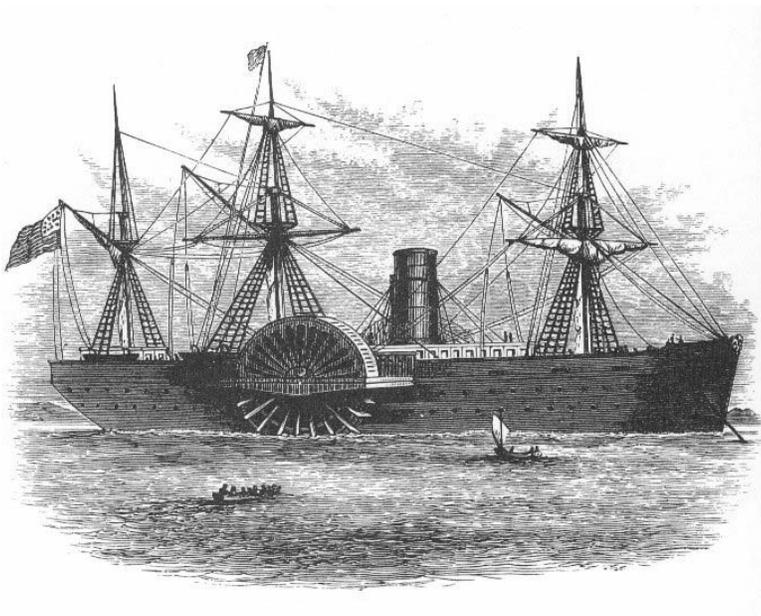
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