

# THE BROADAXE



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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING December 17, 2002



In the absence of Pres. Hegstetter, the meeting was opened by V.P. Rudd at 7:15 with 35 members in attendance including Jeff Herne after a two year absence. Welcome back, Jeff!

There was no old or new business to discuss, so without further delay we moved immediately into the main order of business, the annual sale / auction under the questionably capable hands of this year's auctioneers Bob Fivehouse and Tom Ruggiero. There was a large supply of tools, mostly power, made available from the estate of a friend of Jim Caulkins and virtually everything was sold. Many models (some in unopened boxes) were available to a bargain-hungry crowd. Finally many members unloaded unwanted tools, books, wood and other paraphernalia. In all, it was a fun event, which undoubtedly resulted in significant cash to the treasury.



### FROM THE EDITOR

Since there was not any old or new business or other regular meeting segments last month, this month's BROADAXE will contain several odds and ends of information and observations.

**Barry Rudd** has passed along the address of a website that contains an amazing amount of information about glues and other adhesives. It is well worth a look at <http://www.thisorthat.com/>.

According to **Barry**, "It's an interactive site that suggests what type of glue to use to glue dissimilar materials together.; i.e. metal to plastic, wood to glass etc. "

Gleaned from the South Bay Model Shipwrights December newsletter are the following tidbits:

You can use baking soda as a catalyst for CA glue to insure good bonding. (From the Boston club's "Broadside")

George Kaiser of the Boston club uses a technique for simulating copper plating borrowed from Eric Ronnberg. He cuts 60 lb acid-free bond paper into plate size pieces, and uses Elmer's Glue to attach them to the hull. After masking the hull, he sprays the paper with Krylon copper spray paint.

And finally from the South Bay newsletter is a trick that I have seen in other newsletters concerning cleaning brass. If you brush the taco sauce from the packets at Taco Bell restaurants onto brass, let it sit overnight, and then rinse it off you will have bright and shining brass. Ole!

Disclaimer: I have not tried any of these techniques, so attempt at your own risk.

From the Houston club's e-mail newsletter (edited by Charlie Cozewith, formerly of the SMSNNJ), comes the following information:

For those Patrick O'Brien readers out there (and if you aren't you ought to be), Captain Jack Aubrey is coming to the big screen. 20th Century Fox is producing a big-budget movie based on the 10th volume in this series about the British Navy during the Napoleonic Wars, titled "Master and

Commander". Russell Crowe will star as Aubrey, and the beefy Crowe looks just about right for the part. The well-known frigate replica, *HMS Rose*, has been purchased by Fox to co-star with Crowe and play the role of the *HMS Surprise*. A second, identical, but shore based *Rose* has been built for filming scenes without the inconvenience of having to sail the ship. This looks like a movie worth waiting for. The release date will be 2003.

And finally, this information from the Puget Sound Ship Modelers by way of the Cape Ann Ship Modeler's Guild. (Does anyone know what degame, jelutong and whitebeam are?)

### SUMMARY OF WOOD APPLICATIONS

*Planking and Decks:* Apple, basswood, box, cherry, elm, gum, holly, larch, maple, pear, sycamore, and tupelo.

*Frames:* Apple, ash, basswood, birch, elm, degame, holly, maple, pear, and tupelo.

*Bent frames:* Apple, ash, basswood, box, elm, holly, and tupelo.

*Masts and Yards:* Birch, box degame, pear, spruce, and teak.

*Deck Equipment:* Apple, basswood, box, cherry, holly, maple, pear, sycamore, and tupelo.

*Blocks and deadeyes:* Apple, beech, box, cocobolo, holly, lignum vitae, and pear.

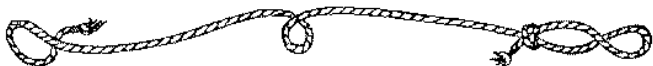
*Solid Hulls:* Bass, cedar, jelutong, pine (sugar and white), poplar, and tupelo.

*Deck houses:* Apple, basswood, birch, box, cherry, gum, maple, mahogany, pear, tupelo, and walnut.

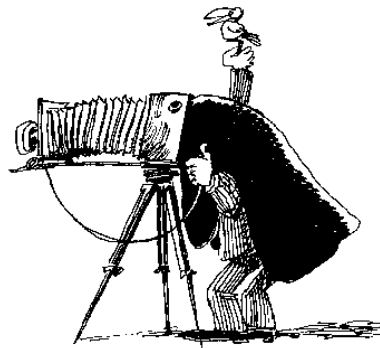
*Treenails:* Apple, bamboo, birch, box, cherry, holly, maple, and pear.

*Carving:* Apple, box, cherry, dogwood, holly, jelutong, degame, pear, persimmon, tupelo, and whitebeam.

*Turning:* Apple, box, cherry, dogwood, holly, pear, maple, satinwood, and whitebeam



### RUGGIERO'S GALLERY



**Tom Ruggiero** has been taking pictures with his digital camera at our meetings for the past several months. Some of them have made their way into the BROADAXE, but many have not. Herewith are some of his better photographs that you may not have seen before. It is much better to view them on our website at <http://www.njshipmodelsociety.org>.



**Arch Griffith's T-2 Esso Tanker**



**Henry Barbrack's Lively**



### Bob Fivehouse's *Robert Conrad*

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where an Internet version of the **BROADAXE** can be found.

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.

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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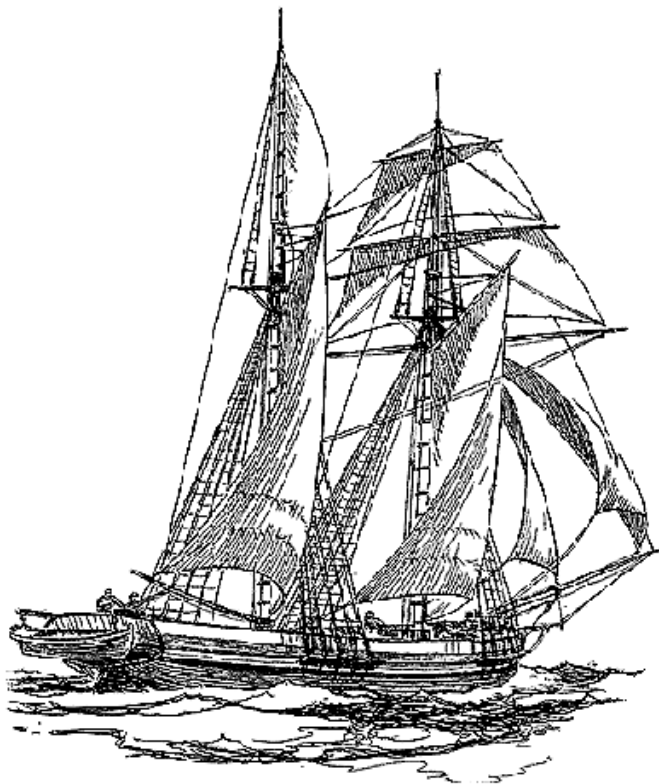
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**NEXT MEETING:**

**January 28, 2003  
7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN  
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**Tech Session  
To Be  
Announced**