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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING September 23, 2003

**President Ed Hegstetter** called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. There were 40 members in attendance. Three new members were elected. They are **Martin Quinn, Paul Steinberg and Bill Liebold**. In addition we had two new visitors: **Mike Gutsick** and **Jon Leslie**. Welcome to all!

**President Ed Hegstetter** reminded everyone that the October meeting will be held at **Micro-Mark in Berkeley Heights starting at 7:00 pm**. Mark your calendars and remember to bring a chair, as seating is limited.

**Ed** read a letter to members regarding the late **Jim Roberts'** inventory of fittings. **Marilyn Roberts** wished to clean out the vast inventory of ship fittings that **Jim** had stored in his basement and asked the club if we wanted the material. **Jeff Herne** and **Jeff Fuglestad** loaded a truck with the fittings (perhaps 750,000 in all) and took them to the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame at Teterboro Airport. The fittings will be available free to members on Saturday, September 27. **Al Geigel** plans to take some of the remaining material to the Nautical Research Guild Conference in Chicago.

Last month **Barry Rudd** asked if anyone was interested in completing a model of the Minicraft **Titanic**. Now **Barry** says the gentleman will pay to have the work done. Anyone interested should talk to **Barry**.

**Gary Kingzett**, working on his model of the New Jersey, needs to have some copper electro-plating done to fabricate ventilators, and is looking for sources. **Roy Goroski** volunteered the name of a possible source.

## BRING A MODEL NIGHT

**Ozzie Thalmann** always gets first place for sheer size. He sailed in with his scratch built model of the Spanish galleon **San Mateo** at 1/55 scale that measures 57 inches in length. **Ozzie** used plans from Garcia Marino-Spain and Fabrica En Menorca.



**Ozzie Thalmann's San Mateo with the Small Kit Model Upon Which It Was Based**

**Barry Rudd** showed his model of the Dutch vessel **Friesland** of about 1663 built from the Mamoli kit. Although this vessel never existed it is a fine representation of a ship of the late 17<sup>th</sup> century.



**Good Progress on Barry Rudd's *Friesland***

**Martin Quinn**, although only newly elected to membership, has in past meetings shown many examples of his work in 1/700 and 1/350 scale. Tonight he brought a model of the **USS Independence** from the Skywave kit in 1/700. The **Independence** was a cruiser hull converted to a carrier. **Martin** also showed his first Blue Water Navy kit of the **USS Gearing** in 1/350 scale.



**Martin Quinn's *Independence***



**Martin's *Gearing***

**Len Schwalm** showed his model of the 1812 privateer **Albatross** which, in his usual fashion, he acquired at a garage sale. It was necessary to completely rebuild the model from its original condition.



**Len Schwalm and His Reconstructed *Albatross***

**Tom Ruggiero** brought his work in progress of **HMF Liverpool** of 1757. This is a scratch built model in 1:96 scale of a vessel active in the American Revolution that sank off Long Island in 1778.



**Two Views of Tom Ruggiero's *Liverpool***

**Al Michaelson** showed his plastic model of the **Cutty Sark** that he was offering for sale after receiving an edict from the commander in chief. There were no takers so **Al** goes home not empty handed. Now what happens? Watch this space.



**The Unwanted Cutty Sark**

**Jan Leung** brought along his work in progress of the Bluejacket kit of the Gloucester fishing vessel **Smuggler** in 1/4" scale. It looks like most of the deck furniture is installed and the model now needs the masts and rigging.



**Jan Leung's Smuggler**

**Mike Gutsick**, a first time visitor, showed his work in progress of the Bluejacket model of the Liberty Ship, **SS Jeremiah O'Brien** in 1/16 scale. The hull is complete, and **Mike** is working on the deck structures and fittings.



**Mike Gutsick's Jeremiah O'Brien**

**Don Otis** amazed everyone with his Tamiya model of the **USS Missouri** in 1/350 scale (augmented with Gold Scale Models photo etching). The model

with several hundred figures properly made up, depicts the scene onboard the ship at 9:04 a.m. on September 2, 1945 when the Japanese Foreign Minister prepared to sign the surrender documents. A unique presentation.



**Don Otis's USS Missouri with Close-up of Surrender Ceremony**

**Hank Wollner** showed his completed model of a New York Central steam powered tugboat that was employed in New York harbor to move car floats. This is a scratch built model built from plans from **Alan Fraser**.



**Hank Wollner's New York Central No. 24**  
**John Leslie**, also a first time visitor, intrigued everyone with his paper models of Captain Nemo's vessel **Nautilus** (in two sizes) and the **SS United**

**States**, which are available on the Internet. **Jon** has become very active in the paper modeling fraternity.



**John Leslie's Remarkable Paper Nautilus**

**Henry Schaeffer** showed us his completed model of the Mamoli kit of the French troop transport **L'Orenoque** built in 1858. **Henry** was not particularly complimentary about the quality of the kit, but as usual he overcame adversity and produced a fine model.



**Henry Schaeffer's L'Orenoque**

Finally, **Jeff Herne** displayed the completed model of a Mantua model of a USN coastal cannon, heavily modified. He also showed a new Japanese resin kit of the heavy cruiser **Tonay**.



**Jeff Herne Describing His Cannon**

Thanks to all the presenters for showing a great range of models and creative skills.



### FROM THE EDITOR

Last month's **Bring a Model Night** produced a good turnout of a variety of models both from the old standby's and from some newcomers. It was particularly good to have two visitors participate. **John Leslie's** enthusiastic discussion of paper modeling was almost the equivalent of a technical session. **Mike Gusick's** work on the **Jeremiah O'Brien** reflects both his modeling skill and his deep interest in the ship. We hope to see both of them back soon.

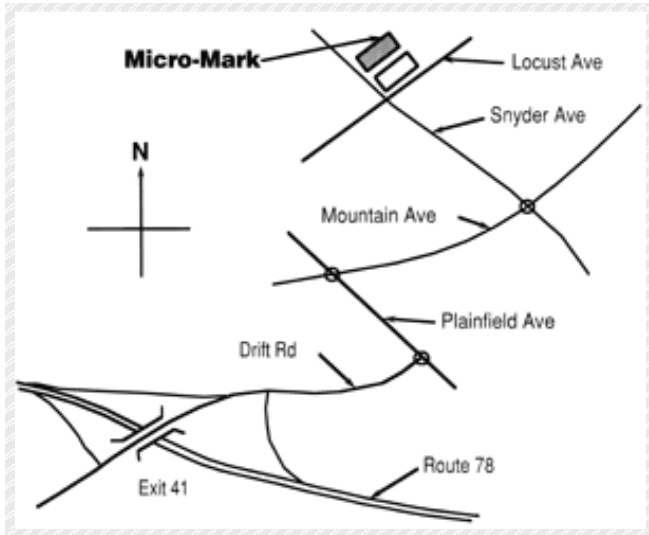
Once again I want to recognize **Tom Ruggiero** for his outstanding photography of the models at **Bring a Model Night**. His pictures add a lot to the **BROADAXE**, especially when viewed in color on our website or in the Acrobat PDF version.

Also praise is due to **Tom McGowan** who provides all of the text for the meeting minutes and other sections of the **BROADAXE** except for the **From the Editor** segment. Since I sometimes edit **Tom's** input, I take responsibility for any errors. For instance, in the September **BROADAXE** I incorrectly credited **Stan Sinowitz** with sending out the updated rosters, when credit should have gone to **Bernie Bahr**. **Tom** had it right, and I changed it. My apologies to **Bernie** and **Tom**.

As mentioned in the Minutes of the September 23 Meeting, our next meeting is October 28 at **7:00 PM** at the **Micro-Mark** building at 340 Snyder Avenue (rear entrance), Berkeley Heights, NJ. The following directions are taken from **Micro-Mark's** website. (Also see map below.):

From Route 78, take exit 41. Go northeast on Drift Road to light at end. Turn left onto Plainfield Avenue. Turn right at first light onto Mountain Avenue. Turn left at next light onto Snyder Avenue (opposite Horse Shoe Rd). Micro-Mark is a half-mile on the right.

For people coming from the Summit area, Snyder Avenue intersects Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Coming from Summit, turn left on Snyder Avenue to reach **Micro-Mark**.



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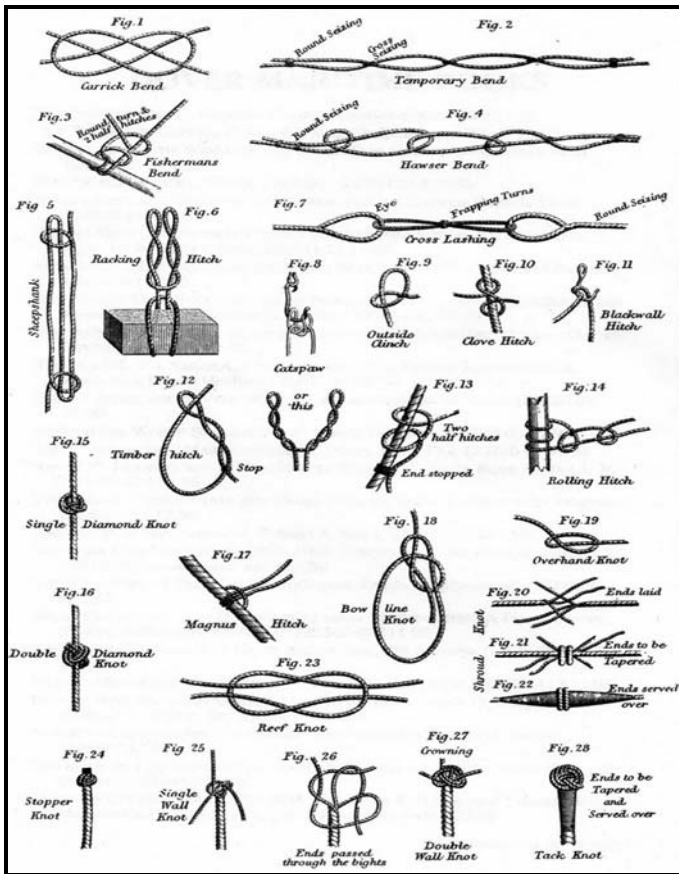
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