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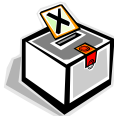
FROM THE QUARTERDECK

NOW HEAR THIS!

We interrupt our regularly scheduled program for these

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

ELECTION OF OFFICERS



Elections for Officers for the coming year will be held at our next scheduled meeting on July 27, 2004. Please plan on attending this very important meeting to: a) Show your support for the officers or b) Throw da bums out!

Anyone wishing to run for office needs to let Tom Ruggiero know by e-mailing him at either RuggieroTP@aol.com or TRugs@comcast.net. Please let him know which office you want to run for.

MEERWALD CRUISE

Time is running out for you to reserve your spot for the evening cruise on August 2nd aboard the **A.J. Meerwald**, a Delaware Bay oyster schooner. Seating is limited and is on a first come basis, but you must send your check (\$20 per person) to

Tom McGowan
36 Clover Hill Lane
Colts Neck, NJ 07722



We now return you to your regular program, already in progress --

To all members – the elections scheduled for June will take place during the July meeting. If you have a desire to run for office and help out your club, please contact either **Tom Ruggiero** or **Roy Goroski** so that your name can be placed in nomination for the July elections.

FROM THE QUARTEDECK – continued

You are all reminded to send in your checks to **Tom McGowan** for the August 2nd boat ride. The cost is \$20 per person.

We now have a new webmaster, **Jeff Herne**, and a new *Broadaxe* Editor, **Michael Gutsick**. Let's remember they can use all of our help in their endeavors.

Thanks to **Al Geigel** and **Tom Ruggiero** for their excellent assistance filling in as temporary webmaster and editor.

We have two of our members, **Jeff Herne** and **Jeff Fuglestad**, handling the arrangements for our next model show.

For the club;

Edward Hegstetter
President SMSNNJ

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2004

President **Ed Hegstetter** called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM with 21 members in attendance. The low number was probably due to the fact that the *Broadaxe* was unavoidably late getting out to the members. Everyone ought to remember that the meeting occurs on the fourth Tuesday of the month regardless of the status of the *Broadaxe*.

The *Broadaxe* was a major topic of discussion and rather than go through a report of all that was said, the results were positive and only need to be reported here. **Mike Gutsick** has generously volunteered to become the new editor of the *Broadaxe*. Mike is a relatively new member having attended his first meeting in September 2003. It is heartening to have such important participation from Mike. We are awaiting a new member roster with Mike's addresses but if anyone wants to speak with him his phone is 973 734-1648 or via e-mail at **mike_gutsick@yahoo.com**.

The job of the editor being resolved much of the aforementioned discussion centered on the need of the members to become involved in contributing to the content of the *Broadaxe* with shop notes, general hints, interesting websites, tools, interesting articles found elsewhere or anything of a related nature. The editor's job is then made much easier by having material to draw from other than what is reported in the minutes. The *Broadaxe*, to quote **Nick Starace**, "is an integral part of our club and members must come forward and help if we are to continue to maintain the high degree of professional respect we enjoy within our modeling community."

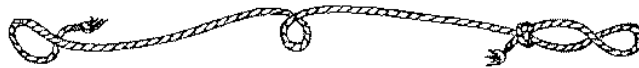
The same thinking also applies to the Tech Sessions at meetings. Most members are aware that we have not had scheduled tech sessions at many recent meetings. Too many members are relying on the other guy to give a session. These sessions are an important part of the attraction of a meeting to members and everyone ought to seriously consider areas where they might be able to help - not necessarily with a presentation but with ideas for presentations that someone else might be able to give.

Sadly, Micro Mark has closed their retail store in Berkley Heights citing the need for warehouse space and lack of personnel for that aspect of their business. Mail, phone and email orders, of course, are still taken. We were very fortunate in having Micro Mark close by and got a bit spoiled. I suppose this means our annual meeting at Micro Mark must end - too bad!

Al Joselson's widow has generously donated some tools to the club. **Ed Hegstetter** will hold on to the material until the December White Whale auction.

A model show for 2004 was discussed. Jeff Herne reported that either the Parsippany or Wayne PAL facility would be considered for a show in late October/early November. The cost will be \$1,000 to rent the hall which can be defrayed by charging a small admission fee to visitors. It was agreed that Jeff Herne and Jeff Fuglestad will review the two sites and, depending upon availability, will settle on a date and site and report back to the members of their decision at the next meeting.

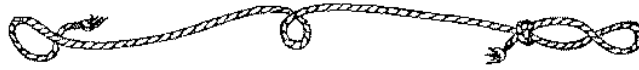
Our August 2 cruise on the MEERWALD has 20 persons signed up so far. We can only take 45 in all, so if you are planning on attending please let me have a check (\$20 per person mailed to Tom McGowan, 36 Clover Hill Lane, Colts Neck, NJ 07722). Several members have verbally indicated their desire to go but I can't guarantee a space until I get your money.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Don Otis brought in a new publication, "**Model Ship Journal, Vol.5 No. 1 Spring 2004**" which he came upon at a Barnes & Noble bookstore. The journal is published and edited by Victor Baca and appears to be devoted exclusively to modern ships. Of particular interest in the latest issue is a very fine article by **Bill Liebold**, one of our new members. The journal is published quarterly. Subscriptions may be purchased online from the magazine's web site. It will redirect you to Trident Hobbies. It may also be purchased for \$9.95 at Barnes & Noble bookstores or in some hobby shops. The magazine's website can be found at www.modelshipjournal.com. You can also e-mail Victor Baca at modelships@earthlink.net.





SHOW AND TELL

NICK STARACE brought two models to the meeting, neither of which he owns but are work he was commissioned to do for others. The first was an R/C model of a Darby tug with a fiberglass hull in 1:40 scale. The model measures 48 inches. The model was built by others but Nick was asked to re-engine the tug as the installed equipment was not adequate for a tug of this size and weight (some 65 pounds). The original motors and gears were undersized in power with too high a rate of propeller RPM. Nick installed new Robbe motors with low speed and high torque, eliminating the gearing to achieve a better scale speed for the model. In addition, Nick installed a variety of R/C features, engine sound, lighting, horn and a fire monitor that pumps water and rotates.



Some additional views of Nick's Tug

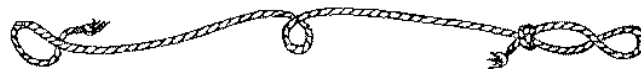
The second model Nick showed was a very old model (probably late 19th century) that was in very bad condition from age and an attack by a squirrel (the modelers equivalent of an attack from Moby Dick). Nick was asked to do a complete restoration without affecting the patina of age. Several broken masts and spars were repaired, deck furniture was either repaired or replaced as necessary, and the rigging was tightened and in some areas completely replaced. Finally the restored parts were painted / stained to match the existing parts and retain the aged look of the model. Nick is also having a case made to show the model.



HENRY SCHAEFER brought his work in progress of a New York built tug, *Ocean Prince*, built in 1956. This is the third model Henry has built of this attractive tug. The first two were given to family/ friends. He now wants a copy for himself. The model is scratch built in 3/8th scale from the original blueprints of the tug, which is owned by a friend. In fact, Henry was involved in a complete refit of the tug when it was purchased by his friend from Hess Oil. Henry has completed the plank on bulkhead hull and will go from there.



TOM RUGGIERO brought along his scratch built model in 1:96th scale of HMF *Liverpool* which we have seen from time to time as work progresses on this fine model. Tom has been working on the rudder and rudder fittings and discussed with the members his use of colored tape to represent the rudder strapping and the pintles and gudgeons which he thinks is very effective in this scale.



FROM THE EDITOR

As I finish this, my first inaugural issue as editor of the *Broadaxe*, I'm sure many are asking "Who is this guy"? As Tom McGowan pointed out earlier, I am a relative neophyte to both the club and to ship modeling. I am, in essence, just starting out on my path as a serious modeler. I am in constant awe of the craftsmanship and level of detail on display in the completed and work-in-progress models brought to the meetings I've attended. It is a level of skill that, as of now, I can only hope to attain.

I have no prior experience in writing or editing publications of any nature. I am an accountant by education and training. I am feeling my way through this process and if I have inadvertently "stepped on anyone's toes" in this first editing attempt then

Mea Culpa – Mea Culpa – Mea Maxima Culpa

I ask that the membership bear with me on this "shake down cruise" as I become more comfortable with the whole process and develop my own style of layout and text.

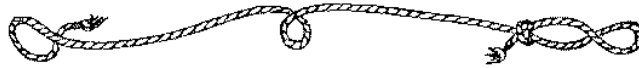
This may be old news, but in the area of interesting web sites, I came across a site while surfing one day for information on ship modeling and found the Ship Modelers Association located at www.ship-modelers-assn.org. It has an interesting home page, a cross section of a warship. It has a good list of modeling tips on the site. Another site is run by Model Shipwrights located at www.modelshipwrights.net. They publish a

quarterly journal on line called *Warships to Workboats* available as a download in pdf format. I've downloaded and printed them off and will bring them to the next meeting.

A word of caution while surfing the net – NEVER, NEVER assume that any site is safe. Always keep your virus definitions current and if you're running Windows XP, make sure you have all of the latest critical updates. I went to the Model Expo site last week and got peppered with files that were infected with a Trojan Horse virus (the site attempted to download 26 infected files to my computer). My Norton detected and quarantined the files so my computer was not infected. I called their customer service and informed them of the problem. I haven't been back since and am seriously considering ordering only through their toll free phone system. The particular virus had only been included in Norton's virus file the **day before** I visited the website. Talk about dodging a bullet!

Lastly, several of the members have suggested that there be added to the *Broadaxe* something akin to a Q & A section that that would be driven by direct input by the membership. I heartily agree and with this issue I will add a new feature section called "**Soundings from D Deck**". Somewhat of an odd name, but it means something to me and since I'm the editor – well --- I'll be happy to explain its meaning to anyone who wants to know.

Mike Gutsick - Editor



"Soundings from D Deck"

This feature section is available as a sounding board for all members who have questions about modeling they would like to have answered, but do not feel it appropriate to bring up for discussion during the actual meeting. Please feel free to contact me via e-mail at mike_gutsick@yahoo.com or by phone (973) 734-1648. I am, of course, always available for feed back or input at any of our meetings. As the person initiating this new feature, I'll start off.

QUESTION:

I'm a new modeler. While I have extensive power tools for woodworking projects, my power tools for miniature work are very basic. I have a Dremel table saw and lathe. I want to go to the next level and get a better table saw, but I can't decide which model is the best overall. The Preac, MicroLux and Proxxon saws are in the same general price range and I've read both positive and negative comments about all three. I'd really like to see a head-to-head competition between the three, but short of that, I would like any members that are using these saws tell me what their experience has been. Tell me their good points and bad points so that I can decide which table saw is worth the purchase price.

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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.

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 or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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**Nautical Research Guild Conference
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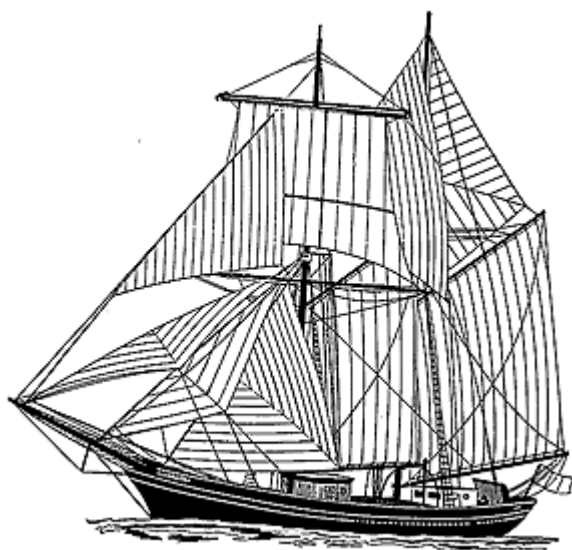
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Tech Session:

**“Making
Nameboards for
Models”**

by Ken Schuetz