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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

Thanks to all the club members who helped to make the 2004 Ship Model Expo a resounding success. We could not have achieved this success without your efforts and hard work. For that, and all the little things you did to make this show work, I thank you.

We increased our model attendance by 39...with 136 models in attendance this year compared to 97 at our last event.

It was obvious that our through-traffic was more than previous years, although we don't have firm numbers as of yet.

All will agree, the venue was very nice, with the lake providing a nice backdrop to the event.

We were visited by members of the South Orange, Long Island, Philly, and Connecticut Ship Model Clubs, and we had individual members travel as far as Toronto, Pittsburgh, Maine, Annapolis, and North Carolina to attend. I was told by several non-club members that our show was *better* than the Groton event...high praise considering it was coming from someone who lived up there!!

After we crunch the numbers, we'll be able to report more accurately on how things went. If you heard any feedback, positive or negative, please jot it down and send it along.

All the Best,
Jeff Herne
President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING October 26, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Herne** at 7:30 PM. There were 31 members in attendance. Second time visitor, **Michael Storch** was also with us.

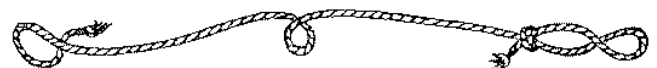
It was heartening to see **Ed Hegstetter** and **Don Otis** return from the disabled list.

Most of the business part of the meeting was taken up by a review of the plans for the model show on November 13th. **Jeff Fuglestad** handed out a provisional agenda note for the exhibition which detailed many of the various assignments and responsibilities for the day. Come early, bring your models and please be prepared to lend a hand for any of the various small tasks which will pop up. We also need more door prizes, so look around for any excess tools, plans or kits hanging around your workshop.

Gary Kingzett reported that **Abe Taubman** has decided to sell his business. Anyone interested should get more details from Gary.

(Editor's Note: Taubman Plans Service was purchased by Loyalhanna Dockyard. I was notified by e-mail on November 8th)

Roy Goroski reported that he and five other members attended the model show at the Hamilton House museum in Clinton. Archie Griffith's wife also loaned several of Archie's models for the display.



SHOW AND TELL

Tonight was one of our "Bring a Model Night" meetings and we had a great turnout.

(TWELVE MEMBERS BROUGHT IN MODELS AND WITH BOTH TOM RUGGIERO AND STAN SINOWITZ SENDING ME PICTURES, I HAVE ALMOST 60 PHOTOS OF THE MODELS. I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO INCLUDE MY USUAL COMMENTS AND "SOUNDINGS" ARTICLES SO THAT THIS ISSUE CAN BE DEVOTED TO THE MODELERS AND THEIR MODELS - EDITOR)

DON OTIS brought along his **USS Constitution** being built from the Model Shipways kit in 5/32 scale. Don was complimentary about the kit but noted that completing the model is about a two year project. (Many of us would consider that fast!). He has completed the hull and now turns to the masting and rigging.



HENRY SCHAEFER showed us his completed model in large scale of the tug **Ocean Prince**. This is the fourth copy of the vessel that Henry has built. The previous versions having been given to others, Henry wanted one for himself. The model is plank on bulkhead and uses parts from various suppliers although Henry scratch built many of the hardware and fittings. On larger models like this Henry uses Krylon spray paints which he considers first rate.



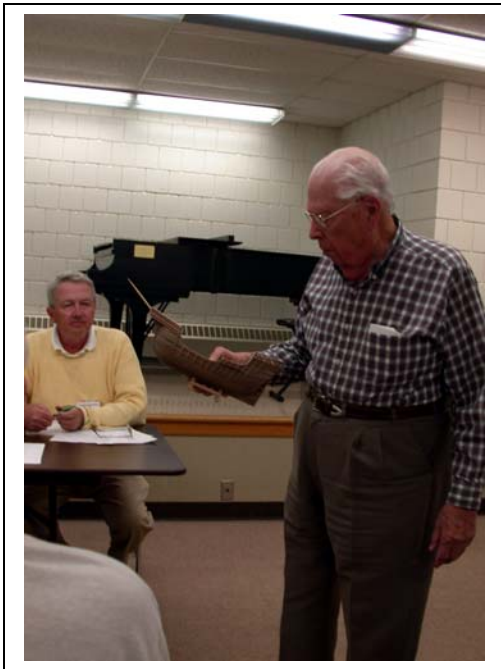
OZZIE THALMANN showed a motorized gun turret in 1/192nd scale from the **Bismarck**. Ozzie built this model to demonstrate how he achieves the very realistic effect of a gun that points and trains. The guns are expertly turned in brass and he uses a 1rpm model railroad turntable motor to power the unit.



AL GEIGEL brought along his work in progress of the whaler *Charles W. Morgan*, a plank on bulkhead kit with extensive modifications. Al has completed the deck furniture and now turns to the masting and rigging on this very detailed model.



HENRY BARBRACK displayed a partially completed model of Columbus's flagship *Santa Maria* which he scratch built using plans and parts from the material given to us by Marilyn Roberts.



BILL DUNPHY had his model of the Baltimore Clipper *Harvey* built from a kit but with significant modifications.



ED NOLAN brought along a model of an English fishing vessel, *Bristol Bay*. This is an R/C model from a Chinese manufacturer which uses many parts and structures molded in plastic to achieve a quick and attractive model.



BARRY RUDD displayed a model of *Titanic* built from the Minicraft kit with additional photo etched parts for railings, ladders etc. Barry also discussed his method for making a display case for the model from readily available wood.



BERNIE BAHR showed another model of a Baltimore clipper design, the *Albatross*, built plank on bulkhead from a Mantua kit. The model is in 1/8th scale.



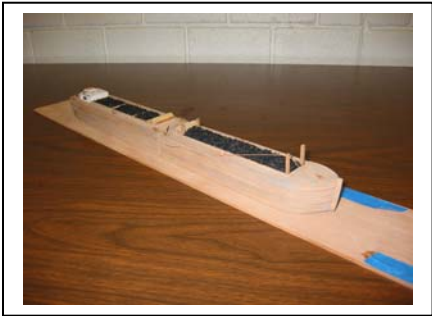
TOM MCGOWAN had yet another Baltimore clipper design of the revenue cutter **Jefferson Davis** built from the Bluejacket kit. The model is in 7/32nd scale and is built as a plank on frame model.



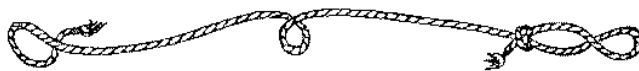
Dennis Powell brought in a small scale **Bluenose** schooner from Mamoli.



Finally **DAN PARISER**, in one of his all to infrequent visits from Staten Island, brought his scratch built models of a pair of coal barges built in New Jersey to move coal eastward on the Morris Canal. Dan talked about how the barges were handled on the inclined planes used to lift barges to higher levels along the canal in lieu of flooded locks. The models were built as part of a diorama at the South Street Seaport.

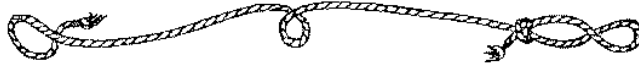


The meeting was adjourned at 9:55. SEE EVERYONE AT THE SHOW.



TECH SESSION

HENRY SCHAEFER was scheduled to show a video of his recent voyage on the Queen Mary II but because of the large number of models to review, his video was not shown.



and coming up over the horizon is –



November 23, 2004 – Tech session will be presented by **Jeff Fuglestad**. Jeff will discuss turning metal on a lathe.

December 14, 2004 – Please note that we've moved up the scheduled meeting night due to the Christmas and New Year holidays. We will be having our annual White Whale Auction at this meeting.

January 25, 2004 – Tech session will be a video presentation by Henry Schaefer of his voyage on the Queen Mary 2

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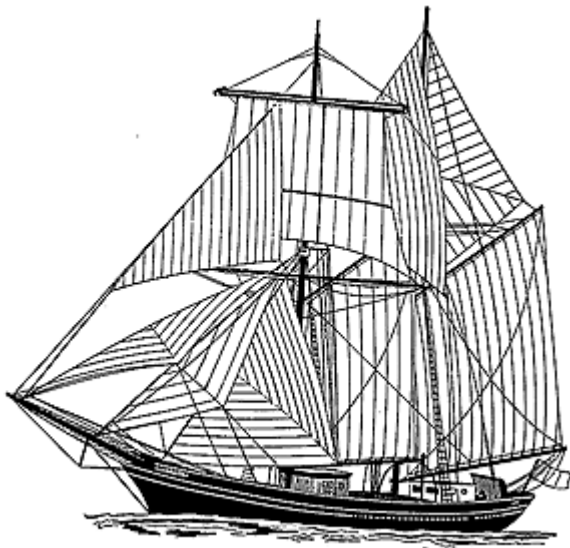
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NEXT MEETING:

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7:30 PM

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Tech Session:
Metal Turning
By
Jeff Fuglestad