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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

I will be reinstating an Executive Meeting prior to our normal meeting. Attendees are the current Officers of the Club, the Past President, the Broadaxe Editor and the Web Master.

You may recall that we used to have a Broadaxe and Bell. I checked with **Nick Starace**, to determine where the mounted Broadaxe was. Nick says that the Broadaxe should be in the closet in the rear of the library. We'll check next meeting.

For the club;
Edward Hegstetter
President SMSNNJ

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING March 23, 2004

President Hegstetter rapped our twenty seven members to order at 19:37 (that's 7:37 PM and what happened to the bell? ed.). There were twenty seven members present (I noted no guests ed.). Ed immediately thanked **Al Geigel** for acting as temporary **Broadaxe** editor. We were all reminded that a Volunteer is desperately needed to edit our **Broadaxe**. **Tom Ruggiero** requests that any member with a "**Show and Tell**" exhibit to place his nametag with the item. This will help the editor and photographer to more easily put the model with the builder.

Old Business

The **North East Ship Model Conference** (NESMC) was hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. Their expenses were somewhat lower than anticipated so they returned a portion of the Admission fee to be divided among our Club Members who attended.

Our August 2 cruise on the "**Merwald**" is \$20 per person, on a first come first saved basis. Bring your checks to the June meeting. We discussed holding a model display and ship modeling techniques demonstration on a Saturday or Sunday during October or early November at the PAL building in Wayne. **Jeff Herne** and **Jeff Fuglestad** will coordinate and several members volunteered to assist them.

New Business

President Hegstetter discussed two emails.

The first was from the widow of **Art Joselson**. She needs help in disposition of Art's model making tools. She also is seeking someone to finish Art's last model, the "Mayflower". **Ron Slossberg** has been to see her and will coordinate these efforts.

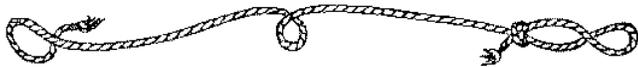
The second email was from Vince McCullough of the Washington D.C. club. He is attempting to gauge interest among the East Coast Clubs for an exhibit and conference that could be held in Virginia. There seems to be some interest pending timing. Ed Hegstetter will continue the correspondence.

Finally, our own **Ozzie Thalmann** will be transporting his very large "**KM Bismarck**" to the Manitowac Wisconsin Ships & Boats Contest (August 6-8). Ozzie has completed a second set of turrets for the model. These turrets raise and traverse and use a red light to simulate firing. We wish Ozzie well in the competition.



TECH SESSION

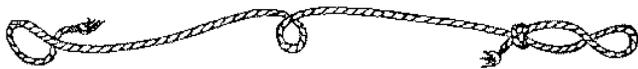
Len Schwalin presented a tape that he made of several of the exhibits at the “**Mariner’s Museum**”, Hampton Virginia. He focused a significant amount of footage on the ongoing preservation efforts of the Civil War Ironclad “**USS Monitor**”.



Books & Publications

Roy Goroski presented an item passed on to him by the **Archie Griffith’s** widow. This was a catalog for the June 10, 2004 auction of “**Titanic**”, “**Lusitania**”, “**Olympic**” and “**Andrea Doria**” artifacts and memorabilia.

Mike Gutsick displayed sources that he had used for building his Destroyer Escort on which his Father served in World War II. These included Smithsonian Institute plans (there are three catalogs of these plans that can be obtained from the Smithsonian’s website. I’ve used these plans for two of my models, Hartford and Wasp, and the plans are well worth the relatively small cost ed.), ordinance pamphlets for 20 & 40 mm Antiaircraft guns, 3” 50 caliber deck guns and Depth Charge Racks. These are from **Floating Drydock** (these are reprints of actual maintenance manuals for these items ed.) and Warship Profiles Publications covering all six escort classes with photographs and statistics.



SHOW AND TELL

We only had one Show and Tell and it was the usually excellent work of **Don Otis**. Don presented his in progress model of the “**USS Constitution**” from the **Model Shipways** kit. The model is plank on bulkhead construction. The model will be as it was for the two hundredth anniversary free sail from Marble Head to Boston on July 21, 1997. The model will include all of the modern anachronisms that were present on that date. Don reports that the Model Shipways kit is very well prepared.



Starboard Bow of Don Otis’s Constitution



Starboard Quarter of Constitution



Spar deck of USS Constitution, July 21, 1997



FROM THE EDITOR

This month, the Broadaxe mailing is somewhat late due new coordination of editor responsibilities. I will hand out copies at the meeting. We have been searching for a replacement for the fantastic **Dave Watkins**. After much consternation as well as discussions with **Al Geigel**, Al and I have decided that we will share the Editor duties for the time being.

As with many of us in this new high worker productivity global economy I find myself working longer and harder than I did twenty years ago. That leaves me almost no time for modeling much less the Newsletter. Al has a similar situation.

Folks, this really is not that demanding given some time, basic computer skills and the contributions of an involved and dedicated club membership. As the co-editor, I will ask that you consider the benefits that you derive from our Club and what you as members can do to help. I as well as Al have had served several terms as various Club Officers. We've also spent significant time and resources setting up and participating in shows and demonstrations. We continue to see the same group of Club Members pitching in. We need your help as well as some "new blood". Please contribute articles, shop notes or whatever of a Nautical or modeling nature for use in your Broadaxe. A WORD file emailed to either of us is preferred but not a requirement. The input to the Broadaxe need not be extensive; a Shop Note, a questions, a favorite Website. Length is not a criterion. Just that whatever you send is of interest to the club members. Help us keep this one of the best club publications in this hobby.

Secondly, this has to be the fifth or sixth time this year that the Broadaxe has gone to press without a Tech Session for the meeting. As our Club Constitution states, each member is expected to do a short tech session when requested. This is to be coordinated by the Vice President. Let's get back on track. Everyone has a favorite or better way to do a task. All you need to do is set it up as a fifteen to twenty minute talk or discussion. Don't be shy! We are all here to help and learn. All of us continue to benefit by our synergy (for you outside of the current corporate world, it basically means that the whole is more than the sum of the parts; or something like that). Anyway, this Tuesday I will be asking you folks to help keep this Club moving. We want to have at least a six month supply of Tech Sessions scheduled. Please come to the next meeting prepared to help.

Finally, note that I said that Al and I are coeditors for the time being. We are hopeful that one or more volunteers will step forward.

Tom Ruggiero-Coeditor (for the time being)

Mark Your Calendar
SMSNNJ Picnic and Cruise on the *Meerwald*.
Liberty State Park , Monday, August 2, 2004

Nautical Research Guild Conference
Portland, ME. September 14 –19, 2004

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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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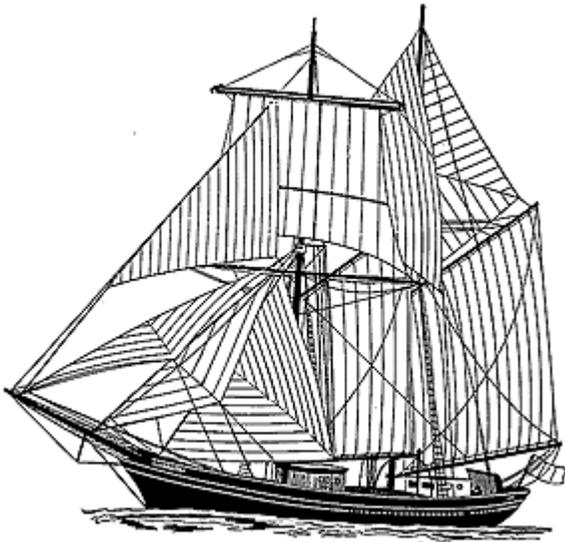
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Tech Session:

To Be Announced