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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING February 24, 2004

TRIBUTE TO JIM ROBERTS

The meeting opened with a special presentation to **Marilyn Roberts**. **Jeff Fuglestad** crafted a mahogany and glass display case to house **Jim's** well-known model of a whaleboat. The case with the model mounted was presented to **Marilyn** by **President Ed Hegstetter** as a token of the club's esteem for **Jim**. In making the presentation, **Ed** spoke of **Jim's** commitment and dedication to the club since it was formed in 1981. **Jim** was one of the prime movers in the creation of the SMSNNJ. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of maritime and modeling matters and was always very willing to share his knowledge with others.



**Marilyn Roberts and President Ed Hegstetter
with the Case and Model**



Jim's Whaleboat in the New Case

Jeff Fuglestad read excerpts from the minutes of the first meeting of the club in 1981 regarding **Jim**, and both **Bob Fivehouse** and **Ken Schuetz** reminisced about their dealings with **Jim** over the years

The membership unanimously elected **Marilyn** to Life Membership



Marilyn with Her Children and Grandchildren

NEW BUSINESS

Dues- Many members, some 30 in all, have not paid dues for 2003. **Treasurer Jeff Fuglestad** has compiled a list of the delinquents. Check with him if you think your name might appear on the list. Non-payers are subject to keelhauling.

Bill Liebold made available 2004 calendars from Lockheed Martin with a naval theme.

Jim Caulkins spoke about a possible social event this summer featuring a two-hour cruise on the sailing vessel **MEERWALD**, berthed at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. The boat holds 45 passengers, and the cost to charter is \$800 (18.00 per person). No food is served onboard but we could organize a pre-cruise picnic at the park. A show of hands indicated great interest in the trip, so **Jim** will proceed with specifics.

Jim has now (March 5) told me (Tom McGowan) that he has made a booking for the evening of August 2, 2004 at a cost of \$800.00. At the March meeting **Jim** will give a supplementary report, and we can start signing up the crew. This must be a first come event, as we are limited to 45 people. Mark your calendars.

Barbara Griffith has asked that she continue to receive the **Broadaxe**. **Dave Watkins** will see to it.

Gary Kingzett has what is left of the fittings from **Jim Roberts'** house. They are available to members. **Gary** will bring a box of fittings to each meeting for members to pick over.

There was a general suggestion that the **Broadaxe** contain a question and answer feature. Members thought this a worthwhile possibility. The Executive Committee will discuss this further since a volunteer will be needed to organize and run such an activity. Any takers?

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Our resident connoisseur of fine literature, **Don Otis**, had four books to discuss:

1. *The Billy Ruffian: The Bellerophon and the Downfall of Napoleon*, author David Cordingly and published by Bloomsbury in 2003. This book is a wonderful read about a 74 that survived several major battles.

2. *Nelson's Favorite: HMS Agamemnon at War 1781- 1809*, author Anthony Deane and published by Caxton. A cheaper reprint is available through the Scholar's Bookshelf.

3. *Building Model Warships of the Iron and Steel Eras*, edited by Peter Beisheim and published by the Naval Institute Press. Authoritative articles about every aspect from the building of a specific model to static or radio controlled models including an R/C submarine.

4. *The Boats of Men-of-War*, author W. E. May and published by Caxton. A cheaper reprint of the only book treating this subject

Dan Caramagno discussed *Castles of Steel* by Robert Massie and published by Random House. This is a good read and a must for anyone interested in early 20th century warfare.

SHOW AND TELL

Ozzie Thalmann has scratch built in 1/128 scale, a section of the **Bismarck's** number two turret, Bruno, featuring 15-inch guns that are motorized to train and elevate.

Dan Caramagno showed three vessels, **SMS Emden**, **HMS Good Hope** and **HMAS Sydney**. These pewter models in 1/ 2400 scale are actually war gaming models that Dan can work on during his business travels. The models are from GHQ and Viking Forge.

Henry Schaefer showed his completed scratch model of the whale factory ship **Willem Barendsz II**. **Henry** shows the waterline model at sea with whale carcasses alongside waiting to be processed.

Steve Fletcher had his scratch built work in progress of the U. S. Civil war river gunboat **Carondelet**. Steve has finished the deck, bulwarks and steering gear for this unique model.

Bill Liebold showed his scratch model in 1/256 scale of a South Korean vessel **KDXIII** that has not yet been built. **Bill** is a professional model maker at Lockheed Martin, and his fine models are used in design work.

Speaking of fine models, **Bob Fivehouse** brought his work in progress of the **Oceanis**, the first liner built for the White Star Line in 1871. **Bob** is working in his usual small scale of 1/ 32 inch to the foot and

is quite creative in solving the problems associated with modeling at this scale.

Finally, **Gary Kingzett** showed some rough ventilation funnels for his scratch model of the battleship **New Jersey** (1906). At a previous meeting **Gary** had asked about electro plating sources. Due to environmental regulations plating shops have become scarce in New Jersey but **Gary** was able to find one that has made the funnels. Although rough in finish they may now be ground and polished to finished form.

NORTHEAST SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE

The Philadelphia Ship Model Society is sponsoring the 22nd Northeast Ship Model Conference this year. It will be held at the Port N Starboard Banquet Hall and Conference Center in New London, CT on Saturday, April 24, 2004. SMSNNJ member **Bill Liebold** will be the featured speaker. Information, registration form and directions are included at the end of this newsletter.



FROM THE EDITOR

There was a disheartening report in the Spring 2004 "The Secretary's Newsletter" that accompanied the *Nautical Research Journal*. It announced that the Mariners' Museum in Hampton Roads, Virginia has cancelled the **International Scale Ship Model Competition** scheduled for 2005. The reason stated was a lack of funding. As most of the readers of this newsletter know, the International Scale Ship Model Competition has been one of the finest and most respected competitions in the world. Several of our members have submitted their work in past competitions. We hope that some other institution can take over this enterprise.

Speaking of the *Nautical Research Journal*, I have been remiss in not reporting on SMSMNNJ member **Alan Frazer's** fine series of articles on modeling the Saint Lawrence Skiff. The fifth and final article in the series appears in the Spring 2004, Volume 49, Number 1 issue. Nice work **Alan!**

The February 2004 edition of *The Lynx*, newsletter of the Washington (DC) Ship Model Society contains a reference to the availability of a CD ROM compilation of all of the issues of *The Mariner's Mirror*. Although I was not previously aware of the periodical, it was apparently published in Great Britain during the most of the twentieth century. *The Lynx* did not give information on how to obtain the CD ROM's. A search of the Web turned up the following address:

<http://www.worldretailstore.com/item/BE-1861761724.html>

The set covering 1906-2000 is available from this site for \$387 US.

From the Connecticut Marine Model Society comes news of a shop in Newburyport, MA that offers classic ship models, model repairs, ship model kits and supplies, display cases and other nautical items. Check out their website at:

<http://www.pielcraftsmen.com/>

Other websites from the *Quarterdeck* of the Philadelphia Shipmodel Society:

Title: Custom Display Cases

Location: Dallastown PA United States

URL:

http://www.customdisplaycases.com/train_cases.htm

Description: Manufacturer of high quality acrylic display case for trains, die cast, and more. Over 60 standard sizes. Custom work available.

Title: RCSub.com

Location: Victoria BC Canada

URL: <http://www.rc-sub.com>

Description: This site details the construction of several RC Submarine projects, including a 1:32 scale Disney Nautilus, a Russian Typhoon, and much more. Also includes a brief FAQ section and links to other sites of interest.

INQUIRIES

Dave Sasher has suggested that the *Broadaxe* start an "Inquiries" section, the purpose of which is

to allow readers of the **Broadaxe** to submit questions and requests for advice that could be answered by other readers.

Herewith is the first inquiry, submitted by **Dave** himself.

Greetings. I am David G. Sasher and I have been looking for someone with knowledge of US Army PT boats from 1943 to 1945. In particular the FS 88. You may contact me by E-mail at Sohardave2@AOL.com.

Mark Your Calendar

**Northeast Regional Conference
Port and Starboard Conference Center
New London, CT. April 24, 2004**

**IPMS/NENY Region 1 Scale Modeler's
Convention, Schoharie, NY April 30-May 1**
www.aloder.freeyellow.com

**Western Ship Model Conference
Long Beach, CA. April 29 – May 2, 2004**

SMSNNJ Picnic and Cruise August 2, 2004

**Nautical Research Guild Conference
Portland, ME. September 12 –19, 2004**

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where a Web version of the **BROADAXE** can be found. The **BROADAXE** is distributed by both US mail and e-mail in PDF format.

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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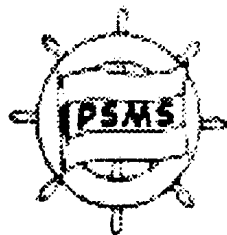
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22nd NORTHEAST SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE

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The speaker is being provided by the host club, the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. All other clubs will provide a tabletop demonstration. At your convenience, please let me know who the demonstrator from your club will be, and what will be the subject

A registration form, program of events, and map with directions are enclosed.

Registration forms must be returned before April 14, 2004.

The agenda will be as follows:

9:00 AM	Coffee and pastry
10:00 AM	Officers' meeting
12:00 Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Featured Speaker
2:00 PM	Tabletop demonstrations
4:00 PM	Meeting adjourns

The featured speaker will be Bill Liebold, professional model builder for Lockheed Martin. Bill will discuss and demonstrate his method of vacuforming.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (609) 387 0667. We look forward to seeing you this spring.

Sincerely,

Pat Leaf

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APRIL 24, 2004
PORT N' STARBOARD CONVENTION CENTER
NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT

Please make _____ reservations at \$35.00 per person.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____.

Member's name _____

Club name _____

Guest(s) _____

Please indicate the number of models you will display, including the length and width of each to allow us to determine the space required.

Model Name	Length	Width	Scale	Please check one
_____	_____	_____	_____	Scratch__ Kit__

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Other display items (artwork, dioramas, etc.) and/or comments _____

MENU

Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch

Coffee and Pastry will be served in the morning.

There will be a cash bar in the afternoon.

Please return this form to arrive **no later than** April 14, 2004 in order for us to comply with the caterer's requirements. Please make checks payable to The Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS). Return by mail to:

Mr. Edwin Leaf
433 Summer Avenue
Edgewater Park, NJ 08010
Tel: (609) 387 0667

Getting to the PORT & STARBOARD CONVENTION CENTER

From Boston, using I 95 South:

1. Cross the Gold Star bridge into New London using the 4th lane from the left
2. Take exit # 83 onto FRONTAGE road, (not to downtown New London or Norwich).
3. About a quarter of a mile on Frontage road take the exit for Coleman Street.
4. Turn left at the traffic light. This is Colman Street. Follow it to the end (it becomes a one way street at Jefferson Street.)
5. At the end of Colman Street, (Boston Post Road) turn right and immediately turn left on to Lee Street. (The traffic light will hold approaching traffic for your left turn.)
6. Follow Lee Street to the end, one block, and turn right onto Great Neck Road (turns into Ocean Avenue in about 1.5 miles).
7. Follow to Bently Ave., the next to the last street. (Approximately 3 miles from Lee Street.)
8. Turn right and go into Ocean Beach Park gate in one block.

From New Haven, using I 95 North:

1. Take exit 82 off I 95 North and turn right onto Broad Street, New London.
2. Stay on Broad Street for approximately 1 mile to the intersection with Colman Street. This intersection has a bunch of car dealers, Ford, Dodge/Jeep, General Motors, Deiwoo, Mercury. etc.
3. Turn right onto Coleman Street.
4. Follow the instructions above for Colman Street as if coming from Boston. (item#5)

Once in Ocean Beach Park:

Turn left inside the gate. You will see a large building straight ahead at the left end of the group of buildings. This is the Port and Starboard Hall. At the left end of the building you will see a small ramp up to the doors. This is where you can park temporarily while you off load your ship models. Parking for us is right across from that ramp. There is plenty of parking. If you are not bringing a model, the main entrance to the Hall is to the right of the building, under the canopy. Go up to the second floor and register for everything.

Hotel Information

Red Roof Inn 707 Colman Street New London (right near I 95)
\$ 79.00/ night. 1-800-874-9000

Radisson 35 Governor Winthrop Blvd New London (Downtown)
\$ 109/night 1-860-443-7000

Holliday Inn on the Frontage Road off I 95, South bound side.
\$ 99/night 1-860-442-0631

Light House Inn 6 Guthrie Place New London (closest to meeting)
\$ 125 - \$ 150/night 1-860-443-8411

Hotel Best Western - Cristata Inn 2255 Route 32, Uncasville (Right next to Mohegan Sun Casino)
\$ 109/night 1-888-863-7847 1-860-848-0660

People should make their reservations not later than 4 April and tell the Hotels that they are representing the Connecticut Marine Model Society.

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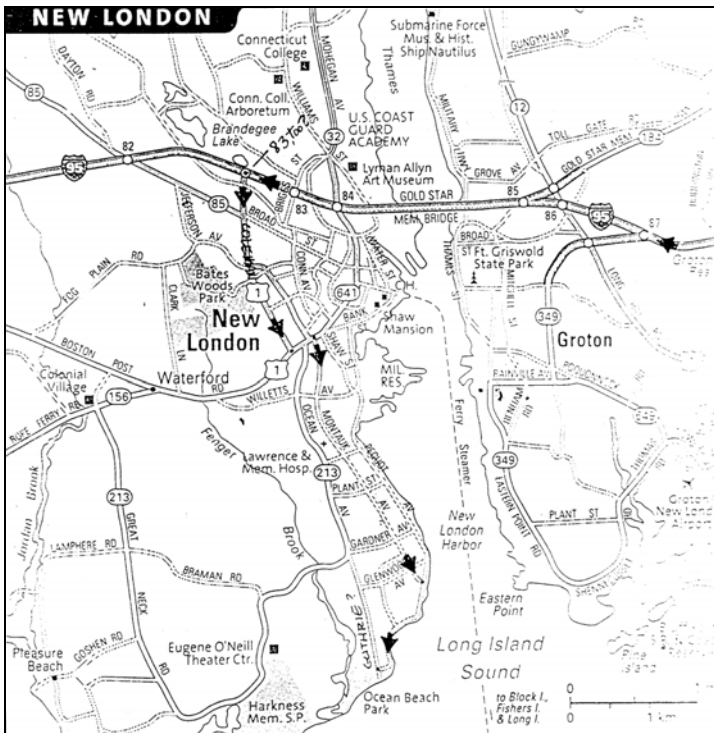
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Directions to NE Ship Model Conference

NEXT MEETING:

February 24, 2004
7:30 PM

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Tech Session:
Al Geigel
 The construction of a skylight for the *Charles W. Morgan*