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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

To all SMSNNJ members:

Al Geigel has volunteered to be our new Webmaster. At our last meeting, **Jan Leung** volunteered to be our new **Broadaxe** Editor. However **Jan** recently contacted **Dave** and me and informed us that it is highly likely that he will be leaving the area due to a work commitment and will be unable to perform as editor. I would like to thank **Jan** for stepping up and to say I was sorry to hear the news, as **Jan** would have made a good editor.

This is your chance to do something good for the club. If you consider volunteering as editor we will do everything to assist you in this assignment. We have a great club, and it is my hope we can continue to remain in this status.

The **Broadaxe** is our way of communicating to the ship model clubs throughout the country that we are a great club. We have many excellent builders who have won local and national acclaim for their work. We also have builders like myself who strive to achieve this status. Like many of our club members I step in to help wherever possible, i.e. such as holding office and co-chairing our NRG conferences.

Please if you have any thoughts of helping out the club as the new editor come forward. I know the club will appreciate your efforts as well as I would

Edward Hegstetter, President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING April 27, 2004

The meeting was opened by Pres. Hegstetter at 7:40 pm. There were 32 members in attendance,

including first time visitor, Mike Storch from Clifton and second time visitor Allan Yedlinsky.

This was Dave Watkins last meeting before he leaves New Jersey for North Carolina. Ed thanked Dave for his service as editor of the Broadaxe for the past two years. The Broadaxe is well regarded within our small community of modelers and Dave has done an excellent job in maintaining our reputation. Dave received a standing ovation from the members. He will remain a member and hopefully be able to attend a meeting once in a while.

This naturally brings us to the next topic- who will replace Dave as editor? There have been no volunteers for this important job. Al Geigel has agreed to take on the responsibility for printing the Broadaxe assisted by Tom Ruggiero with photos and myself with the words. We would greatly welcome any contributions to the Broadaxe from members either as a written article or as suggestions for articles. It is not easy to produce a monthly newsletter and assistance from the membership would be greatly valued.

Jeff Fugelstad gave the Treasurers report and pointed out that there are still some 25 non dues paying members

The Northeast Ship Model Conference was held on April 24 at New London. Six or seven of our members attended. Tom Ruggiero reported that the conference was well organized and well attended with about 35 models on display. Next year's conference will be held April 30 at the same location and will be sponsored by the NY Shipcrafters Guild.

Jim Caulkins, who attended the Northeast Conference, spoke about model cases made by George M. Creations. Jim thought the cases were well made and reasonably priced. Steve Fletcher mentioned Victory Frame Shop in Lafayette NJ as

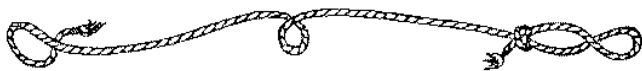
another source for cases, although he thinks they are rather pricey. Ken Schuetz has mentioned Bloomfield Glass several times in the past as a good source for acrylic cases.

Pres Ed reported again that a local chapter (Parsippany) of the U.S. Power Squadron has requested that we provide 10- 15 models for an event in November. Nick Starace is the contact person for this event and Ed will talk to Nick about setting up a display

As reported last month, we have been asked if we are interested in a Mid- Atlantic club conference later this year. There have been no developments and Ed will talk to Vince McCullough to see if this event will get off the ground.

As the months slip by we still have not located a site for a 2004 model show. The PAL in Parsippany is too costly at \$1,000 for the day. Please think about local venues that we can obtain for a very low price. Some members thought we should charge a fee to show a model, thus generating some revenue to offset the cost of renting a space. We will need some creative thinking if we are to have a show this year.

So far we have signed up 18 able bodied (maybe) seamen for the August 2 cruise on the Meerwald. Only 45 slots are available ,so if you wish to make the cruise please sign up with me.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

ALLAN YEDLINSKY brought his copies of Lees, The Mast and Rigging of English Ships of War and Frolich's, The Art of Ship modeling both of which he finds invaluable in doing his work. Both books are available from Pier Books.

EARL YOUNG passed around an article from the NY Times regarding the recent maiden voyage of the Queen Mary II to New York.

SHOW AND TELL



HENRY SCHAEFFER displayed his completed model of RMS Titanic in 1:250 scale built from the Amati kit sold by Model Expo. As usual there were some problems with the wood in the kit but Henry did a fine job with this model. He was very complimentary about the plans and instructions



KEN SCHUETZ showed his scratch built model of the Earnslaw a New Zealand steamboat built in 1912. Working in 1/8th scale and a line drawing as well as some photos Ken managed to create a fine replica of this handsome vessel which is still in service on Lake Wakatipu, New Zealand.



ED HEGSTETTER showed his work in progress of Sir Edward Hawk-1767, a scratch built plank on frame model in 1/8th scale using the Harold Hahn building method. The hull and masts are complete

with only the rigging to go. Plans are from The Shipmodelers Shop Notes and H. Hahn's book, The Colonial Schooner.



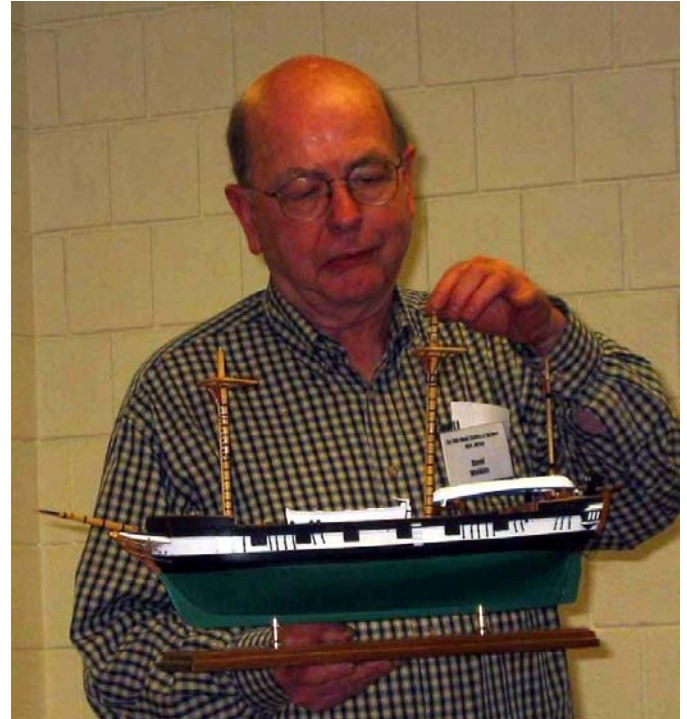
ALEX RADETICH brought his completed model of the American Victory built in 1/16th scale from the Bluejacket kit. The model shows the vessel in a color scheme used when this vessel was under Yugoslavian flag after WWII. Alex actually served on this ship in 1952-55.



ROY GOROSKI brought along his work in progress of the Emma C. Berry from the Model Expo kit in 3/8th scale. Roy has finished the hull and now will proceed to the masting and rigging.



BOB FIVEHOUSE showed his work in progress of the Oceanic, a scratch built model in 1/32nd scale of the first White Star liner built in 1871.



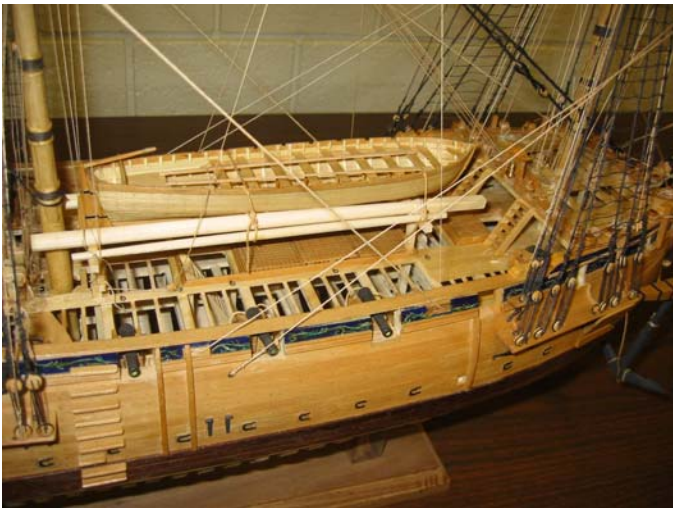
DAVE WATKINS had his work in progress of HMS Beagle, the British survey vessel which carried Charles Darwin on his voyages to the Galapagos Islands. Dave is scratch building the model in 3/16th scale using plans from the Anatomy of a Ship series



LEN SCHWALM brought back his now completed model of a Dutch yacht of the mid-seventeenth century. Len paid all of 89 cents for this old Pyro model then proceeded to make extensive modifications to produce an interesting small model.



RICHARD LANE showed his continuing work on the L. A. Dutton, a fishing schooner which he is scratch building. Richard is working on the masts and spent some time talking about the fabrication of mast hoops from paper.



Finally, ALLAN YEDLINSKY brought back his scratch model of HMS Lyme-1740 in 1/4 inch scale. Allan makes steady progress rigging this somewhat daunting project.

FROM THE INTERIM EDITOR

While I have agreed to help in putting together this issue of the Broad Axe, we still need the services of a good editor. Won't you consider volunteering?

Al Geigel

Mark Your Calendar

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

**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.

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