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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING November 22, 2005

President **Jeff Fuglestad** called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. There were 22 members in attendance. We had 2 guests, both attending their second meeting, **Tony Alworth** and **Joe Cilino**.

**Ken Schuetz** again reminded the members that many (29) have not yet paid their dues for the current fiscal year and that time is running out for them to do so. For those who are not sure whether or not they have paid their dues, a list of all members who are in arrears is included in the "Soundings" section of this issue.

### OLD BUSINESS

The setup date for the Morris County Library show is Friday, December 9, 2005 from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. If you are unable to bring your models or artifacts to the library during this time frame but could do so earlier in the day, please contact either Jeff Fuglestad or Ken Schuetz as soon as possible so that they may contact the library and make arrangements for an earlier delivery. Directions are again included in this issue of the Broadaxe.

**Bob Fivehouse** discussed the proposed change in the constitution after which Jeff Fuglestad asked for a motion to accept. **Al Geigel** made a motion to accept the change as written. **Tom Ruggiero** seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken and was unanimously approved.

The Executive Board will now prepare a proposal on the new dues amounts to be presented to the members in accordance with the new amendment.

Bob Fivehouse stated he will prepare a new clean draft of the constitution to be distributed to all members and will provide same for posting on our website.

**Al Geigel** advised the members that our club will be co-hosting the 2010 NRG Conference rather than the 2011 Conference as the Hampton Roads club decided to withdraw as co-host for the 2010 show. Al pointed out that the NRG has decided to host all future conferences with assistance from local clubs. This change reduces some of the burden on the local clubs for setting up the

Conferences. **Tom Ruggiero** provided some insight on the changes occurring in the current NRG Board of Directors resulting in far greater involvement in the Conferences than in the past.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Fuglestad told the members of an e-mail he had received from the son of a long time member who had passed away several years ago, **Dennis Joosten**. Dennis was a superb modeler involved in restoration work and other projects with **Jim Roberts**. Jeff has a number of books and fittings which have been donated to the club which he will put in "grab bags" to be auctioned at the December 13<sup>th</sup> White Whale Auction.

Jeff also informed the members that **Dr. Steve Fletcher** will have available several orthoscopic (hope that's the right word!) tools for sale at the December auction.

For the benefit of the new members and guests, Jeff explained the workings of the auction and its benefit to the club and encouraged all to bring in their excess tools, model kits and particularly books to be sold.

**Ed Hegstetter** informed the club that our own **Abe Taubman**, 92 years young, has been made a life member of the Nautical Research Guild and was presented that honor at the NRG Conference dinner. Ed also provided us with an update on another founding member of the club, **Alan Frazer**, who was also in attendance at the NRG Conference.



*Abe receives his life member award at the NRG Banquet*



## TECH SESSION

The tech session for the meeting was a presentation by several members of the tools and woods they use in their modeling.

**Tom Ruggiero** brought in his Jim Byrnes table saw. While somewhat expensive, in Tom's opinion it is the best modeling table saw he has owned. Coupled with the micrometer fence adjuster accessory, it's far superior to his Preac saw.



**Ed Hegstetter** brought in quite a number of tools including his optical magnifying visor, Preac saw, Foredom drill and accessories and an interesting set up using a compressed air tank and regulators which he uses for air brush painting.



**Mike Gutsick** brought in the Jim Byrnes thickness sander, another high quality tool. Mike noted that the markings on the elevation dial allow reductions of .0005" in the thickness of the material manually fed through the tool.



**Al Geigel** brought in a Unimat tool set which he acquired at one of our White Whale auctions.



**Jeff Fuglestad** brought in several types of wood he uses, including two types of mahogany and boxwood specimens



## SHOW AND TELL

**Ozzie Thalmann** brought in his work in progress of the S.S. *Steven Hopkins*, a Liberty Ship in 1:96 scale. Ozzie has extensively modified the kit model he obtained from Deans Marine using photos and hints provided by several members. Ozzie explained the details he added to the anchor winch, booms and other structures after which one of the members quipped that "Ozzie is probably the only German **building** Liberty Ships!". A good laugh was had by all, especially by Ozzie who told your editor "you make sure you include that in the Broadaxe –the only German building a Liberty Ship!"



**Henry Schaefer** brought in a model of a German mail steamer, *Feldmarshall*, which ran from Hamburg to South Africa. The ship was built in 1903. Henry first built a paper model of the ship and then scratch built a solid wood, full hull model (the paper model was a waterline model). Henry used a similar technique in building his whaling factory ship. Henry also told us that a gentleman came up to him at the Brookdale show and told him he had served on that factory ship and he told Henry that his model was right on target.



**Bob Fivehouse** brought in a model of a British Paddle Steamer, *Britannia*. The original ship was built in 1896 and was in service until the 1960's! The *Britannia* was an excursion steamer that ran up and down the Bristol Channel in England. Bob scratch built the model in 1" = 32' scale. The funnels were made from a half of a mustard seed and brass rod. He also used our old membership card, made of pear, to make the benches. I will also point out that the railings are scratch built, not photo etch!



**Richard Lane** brought in his finely detailed, scratch built model of the fishing schooner *L. A. Dunton*, designed by Thomas McManus and built in 1922. Richard's model is plank on bulkhead and finely weathered. Richard is currently working on the standing rigging.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM



**FROM THE EDITOR**

I had the pleasure of attending my first NRG Conference which was held at the Raddison Hotel in Hampton, Virginia. I thought it was well organized, the site was outstanding and the harbor tour and Mariner's Museum hard hat tour of the new addition, where they are restoring the *Monitor's* turret and engine, was top notch. My hat's off to the Hampton Roads Club for a job well done! It was also an opportunity to meet members I've known only by name through my mailings of the Broadaxe, in particular Abe Taubman, Paul Fontenoy and Alan Frazer. It was indeed a pleasure for me.

**Mike Gutsick**



**"Soundings from D Deck"**

**A FINAL REMINDER!** Our annual **White Whale Auction** is scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>. **Please note that the room will be open at 6:30 PM in anticipation of a 7:00 PM start time for the meeting.** This year we will have a **New** MicroLux Miniature Power Tool set to auction off. This set goes for \$500 retail through Micro Mark. The tools are highlighted in Micro Mark's Holiday 2005 catalog on pages 2 and 3. High bidder on this item will have a very Merry Christmas! In addition, 100% of the proceeds will go to the club! Jeff Fuglestad is again asking the members to consider donating additional tools, books and

kits to the club at the auction to build up the treasury in anticipation of the 2010 NRG Conference cash needs.

In case you can not remember whether you have or have not paid your dues, according to Ken Schuetz's records, the following members still owe dues for the current fiscal year:

Dan Caramagno, Al Castka, Ernest Connor, Phil Daniels, Chris Dorey, Willie Dunne, Bill Fay, Paul Fontenoy, Frank Hanavan, Walter Hering, Jeff Herne, Gary Kingzett, Marty Krisiloff, Bill Liebold, Mason Logie, Jerry Maurer, Tom McGowan, Lester Murat, Ed Nolan, Dan Pariser, Nick Perella, Neil Raynor, David Sasher, Mike Slade, Ron Slosbery, Nick Starace, Paul Steinberg, Michael Storch and Earl Young.

As noted earlier, the setup night for the club's display at the Morris County Library is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Directions to the library follow:

#### **from the WEST**

Route 10 East through Parsippany. Just before the 287 overpass, turn south off of 10 at the Hanover Mariott onto Ridgedale Avenue. Down Ridgedale about 2 miles, past Allen papers on the right and, next, the Morris County Mall on the left. As you reach the Mall and approach the intersection, move into left turning lane. A Sunoco station is left and across the intersection from you. **Turn left onto Hanover Ave.** The library is a half mile down the road on your left. There is a stop light and overhead sign at the library entrance.

#### **from the EAST**

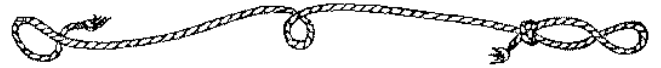
Route 10 West, passing under 287. Take the jughandle turn for Ridgedale Avenue and follow directions above OR Route 24 West to last exit, 1A. Turn right off the exit ramp and pass under Rte 24. Take the immediate right hand feed off of Whippany Rd onto Hanover Ave. The library is 200 yards up the road, on your right.

#### **from the SOUTH**

Route 287 to exit 36A, Morris Avenue and Rte 511. Turn right at top of exit ramp. **Stay in middle lane.** Pass the equestrian statue on your right, Ford Mansion (large white colonial home) on your left. Road narrows to two lanes; move into left turning lane as you approach the **second light.** Left turn off of Whippany Rd onto Hanover Ave. The library is 200 yards up the road, on your right.

#### **from the NORTH**

Route 287 to exit 36, Lafayette and Ridgedale Avenue. Stay to the right coming off of 287 and bear right onto Ridgedale Avenue. Seven tenths of a mile to intersection with Hanover Ave. (Sunoco station on the right); right turn onto Hanover. The library is a half mile down the road on your left, marked by a stop light and overhead sign.



## **UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS**

### **December 13, 2005 – White Whale Auction**

**January 24, 2006 – Tom Ruggiero** will discuss his techniques for making scale gratings

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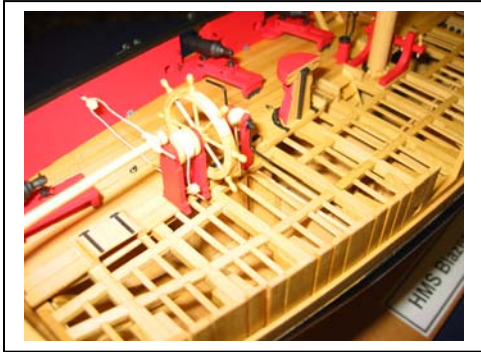
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Some photos provided by Tom Ruggiero of the recent NRG Conference



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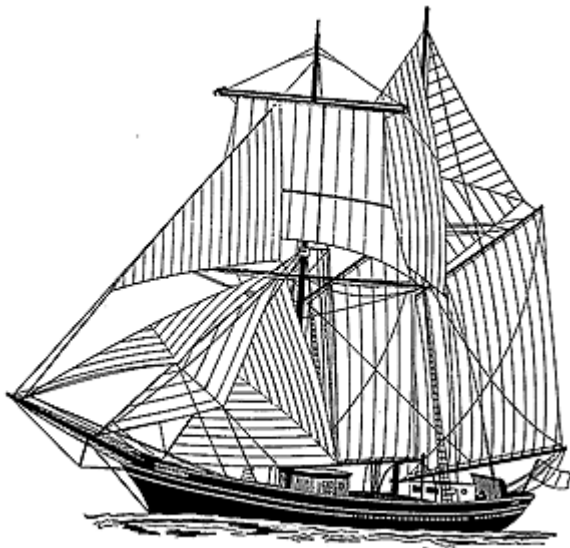
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**NEXT MEETING:**

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**7:00 PM**

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