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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

Like the Mariners' Museum's "A Dictionary of the World's Watercraft", with its over 5,600 entries, The SMSNNJ has a wonderfully interesting, diverse and independent minded membership. As we have the opportunity to meet at least once per month, I wish to make sure that the meetings and other events meet the objectives of both long time and new members. Like a good friend once said about models, the final result is all about how each model maker sees his or her model. With this thought, perhaps there can be a discussion about what you would like the Club to accomplish at the next meeting.

Jeff Fuglestad
President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING June 28, 2005

President **Ed Hegstetter** called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 PM. We had 26 members in attendance. In addition, there were two new visitors; **Jack Malkin** from Berkeley Heights and **Sergey Parfenyuk** from Cedar Knolls.

The first item of business was the election of club officers for the next two years. The slate proposed was as follows: Jeff Fuglestad, President; Ed Hegstetter, Vice President; Bill Dunphy, Treasurer and Tom McGowan, Secretary. On motion made, seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the proposed slate, which he did. Congratulations to the new officers!

Ozzie Thalmann recently attended the Midwestern Model Ships and Boats Contest and reported that **Gary Kingzett** won a Gold Medal in his class for his battleship *New Jersey*. Ozzie also won a Certificate of Merit for his model of the *San Mateo*. Congratulations to both members!

Ken Schuetz made an urgent call to members who plan to exhibit in our month long show at the Morristown Library during December. Ken needs the data sheets on your models **ASAP** as the library needs advance information to permit publication of a flyer on the show. Please submit the forms to Ken immediately. If you need help, contact Ken at (973) 226-9004.

Most know that **Abe Taubman's** plans service has been taken over by Loyalhanna Dockyard. **Ozzie Thalmann** gave me a flyer that contained an e-mail address for Taubman Plans Service as www.taubmansonline.com

The South Street Show is on for August. A show of hands indicated that about 7 members will be at the show.

Our own show will be held on Saturday, October 8th at Brookdale Community College located in Tinton Falls, NJ (Exit 109 of the Garden State Parkway). We hope to have a flyer advertising the show very soon and will need members assistance in getting the flyer to hobby shops and other vital locations. We are also preparing an up to date fact sheet on the club. We will have plenty of space and tables for your models and ask that you plan to bring lots of stuff. Directions and a map will appear in future editions of the Broadaxe.



BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

AI Geigel showed a copy of the book "Spars and Rigging from Nautical Routine 1849" by John McLeod Murphy and W. N. Jeffries. The book was published in 2003 by Dover Publications as a reproduction of a 1933 printing. AI thought the text was difficult to follow but the illustrations are superb.



SHOW AND TELL

HENRY SCHAEFER had his completed model of the U.S.C.G. Training Ship *Eagle*. Henry built the model from scratch using plank and bulkhead construction. The model is fully rigged with all sails set.



TONY VOUVALIDES brought along his work in progress of a half hull model of a Bristol Channel Cutter that he is working on as a prototype model for possible kit production by John Ziegler. Tony talked about some of the difficulties encountered in working out the glitches in a pre-production model that utilizes some interesting construction features.



First time visitor **JACK MALKIN**, who has built models for many years, showed his work in progress on the Mantua model of the yacht *Caroline*.



Working very quickly since last month, **DON OTIS** exhibited his completed model of the Amati kit (now discontinued) of the 100 gun vessel *Prince*. This is a very elaborate model which Don, after many years of other projects getting in the way, has completed in a dramatic fashion.





TECH SESSION

Jeff Fuglestad gave an abbreviated session on his carving techniques to fashion whales and human figures for his model of a whaleboat. Although not a carver of long standing, Jeff has made several fine renditions of the subjects using knives and files.

In addition to Jeff's demonstrations, we watched part of a video of a lecture given by Donald McNarry at a recent symposium held at Mystic Seaport. Time ran out and we could not finish the video which will be seen at a future meeting.

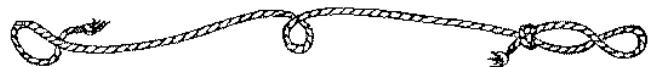


FROM THE EDITOR

I hope that everyone is having a nice summer and is enjoying their vacations. If the photos of the models don't seem to be as good as they usually are it's because your humble editor took them this month instead of Tom Ruggiero, who no doubt was taking off the lines of HMS *Victory* at the time.

As noted in the minutes, Ken Schuetz had to poll members at the meeting as to how many would be displaying models at the library exhibit. Ken noted that data sheets were submitted for only 16 models, far fewer than were on display at the last exhibit. Ken also explained how absolutely necessary the data sheets are. The Library will be preparing a flyer for the show from these data sheets. Although several members said that they could bring several models, Ken has to have your data sheets now. The form is again included in this issue of the Broadaxe. If you will not be at the July meeting to submit your form(s), please mail them to Ken or Jeff Fuglestad. If you need their mailing addresses, please contact me. Ken also made it clear that if he doesn't have a sufficient number of data sheets by the July meeting, the exhibit will need to be cancelled.

Mike Gutsick



“Soundings from D Deck”

Some general ramblings –

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

From time to time, I will take the opportunity to share with you my experiences with some of the tools or accessories I have used in my model building. As someone who has been modeling for a relatively short time, I'm still in the process of building up my tool inventory. Too often I'm an impulse buyer. I see something that looks neat in a catalog that I think I can use and I buy it. Some turn out to be real gems while others are a waste of my

money. Hopefully my experiences will be helpful to others.

WHAT WORKS --

I modified my woodworking bench so it would have a larger work surface by adding an auxiliary top built from a 2' x 4' piece of ¾" birch plywood with a cleat added on the underside so I could clamp it in place with the bench vise. I also covered the top with a sheet of acrylic. I have a nice work area for building my models. The one consistent problem I had with the setup was how often small parts would slip from my fingers or tweezers, off the top and onto the floor. I swear it was like the Bermuda Triangle. The piece would just disappear! I'd be on hands and knees with a flashlight, scouring the floor for that piece. Sometimes I would find it. Other times I'd just give up in disgust. I finally found an accessory that has solved this problem. Since adding it to my workbench, I haven't lost any small parts to my Bermuda Triangle of a floor! The accessory is the "CATCH OF THE DAY" sold by BlueJacket Ship Crafters. I bought the 36" model. As you can see below, it works like a charm.



WHAT DOESN'T --

While the product itself works great, the adhesive backed Velcro strips that come with it do not. In a very short time, the adhesive starts to give way. I tried stapling the Velcro but that didn't hold up very long either. I ended up screwing the unit to my auxiliary top. I used screws designed for attaching drawer fronts. They have a very wide head which gives ample support.



I also found that the product needs to be supported at both ends; otherwise, the small brass screws begin to pull out of the pine components as shown below.



I fashioned two moveable support arms which I attached to the underside of my auxiliary top so that the unit lays properly.



Although it seems like a lot of added work, I spent less time on the fixes than I have searching my floor for lost parts. I think it's a great addition to any work bench. I've seen a shop apron with Velcro that's supposed to do the same thing, but I don't really want to attach *myself* to the workbench. I move around too much.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

July 26, 2005 – Barry Rudd will give a demonstration on hull planking

August 23, 2005 Allan Yedlinski will discuss his various techniques in constructing his scratch built **HMS Roebuck**

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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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DATA SHEET
Morris County Library Exhibit

Name of Modeler

Telephone/email

Data on model being displayed:

Name of vessel

Type of Vessel

Scale

Dimensions of cased model: Length Width Height

If not cased please give the dimensions of the model and note that it is not in a case

Kit

Modified Kit

Scratch

Data on Actual Vessel:

Year built

Place

Please provide a brief history of the model

A data sheet and photograph must be submitted for each model you wish to exhibit.

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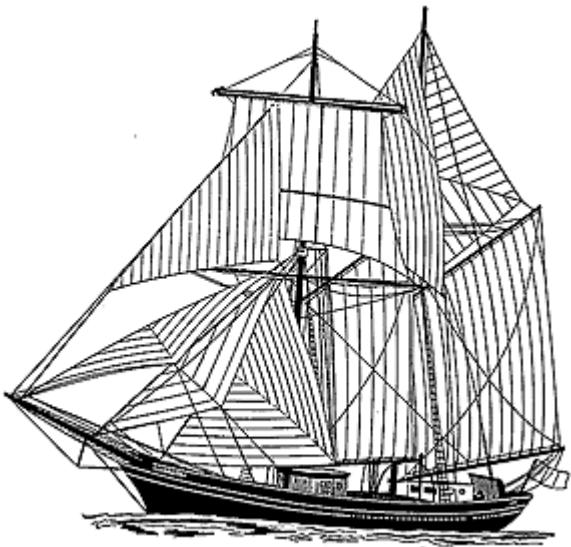
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By
Barry Rudd