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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

I will be completing the remainder of Jeff Herne's term as President this coming June. I have chosen not to run for President again as I feel I cannot meet the expectations of the office and hold down a full time job at the same time. In addition, the trip up to Millburn is a long one, as Henry and Tom can attest. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the club members for your help and support. I enjoyed being President and if things change in the next several years, I may want to run again, with your blessings. One of the objectives that I attempted to carry out was the streamlining of the meetings and cutting back on administrative matters to have more time to devote to tech sessions and show and tell. As to how successful we were, only time will tell. It appears that Jeff Fuglestad will be our next President and I am delighted to have him as our new leader. I ask all of you to lend your support and encouragement to Jeff as you so graciously did for me. The club is changing as we unfortunately lose current members. However, we are gaining new members as well. I believe Jeff will do a better job at bringing new members on board than I did.

Old habits are hard to break as it also appears that I will become the new Vice President. You haven't gotten rid of me that easy! Again, thanks for all of your help and support and I look forward to even better things in the coming years. With kind regards,

Ed Hegstetter
President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING May 24, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President **Ed Hegstetter** at 7:30 PM with 24 members in attendance.

Registration forms for participation in the August show at the South Street Seaport are available for anyone who plans to participate. See **Jeff Fuglestad** for a copy. *(Editor's Note: A copy of the form has been provided to our webmaster and should be available for printing from our website)*

We have heard from a woman who has a partially completed model of the *U.S.S. New Jersey* that she would like to give to someone. It is a large radio control model (about 111 inches). If interested, Ed has the contact details.

Our elections will be held at the June meeting. The present officers have agreed to stand for reelection with a switch in jobs between **Ed Hegstetter** (to vice president) and **Jeff Fuglestad** (to president). Anyone interested in an officer position should talk to **Tom Ruggiero**. *(Editor's Note: Ed, while quite happy to be vice president, advised the members that certain projects may come up at work which will demand a great deal of his time. If any member is interested in the vice president position, Ed would be willing to step aside. Please consider helping out the club and let Tom Ruggiero know if you are interested)*

Among the seven, or so, clubs that make up the Northeast group, it falls to us to host next year's joint club meeting. The date has been set for April 29, 2006 at the same location in New London. As time goes by members will hear more about this event.

Our own show in October is approaching and the secretary passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to handle some of the tasks involved in producing a successful event. More will be discussed regarding this at the next meeting.

We were very fortunate tonight to be paid a visit by **Tom Piccurillo** from Micro Mark along with his art director, **T. Nolz**. Tom was actually here to judge the Jim Roberts competition but it has been decided to push that event back several months. Tom gave an interesting update on what's happening at Micro Mark these days. There are no plans to reopen the retail store but Tom thought we could still hold a meeting at their office and avail ourselves of any "specials" he might have around the warehouse. Tom also expressed some interest in showing a well done ship model on the cover of a future issue of the Micro Mark catalog.



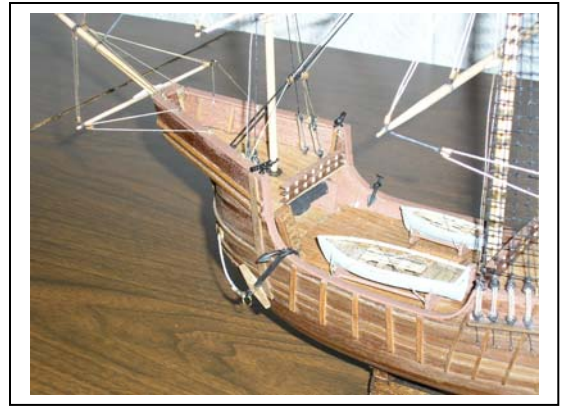
BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

Dennis Powell showed a book titled *Encyclopedia of Ships* which contains thousands of entries of the names of ships going back several hundred years. The book is written by Tony Gibbons and published by the Thunder Bay Press.



SHOW AND TELL

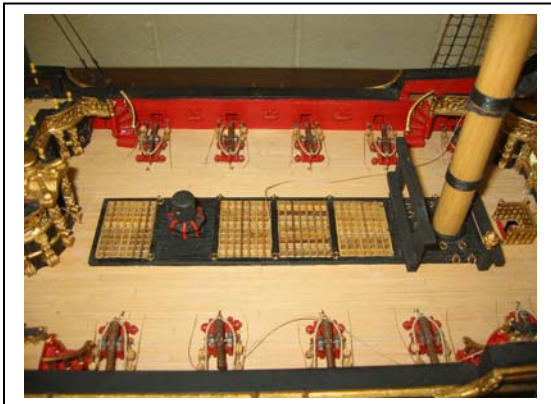
Bernie Bahr was kind enough to bring in the last model built by **Henry Barbrack** before his passing. It is a model of the *Santa Maria*, built from one of Jim Roberts' hulls.



Steve Fletcher showed his work in progress of a Chinese Junk in 1/100th scale from a kit which he has heavily modified. Steve noted that researching junks is somewhat difficult as there are no standards. Each vessel appears built as a one of a kind.



Don Otis also had a work in progress of the Amati kit of the British 100 gun vessel *Prince*. The model was discontinued by Amati some time ago and Don has been working on the ship off and on for quite a few years. Other modeling priorities kept getting in the way. Now he will finish this very elaborate model using books and paintings as a guide to the appearance of the ship.



Allan Yedlinsky showed his continuing work on the 1/4 inch scale scratch built model of *HMS Roebuck*. Allan is using plans from Harold Hahn but built the model upright following the methods on the *Le Gros Ventre* website. He believes there is a large saving in the amount of wood used in this technique. Allan will not rig this impressive model but show it as an Admiralty Board model.

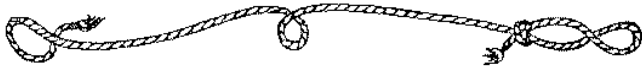


Jeff Fuglestad showed his completed model in 1/2 inch scale of a New England whaleboat, built using a Jim Roberts hull, but otherwise scratch. The boat is shown hoisted on davits on a section of a whaler.



Dan Caramagno showed his work in progress on the yacht *America*, again built from a Jim Roberts hull, then scratch from there. Dan has completed the hull and is now going to the rigging.





FROM THE EDITOR

In addition to the election of new officers, the June meeting is also the deadline for submitting your data sheet if you want to display a model at the Morris County Museum. If you are unable to attend the June meeting, please contact either Jeff Fuglestad or Ken Schuetz and make arrangements to get your data sheet to them. I'm including the data sheet in this issue again for your reference.

Mike Gutsick



"Soundings from D Deck"

Some general ramblings –

Stan Sinowitz is looking for a model of an Egyptian Felucca. He has a client looking to buy one from 12 to 20 inches long, having a full weathered hull and sails. If you would be interested in building one on commission, please contact Stan at 201-342-1220 or e-mail him at www.FiddlersGreenModelShips.com.

Planking with Excel

Having read Jim Roberts book on planking techniques, I found I just had to have a proportional divider in order to do it right. Sticker shock set right in as I did a google search for the tool but found that Micro Mark had the most reasonable price and I bought one. Oh Joy! Oh Rapture! Only later was it pointed out to me by **Dan Caramagno** that there are alternatives. Dan used a tool that I have used at work extensively for some time. That tool turned out to be Microsoft's Excel spreadsheet program! Dan took the time to set up a spreadsheet to determine the number of planks needed and the width of the planks at each station. He was kind enough to send me a copy of his spreadsheet file so I could see

how it worked. At a recent meeting, another member came up to me, Larry Friedlander, I believe, who also had used Excel in place of the proportional divider. Gentlemen, my hat's off to you for seeing and using the ubiquitous Excel program as a ship modeling tool.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

June 28, 2005 – Jeff Fuglestad will demonstrate carving techniques in boxwood

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*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SHOWS AND CONFERENCES

August 6-7, 2005 – South Street Seaport Show

October 8, 2005 – SMSNNJ annual model show, Brookdale College, Lincroft, NJ

November 4-6, 2005 – NRG 32nd Annual Conference, Hampton Roads, Virginia

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Guests are always welcome.

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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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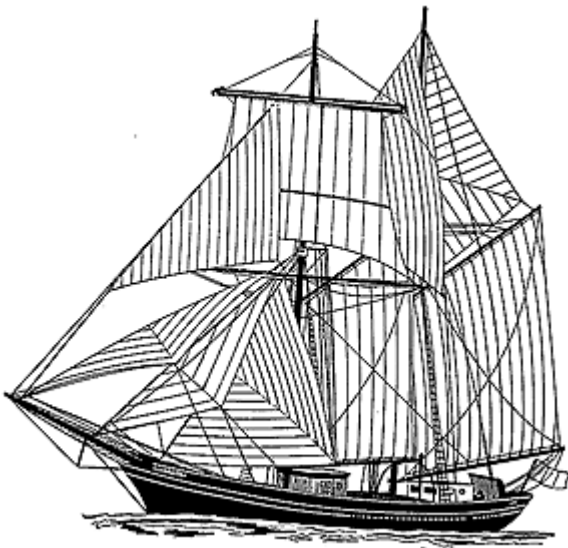
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Carving Techniques
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