



# THE BROADAXE

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THE SHIP MODEL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY  
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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING February 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by **Larry Friedlander** in the absence of our President, **Bob Fivehouse** and Vice President, **Tom McGowan**. Tom is now (as of 2/24/11) back in his house. Larry Friedlander and **Michael Storch** visited him at his rehab center a few days before he was sent home. After a long recovery, Tom, who has lost lots of weight, looks good and maintains his optimistic demeanor. He is hoping to attend the next meeting of the *Hannah* group and the next Club meeting. He really appreciates all the calls he has received from Club members and looks forward to seeing them soon.

Larry Friedlander brought in several dozen nautical fiction books so that Club members could have them, rather than throw them away. Those books not taken this time will be brought again to the March meeting.

**Mike Gutsick** was thanked for the 94th consecutive time for the outstanding job he does on the Broadaxe. **Tom Ruggiero** noted that the file size of the e-mail version was smaller this month and easier to open. There being no further comments, the February 2011 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Our treasurer, **Al Geigel**, presented the Treasurer's Report. Last month's report needed to be amended. Up until September of last year we were paying \$12 a month to maintain our website. **Chuck Passaro** has taken that over and website maintenance is now free. Thank you, Chuck. The Treasurer's Report was then accepted into the minutes.

There were no guests or visitors at this meeting but Mike Gutsick had contact with our visitor of last month, **Jerry Havel**, who says that he will return.

A few days ago **Ed Hegstetter** called **Al Geigel** and told him that the Monmouth County Library seems to be in a state of confusion and as of now, the show we were planning to have there is indefinitely postponed.

**Tom Ruggiero** reminds us, yet again, that there are beautiful hats embroidered with the Club logo still available. He also notes that he can order other merchandise with the Club logo but will only do that with firm orders in hand.

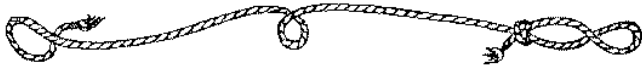
Again, ideas were solicited for celebrating our 30th anniversary. One suggestion was the sailing vessel *Richard Robbins* which sails from Port Lincoln near Jersey City.

**Roy Goroski** will bring information on that at the next meeting. Another suggestion was the yacht, *Spirit of New Jersey*, which also sails from New Jersey. Larry Friedlander will get information about that cruise.

As part of our ongoing effort to get new members, Larry Friedlander suggested that the membership look into their community newspapers to see if they can run free or cheap notices of our Club meetings. Many of these papers appeal to an older demographic and that is a group in which we can find modelers who may wish to join us. Please reach out to your local publications so that we can replenish our roster.

**Tom Ruggiero** told the members about the *Hannah* group's meeting held at **Dennis Powell's** house. In addition to the usual crew, **Bob Fivehouse** sat in. Other attendees were **Bill Farrar**, **Barry Rudd**, **Ed Marrie**, and **Larry Friedlander**. The *Hannah* group will represent the SMSNJ at the Joint Club's Conference in New London at the end of April. The group will give a tabletop presentation on the Hahn building method. The next meeting of the *Hannah* group was March 12.

The members present at the Milburn Library entered into a discussion of "constructive criticism". It was pointed out that in the past there were members of the Club who would give words of advice, suggestions for improvements, observations on weaknesses and areas that were substandard. At present however, we don't have that kind of exchange and it was suggested that a mechanism for that "constructive criticism" be established for those modelers who want that kind of help. **Roy Goroski** suggested that there might be a form created to be put next to those models whose creators want an evaluation. **Larry Friedlander** said he would create a form and have it ready for the next meeting. **Tom Ruggiero** pointed out that the NRG used to set aside a part of their conferences for juried exhibitions where a panel of experts would judge models and give feedback. **Dennis Powell** suggested that Show and Tell be done earlier in the evening so that there would be time afterwards for discussion and evaluation. An extended break could be used for that interaction.

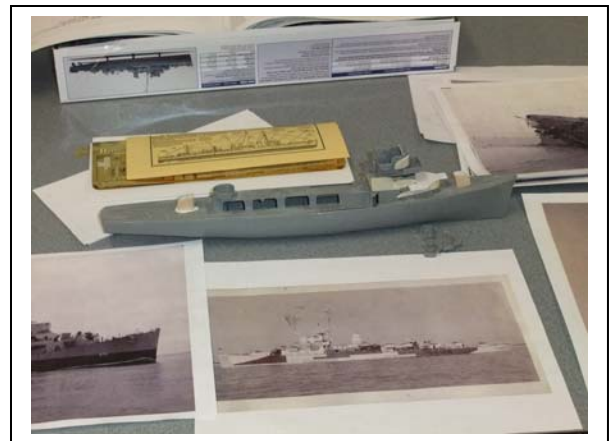


## SHOW AND TELL

**Mike Gutsick** showed the Club his 1/12 scale model of a Barnegat Bay sneakbox. Mike's model is built of western red cedar. He got this from model railroad suppliers who intended it for building trestles. He then milled the wood to the needed dimensions and made 11 frames, a nose block and a transom. The frames were bent with water but the deck beams, being thicker, forced Mike to use a plank bender. The model is based on a plan by Howard Chapelle of a sneakbox built in 1880. A CAD program was used to draw the frames, transom, nose block and frame knees as well as a sail plan. The sail was made for Mike by **Don Otis**. Mike's total construction time was approximately 70 hours. He has also completed a Chesapeake Bay gunning skiff and plans to mount them together on a baseboard so they can be compared.



**Tom Ruggiero** brought in his kit bashed model of the USS *Camp*. The prototype is an Edsall class destroyer escort built in 1943. Tom is building this model for his daughter's father-in-law, whose father was a yeoman on the USS *Camp*. Tom started with a Buckley class model kit that will be totally rebuilt. The model is roughly 1/250 scale. Tom is using many photo etched pieces to replace the out of scale plastic parts. The only parts of the kit that will remain are the hull and deck. The ship was originally fitted with 3 inch guns but was later re-equipped with 5 inch guns. After the war the *Camp* stood in for the USS *Ward* in the movie "Tora Tora Tora" and she is still afloat as a member of the Philippine Navy. Tom also announced that at the end of September he will be a granddad. Congratulations!



**Len Schwalm** showed us his model of a 1940's Standard Oil tugboat "Dispatch Number 9" that worked on the West Coast. Len modified an old Ideal Toy Company plastic kit by adding ropes, tires, bow bumper, gratings and window glazing. Len did much of his research on the internet where he found deck layouts and paint schemes. Len used tires from old car kits that he cut with a razor to a realistic thickness. He filled in the portholes with Testors window maker glue. Dr. Fletcher

suggested that the bow bumper could be simulated with a piece of Turkish towel painted black. Len painted his tug with a combination of acrylic and enamel paints, some airbrushed on. He applies the acrylics first as a base coat and then paints with enamels over them because enamels can be removed if necessary, but not acrylics.



## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

**Nick Starace** has not done much modeling in the past six years because he has been working on his biography which has now been published under the title "White Sails Became Me: Memoirs of a Seafaring Heritage". Nick is busy doing publicity for his book, so modeling will have to wait a bit longer. Nick had two reasons for writing this book. The first was his desire to record his family's history and the second was to tell his grandchildren about his life. Nick knows that memoirs

are a tough sell but hopes that his tale of travel, adversity and adventure will find a wide audience.

*Editor's Note: Nick has donated a copy of his book with a very nice inscription for his fellow SMSNJ members for our Club library. Thanks, Nick! I'm sure many of us will enjoy reading your memoirs.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.



## Mark Your Calendars!

### 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Joint Clubs SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE AND SHOW

**Saturday April 30, 2011 10 AM - 4 PM  
New London, CT**

### *A reminder about our next meeting*

There is no tech session scheduled for the March meeting. Instead, Club members are being asked to bring in an unbuilt ship kit. Most, if not all of us, have a stash, sitting in a closet or under the bed, of unbuilt ship models. Please bring one or two in and tell us what attracted you to it in the first place and why you haven't built it up till now. Maybe you've changed your mind and would like to trade it for something else or maybe you just need a little encouragement to get started. Whatever the reason, please bring your kit in and share with the group.

We will have our usual **Show and Tell** session. If you would like some feedback about your model, evaluation forms have been created. Please ask for them at the beginning of the evening so that you can put them next to your model. The desired outcome is that our meetings will become a little bit more of a learning experience. Remember that this is an "opt in" evaluation. If you don't want an evaluation, you need do nothing.



I received an update from **Mike Slade** who now lives on Long Island. He misses not being able to come to the meetings anymore. He did send me some photos of some paper models he's completed. I am familiar with these particular models because I've downloaded them from [digitalnavy.com](http://digitalnavy.com) and they're free! I've just never gotten around to cutting out the pieces and making the models. Thanks for keeping us posted on your modeling, Mike!

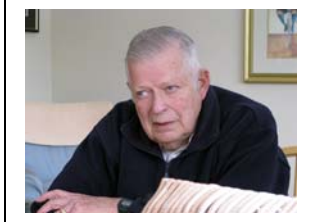


*The Ambrose Lightship*



*Lilla Weneda*

Larry Friedlander sent along some more photos of the last *Hannah* group meeting – don't you want to be a part of the group too?



The Joint Clubs Conference and A Model Evaluation form were mentioned earlier. A registration form for the Conference and the proposed Evaluation Form are included in this issue of the Broadaxe.

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Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to the *BROADAXE* are always welcome, and SMSNJ 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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# Model Evaluation

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Model Name \_\_\_\_\_ Kit/ Scratch \_\_\_\_\_ Scale \_\_\_\_\_

Please evaluate my model. Some features I would like you to consider are: Finish, Fit , Adherence to scale, Choice of materials.

These are some of the strengths of your model:

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These areas could be better:

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Here are some suggestions that you may find useful:

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Thank you for your input! Please feel free to sign your name or remain anonymous.

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THE NEW YORK SHIPCRAFT GUILD PRESENTS  
THE 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTHEAST JOINT CLUBS

# SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE AND SHOW

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

PORT 'N' STARBOARD CONVENTION CENTER, OCEAN BEACH PARK, NEW LONDON, CT  
DRIVING DIRECTIONS AT: [WWW.OCEAN-BEACH-PARK.COM](http://WWW.OCEAN-BEACH-PARK.COM) THEN CLICK ON "CONTACT"

MODEL SETUP 8:15 AM – GENERAL ADMISSION 9:00 AM

## REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL BY **MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
WE HAVE TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE WITH THE CATERERS TO MAKE  
SURE THAT THERE ARE ENOUGH SEATS AND FOOD FOR EVERYONE

PLEASE RESERVE \_\_\_\_\_ SEAT(S) FOR THE CONFERENCE AT **\$35.00**/PERSON

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: NEW YORK SHIPCRAFT GUILD  
AND MAIL IT TO: C/O NANCY NALBANTIAN  
765 RIVERSIDE DR., APT. 3-K  
NEW YORK, NY 10032

### NAME TAG INFORMATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(S): \_\_\_\_\_

## SHIP MODEL REGISTRATION

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING A SHIP MODEL FOR DISPLAY. WE WILL PREPARE A DISPLAY PLACARD FOR THE MODEL USING THE INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE BELOW. PLEASE INDICATE THE SIZE OF THE MODEL SO WE CAN DETERMINE SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

YOU CAN CHOOSE TO ENTER THE MODEL FOR **THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS** AND/OR THE **JIM ROBERTS CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD**. CHECK THE BOX(ES) THAT APPLY.

IF YOU WANT TO BRING MORE MODELS, JUST LIST THEM AND THEIR PERTINENT DATA ON THE REVERSE SIDE OR ON ANOTHER SHEET.

MODEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

SCALE: \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPTH: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENTER THIS MODEL FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE [  ] JIM ROBERTS [  ] AWARDS

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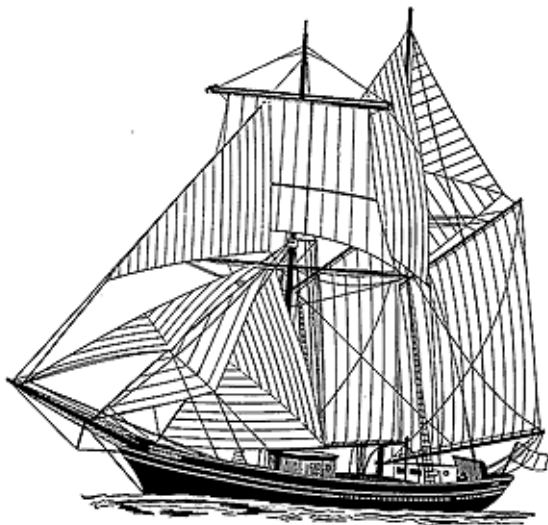
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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**March 22, 2011**

**7:30 PM**

MILLBURN PUBLIC  
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**No Tech  
Session  
Planned**