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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING May 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order by vice president **Tom McGowan** at 7:35. The members observed a moment of silence in memory of **Henry Shafer's** wife. There were 26 members in attendance.

Tom Ruggiero told us about the joint club's conference in New London Connecticut. He was pleased to report that two members of our club were honored for their models.



Dan Pariser won the second annual *Jim Roberts award* for his Thames skiff and **Chuck Passaro** won second place in the People's choice competition for his model of the Confederacy. David Antsherl, who discussed building model masts, gave a very interesting after lunch talk. The luncheon menu was different this year and many members considered it an improvement. We congratulate the New York club on a job well done.

Vice Pres. **Tom McGowan** presented the 2011 Jim Roberts award to **Dan Pariser** for his model of a Thames River skiff, 1880.

Next year (2012) our club will be responsible for putting on the Joint Clubs Conference. **Tom McGowan** pointed out that it is not too early to begin planning. **Al Geigel** told us that he has already put down a deposit on the hall for next year. Some of the areas we will have to make arrangements for are: vendors, food, speaker, tech sessions, administration and registration, door prizes, publicity, and liaison with other clubs. **Dan Pariser** told us about some of the issues the New York club had to deal with in putting on the show. We look forward to taking advantage of his hard-earned knowledge as we prepare. **Jeff Fuglestad** suggested that a joint clubs conference committee be set up as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

Ozzie Thalmann made his annual pilgrimage to Wisconsin. Ozzie won a gold medal for his model of the Calypso, which he has brought in for show and tell several times. He also won a silver medal for his Coast Guard cutter. Finally, Ozzie won a certificate of merit. As a prize, Ozzie got a two-disc set about planking created by Bob Hunt. He is donating it to the club. Last year the Wisconsin show had about 75 models; this year there were only 38. It's an 18-hour trip to Wisconsin but the good time Ozzie had makes it seem worthwhile.

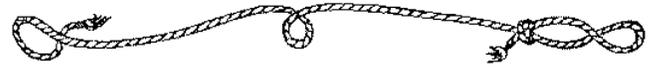
Ken Schuetz asked the club members to volunteer some of their models for the Morris County Library exhibition, which will run from 26 August to 29 September. Please consider lending a model or models for exhibition.

As we have discussed several times in the past few months, our club is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Two alternate celebrations were offered to the attendees. The first was a dinner at a restaurant, and the second was a picnic at **Tom McGowan's** house. A show of hands was called for and the picnic was chosen. After further discussion the club decided that the picnic would be catered and that part of the catering cost would be paid for from club funds. The other part will be paid for by a 10 or \$15 charge for each person attending the picnic. The tentative date selected was the first Saturday after Labor Day.

Mason Logie has been in contact with the Noble Maritime Museum and has arranged a choice of dates for us to go over and visit their ship collection. The available dates are June 25th or July 9th. The museum is looking for some ship modelers who would be willing to restore parts of their collection. This restoration would be voluntary and would probably have to be done on-site. As of now the tentative date for the visit is June 25.

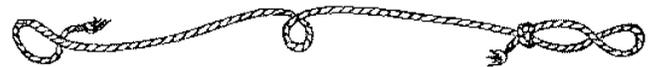
Al Geigel presented the treasurer's report, which was accepted by the membership. We are very grateful for his foresight in putting a deposit on the site for the joint clubs conference next year. The date will be April 28, 2012, and we are fortunate to be getting the same menu at the same price.

The Broadaxe went out late this month because **Michael Storch** had to go through a lengthy process of reformatting which resulted in a very nice-looking edition. Thanks also go to **Dennis Powell** for volunteering to mail out the hard copies. We would like to limit the amount of mailing so we ask that members use their e-mail address if possible.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Jim Caulkins drew our attention to an article in the nautical research Journal that discusses the possible perils of using cyanoacrylate glue in rigging. **Dan Pariser** gave us some more information on the possible dangers of that use and told us that we should take the article as a caution but not necessarily as the last word on the subject because there are differing points of view.



Tom Ruggiero generously hosted the Hannah group meeting at his house. Progress on the model is very uneven but the sharing of experience and camaraderie is very enjoyable. The next meeting will be held at **Barry Rudd's** house on Saturday, June 18. The group has tentatively decided that in March of 2012 we will begin work on a new model and there has been some discussion of selecting the *Syren*, created by **Chuck Passaro**.

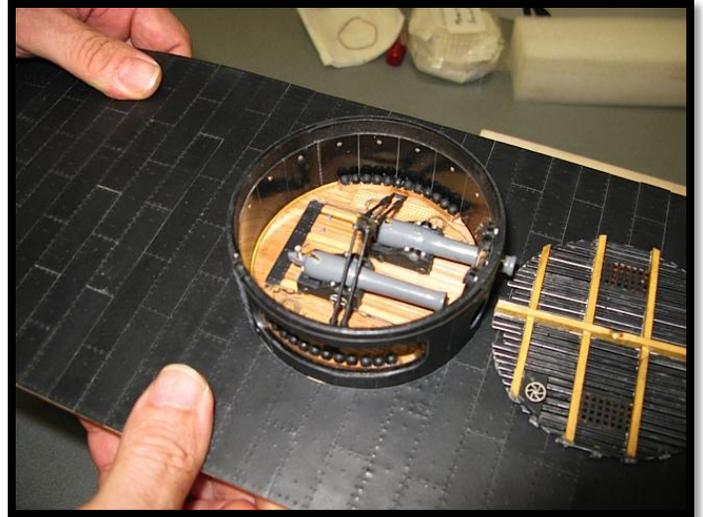
During the break, **Tom Ruggiero** did a little research and came up with some tentative prices for picnic catering. Tom came up with a price of \$1500-\$1600 for a party of 50. This would include a more varied menu than just hamburgers and hotdogs and also includes a tent whose cost is approximately \$600.



SHOW AND TELL

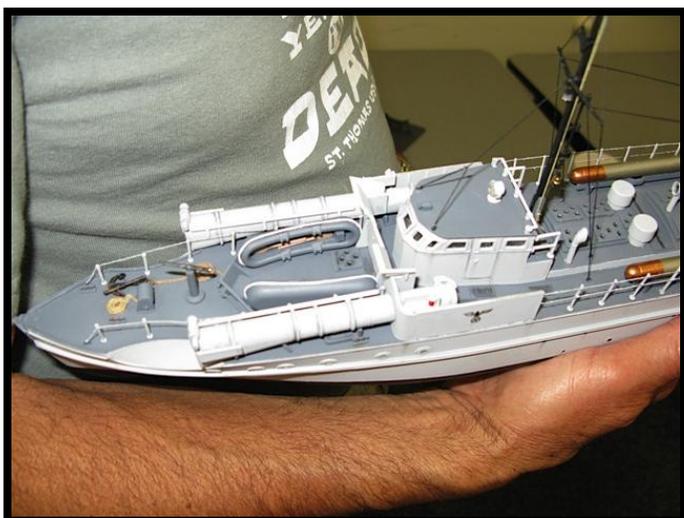
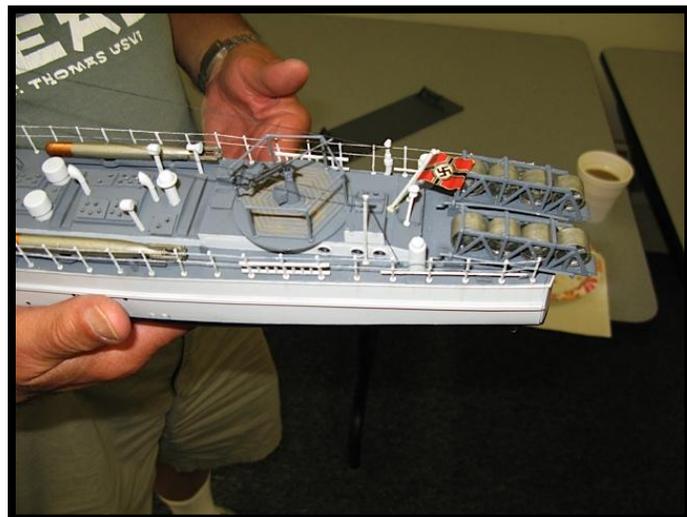


Dan Pariser again brought in his model of the USS Monitor. The model is scratch built using wood, plastic, paper, and metal to scale of 1 to 72. Dan has not done much more work on the hull, concentrating instead on the turret. The turret is virtually complete with only the canvass umbrella-like covering to be completed. The model is as accurate as Dan can make it, using Erikson's original drawings. The cannons are turned out of wood with multiple coats of sealer and paint. Dan had the hand wheels on the gun carriages and turret laser cut. Dan uses conservator grade PVA glue for most of the construction on his model.





Len Schwalm built a 1/72 scale model of the S 10, a World War II German torpedo boat. The model is a full hull, plastic kit. The prototype, built in 1937, was 110 feet long. Len built the model out-of-the-box but substituted open railings for some sections that were canvas covered in the kit. Len painted his model with acrylic and oil based paints. He used a material called “clear parts and window maker” to reproduce the windows.





Several years ago **Gary Kingzett** gave a tech session on vacuum forming boat hulls. He is now using that technique to produce a full set of ships boats for his model of the Maine, which he is building for the Brooklyn Navy Yard Museum. The Maine had 10 or 11 or 12 ships boats. Because the official blueprints are contradictory, Gary is using Dana Wegner and Don Preul as resources. Gary creates a plug by gluing ships plans to two sides of a butterboard blank and then using those plans to band saw and carve the hull to shape. The vacuum box has a foot square top of pegboard. Gary uses a piece of Masonite to hold the 30 thousandths styrene which is first heated to 300° in an oven. The most difficult part of the procedure is removing the plastic from the master.



MODEL EVALUATION

Have you ever wanted an impartial assessment of the model that you are currently working on; here is a perfect opportunity to get constructive and potentially positive feedback from your fellow modelers



TECH SESSION

Tom McGowan is asking for **volunteers to give future tech sessions.**

If there is some facet of the hobby that you can tell us about, have an idea for a tech session or are interested in learning about one of the multitude of tasks that go into the creation of a ship model please contact Tom McGowan.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:40.

“Soundings From D-Deck”



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

To Be Announced

Just a reminder of
Upcoming events

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,
June 28, 7:30 in the Milburn library.

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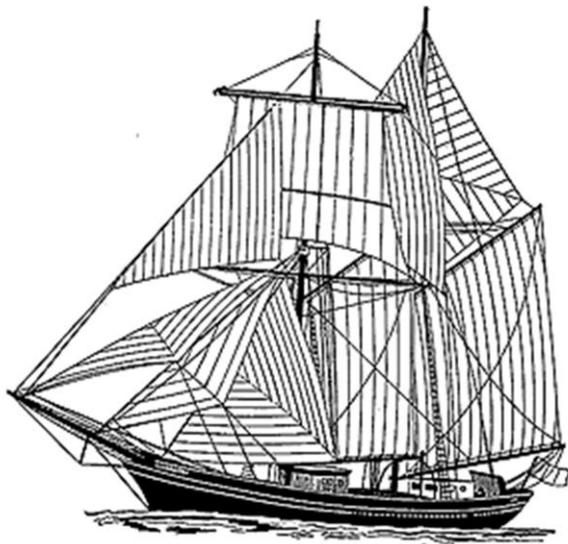
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