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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 24, 2012

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 with 19 members and two guests present. In the absence of **Bob Fivehouse** and **Tom McGowan**, **Larry Friedlander** chaired the meeting. All members present, with the exception of Jim Caulkins, confirmed that they are getting club e-mails on a regular basis. Please notify the secretary if you are not getting the Broadaxe and other communications that are forwarded on occasion. We are trying to eliminate the mailing of hard copies of the Broadaxe, preferring to instead send you the beautiful color edition by e-mail.



The minutes, as presented in the Broadaxe, were accepted and in the absence of complaint, the Broadaxe will continue in its current format.

Al Geigel presented the treasurer's report. Since we are receiving joint club conference registration payments, our balance jumped significantly but it will return to more normal levels when we pay for the various services. Hopefully we will turn a profit running the conference.



OLD BUSINESS

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Bob Fivehouse, **Al Geigel**, and **Tom McGowan** have each completed four years of service in their respective positions. Our bylaws stipulate that no person can hold the same office for more than four years. If any club member would like to be president, vice president, treasurer, or secretary, please make your interest known to Bob so that a ballot can be drawn up and distributed before our June meeting. As in every organization, there are a small number of people who do a large part of the work. It would be nice to redistribute the effort and see some new faces on the board and in committees.

Richard LaRue and **Chuck Bergman** bought two hats from our master of sartorial splendor, **Tom Ruggiero**. There are approximately 8 of these magnificent items still available. Buy them while you can because when they're gone, they're gone.



Sartorial
Splendor



NEW BUSINESS



© The Cutty Sark Trust
National Maritime Museum is unable to provide a high quality print of this image.

Tom Ruggiero told us that after extensive renovations the *Cutty Sark* is open once more to visitors. Several years ago she suffered severe fire damage after a heater burst into flame and the resulting fire consumed much of the rigging and upper decks.
<http://www.rmg.co.uk/cuttysark>

Model Expo has started creating videos about its ship kits and has posted them on Facebook. Several of them deal with kits **Chuck Passaro** has created. After viewing one in particular, Chuck became a little concerned with the cavalier manner in which the demonstrator was handling his prototype model of the *Confederacy*. Let's just say that the representative was not handling Chuck's model with the delicacy and concern a model like that deserves.

Unboxing The Model Shipways US Frigate Confederacy 1778
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXVKMoM5z-8>



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WEBSITE & LENDING LIBRARY

Website: <http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/>

Lending Library:
<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/club-library.php>

Lloyd Warner, chairman of the board of the Nautical Research Guild, has resigned. Club member **Dan Paris** has replaced him. Hopefully Dan will be able to put the NRG on a more solid footing, following the cancellation of the fall conference and facing declining membership. The NRG has made a special offer of discounted membership to SMSNJ members (you should have received an e-mail last week about this) and is planning a symposium in the New York/New Jersey area for October 13.

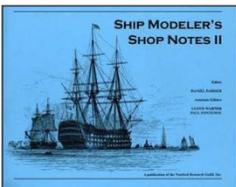


A special offer for our friends in the Ship Model Society of New Jersey



For a limited time, members of the Ship Model Society of New Jersey have an opportunity to join the Nautical Research Guild at a special rate of \$33.00. Existing members can renew or extend their membership at a special rate of \$35.00. The Nautical Research Journal is better than ever, with more color photos, more articles on model ship building and an expanded Shop Notes section.

The NRG website offers members exclusive access to a 2000-book lending library, project photos, research assistance, a members list, and the Guild's e-mail system and member e-mail forums.



ADDED BONUS: A copy of *Shop Notes II* will be donated to the Ship Model Society of New Jersey library.

To receive a complimentary copy of *Shop Notes II* for your club library, a minimum of five SMSNJ members must fill out the special registration forms and return them, along with their remittance, to the NRG Home Office, by no later than June, 30, 2012.

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Complete and mail to: Nautical Research Guild, PO Box 7, 20 Water Street, Cuba, NY 14727



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Larry Friedlander brought in a copy of the new book *HMS Victory, the Owners Workshop Manual*, published by Haynes, a British publishing company widely known for its' series of auto and motorcycle repair manuals. In theory this is the book you would get if you had brought HMS Victory. It presents itself as "an insight into owning, operating and maintaining the Royal Navy's oldest and most famous warship". The book contains a history of the building and career of *Victory*; then walks the "new owner" through the ship, explaining the layout and function of each of the decks. Along the way the owner is given instruction in how to perform various tasks such as hoisting the anchor, firing the guns, steering the ship and handling the sails. The final section of the book deals with the many forms of maintenance and repair required for the upkeep of a ship almost 150 years old. While the "manual" does not concern itself with modeling, the many excellent, colored pictures would be of great help to anyone building a model.

Pier Books

Info on first major offering of Pier Book's stock. They have monthly book auctions and they have my books - how and when they appear is their choice - might take a year of auctions, but the "game is on!"
 Cheers, Dave Roach

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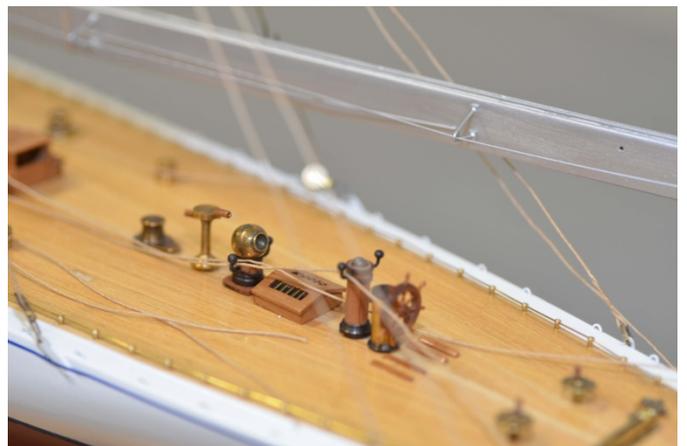
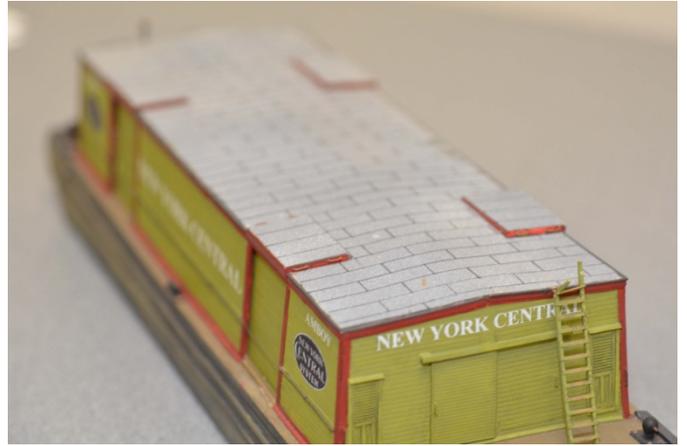


TECH SESSION



SHOW AND TELL







Richard LaRue showed us his semi-scratch built, HO scale model of *Lehigh Valley* #462 railroad barge. Originally built in 1926, it stayed in service until it was scrapped in 1994. The barge was used to move railroad cars from the yards in New Jersey to the yards in lower Manhattan. After their use as railroad barges they became open-top scows, used for such tasks as hauling garbage. Richard scratch built his model using styrene and purchased parts such as the bollards and the window frames. He used plans and instructions found in a construction article in a railroading magazine. Richard scribed and distressed the plastic to give it the appearance of weathered planks. Lettering on the barge is re-created with decals printed by a friend. Richard also brought in his model of the covered barge “Amboy” which was owned by the New York Central Railroad and was used for moving freight from ship to shore and around the harbor. The model is built with a styrene hull, wooden bulkheads and cambered deck. The prototypes of both models were 90 to 100 feet long and about 32 feet wide.



At our meeting two months ago, **Chuck Bergman** brought in his first ever model of the *Peapod* and asked for help with the planking. Taking some of the offered advice, Chuck has finished his model of the working lobster boat. It is built to 7/8 of an inch to the foot scale and is about 12 inches long and a little under 4 inches wide.



For **Jeff Fuglestad** one model isn't enough. Jeff brought in two models of the *Ranger*, Harold Vanderbilt's Americas cup winning yacht. One is built to 3/16 inch to the foot scale and the other is being built to 1/8 inch to the foot scale. Jeff pointed out that club members who don't have a lathe could instead use a powered hand drill clamped in a vice. Clamp the brass rod in the drills' chuck and use files to shape the brass, working from the larger cross-section to the smaller until the desired shape is achieved. Jeff also suggests using a micro-torch instead of a soldering iron. Jeff carefully positions the pieces to be soldered, applies a small amount of flux and then places a very small piece of solder, perhaps a 64th of an inch square, in the flux and hits them briefly with the flame from the mini-torch. The flux sucks the solder into the gap and there is no fear that the brass will melt because the flame is applied so briefly. The masts on Jeff's models are made of poplar, painted over with Testors aluminum spray paint. The yardarms are made of turned brass. Instead of using an X-Acto or a razor blade, Jeff has found a tool used by wallpaper hangers with very sharp blades that can be broken off when they go dull. Jeff used very thin but strong aircraft model wire to rig his *Ranger*. A lot of effort went into finding accurate plans, including trips to the New York Yacht Club and Mystic Seaport.



HANNAH GROUP

On Saturday, May 12th the Hannah group met at Larry Friedlander's house. Ed Marie, Tom McGowan, Roy Goroski, Tom Ruggiero, Barry Rudd, Mort Stoll, and Larry Friedlander were in attendance. Great progress continues to be made!

Thanks to Larry for his hospitality. A visit to Larry's workshop is to be transported to tool nirvana.



CANDID SHOTS





Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome in the Broadaxe. Please submit them to Larry Friedlander.

UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

To Be Announced

Ongoing reminder, that 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 9:35.

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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M., at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey. 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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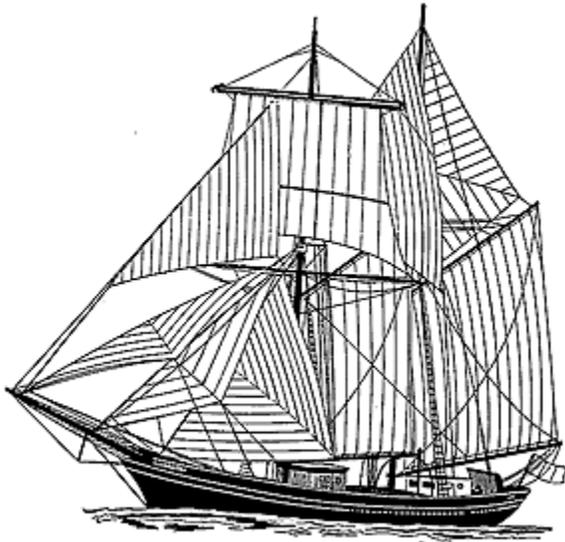
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