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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING March 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:35 PM with 24 regular members and 1 guest in attendance. **Steve Maggipinto** of Budd Lake was attending his second meeting.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the February issue of the Broadaxe were requested from the members. There being none, the February 2008 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was given by **Al Geigel**. There being no questions or a discussion, the report was accepted by the members.

Gary Kingzett addressed the members and updated them on the upcoming MosquitoCon model show to be held on April 5th at the Wayne PAL building. Gary will be judging the ship models. The annual show draws modelers from many areas, including New England, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The show has had over 400 models on display and ships represent about 10% of all of the models.

Tom Ruggiero reported that he has been contacted by the East Brunswick library inquiring about a possible model display for the month of June this year. Tom said he will go to the library to survey space and case availability and will report back at a later meeting.

Roy Goroski and **Joe Cilino** reported on their progress regarding a joint model display at Verona Park with the South Orange Model Club. The lake is ideal for South Orange's RC models while a boat house is available for our static models. Joe and Roy provided a digital photo display of the area where the models will be displayed. Roy and Joe

were asked to determine if the area would be available towards the end of August, before Labor Day.

Mason Logie informed the members that he needs a few members willing to donate their time helping young modelers build simple ship models. A house belonging to a General on Sandy Hook has been rented for the last weekend in August to house this event. Participants will have free entry to the State Park. Anyone wanting to instill a desire to build ship models in the youth of today should contact Mason and let him know you're willing to help out. Mason can be reached via e-mail at mlogiejr@aol.com.

Al Geigel gave us an update on the NRG Conference Committee's progress. Three sites have been identified, one in East Brunswick and two in the Princeton area which, being centrally located, would allow trips to sites of nautical interest both to the North and South. A cruise on the *Richard Robbins* and a tour of the Viking Yachts boat yard were mentioned. These recommendations will be forwarded to the NRG for their final determination of a site for the 2009 Conference.

Jeff Fuglestad announced that Cablevision has confirmed that they will be at the April 22nd meeting to tape a community interest show on our organization. There will be some mini tech sessions shown and we would like to have a lot of models on display. Please plan to attend this meeting and bring several models if you can. The Producer told Jeff he would like to set up early so anyone who can should try to get to the library between 6 to 6:30 PM. Jeff cleared the early start with the library.

The members were reminded of the Joint Clubs Show in New London on April 26, 2008. The Conference Schedule can be found in this issue of The Broadaxe.



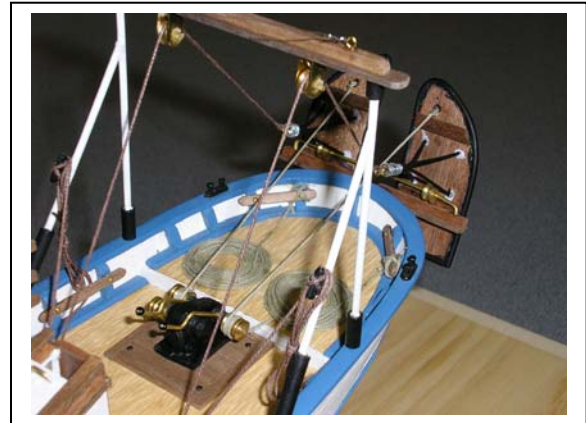
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Jeff Fuglestad gave us his review of a book he is currently reading, "Ship Building in Colonial America" written by Joseph A. Goldenberg and published by the Mariner's Museum University Press of Virginia in 1976. It's an excellent recounting of ship building in the Colonies, including how many ships were being built in the seaport towns all along the Atlantic seacoast. It provides useful information on the shipbuilding industry and general commerce in Colonial America.



SHOW AND TELL

Mike Gutsick brought in his completed model of *Mare Nostrum*, a Mediterranean fishing trawler. The model is an Artesania Latina kit in 1:35 scale. The hull is double plank on bulkhead construction.



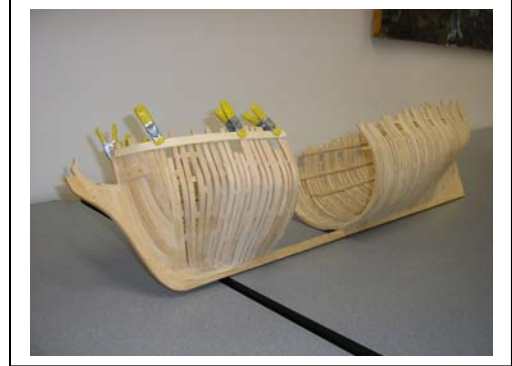
Don Otis was next on deck with his nearly completed model of *USCG Eagle*, a model he is scratch building for his grandson. The model is plank on bulkhead in 1:96 scale. Her appearance is after she underwent a refurbishing and modernization in the 1980's. Don is currently working on the rigging but since he could not get a complete running rigging plan, he's only doing the bare essentials according to Underhill.





Henry Schaefer brought in two models (Henry told us he actually made two of each model), both Artesania Latina kits Henry purchased from of all places, Garrett Wade Tool Company. The larger of the two models was the *Independence* built in 1775 and the schooner *Virginia*, built in 1819. Henry was quite impressed with the quality of the wood and fittings in the kits which he felt were also reasonably priced. Both kits are plank on bulkhead construction.

Tom Ruggiero is very nearly finished with his scratch built *TS Empire State VI*, built in 1962. Tom didn't think we'd get to see it again before it was presented to his co-worker for her wedding present to her fiancé. Tom added a personalized detail on the stern kingpost noting his friend's year of graduation from the Merchant Marine Academy.



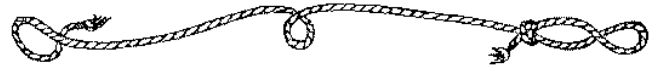
Allan Yedlinski is currently working on a 28 gun English frigate, *HMS Boreas*, built in 1774. She is part of the Triton group of the Mermaid class of 1770. The model is in 1/4" scale and is plank on frame construction. Allan is using Boxwood for the frames, building each frame futtock by futtock. Allan tells us that this technique has much less waste than the typical Harold Hahn method of frame construction.



TECH SESSION

This evening's Tech Session was a joint presentation by **Barry Rudd** and **Roy Goroski** recounting their techniques on planking a hull. Barry has shown us his particular method at past meetings. It involves laying out individual plank patterns on masking tape and using that pattern to shape each plank in a planking band laid out between a pair of battens. Barry took the time to carefully illustrate the technique for not only shaping each plank but also laying out the butt joints on the planking runs. A key tool Barry uses is a proportional divider which is essential for laying out each plank width on a station line. Roy Goroski then spoke about his method for planking his model of the *Emma C. Berry* fishing smack which is based on Jim Roberts' booklet on the subject. Roy took the time to fabricate a large scale proportional divider to illustrate its use. Great job, Roy! I'm pretty sure everyone was able to clearly see that tool! Thanks to both our presenters for a very informative tech session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

April 22, 2008 – Our organization will be the subject of a local public interest news program Cablevision will be at the meeting – some mini tech sessions will be planned - **Bring your Models!**

May 27, 2008 – **Tom McGowan** will discuss plank on frame construction using the Harold Hahn method

June 24, 2007 – **Don Otis** will be presenting sail making techniques

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

***THE 26TH ANNUAL NORTHEAST
JOINT CLUBS SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE
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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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26th ANNUAL NORTHEAST JOINT CLUBS CONFERENCE AND SHIP MODEL SHOW

April 26, 2008

Conference Schedule

- 8:00am** **Conference Center Opens for Club Members and Exhibitors**
- 8:00am – 10:00** **Registration and Setup. Coffee and pastries available.**
- 10:00am - 3:00pm** **Ship Models On Display (Open to the Public)**
- 10:45** **Club Officers' meeting in dining area.**
- 11:00am - 11:30** **Tabletop Demonstration in Display area**
 - **Making Treenails**
 (Larry Friedlander – NJSMS)
- 11:30am - 12:00** **Tabletop Demonstration in Display area**
 - **Sculpting & Carving with Sculpey**
 (Chuck Passaro – NYSG)
- 11:45 am** **End of Balloting Period for All Award Divisions**
- 12:00 – 1:00pm** **Buffet Lunch**
- 1:00pm - 2:00** **Speaker, Peter Sorlien**
- 2:00pm - 2:30** **Awards and Door Prizes**
- 2:30pm - 3:15** **Tabletop Demonstrations in Dining area**
 - **Making Silkspan Sails**
 (Tom Lauria –CMSG)

 - **Rope Making Apparatus & Homemade Jigs**
 (Hans Weiss & Ed Mostowicz – LISMS)

 - **Tapering Spars**
 (Gary Kingzett – NJSMS)

 - **Use of Scale to Create Perspective in Dioramas**
 (Dr. Michael Zimmerman – PSMS)
- 3:15pm – 4:00** **Breakdown. Need to be Out of Building by 4:00pm**

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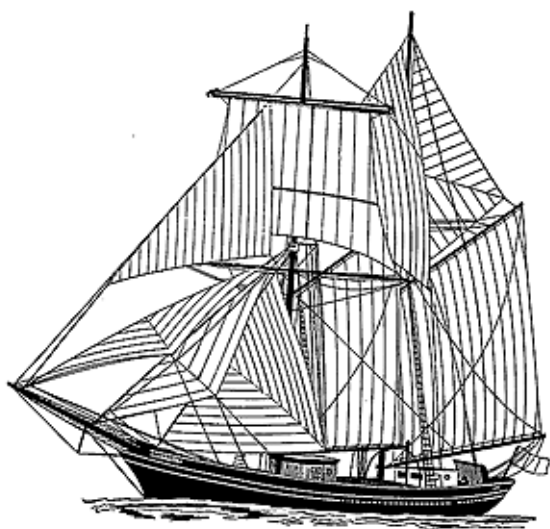
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