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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President **Bob Fivehouse** at 7:35 PM with 23 regular members. We had no guests this evening.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the July issue of the Broadaxe were requested from the members. There being no comments or discussion by the members, the July 2008 issue of the Broadaxe was then accepted into the minutes.

Al Geigel was unable to attend tonight's meeting so on his behalf **Mike Gutsick** presented the Treasurer's Report to the members. There being no comments or discussion by the members, the Treasurer's Report was accepted into the minutes.

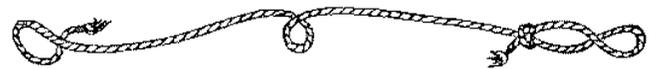
Tom Ruggiero and **Roy Goroski** discussed the recent South Street Seaport Festival that they and some of our members attended. Saturday was a washout due to the inclement weather. Fortunately, they were located under the FDR Drive which proved to be a very good shelter from the rain. The general feeling was that the show was less organized than in the past, particularly in providing for group tables so club members could be in the same area. Our guys managed quite well, however, and were in the same area under the FDR Drive. The second day of the show was much nicer and was well attended by the public. All of the guys had a good time, answered many questions from interested visitors and handed out lots of Club Flyers.

Tom Ruggiero then informed the members that the South Amboy Library expressed interest in having another model show, this time with a World War II theme. **Tom McGowan** said he would get in touch with the library and get more details.

Ozzie Thalmann said he would also follow up with the Parsippany Library regarding a future display as well.

Dennis Powell mentioned that he recently visited Roosevelt's estate in Hyde Park. There were only 2 ship models on display, the rest being in storage.

Mason Logie recounted that he had just conducted a tour of Governors Island which is across the river from South Street Seaport and thought it might be a nice place for the members to visit as a group.



BOOKS and PUBLICATIONS

Steve Fletcher passed around a Visitors Guide to the Barcelona Mariners Museum which he had visited.

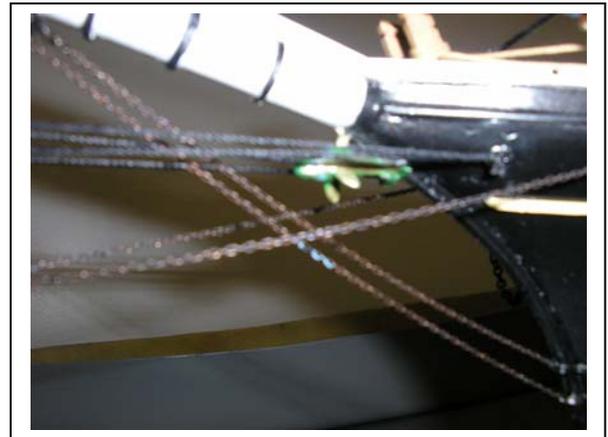
Tony Alworth brought in Erik Ronnberg's instruction booklet on the "Gloucester Fishing Schooner" which provides excellent details on building the Gloucester Schooner *Smuggler*.



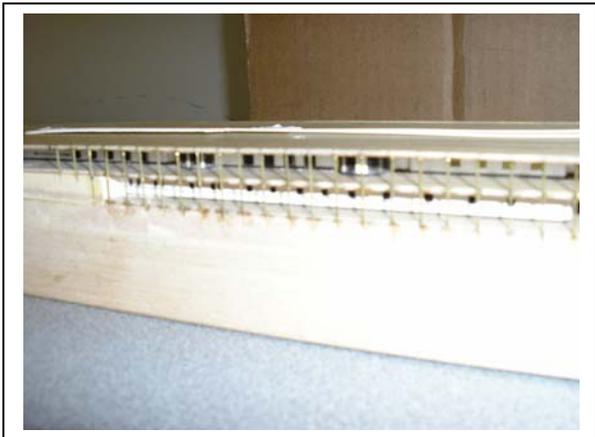
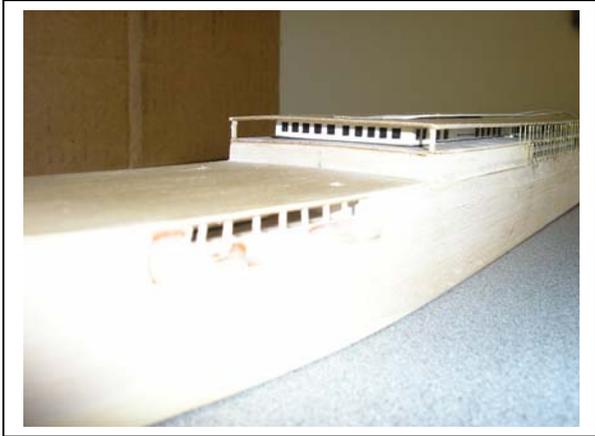
SHOW AND TELL

Your Editor once again requests that members fill out a Show and Tell form to assist him in accurately commenting on the models being presented. I didn't get any this evening and therefore must rely on my sometimes sketchy notes and memory on the model details. Hopefully, I'm not misstating some detail or facts regarding your model in what follows.

Henry Schaefer is moving along quite nicely on his model of the extreme clipper ship *Flying Fish*. Henry is building this model for a client who provided him with the Model Shipways "kit" (which only contained the basswood machine carved hull and the plans). Henry is working on the spars now and figures he should have the model completed in about two months.



Bob Fivehouse brought in his current project, *Britannic*. He also had the three models he had on display at the East Brunswick Library show as well. Bob commented on one on the components he brought along to illustrate how he will cover the support columns and use as bulwarks on the model. The piece was made from 2 ply Bristol Board which Bob will also use for the hull plating.



Tony Alworth showed us his BlueJacket kit model of the Gloucester Fishing Schooner *Smuggler*.





The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

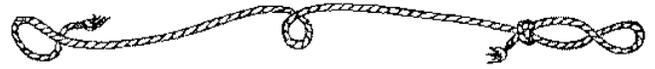
Mason Logie had a very interesting kit model of a railroad barge cabin scow that he saw at the Model Railroad store in Piscataway. As Mason told us, when he saw it, he just had to buy it! The kit is made by American Model Builders and is in HO scale. It's a well designed and engineered kit and so far has been an easy build. Mason airbrushed the hull and got some tips on weathering techniques for the deck and has already got ideas for the type of deck cargo he wants to add.

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A reminder to the members!! The September meeting is on the 23rd!!!! Please don't come on the last Tuesday of the month, the 30th, otherwise you're going to be a bit lonely. The meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month, not the last!

We have a special Tech Session planned for the September meeting. Tom McGowan read an item in the August issue of the "Forecastle Report", the newsletter of the Midwest Model Shipwrights club, that he thought would be a great idea for our next meeting. The Midwest guys are holding a "TOOLS THAT SUCK" roundtable where their members take the opportunity to warn their fellow members of rotten tools that are a waste of money. Tom would like us to have a similar session at the September meeting but also expand it to tools that have been proven to be outstanding as well. We ask all who will be attending the September meeting to bring in either your most disappointing or versatile tool for a brief discussion of its merits or worthlessness.



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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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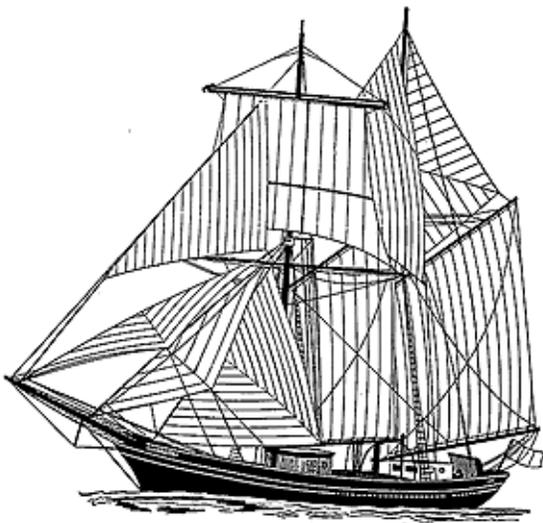
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