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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING July 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President **Bob Fivehouse** at 7:35 PM with 24 regular members. We had no guests this evening.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the June issue of the Broadaxe were requested from the members. There was one correction to be noted. The newsletter incorrectly named the new Vice President (for which your Editor humbly apologizes). Our new Vice President is **Tom McGowan**, not Al McGowan! The June 2008 issue of the Broadaxe was then accepted into the minutes.

Al Geigel presented his Treasurer's Report to the members. There being no comments or discussion by the members, the Treasurer's Report was accepted into the minutes.

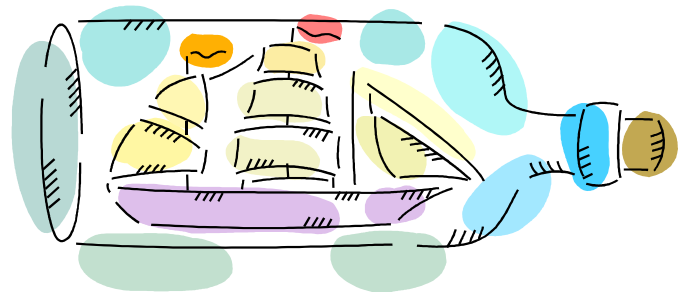
Tom Ruggiero made a final report on the East Brunswick Library model display. The library received many very positive comments from the public and it was the most well attended exhibit they have had so far. About 50 people showed up for Tom's discussion and the presentation went very well. Tom mentioned that he still had some members' models at his home. Please contact Tom if you have not picked up your models yet. The membership gave Tom a round of applause for all of the time and effort he devoted to the display. Well done, Tom!

The members were reminded that the South Street Seaport model festival was less than two weeks away. A show of hands indicated

that about a half dozen members planned to attend at least one day of the show.

A question was raised about the status of the Club hats. No progress on the actual purchase has been made yet. There was some discussion regarding the cost of the hats and whether the Club would absorb the full cost or look for a partial payment from members wishing to purchase a hat. No decision was made this evening, opting to wait until we have an actual purchase and thus know what the actual costs to the Club will be.

Roy Goroski informed the members that due to the lack of response received to date regarding a joint model show with the South Orange Club, he has decided to postpone the event that was originally planned for early September of this year to be held at Verona Park. It may be brought up again at a later date in 2009.





TECH SESSION

In lieu of a formal tech session this evening, the members viewed a video program, courtesy of **Henry Schaefer**. Since the video was about 50 minutes long, it was decided to show the video before Show and Tell so as to accommodate the library staff which was scheduled to leave at 9 PM. The video was about the Alang, India ship breakers. You've heard about the elephant's burial ground? That's what Alang is for once elegant ocean liners and merchant ships once they reach a stage where refitting is no longer feasible. The ships are sold to these ship recyclers and then sailed to Alang. As much weight and ballast is removed as possible to allow the ship to ride high out of the water and then the ship is run up onto the beach at full speed at high tide. The dismantling then begins. An army of workers flow onto the beached hulk and all fittings and furnishing of any value are removed for resale. Welders then begin to cut into the ship section by section, deck by deck until nothing remains. Cruise ships, tankers, large and small meet the same fate. A check of their website reveals that they have over 40 ships being dismantled at the present time. A sad ending for once proud ships. Thanks for the video, Henry. It was very informative.



SHOW AND TELL

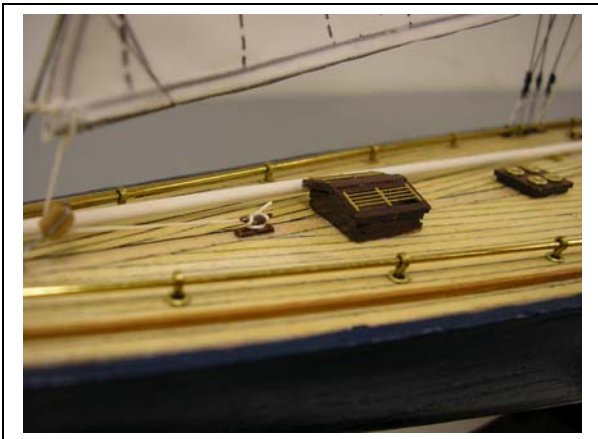
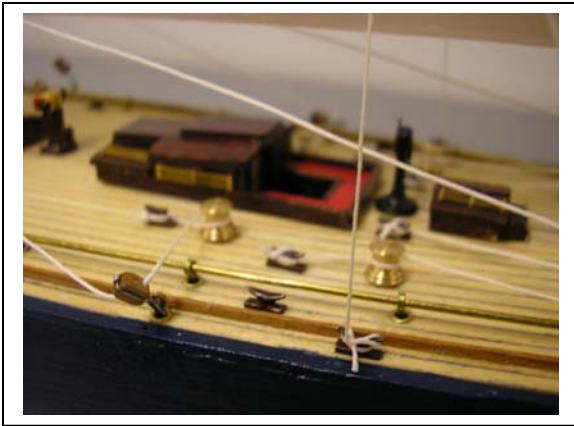
We only had a couple of models on hand tonight.

Tom McGowan brought in his work in progress of *Rattlesnake*, a Privateer built in 1780. Tom is using Harold Hahn plans and the Hahn plank on frame construction method, which Tom illustrated in a recent tech session.

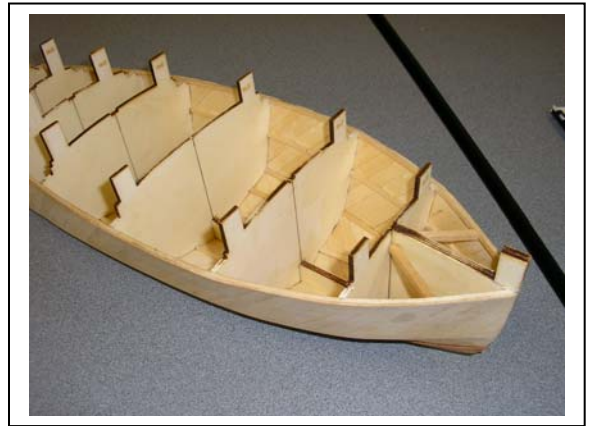


Don Otis had two models on hand. The first is a smaller version of the racing yacht *Endeavor*, an Amati kit in 1:80 scale. Don built this model for a client. The *Endeavor* was built in 1934 and was a British America's Cup contender.





in building this Bluejacket kit can see the construction techniques.



The second model holds special appeal for Don as his father had a similar Runabout in the 40's and he is making this for his sister. The model is a Bluejacket kit of a 1941 Chris-Craft barrel back mahogany runabout. Their father had owned the same Chris-Craft runabout on Greenwood Lake, NY from 1941 to 1948. Don particularly wanted us to see the unfinished hull so that anyone interested

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM

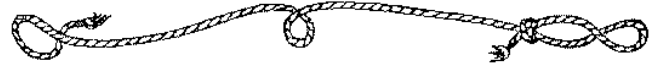
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FROM THE EDITOR

It's August already and it makes my head spin to think how fast this summer went. I welcome our new Executive Officers, Bob and Tom, and thank Al for continuing as our Treasurer. To the Vice President falls the unenviable task of scheduling tech sessions for the meetings. The October meeting is Bring A Model Night and the December meeting is our very popular White Whale Auction. We are seeking your advice and input for future tech session topics. Larry Friedlander has offered to lead a hands on workshop on painting friezes on bulwarks some time this fall. Our newest member, Mike Ellison, would like to have someone present a tech session on air brush techniques. An actual demonstration using paint might be problematic in the library; however, a presentation of the equipment, supplies, types of paint, air pressures to use and so on might be quite beneficial. Please let us know what other topics would be of interest to you and we will try to arrange a tech session for it. A good tech session really adds to the meeting so come up with some ideas and don't be afraid to share your expertise and offer to present a tech session.

Mike Gutsick



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A few Photos from the last Joint Clubs Show
Compliments of Tom Ruggiero



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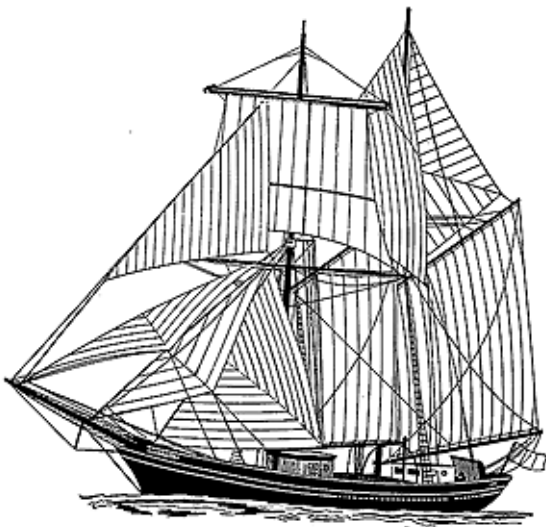
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