



# THE BROADAXE

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 22, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:35 PM with 18 regular members in attendance, a returning member, **Willy Dunne**, and one very special guest, **Marilyn Roberts**.

Jeff informed the members of the untimely death of Ed Hegstetter's daughter, Alison. The Club as a whole expressed their condolences to Ed and Joan.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the December issue of the Broadaxe were requested from the members. There being none, the December 2007 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was given by **Ken Schuetz**. There being no questions or a discussion, the report was accepted by the members. Ken informed the members that he was resigning as Treasurer effective immediately due to personal reasons. The membership thanked Ken for his service.

**Jeff Fuglestad** then informed the members that **Al Geigel** would assume the duties of Treasurer for the remainder of Ken's term. To lighten Al's burden, **Michael Storch** agreed to assume the responsibilities of the Club's web master.

**Tom Ruggiero** brought in the revised copy of the handout form which will be made available at future shows and displays that the Club attends.

A final design for the hat logo, provided by Tom Ruggiero, along with the color of the hat, which will be navy blue, was approved by the members present.

**Michael Storch** brought in an INCRA T-square / ruler to show to the members. The ruler is graduated in 1/64" increments and Michael thought it would be a very good tool to use when scoring miniature deck planking as demonstrated by Bob Fivehouse in a previous tech session.

The taping of the February meeting by a local cable TV crew was discussed. We hope to have many models on hand that night and will have additional tech sessions that night as well. Jeff Fuglestad and Bob Fivehouse will contact Cablevision and get a firm commitment that they will in fact be at the February meeting. The membership will be contacted either by e-mail or by telephone prior to the meeting to let them know whether or not Cablevision will be there.

Registration forms for the Joint Clubs Show in New London, to be held on Saturday, April 26, 2008, were made available at the meeting. This year's event will be hosted by the Connecticut Marine Model Society. The show will feature an expanded Awards presentation which will be separated into three classes. Further information is included in this issue of the Broadaxe.



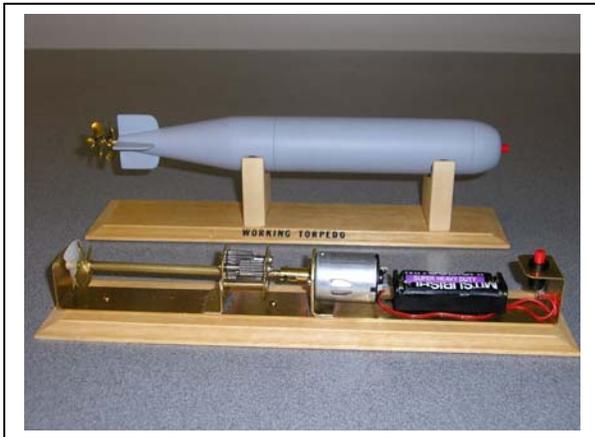
## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

**Don Otis** brought in a book he just received, "The Ships of Christopher Columbus" by Franco Gay and Cesare Ciano, the English edition dated 1992. The book is available as a remaindered book from the Scholar's Bookshelf, 110 Melrich Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512 at a cost of \$16.95 plus tax and shipping. The book is a first rate scholarly presentation with fold-out plans of *Santa Maria* and *Nina*.



## SHOW AND TELL

**Ozzie Thalmann** brought in a very interesting model of a U.S. torpedo that he built using no plans, only some photos he took when he visited the WW II submarine *USS Ling* on display at 78 River Street, Hackensack, NJ. Ozzie constructed the body from plastic tubing using one small motor with two AAA batteries. The mechanical parts used were clock gears, brass tubing and shaft. The propellers are counter rotating, just like the real ones. Ozzie also constructed a second display to show the inner workings of the torpedo model.



**Tom Ruggiero** had his scratch built model of *TS Empire State VI* on hand. It's about 75% complete. The model is in 1:350 scale with a solid bread & butter hull which Tom has sheathed with styrene.



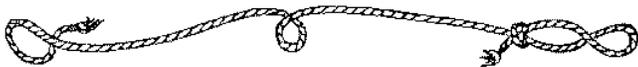


## TECH SESSION

**Gary Kingzett** gave a very informative talk about his technique for forming miniature eyebolts and turnbuckles. Gary's primary raw material is stainless wire and hypodermic tubing which he obtains from McMaster & Carr. The tools used include stainless wire cutters, a dial caliper, flat edged pliers and a pin vise. Gary made several eyes from .025" aircraft wire which he brought for the demonstration. Gary also pointed out that he can get very small dimension stainless wire from a piece of screen material by stripping stands of the wire off the screen and stretching the wire to straighten out the kinks. The eyebolt is formed by folding the wire into a narrow U shape and holding the two ends of the U by the flat edge pliers. Another piece wire that is the diameter of the eyebolt you want to make is bent and then fastened in the pin vise. The bent wire is then placed into the U and the pin vise is twisted until the eyebolt is fully formed. Cut it to length and you have your eyebolt. Turnbuckles can be made from the hypodermic tubing or from plastic tubing. The trick to cutting the hypodermic tubing is to score the tube by rolling it with a single edge razor blade and then snapping the piece off. Be prepared to waste several pieces during this process, however. Eyebolts can then be fitted into each end of the tubing to complete your scale turnbuckle.

A very informative session – thank you Gary!

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



## FROM THE EDITOR

I did something new at the last meeting which I hope I will be able to continue for some time. As you know, I take photos of the models brought in to include in each issue of the Broadaxe so everyone can see what is being worked on, and if you are able to receive the Broadaxe via e-mail, you can see the photos in color. On occasion I will take photos of the tech session but they are a poor substitute for being there. To remedy this shortcoming, I recently got myself a Sony

Handycam mini DVD recorder. I brought it to the meeting and taped Gary's tech session. The DVD disks can record 30 minutes of video if they are single sided, 60 minutes if they are double sided. As time goes on, we can build up our own in-house video lending library of tech sessions. Having reviewed my first effort, I will definitely need to use a tripod for future sessions, however. Visions of a DE or PC in high seas comes to mind!

*Mike Gutsick*

### ***A letter of Thanks from Ed Hegstetter -***

I think by now most of the club members are aware of the death of our daughter Allison which occurred on January 14, 2008. The loss of a loved one is always a sorrowful event. However, it is even more painful when it is one of your children. When one questions such an event, if you believe in God, then you have to believe that this was His will. She had a wonderful knack of lighting up a room and although she had no children of her own, they always seemed to be drawn to her.

The only time Allison was present during a club function, was the last time the club went sailing in New York Harbor on a schooner out of Jersey City. I remember this very well, because she noticed this "old timer was getting a little green around the gills", and took delight in teasing me about it. Last year Joan and I accompanied Allison on our first cruise to Bermuda and as luck would have it the first night out was a rough one and guess what, I was not doing well. Allison suggested that I join her at the bow of the ship, I never made it there.

Joan and I deeply appreciate the outpouring of sympathy by those who attended the funeral or sent their condolences in the form of sympathy or Mass cards. The beautiful plant arrangement sent by the club will be a reminder to us both of your caring and support in this difficult time in our lives.

God Bless all of you.

Sincerely

Joan and Ed Hegstetter.



## UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

**February 26, 2008 – Barry Rudd and Roy Goroski** will be demonstrating hull planking methods; **Gary Kingzett** will show how to make spars; **Cable TV Video Taping of the Meeting**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
THE 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTHEAST  
JOINT CLUBS SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE**

**APRIL 26, 2008**

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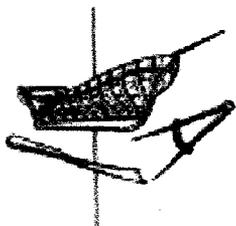
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## *Connecticut Marine Model Society*

January, '08

Dear ship model craftsman,

We are pleased to announce that the 26<sup>th</sup> annual get together is just around the corner. The CT Marine Model Society has been busy organizing this event, and hopes it will be the best one ever.

Especially new this year is that we have expanded the awards into three classes, with 1-2-3- awards in each class. It is our intent that this added recognition will draw even more models out of the closet and onto the display tables! As before, the model display will be open to the public, so keep them in cases.

Our main speaker is Pete Sorlien, who will be talking about appraisals and the valuation of ship models. Some of the clubs have already committed their speakers:

Making Silkspan Sails	Constitution club
Rope-making apparatus	Long Island club
Using Sculpy	NY club
Tapering spars	NJ club
Making Treenails	NJ club (x2, great going NJ!)

This conference gets better every year, and we expect no less from the joint clubs this year. Looking forward to seeing you all again,

*Nic Damuck*

CMMS Treasurer

One of the primary purposes of this conference is to foster the enthusiasm of marine model builders to attain their highest potential in the craft. Awarding trophies to the best encourages this goal. The trophy program this year is expanded to give more trophies and will be run a little differently so please make sure that your club members know what to expect before they arrive at the conference; - namely:

**GENERAL:** One (1) each placard for BEST IN SHOW; then three divisions, each having a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, for a total of 10 (placard) awards. The model which obtains the most votes (gray tickets only) will receive "Best in Show" but will be ineligible to receive an award within the three divisions defined as follows:

**RED division:** *"WIND POWERED SHIPS"* (self explainable)

**YELLOW division:** *"ENGINE POWERED SHIPS"* ( war ships and other large engine driven ships)

**BLUE division :** *"GENERAL NAUTICAL"* (see note)

**NOTE:** In order to build up the quantity of models in the "General Nautical Division" to a number more closely in keeping with the other two divisions, this division should contain the following (unless the modeler specifically desires to be in one of the other divisions):

\*Wood hull: engine or human powered boats (including PT boats/Chris Craft/ canoes and such

\*Paddle wheel boats (even though they may have a medal hull)

\*ALL dioramas

\*Ships that are powered by numerous rowers during battle (even though they may be powered with sails at other times – such as Roman Galleys or Viking ships and such .

**VOTING:** Each person gets in his packet 2 each of the red, yellow, and blue tickets plus 2 gray tickets for BEST IN SHOW. The gray ticket can be used to vote for any model in any division. It's quite OK to vote for the same model with a gray ticket and with a ticket of the division that the model is in since that model is eligible in both categories.

**PLACARDS:** The placards will be awarded at the show. In order to do this (and to save money on engraving and shipping costs) the placards will have the known information (such as 1<sup>st</sup> place/date/show title/division/) on the plate and contain a space on the placard so that a second plate large enough to put the persons name and ship title on it can be added to the placard at a later date. This plate will be provided (unattached) with the award . The person receiving the award is expected to add that information at his own expense if he so desires.

**DOOR PRIZE TICKETS:** The packet you receive at the door will contain one prize ticket gratis and one more ticket will be included for each model that you exhibit at the show (Up to TWO). When you turn in your ballots, you will receive one door prize ticket in exchange for four votes submitted: i.e., a person would end up with five tickets if he submits all of the votes available to him and exhibits two models.

# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NorthEast Joint Clubs Ship Model Conference and Show

**Saturday, April 26, 2008**  
Port & Starboard Convention Center  
Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT

Directions: <http://www.ocean-beach-park.com/contact.htm>

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## REGISTRATION FORM

*We need this by March 31<sup>st</sup>!!!*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats for the conference at \$35.00 per person.  
enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Guest names(s) \_\_\_\_\_

We hope you will bring some models for display. They will be open to the public for viewing. Please indicate the size of each model so we can determine our space requirements. We will prepare a placard for your model if you attach a short description.

New this year is that we have three classes, Wind, Power, and other nautical. See the award sheet for details. Please classify your model to make registration easier.

1. Model name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Scale \_\_\_\_\_  
Award Class: Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Model name \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Scale \_\_\_\_\_  
Award Class: Wind \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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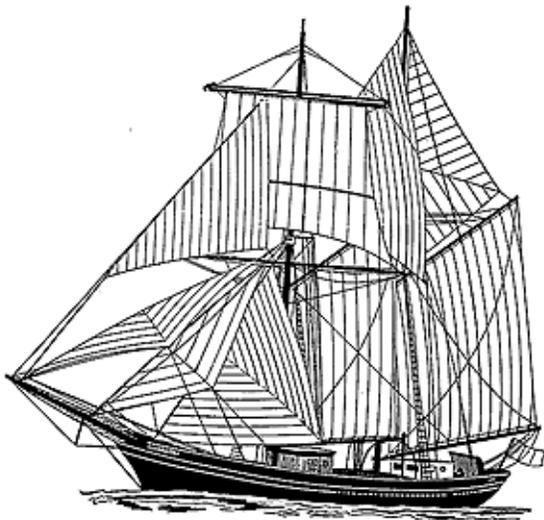
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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**February 26, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

### **TECH SESSION**

**Hull Planking**

**By**

**Barry Rudd & Roy  
Goroski**