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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING December 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:00 PM with 34 regular members in attendance, a returning member, **John Zeigler**, and one guest, **Paul Perry**.

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

Ed Hegstetter advised the members that the current version of the Club's Constitution has been posted on our website and is available for review or printing.

Jeff Fuglestad informed the members that a cable TV show has contacted him and will be at the February 26, 2008 meeting to tape a show about our organization. Jeff contacted the library and they have no problem with a TV crew video taping our meeting. We would like to have a lot of models on display that night and we are asking the members to bring in their models so that we have a good display of our members talents. We are also considering additional tech sessions for that evening. A hull planking demonstration was scheduled for that evening by **Roy Goroski** and **Barry Rudd** and after some discussion, **Gary Kingzett** offered to do a spar making demonstration as well. Gary has also volunteered to offer this tech session at the Joint Clubs Show at New London in April along with **Larry Friedlander**, who will demonstrate treenail making techniques. This matter will be discussed at length at the January 22nd meeting.

Olof Eriksen then addressed the members. His draft manuscript on the *USS Constitution* is complete and he has given it to Don Otis for editing. We look forward to seeing it published in the near future. Olie's biography is also nearing publication and will be including some details on the Club. We're looking forward to a sneak preview and further details at the February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was turned over to **Bob Fivehouse** and **Tom Ruggiero** and the Auction was off and running! Here are some of the items offered for sale -





FROM THE EDITOR

While official auction results will be provided at the January meeting, I can say, unofficially that is, that it was quite successful for all involved. We had a lot of great stuff for sale and, as always, great bargains were to be had. Thanks to everyone who participated. Speaking of thanks, I would like to say thank you to all those members who have volunteered their time and talents, often behind the scenes, to keep this organization as active as it has been. While the hobby itself tends to be solitary, we must remind ourselves that we are a community and a small thank you now and then goes a long way to keep that community spirit intact.

Mike Gutsick



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

January 22, 2008 – Garry Kingzett will show us how to make scale eye bolts

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**

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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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SPECIAL INSERT

I recently received an e-mail from Michael Gianturco of New York who has a very interesting RC model he is willing to give to a fellow modeler. I am including Michael's inquiry here for those members who do not have an e-mail address and would be interested in this model. Please contact me by phone at 973-734-1648 or at the next meeting and I will put you in touch with Michael.

Here is a photo of my r/c model of the *USS Katahdin*, a steam ram from the Spanish American War era. The model was built by a modeler in Maine and delivered to me in 2005. The photo was taken when it was new. The motors, r/c and battery are under the central hatch. I would say the model is an "artistic success," but none of the technical components work very well, and the hatches are obviously not watertight. My resolution for 2008 is to clear the decks, so to speak, and so it is time for the *USS Katahdin* to find a new home. My first thought was to give it to a museum, but it is not really a display model, nor is it completely finished. If someone in your group has an interest in scale r/c from this era, I will be happy to donate the model to him or to the club. It is in Connecticut. I have a lot of documentation that goes with it, including a roll of blueprints and lines from the National Archives from which it was built. I also have some details, never finished, including some Hotchkiss 37 mm barrels and resin lifeboats. Finally I have an autographed copy of the memoirs of Admiral David Ammen, a remarkable eccentric and hero who designed the *USS Katahdin*. Finally there is a glass display case and a 75 MHz rc, both pretty basic.

If you think one of your group might be interested, please ask them to get in touch with me. I would rather hand the project along to capable scale r/c modeler than give it to a museum. There is a lot of work yet to do on it.

Many thanks for your help.

Best regards,

Michael Gianturco



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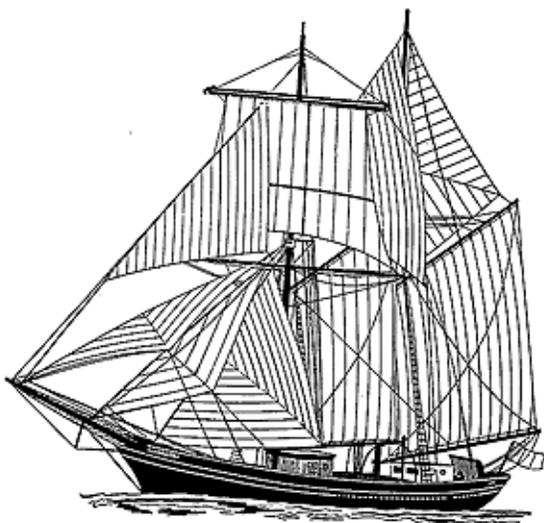
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TECH SESSION

Making Eye Bolts

By

Gary Kingzett