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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING December 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President **Bob Fivehouse** at 7:15 PM with 27 members in attendance. We had 1 visitor this evening, **Bill Weller**, attending his second meeting. The meeting opened with a little chaos as once again the library scheduled another group for our meeting room and we had to gather up our stuff and move to a smaller room with the auction items located in the library break room. Our "runners" had to do some real running moving the goods back and forth between the two rooms!

Comments, questions and or corrections to the December issue of the Broadaxe were requested. There being no corrections, the December 2009 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

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

Tom McGowan had the only old business to discuss this evening. Having made an appointment to meet with the library director at 4:30 PM to discuss our idea of having a section in the library containing modeling books which we would be providing, Tom arrived to find that the director was not at the library. He will try again at a later date.

There being no further pressing business to discuss and no Tech Session or Show & Tell scheduled, the Auction began with **Bob**

Fivehouse once again providing his services as auctioneer. Complete details of the results will be provided at the January meeting. Members who purchased items at the auction should be ready to pay Al Geigel for their purchases at the next meeting they attend. Al will have checks available for those members who sold items, less the Club's 10%.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take the opportunity to thank those members who helped out at this year's auction to make it another great success. Over 70 items were sold and some really great bargains were had. We had a lot of fun in spite of the initial confusion caused by the scheduling conflict and we had a great turnout from the membership. *WELL DONE TO ALL!*

The January issue tends to be on the light side since we try to keep the business part of the meeting at a minimum and devote most of the meeting to the auction. I thought that this might be a good opportunity to look back at the past 12 months and highlight some of the events that took place.

Mike Gutschick

2009

The Year in Review

Membership

We added 3 new members in 2009, **Bob Bendetson**, **Chuck Passaro** and **Stephen Sudia**. Sadly, 2009 also saw the passing of two of our members, **Ed Nolan** and **Cap't. Earl Young**, may they rest in peace.

Model Shows

The Club provided models for three very successful displays in 2009. We started off the year with a display at the Belskie Museum, followed by the Parsippany Library and finally the Ocean County Library. The shows each lasted 2 months. Our very special thanks go out to **Gary Kingzett** (the Belskie display), **Ossie Thalmann** (the Parsippany display) and **Henry Schaefer** (the Ocean County display, with helpful assistance from **Ed Hegstetter** and **Tom McGowan**) for organizing these displays.

Tech Sessions

Tech sessions add a great deal to the meetings and 2009 was no exception. Seven of our members answered Tom McGowan's call and enlightened us with their skills and provided us with useful information we can use in our own model building. Of particular note was **Larry Friedlander's** hands on tech session of painting bulwark friezes during which all present got to paint their own artwork from start to finish. Special thanks are also due to **Ernest Connor** (making scale oars), **Al Geigel** (photo-etching), **Cap't. Nick Starace**

(resin casting), **Michael Storch** (sharpening chisels), **Jeff Fuglestad** (making a model case) and **Bob Fivehouse** (simulating ocean waves) for sharing their modeling skills with us.

A Special Note

Congratulations to **Olof Eriksen** for the publication of his manuscript on the rigging of the USS *Constitution*.

Show & Tell

We had 22 members bring in a total of 40 models for Show & Tell during 2009. We got to see many different types of sailing and powered vessels and a sea plane as well! It is also most interesting to see several of the models as they go through the building process starting out as blocks of wood and seeing their progression to a completed model and hearing the modeler explain his construction techniques or problems encountered and how they were resolved. A sampling of our Show & Tell models follows:

January -



Ernest Connor's *San Felipe*



Tony Alworth's *Smuggler*



Len Schwalm's Japanese Sea Plane

March -



Ossie Thalmann's 37 MM AA gun



Allan Yedlinski's ship's boat



Henry Schaefer's *Altmark*



Mason Logie's tugboat *Taurus*

May -



Francois Lachelier's Skipjack

August -



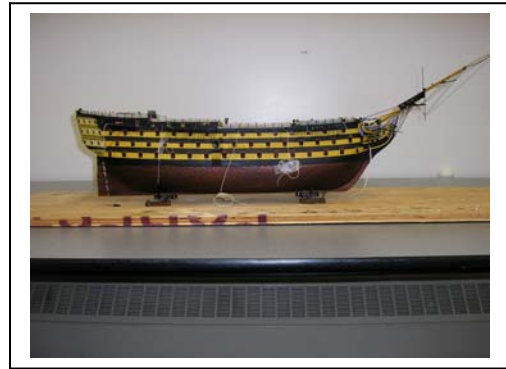
Don Otis' *Grossherzog Friedrich August*

June -



Bob Fivehouse's *Minnewaska* in 1:384 and 1:1200 scales

September -



Dan Caramagno's *HMS Victory*



Bob Markovic's *Chris Craft Runabout*

October -



Stephen Sudia's *Baltimore Clipper*

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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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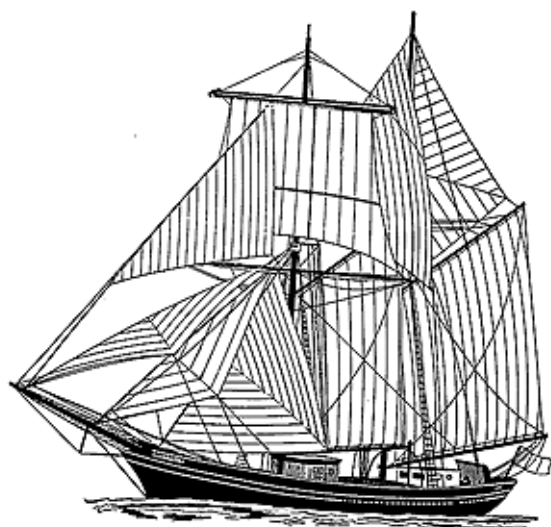
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