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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING May 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President **Bob Fivehouse** at 7:40 PM with 26 members in attendance. We had 2 visitors this evening, **Ray Vernon**, attending his second meeting, and first timer **Michael Cohen** from Princeton. Michael is just getting back into modeling and hopes to learn much from us.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the May issue of the Broadaxe were requested. **Tom McGowan** requested that one point be clarified. Tom said that while the Library Director was not at the library when Tom came up the last time, he did not make an appointment to see him and was, therefore, not ignored a second time. There being no other corrections, the May 2010 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Ken Schuetz commented that he met with Susan Prober, Head of Information Services of the Library, to assist Tom McGowan's effort to get a modeling books section set up for our use and for the general public. He was told by her that this was not possible and that in order to take out any books, we would have to be residents of Essex County which contradicts what the Director had relayed to Tom McGowan. A general discussion ensued and it was decided to put this project on hold for the time being.

Al Geigel presented his Treasurer's Report for May 25, 2010. There being no comments or questions, the Treasurer's report was accepted into the Minutes.

Barry Rudd brought in the Club Plaque for the Jim Roberts Award. This plaque will be kept on hand and will contain each winner's name. **Dan Pariser** inquired as to how the committee felt the first year's award process went. One comment was that it appeared that most of the attendees were unaware of the new judging contest and there was some confusion as to how to identify their model to be included in the judging. The committee felt that, overall, the judging went very well and there was remarkable consistency among the judges regarding the top 5 or 6 models. The committee will make a few minor modifications for next year.

Bob Fivehouse reported that he received a thank you letter from Pat Leaf (reprinted later in the newsletter) from the Philadelphia Club, particularly grateful for our Club's effort in providing vendors for the Conference.

Tom McGowan reported that the trip to the Naval Academy to view the Roger's ship model collection is set and the participants have set up the car pooling arrangements.

Ed Hegstetter brought up the point regarding the new IRS reporting requirements for all non-profit organizations and asked if we have filed all necessary forms with the IRS. **Al Geigel** stated that he has filed the form (which he noted can be done online) and we are in compliance with the regulations.

Dan Pariser reminded the members that this year's NRG Conference to be held in August will be at Annapolis. Tours of the entire campus of the Naval Academy will be available along with trips to St. Michael's in Maryland.

Tom Ruggiero commented that Holland America has given up on the SS *United States* and has asked for any bids on the vessel, including scrap merchants. The USS *Olympia*, located nearby, can no longer be maintained and may be sunk as an artificial reef. If you want to see these historic vessels, better do it soon.

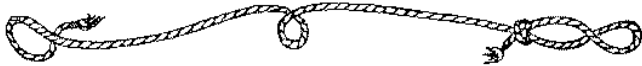
Mason Logie, Jr. said that it is now possible to tour the Brooklyn Navy Yard which is conducting both bus and walking tours of the historic buildings and dry docks still in existence at the Yard. As a point of interest, **Tony Alworth** mentioned that his father was involved in the construction of the dry docks at the Brooklyn Navy Yard while working for Slattery Construction. Mason said he will get more details and costs for the next meeting and thought a joint trip with the New York Club would be worthwhile.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

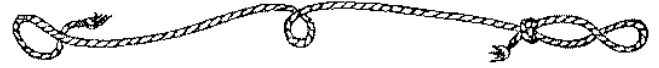
Barry Rudd brought in a hard cover publication “2010 Shipwright. The International Annual of Maritime History and Ship Model Making” published by Conway Press. Model Shipwright was formerly a quarterly magazine. In 2009, the magazine was discontinued and replaced with a hard cover book printed annually. The book contains the same quality of articles and color photos as the original magazine. Barry noted that he purchased his copy from Borders.

Tom McGowan passed around a copy of “Paddlewheel Steamers and their Great Engines” by Bob Whittier. It contains a great deal of information on river steamers and their importance to the expansion of commerce in this country.



TECH SESSION

This evening’s Tech Session was presented by **Roy Goroski**. Roy demonstrated the technique of tapering square stock into round masts and spars using two jigs. The technique was originally presented several years ago by Jim Roberts. Since dowel stock grains are difficult to work with, the jigs were developed to taper square stock of any desired material having straight grains. Roy uses a small modeling plane to shave off the corners to arrive at 8 or more sides on the first jig and then uses the second jig to round the spar or mast. It was clear that a very sharp blade in you plane is essential. Thanks for showing us this technique, Roy! A DVD of this tech session is available for anyone interested.

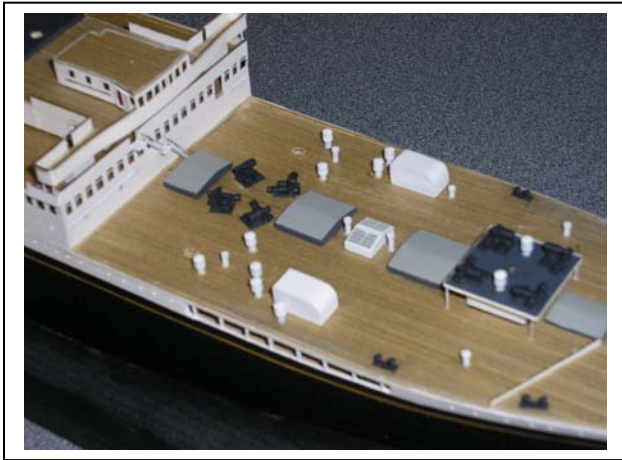


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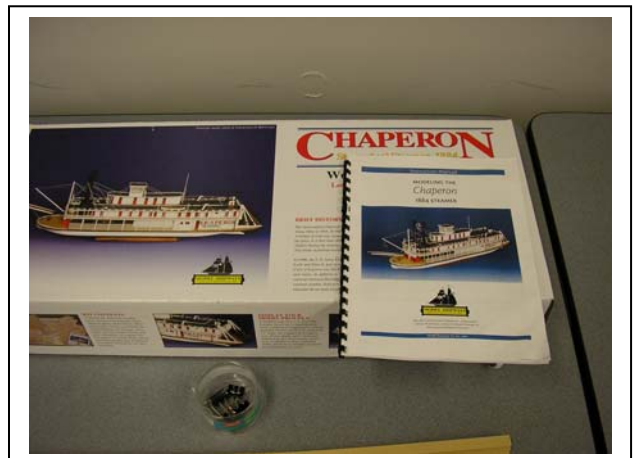
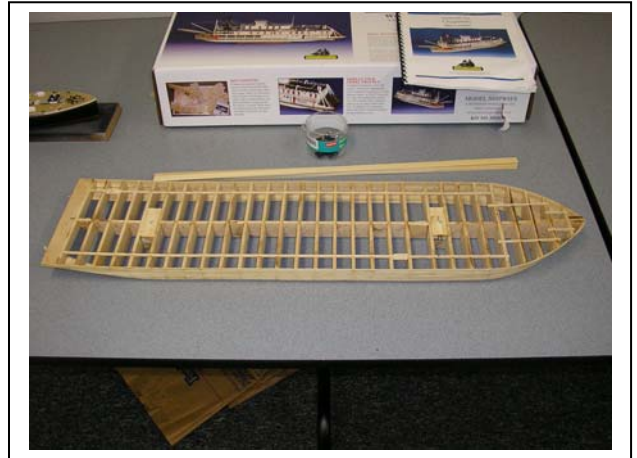
Don Otis returned with his completed model of HMS *Fly*, an Amati – Euromodel kit. It is plank on bulkhead in 3/16” scale. Virtually all of the parts are either laser cut or photo-etch and are very well made. Don feels these are excellent kits.



Bob Fivehouse is currently working on a scratch built model of MV *Britannic*, a British White Star liner built in 1930 and the second to last liner built for this line. Bob has been commissioned to build this model for a customer and will have to deliver it before the next time we meet. It's a solid wood waterline model. Bob commented on his difficulty in getting the right color paint for the stacks which is described as "buff with a slight touch of pink". Documentation is inconsistent in describing the actual paint scheme.



The Model Shipways kit of the sternwheel steamer *Chaperon* is **Tom McGowan's** current project. Tom said he is making great use of the multi-part article written by Kurt Van Dahm currently running in Seaway's "Ships in Scale" magazine. It's a good kit with clear instructions and he is really enjoying making this model and is impressed with the history of these little vessels and their importance to the growth of this nation.



Wayne Thoen showed us the last model he completed, a kit model of a Peterboro canoe of the mid 1800's. Wayne is most pleased with the base (looks like cherry) which really accents the wood of the model. The plastic case was made by Plastic Works in New Rochelle.



Tony Alworth started his Model Shipways kit of the US Brig, *Syren*, built in 1803. This is the kit designed by Chuck Passaro and his instruction book included in the kit is outstanding. The model is plank on bulkhead, Tony's first attempt at a model of this size, in 1:64 scale. Tony was somewhat disappointed with his planking effort in that he had to resort to some stealers at the stern. He also asked about treating the copper sheathing before applying to the hull. Several members told him not to do anything with it as it will oxidize naturally and will look fine.



Ray Vernon brought in his model of HMS *Surprise*, originally built by the French in 1794 and captured by the British in 1796 and renamed *Surprise*. The kit is plank on bulkhead in 1:75 scale. The vessel was the subject of Patrick O'Brian's novels.





Len Schwalm had a Tamiya kit model of the USS *Missouri* in 1:350 scale. Len originally built and sold the model for a customer. After hearing of his passing, Len contacted his widow and bought the model back. He used many photo-etch parts to enhance the model. For those who are interested, Len had the case made by Raymond S. Guinta, PO Box 74, Leonia, NJ 07605, 201-461-5729 at a very reasonable price.



Our newest guest, **Michael Cohen**, brought in a plastic kit model of the Russian aircraft carrier *Admiral Kuznetsov*, Russia's only aircraft carrier in fact. Michael is just beginning the model and if anyone can recommend a brand of primer, he would be most appreciative.



The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 23-29, 2010 - the 37th annual
NRG Conference at Annapolis, MD

Future Tech Sessions

JUNE 22, 2010 - Dr. Steve Fletcher will
discuss his recent relief efforts in Haiti

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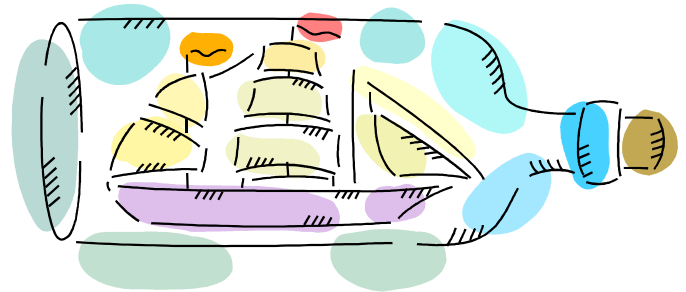
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A Thank You Letter From Philadelphia

28th NORTH EAST CONFERENCE

We at the Philadelphia Ship Model Society want to thank all of you who did outstanding jobs with plans and executions for the Great Experiment.

Bob Fivehouse, president of the Ship Model Society of New Jersey, did a near-miraculous job of recruiting vendors, organizing the arrangements and negotiating with the conference center personnel. We can't possibly say how much we admire and appreciate all he did. *[Thanks also to Mike Gutsick for his great job in contacting the vendors ~ Bob].*

Ken Yurkovich, Long Island Ship Model Society, arranged for the purchase of the pin vises from **Micro Mart**, including the quantity discount. Thank you, Ken.

Dan Pariser, Ship Craft Guild of New York, thank you for being our speaker. Excellent job and very well-received.

Nic Damuck and Connecticut Marine Model Society members distributed flyers in the area that resulted in a large number of local people visiting the Conference. We hope it also provides them with new members.

Among our Society members, **Tom and Alice McElhinney**, registrars, brought together all the elements to correlate and provide information for the attendees. The requirements of the job are the same whatever the size or duration of the event and their organization was superb.

Bobbie Zimmerman, Susan Delin and Nancy Esposito took over registration responsibilities when Tom and Alice returned home because of an emergency. Smooth transition, efficient as always. Thank you.

Josef Messmer, who provided the A/V equipment without which Dan's talk would not have been possible.

The treasurer was **Ed Leaf**, the job he does for our Society. Thanks for keeping track of funds and crunching the numbers.

Thank you to all who attended. We hope you had an enjoyable and instructive visit and we look forward to seeing you next year when the **Ship Craft Guild of New York** will be the hosts.

Best wishes, Pat Leaf

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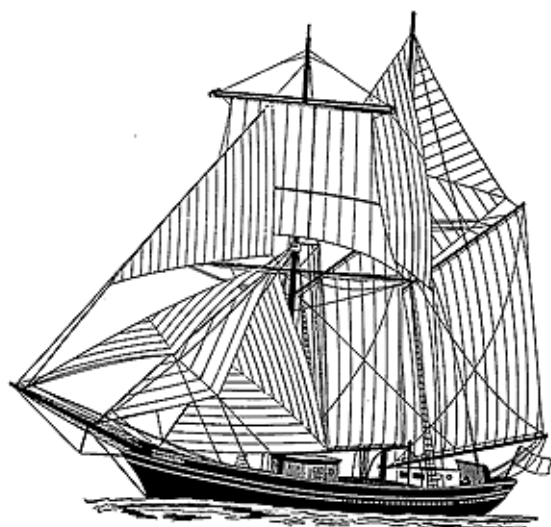
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