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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING April 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:40 PM with 28 regular members and 2 guests in attendance. **Steve Maggipinto** was attending his third meeting and **Mike Ellison** was attending his second meeting. A vote to accept Steve as a regular member was called and answered with a resounding aye from the membership! Welcome to the Club, Steve! We also had on hand a youngster, Tom Ponte's grandson, Adam, who we hope will be a future member!

Comments, questions and or corrections to the March issue of the Broadaxe were requested from the members. There being none, the March 2008 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Tom Ruggiero discussed the upcoming model display at the East Brunswick Library. The models will be on display for the month of June. Set up date is scheduled for June 2, 2008, which is a Monday. Jeff Fuglestad stated that he will contact the library to set up a weekend drop off if at all possible to accommodate those members who would like to display their models, but would not be able to bring them to the library on a workday. Tom has checked out the display cases and said that they would hold nothing wider than 15" and a length of 36". There will not be free standing tables available to hold any of our members larger models so we are looking for about 30 or so smaller models. If you intend to display a model, or hopefully, models, please contact Tom and give him the model names and case dimensions prior to set up. The library is also asking for small placards which should have the name of the ship model, its scale, the model builder's name and type of construction (kit, modified kit, scratch built). A brief history of the ship itself would be nice as well. If you don't have Tom's contact information, please contact Mike Gutsick. Mike's contact information is found in the newsletter.

Ozzie Thalmann volunteered to take the old Club banner and alter it to reflect the new name of the Club. Ozzie brought the finished banner to the meeting and it looks marvelous! Ozzie removed all of the old letters by hand and replaced them with new letters. We now have two banners for future shows and displays. Thanks, Ozzie.

Registration forms for the South Street Seaport model show were available at the meeting. The Show will be held on August 2nd and 3rd, 2008. Contact Jeff Fuglestad if you need a registration form.

Dan Pariser informed us that parking will be at a premium this year and strongly urges anyone who will be driving and will need to park to get your registration forms in as early as possible. Parking spaces will be assigned on a first come first serve basis to the participants in the order registrations are received. If you wait to register, you may not have a place to park!

The members were reminded that the Joint Clubs Show in New London would be held on this upcoming weekend after tonight's meeting. A show of hands indicated that about a dozen members planned to attend.

The NRG responded to our committee's proposed sites for the 2009 Conference. We proposed sites in Central New Jersey - East Brunswick and Princeton. The NRG has decided that they would prefer to have the 2009 NRG Conference in Atlantic City at the Trump Casino. Their feeling was that the usual NJ attractions (*USS New Jersey*, *USS Ling* and *USS Intrepid*) have been played out and that smaller maritime museums in the Atlantic City area would be of greater interest. In addition, Trump offered discount rates on the hotel rooms and no charge for the conference rooms. The NRG also thought that transportation for out of state participants would be more readily available. The committee members met with Dan Pariser and as a group advised him that they did not want our organization to be associated with a conference that was going to be held at an Atlantic City casino and requested that he contact the NRG and let them know that we are withdrawing as the host club for the 2009 Conference.

Ozzie Thalmann informed us that his recent model of the *USS Whitehall*, a WW II Patrol Craft Escort garnered a 3rd Place Award at the recent MosquitoCon model show. Good job, Ozzie! He also mentioned that **Gary Kingzett** won the best ship and best in show awards for his *USS San Francisco*. Our members continue to do very well in judged competitions and our hearty congratulations to all of them for their outstanding work. Hopefully Gary will be able to bring his *USS San Francisco* to an upcoming meeting so we can see his latest award winner.

Larry Friedlander mentioned that he and **Michael Storch** attended a David Antsherl practicum on modeling the Swan class sloop. One of the workshops was on painting friezes on the model's bulwarks. It was a hands on class and Larry has offered to give us a hands on lesson on this workshop in the fall. More on this in later issues.

The proposed joint model show with the South Orange Club has been narrowed down to either the 1st, 2nd or 4th weekend in September. A number of members at the meeting have stated that they will be bringing models to the display.

Elections for Club officers will be held in June. If you wish to have your name placed in nomination as an officer for the upcoming year, please contact **Roy Goroski** and let him know which office you are interested in.



SHOW AND TELL

We had a huge turnout of models this evening! The crew from Cablevision certainly had a lot to film. Several of the members were willing to be interviewed for the show and we can't wait to see the DVD. Dave Barish, the producer, has said he will provide to us. Our thanks and appreciation also goes out to cameraman Peter Walls. The model tally came to 33! Rather than follow our usual routine for Show & Tell, we asked for volunteers to briefly discuss the model they brought to the meeting.

Our newest member, **Steve Maggipinto**, brought in his scratch built model of the US Navy Sub Chaser SC 431. Steve's father was skipper of the boat during WW II. It was originally built as a WW I sub chaser and then turned over to the Coast Guard after the war. It was then returned to the US Navy during WW II. It engaged a U-Boat in 1942, according to Steve. The model was built from plans Steve obtained from The Floating Drydock in 1:48 scale. The hull was constructed of balsa, bread & butter fashion and planked over with basswood.



Joe Cilino showed us his RC model of *USS Crockett*, a Dumas kit. The *Crockett* was commissioned in 1969, the first of the Ashville Class gunboats. She could do 50 knots with her gas turbine engines.



Len Schwalm had an interesting little model of a gun deck by Amati of a French 8 pounder.



Dan Pariser had his model of *Henrietta* on hand this evening. Of particular note were the silk flags which Dan produced from his ink jet printer. The print on silk sheets are available from Dharma Trading Co. (the specific web link is www.dharmatrading.com/html/eng/418463-AA.shtml). Although it prints on one side only, the ink will bleed through to the opposite side. Dan thought that the weave was a bit too open and the color saturation was not as good as he had hoped, but it does offer another alternative for making your ship's flags.



Michael Ellison, our other guest, brought in his Model Shipways model of the pilot boat *Phantom*. This was Michael's first model and he found it challenging due to its small size even though it's a "beginners" level model. Tony Alworth agreed that it's a tough "beginners" model as well.



Barry Rudd showed his model of the Model Shipways model of the *Eagle*, an 1847 Topsail Schooner. Barry recounted that he came upon the Model Shipways store when it was in Bogata and spent about 2 hours in the store talking about models and ended up buying the kit. He recounted that if he had any problems during construction, he could go back to the store and look at the finished model of *Eagle* they had in the storefront!
(Editor's Note: Sorry Barry, I messed up! I thought I got all of the models, but I missed Eagle, somehow)

Bob Fivehouse talked about his newest project, *MV Britannic* built in 1930. She was the last White Star liner and handled the North Atlantic service. Bob is using the method of deck planking on *Britannic* he illustrated at his last tech session. The method involves laminating several layers of veneer together, having one side painted black or dark brown and then ripping slices from the glued up block. The slices are then applied to the deck making it look like each plank has been individually laid.

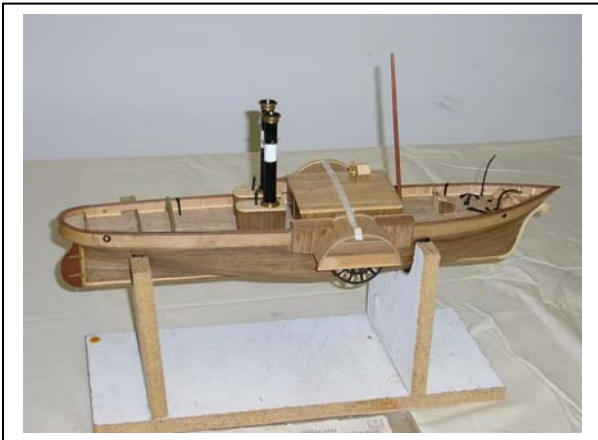
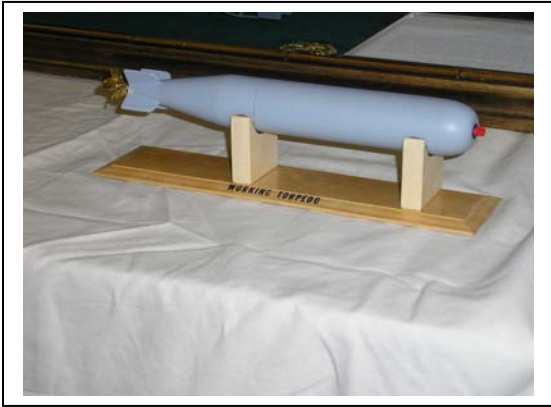


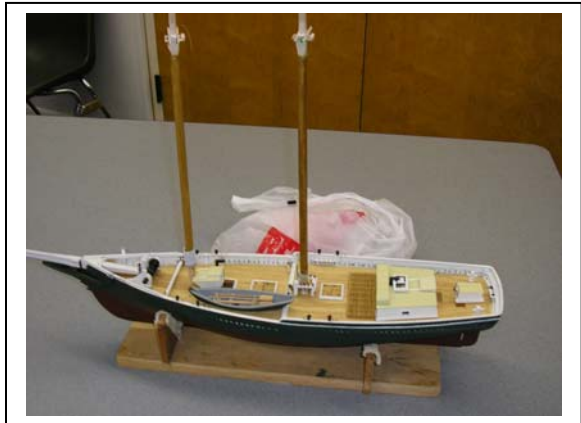
The following pictures are of the rest of the models that ran around the room and offered up a most visual display of our members' talents. Thanks again to all who responded to our call for models!

But first – the team from cablevision – setting up for a shot!



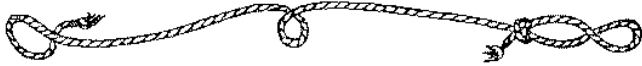








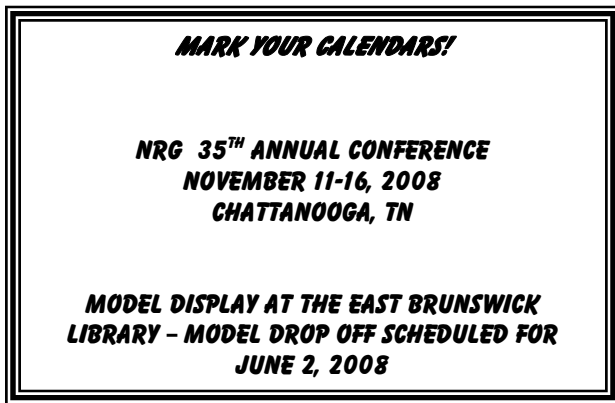
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

May 27, 2008 – Tom McGowan will discuss plank on frame construction using the Harold Hahn method

June 24, 2007 – Don Otis will be presenting sail making techniques



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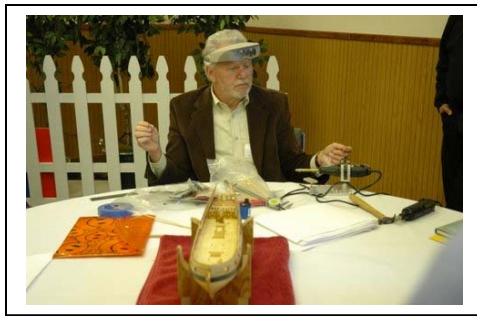
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My thanks to Larry Friedlander for providing these photos of the guys at the Joint Clubs Show in New London



If only we had our hats!



Larry Friedlander showing the art of making treenails



Gary Kingzett provides guidance to a fellow modeler

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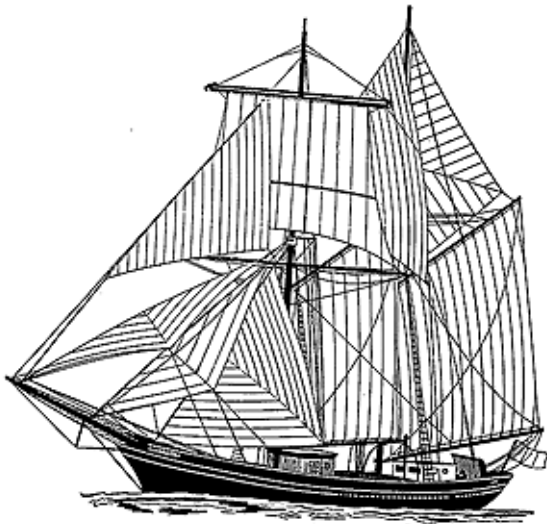
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