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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 23, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President **Jeff Fuglestad**. We had 33 members in attendance and 2 guests, **Tom Ponte** from Denville and **Michael Ellison** from Westfield. Tom was a professional model maker, is an artist and makes pottery and wants to get involved in ship model building. Michael is new to ship model building and looks forward to learning as much as he can from our very talented members. A warm welcome was extended to both and we hope to see them at many future meetings.

Comments and or corrections to the January issue of the Broadaxe were requested, There being no corrections requested, the January 2007 issue of the Broadaxe was adopted into the minutes.

Treasurer **Ken Schuetz** gave his financial report to the members which included the results of the December White Whale Auction, which was quite successful. Ken again reminded the members that we are reserving \$1,000 of the treasury balance specifically for the NRG Conference the Club will be hosting.

A proposal was made to the membership to increase the reserve for the NRG Conference to \$2,000, after which, a lengthy discussion ensued. The proposal to increase the reserve to \$2,000 was postponed to a subsequent meeting.

Ozzie Thalmann updated the members on the model display currently being held at the Parsippany Library through the end of February. The models have been very popular and we have gotten many compliments regarding them. Ozzie has been spending a great deal of time at the library, explaining the models to visitors and children's groups and showing them what the *Bismark* can do. Ozzie asked the members who are able to come to the library and act as guides to the models because there are always groups of

children at the library. The library informed Ozzie that they would like to have the models picked up from the library either on Friday, March 2nd from Noon to 5 PM or Saturday, March 3rd from 9 AM to 5 PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly. (*Editor's Note: Ozzie and Jeff informed me that a photographer from the Star Ledger came to the library and took some photos of the models and of Ozzie, who assures me that he did not break the camera lens, and will be published in the Star Ledger on February 8th. Keep your eyes peeled!*)

The members all expressed their gratitude to Ozzie for all of his time and efforts in making our model display so successful. As a show of our gratitude, Ozzie was presented with his favorite dessert, a banana cream pie! Well done, Ozzie, well done!

Al Geigel informed the members that he had been notified by the NRG that the Portland, OR. Club no longer wishes to host the 2009 NRG Conference. Our Club was scheduled to host the 2011 Conference and is now being asked by the NRG if we would be willing to host the 2009 Conference instead. To provide background for our newer members, Al discussed what the NRG does and what they are currently expecting host clubs to be responsible for. He and other members also recounted the 2 previous NRG Conferences that our Club has hosted. It was then put to the members present whether we should accept the NRG's offer to host the 2009 Conference instead of 2011. The members voted to host the 2009 Conference, whereupon **Al Geigel** was named Chairman of the Committee for the 2009 NRG Conference and directed to notify the NRG of our decision to host the 2009 Conference. Any members who wish to participate in this committee should contact Al as soon as possible.

Dan Pariser advised the members of the financial difficulties the South Street Seaport Museum is currently facing and that a number of employees have been terminated, including the individual who had been responsible for organizing and running the annual model show. Dan is not certain whether there will be a show this year at the South Street Seaport.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Ed Hegstetter brought in two publications. The first was entitled "Warship Pictorial 24 / Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers" written by Kurt Greiner and published by Classic Warship Publishing. The second booklet was "U.S. Light Carriers in Action / Warship No. 16" by Michael C. Smith and published by Squadron/Signal Publications. Both are filled with numerous pictures and details and will be of great interest to anyone interested in these types of vessels.

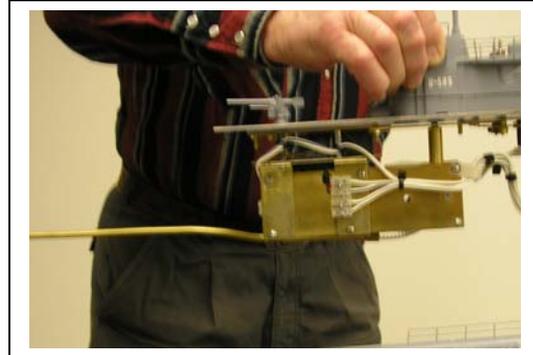
Bob Brehm had on hand a book by Dr. Feldman on the modeling of three types of ships, mostly 2 masted vessels which describes the construction of these models in detail. Bob said he obtained the book from Ships in Scale. Unfortunately, I did not receive a completed Books & Publications form with more specific information. I again ask all who bring in books to discuss and models for Show & Tell to please complete the applicable forms so I have accurate information to include in the Broadaxe.

Bob also provided us with details of his recent trip to Newport News, VA, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum and the Mariner's Museum. Of interest in Newport News is the construction of the last Nimitz class Aircraft Carrier, the *USS George H. Bush*. Bob informed us that there will be no more big Carriers built at Newport News.

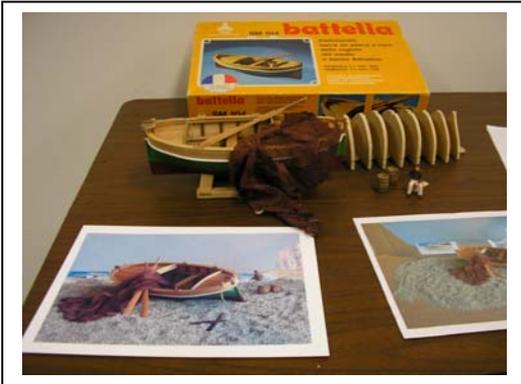


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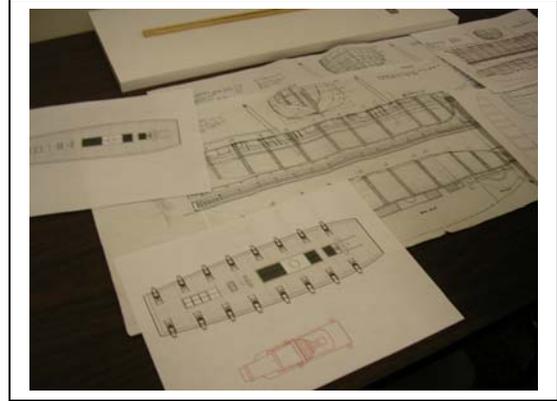
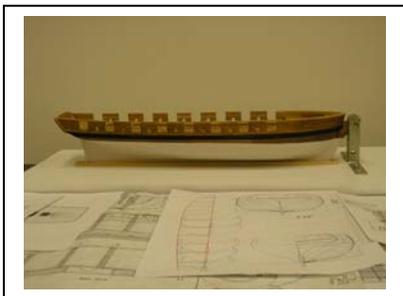
Ozzie Thalmann demonstrated his mechanical expertise with his substantially completed model of *U-505*, a Class IX-C German U-Boat, captured by the US Navy and is now on permanent display in Chicago. Ozzie's model is in 1:72 scale and is 45" in length. The model has working diving planes and rudders, elevating periscope, revolving 3.7" deck gun and anti-aircraft guns, the propellers turn and, oh yes, all torpedo tubes are operational! Ozzie fired all 4 forward torpedoes and both stern tubes. I am happy to inform you that no members were injured during these demonstrations.



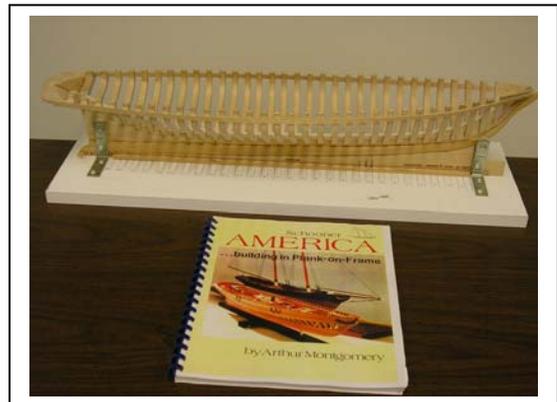
Dan Pariser brought in 3 models, all of which were kits, two being constructed for clients and one being developed for Model Expo. The first model Dan portrayed was a small Italian fishing boat. Dan's client provided the kit which was over 40 years old with instructions in Italian and French. The model took Dan about 15 hours to complete and he used it as a subject for a photo diorama.



The second model was a prototype of a kit model Dan is designing for Model Expo under the Model Shipways name. Dan wants to create a kit which will produce a historically accurate model requiring minimal scratch building on the part of the modeler. The vessel is the *USS Oneida*, built in 1809. The model will be in 1:64 scale and will be 24" long using plank on bulkhead construction. Dan told us he used Corel Draw to create the body plan and bulkhead lines which was significantly faster than hand drawn and significantly more accurate.



The last model Dan discussed is another kit model he is building for a client, the racing yacht *America* built in 1851. It is a Bluejacket kit in 1:48 scale of plank on frame construction. The hull frames are of Basswood. Dan explained Bluejacket's method of creating the individual frames included in the kit which are sawn from a solid hull form, just like cutting a loaf of bread.



Allan Yedlinski brought in an interesting departure from what we usually expect to see from Allan. He explained that he is currently between projects and was looking for something to fill the gap and decided that he would like to build a battle station. From the design on the outer bulwark, it would appear to be from his recent model of the 64 gun *Inflexible*. The model is in 1:24 scale. The deck is made of aspen. Allan used boxwood and pear for the rest of the model.



Ernest Connor brought in his work in progress of the British warship *Sovereign of the Seas* built in 1634. The model is a doubled plank on bulkhead kit in 1:78 scale and will be 43" long when completed. The kit included a substantial number of brass fittings which Ernie said had significant flash and required a grinder to remove.



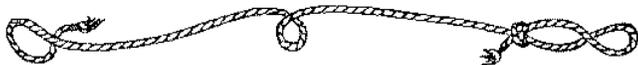
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

As you noted earlier in the minutes, our Club will be hosting the NRG Conference in 2009 which will be upon us before we realize it. We need volunteers to assist Al Geigel in getting everything organized. Please reach out to Al and let him know you are willing to help.

Mike Gutrick



“Soundings From D-Deck”

Jeff Fuglestad has informed me that our February meeting has been moved up. The library has a new person involved in scheduling events and we ended up in a conflict with another organization that was also scheduled for our normal meeting night of the 4th Tuesday of the month. **Please mark your calendars!! The February meeting will be held on February 20th at 7:30 PM.** If you forget and come on the 4th Tuesday you won't see many familiar faces.

Michael Storch is asking for feedback on the tool cleaning samples he gave out recently, good or bad. If you missed the meeting and didn't get the samples, please contact Michael and he will bring some for you. You can reach Michael via email at michael@epsylontech.com.

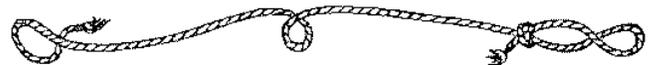
Allan Yedlinsky passes along the following web link for the most incredible harbor scene diorama you will hope to see. I went to the link and the models and details are superb. The link is as follows:
<http://modelshipworld.com/phpBB2/modules/gallery/album175?page=1>

Bob Fivehouse would like to pass along his source for specialty brass angles and wire. Bob pointed out that the angles are cut, not bent, so you get nice sharp corners on the angles, not rounded. He has used the angles on many of the cases he has made for his models. The company, Special Shapes Company has a web site at www.specialshapes.com where you can view their products and request pricing information. You can also

call their toll free number to request a catalog at 800-517-4273.

Mason Logie, Jr. will be presenting a slide show of his dive on the German Navy warships scuttled at Scapa Flow in World War I at the next meeting which will be on February 20th. Mason's previous presentations of his diving adventures have always been enjoyable.

Finally, a special note of congratulations goes out to **Dan Pariser** for his election to the Nautical Research Guild Board of Directors. It's always good to have friends in high places! Good Luck, Dan!



JUST A REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

January February, 2007 – Parsippany Library model show

March 2 & 3, 2007 – Model pick up at Parsippany Library

April 28, 2007 – North East Joint Clubs model exposition – New London, CT

June 10, 2007 – Philadelphia Ship Model Society RC Model Regatta

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Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to the *BROADAXE* are always welcome, and SMSNNJ 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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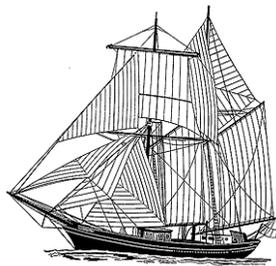
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7:30 PM

**MILLBURN PUBLIC
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Tech Session

Scapa Flow

A Slide Presentation

By

Mason Logie, Jr.