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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING June 27, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President **Jeff Fuglestad** with 24 members and 1 guest in attendance, **Bob Markovic**, attending his third meeting. Bob was unanimously voted in as a member – welcome aboard, Bob!

The order of business was altered to allow Mason Logie and his guest speaker, Vic Campbell, to offer their presentation on the USS Houston and the Navy's Asiatic Fleet at the start of the meeting.

President Fuglestad requested comments and/or corrections to the June 2006 Broadaxe. There was one correction to be made regarding the number of registrants attending the North East Conference. The final number of attendees was 111. The June Broadaxe had reported a preliminary count of 113. The membership voted to accept the Broadaxe as corrected into the minutes.

Jeff Fuglestad then commented on a financial report on the Conference he will be providing to the other clubs participating in the North East Conference. Jeff reminded the members that it had been mutually agreed among the clubs that any funds in excess of \$100.00 would be distributed to the participating clubs. Jeff reported that there was a small surplus (under \$60.00) after paying off all of the expenses for the speaker, meal costs at the Conference Center and other incidental expenses. A discussion followed covering such topics as the quality of the speaker (highly rated), poor attendance by the public, organization and layout of the displays and the amount of work involved in hosting such an event.

Tom McGowan provided the members with a specific drop off date for models to be displayed at the South Amboy Library. He has arranged with the librarian to open the library on Saturday, July 8th from approximately 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. (the library is closed on Saturdays during the summer). An announcement of this drop off date was made via email to the membership prior to publication of this issue of the Broadaxe.

Michael Storch, our club Archivist, advised the members present that he has access to a high speed

scanner for a short time and would be happy to scan any documents that a member might have. Interested members should contact Michael directly.

Al Geigel informed the members of a revision to our upcoming hosting of the NRG Conference. Al was advised by the NRG that we will be co-hosting the NRG Conference in **2011**, not 2010 as previously scheduled.

Registration forms for the South Street Seaport Museum 14th annual Ship & Boat Model Festival to be held on August 5 & 6, 2006 from 1-5pm were made available at the meeting. The registration form is due July 28, 2006. Any forms received after July 21 will not be included in the brochure. Interested persons may contact David Valentin at 212-748-8738.

Mason Logie, Jr. received further information on the NYC Fireboat *Harvey* harbor tour. Mason has recommended the date of August 26, 2006 for the tour. It coincides with an appreciation day event being held for the *Harvey*, so other activities will be available.

Jim Caulkins informed the members that New Jersey's tall ship, *A.J. Meerwald*, will be at Liberty State Park from July 14th through July 29th. There are a number of public sailings available as well as daily tours of the vessel. Please call 973-539-7547 to make reservations or obtain further information.

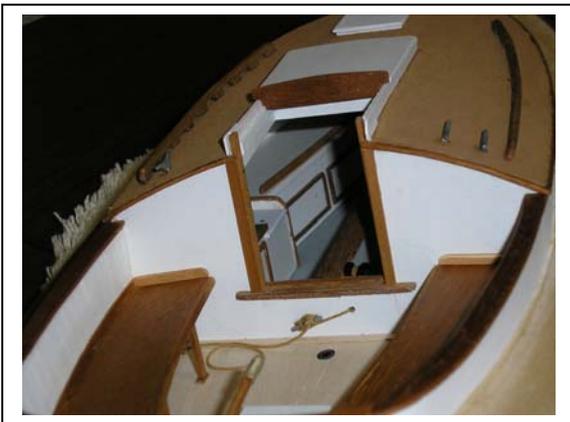
Gary Kingzett was contacted by the Elmwood Park Library regarding a future model display similar to the Belskie Museum show. Gary asked if this would be of interest to the members. Jeff Fuglestad said it would be and directed Gary to follow up with the library for further details.

Michael Storch and **Larry Friedlander** offered an interesting suggestion. They asked if members would be willing to open their workshops on a Saturday to fellow members as a type of on location tech session so we can see how other modelers layout their modeling workshop. There was a good bit of interest in the idea and several members were willing to participate. Jeff Fuglestad suggested that this could take place sometime in the fall as this would allow time to make the work area presentable.

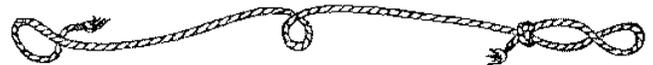


SHOW AND TELL

Tony Alworth brought in his nearly completed cat boat. Tony has some minor deck fittings yet to attach to complete the work on the hull and then it's on to the mast.



Don Otis brought in a partially completed hull of the British J Class racing yacht, *Endeavour*, in need of repair, which had been started in 1935 and was left unfinished. Don is completing the model for the son of the man who started the model and never finished it. He will be using parts from the Amati kit of the same model which happens to be approximately the same scale (1:35). The hull is of bread and butter construction.



TECH SESSION

Mason Logie, Jr. started off the tech session with his slide presentation of his dive on the *USS Houston*. Mason recounted his long trip to Indonesia, the local officials' suspicions that he might be looking to steal treasures from the shipwrecks and his search and discovery of the wreck. It was a fascinating story. The highlight of his trip was 'flying' an American flag from the topmast of the *Houston* and bringing it back and presenting it to the *USS Houston* survivors association and showing them his slides of the wreck. After Mason's slide presentation, Vic Campbell, a Navy veteran of the Vietnam war, gave a talk on the Asiatic Fleet, the "Forgotten Fleet". It was very informative. Vic had dvd's available for purchase which he had put together using what little film was available on the Asiatic Fleet and the battle of the Java Sea. Vic's dvd is called "The Last Stand". Vic also had a hand out of a talk he gave at a recent Asiatic Fleet Reunion which included a number of additional sources for information on this fleet. You can contact Vic at vic@buzzcreek.com for more information as well as www.usshouston.org and www.asiaticfleet.com.

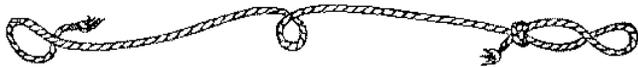
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

I hope everyone is having a very enjoyable summer so far, although it certainly has been a wet one! I would just like to remind the members that we begin our new fiscal year on July 1st and it is once again time to ante up our dues. It's \$25 now, up from \$15, in case you forgot.

Mike Gutschick



“Soundings From D-Deck”

The July Show and Tell promises to be a great one! **Henry Schaefer** will bring his much anticipated 60” long model of the German Raider *Atlantis*. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!** (Henry is calling out for all hands to help get the model upstairs – seems it's too large for the elevator; it'll have to be brought up the stairs! That should prove to be quite interesting as well!)

Our hats are off to **Ozzie Thalmann** once again for being a Gold Award Winner in his category at the 30th Annual Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest held at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum for his model of the *SS Stephen Hopkins*. Well done, Ozzie!

Gary Kingzett has provided information on an exquisite model show being held now through October 29, 2006 at the Stamford Museum & Nature Center located at 39 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford, CT. Gary's own model of the *USS New Jersey* is on display as well as Jeff Herne's model of a 1911 Bristol Boxkite. Gary was most impressed with the model cars on display. The level of craftsmanship is outstanding. If several members are interested, Gary would consider putting a trip together some Saturday or Sunday. He has a 7 passenger van and would be willing to drive to the Museum.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

July 25, 2006 – Gary Kingzett will present a video version of the book “Paddle to the Sea” and Henry Schaefer will have more video of his cruise on the *Queen Mary II*

August 22, 2006 – Tom McGowan will give a demonstration of resistance soldering techniques

September 26, 2006 – Jeff Fuglestad and Tom Ruggiero will present a discussion on bread and butter hull construction and lofting techniques

October 24, 2006 – *Bring a Model Night*

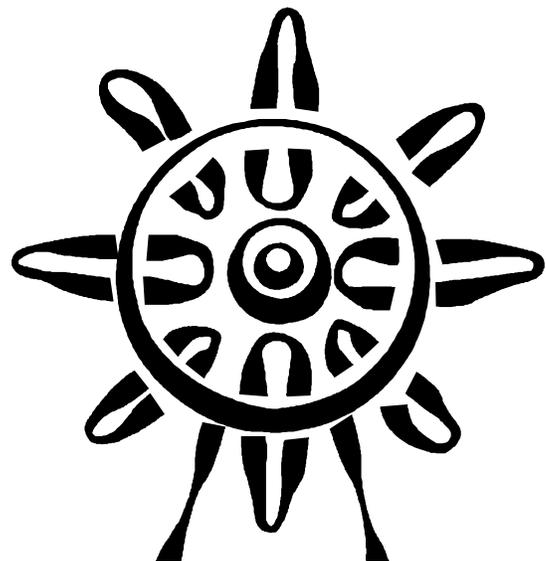
JUST A REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July - August 2006 – Model exhibition at the South Amboy, NJ Public Library.

August 5-6, 2006 - South Street Seaport Model Show

August 26, 2006 - New York Harbor cruise aboard the restored NY Fire Boat *John J. Harvey*

October 12-15, 2006 – San Diego, CA, NRG Conference



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Video Presentations

**Gary Kingzett and
Henry Schaefer**