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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING June 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:30 PM with 27 members in attendance. We had one guest, **Steven Brown**, from South Orange. Although Steven has been modeling for 25 years, he has only recently started modeling ships. Welcome, Steven!

The members were asked for any corrections to the June issue of the Broadaxe. There being none, the June 2007 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Treasurer **Ken Schuetz** presented his Treasurer's Report which was accepted by the members present.

Jeff Fuglestad commented on the upcoming South Street Seaport model show which will be held on August 4th and 5th. Registration forms were available for anyone wishing to attend the show. The form is also available for download on our website. The members were advised to get their registration forms in early as parking for the event will be assigned in order of registrations received. Parking is limited so get your registration in as soon as possible.

Ozzie Thalmann presented the Club with a new plastic container and lock to store our banner and supplies in the Library supply room. Thanks, Ozzie!

Bob Fivehouse gave the members an update on his conversation with the Producer from Cablevision. Bob found out that Cablevision wants to tape a segment for their local audience of an external activity, i.e. the model show recently held at the Parsippany Library. We will keep this in mind when a future model display is organized.

Dennis Powell mentioned a scenic tour of New York Harbor aboard a tug boat that is available to groups. Dennis indicated that the cost would be \$80 per person.

Gary Kingzett noted that those members registering for the South Street Show should indicate on the form that

they will be part of a group so that members' models will be in the same area at the show.

Many of us had the opportunity to see **Ozzie Thalmann's** most recent model of the German U-Boat, *U-505*, a quite remarkable model with numerous working parts. We are pleased to let everyone know that Ozzie's model of *U-505* received the Gold Medal Award at the 31st Annual Midwestern Model Ships and Boats Contest held at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. Ozzie is no stranger to Gold Medals at this show, but his working torpedo tubes blew the competition away! Ozzie explained to the members how meticulous the judges are in examining every model. The slightest glue spot, less than perfect painting or stray rigging and your model is done for. We can only say once again, Well Done, Ozzie, Well Done!

The amendment to the Constitution changing the Club's name was read to the members and was then opened for discussion. **Al Geigel** asked what notifications are needed to be made to the IRS and New Jersey regarding the name change. As it was uncertain what is needed, Jeff Fuglestad requested that the vote on the Amendment be postponed to a future meeting in order to determine what notifications are required. The members agreed to the postponement. The Amendment will continue to be included in the Broadaxe until such time as the Amendment is voted on.

Amendment to the Preamble

Be it resolved that as of [date of adoption], the name of **THE SHIP MODEL SOCIETY OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY** be changed to **THE SHIP MODEL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY**. Be it further resolved that the *COVER, PREAMBLE*, and any other references to the original title within this Constitution reflect this change.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Don Otis brought in three offbeat books that were part of a spate of publications that pointed toward the 2005 Bicentennial observation of Lord Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar. The first was "Nelson's Blood-The Story of Naval Rum" published by NIP in 1995 (ISBN 1-55750-666-3) by Captain James Pack. The second book was "Feeding Nelson's Navy: The True Story of Food at Sea in the Georgian Era" by Janet Macdonald and published by Chatham Publishers in 2004 (ISBN 10-1-86176-288-7) which is a reworked Master's Thesis and explores the entire subject in depth. The last book was "Fiddlers and Whores: The Candid Memoirs of a Surgeon in Nelson's Fleet" by James Lowry, Chatham Publishers, 2005 (ISBN 1-86176-268-2) which, according to Don, is a great and quick read having little to do with ship's surgery and more to do with the second part of the title.

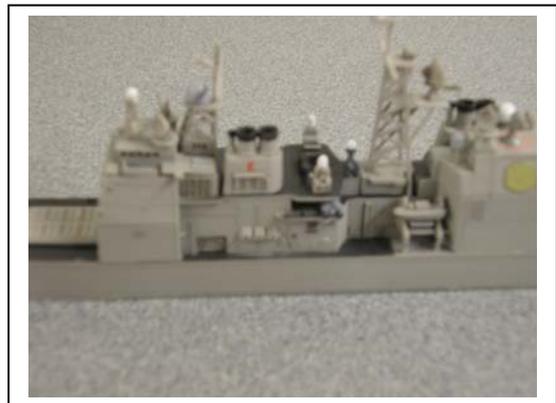
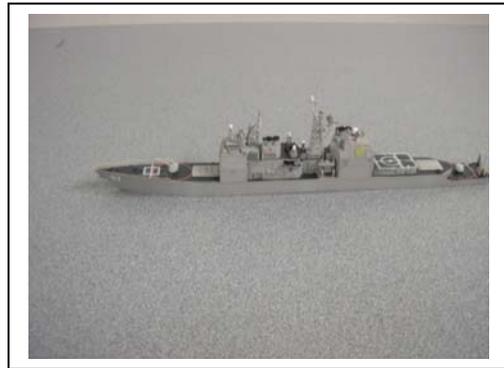


SHOW & TELL

Mike Gutsick brought in his completed model of the *USS General M.C. Meigs, AP-116*, a fast troop transport built at Federal Shipbuilding in Kearney, NJ in 1944. The model is scratch built in 1:600 scale using plans obtained from the Smithsonian Institution and photos of the *Meigs* and several of her sister ships in service during World War II. Mike used photo-etch railings, ladders and 20 MM guns which he obtained from Gold Medal Models and Tom's Model Works. The hull is basswood of bread and butter construction. The superstructure elements are of wood sheathed in .01" styrene.



Our guest, **Steven Brown**, showed us his model of the *USS Mobile Bay* which is his first ship model, having previously focused on aircraft and armor models. The model is a plastic kit in 1:700 scale built directly out of the box with no kit bashing or use of additional photo-etch parts.

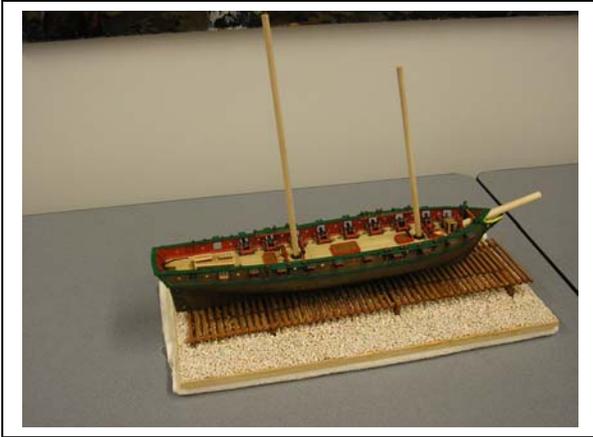




Henry Schaefer had on hand his completed model of the *Charles P. Notman*, a Downeast Schooner built in 1894 by Percy & Small Shipyard of Bath, ME. The Bluejacket kit model is of plank on bulkhead construction. Henry replaced all of the white metal blocks and deadeyes supplied in the kit with wooden ones. In Henry's opinion, the model is not worth the price charged. Henry has started another Bluejacket kit which he says is worth the money. The model is the just introduced limited edition model of the *USS Olympia*. The hull is solid machine carved basswood. Henry has completed the shaping of the hull which he brought in for Show & Tell. The fittings are of good quality and Henry is looking forward to completing this kit.



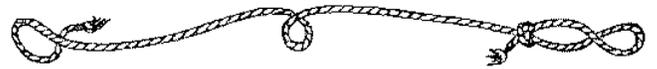
Ed Marrie presented his model of *Prince de Neufchatel*, an American Privateer built in 1812-13 in service during the War of 1812. The ship carried 18 guns and a crew of 150 and was very fast and maneuverable. She was captured by the British in 1815. The model is a plank on bulkhead kit in 1:64 scale.



Bob Fivehouse brought in his work in progress of the liner *Cape Town Castle*. The ship was built in 1938 for the Union Castle Line and was approximately 27,000 gross tons. Bob showed us the decking he is using which he created using a new technique which he will demonstrate during the Tech Session at the next meeting. This scratch built waterline model is in the scale of 1" = 32'.

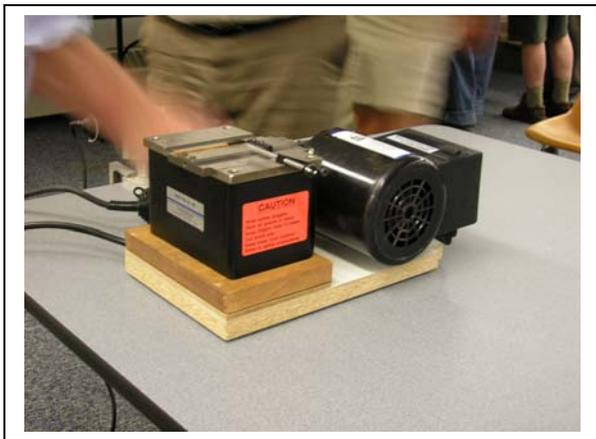


Steve Fletcher showed us his completed model of the racing yacht *America* of 1851. As Steve explained, the hull was one of Jim Roberts' last hull blanks and he built it as a tribute to Jim. Steve scratch built all but a few of the deck fittings and added some HO scale figures to add to the detail.

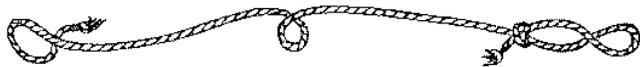


TECH SESSION

Larry Friedlander showed us his technique for making scale treenails which he has used on several of his models. Larry began his discussion with an explanation of how frames, timbers and planking were joined together. The frame components were joined using bolts which would either be clinched over on one side or if the bolt had a slot in it, a wedge would be driven securely into the slot. The hull planking would be attached to the frames with dowels (treenails) by driving them into holes bored through the planks and into the frame. Swelling of the wood as it got wet would hold the dowels in place. In some instances a slot would be cut at the end of the treenail and a wedge driven into the slot. Larry provided a diagram of the techniques he described which was quite helpful. Larry then commenced with his demonstration. While he acknowledged that some may make treenails using a draw plate, Larry prefers using power tools to achieve the same result. Cutting bits and accessories available from vandalayindustries.com are the key to this process. The cutters fit a standard Dremel rotary tool. A base unit is available to mount the Dremel tool securely to your workbench top. Any hardwood will suffice for making the treenails, such as apple or pear, however Larry's preference is Boxwood. Larry uses a Preac saw which has been modified with a more powerful motor to cut his Boxwood strips into 1/32" square stock which is then slowly and carefully fed into the cutter bit to form the treenail. Larry then showed how he typically lays out the positions for the treenails on the hull surface. The drill holes should be slightly larger than the diameter of the treenail with the treenails pushed into the holes without any glue on them. The glue would expand the wood and make it extremely difficult to insert into the hole without breaking. Larry then trims the treenail as close to the hull as he can and will then scrape the hull with a slightly bent single edge razor blade rather than use sandpaper. Scraping will provide a much smoother finish to the hull than can be achieved with even the finest grade of sandpaper. We all thanked Larry for a very informative demonstration.



The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.



**JUST A REMINDER OF
UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 4 & 5, 2007 - South Street Seaport Museum
Model Boat Festival

September 13-16, 2007 - NRG Conference, Wisconsin
Maritime Museum, Manitowoc, WI

UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

July 24, 2007 – Bob Fivehouse & Jeff Fuglestad
will present deck planking techniques

August 28, 2007 – Barry Rudd & Roy Goroski will
present hull planking techniques

September 25, 2007 – Gary Kingzett will show us his
method for making eyes

October 23, 2007 – BRING A MODEL NIGHT

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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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A Gold Medal Winner – U-505

By Oswald Thalmann



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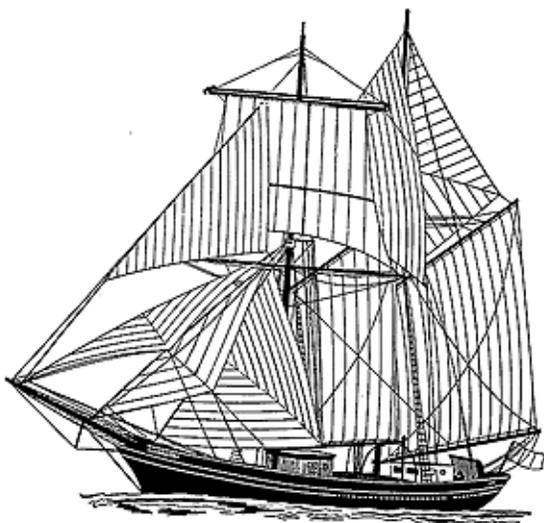
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