



# THE BROADAXE

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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING February 28, 2005

President **Jeff Fuglestad** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. We had 32 members attending with one second time visitor, **Allen Hamilton** (one more meeting before the rites of initiation).

Jeff gave a report of the ongoing plans for the joint club meeting on April 29. Everything seems to be under control but Jeff did ask that EVERY member attempt to attend this function. We are asked to host this conference once every six years and we should have close to 100% attendance from within our own ranks, if only to spread the work among a broader base. Car pools are easily organized if anyone does not wish to make the drive alone.

**Gary Kingzett** gave a report of our ongoing exhibition at the Belskie Museum. We are showing 32 models, 6 half hulls and 30 paintings. The exhibit has been well received among the public.

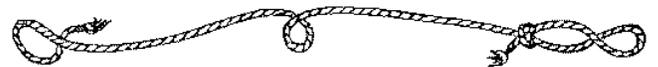
**Ozzie Thalmann** spoke about the recent request of the owner of a McDonalds on route 15 in Jefferson Township to place a few models in the restaurant for public viewing. Ozzie will get more info on the size of the display cases and report further.

**Mike Gutsick** reported on a maritime exhibit to be held at Macculloch Hall Historical Museum in Morristown, NJ from March 26, 2006 through August 2006 featuring the paintings of Antonio Jacobson and James Buttersworth. The museum was looking for only 2 or 3 models of a particular type to complement the paintings to be displayed. Of particular interest would be early steamships and racing yachts or an antique model. Members were asked to contact Mike if they had models of the type the museum was interested in. (*Editor's Note: Dan Caramagno will have his model of America on display – thanks, Dan!*)

**Larry Friedlander** has been contacted by an agent of the estate of Lawrence Arnot, a former member who passed away four years ago. It seems the family now wishes to dispose of the many models, tools and art work at Mr. Arnot's residence. Larry circulated material containing the name and number of the agent for anyone who wishes to look into this situation.

**Don Otis** recently provided a model of the *Titanic* to the producers of the television show Good Morning America. The model figured in a broadcast about the *Titanic's* fate. Good work Don!

The MosquitoCon exhibit of the New Jersey chapter of the IPMS is being held April 8, 2006 at the Wayne PAL (the usual venue). Many of our members exhibit at or simply attend this show.



## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

**Don Otis** brought in two books, both written by Peter Goodwin and published by the Naval Institute Press. The first is "Nelson's Ships" (published in 2002) and "The Ships of Trafalgar" (published in 2005). For each vessel mentioned in either book, Goodwin (who is curator of the Victory) includes design and construction, service history, and fate.

**Jeff Fuglestad** brought a book titled "Patrick O'Brian's Navy". This colorful work by Richard O'Neill and published by Running Press details the British Navy as it existed during the time frame of the O'Brian stories. Jeff got the book at a distress price at the Mystic Seaport on a recent visit.



### SHOW AND TELL

**HENRY SCHAEFER** showed his model of the German passenger/mailship *Feldmarchall*, built in 1903. Henry built this model from scratch but used a paper model of the vessel, which when constructed, served as a “model” for the model. Actually, Henry bought two paper models of the vessel. One he built and the second provided templates for the wooden which he built. Very clever Henry!



**TONY ALWORTH** showed his work in progress of an early twentieth century cat boat which he is building from a kit but with many modifications. Tony has spent much time sailing similar boats.



**DIMITRY AFONIN** brought along his completed model of a custom pleasure craft which he built from a Midwest Model kit of a lobster smack which he then heavily modified to produce this fine model.



### TECH SESSION

**BOB FIVEHOUSE** gave a fascinating tech session about his methods of creating vessel structures and fittings in the very small scales he prefers to work in. We could not reproduce a complete brief of his presentation but a few pointers are worth mentioning. Bob is always on the lookout for every day items which can be used in his work. When he goes to a store he will look about for anything he might use. In scales as small as Bob’s work, many items do not have to be faithfully reproduced. Bob works to create the illusion that a structure, a ventilation funnel for example, exists. He showed how he uses seeds (Mustard seeds in this case) to make funnels. Mustard seed also makes great cannonballs. Bob also demonstrated how he makes lifeboats from a simple molding process. Noteworthy too, is his use of magnesium block to assist in soldering very small parts. This product is available from jewelry supply houses such as Grobet and Santa Fe Jewelry Supply. In all, this was an excellent session which shows how creative one can be in building models.



## FROM THE EDITOR

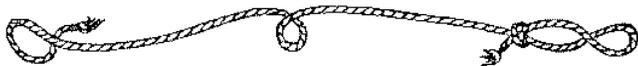
It always pleases me to get feedback from the readers on an item or topic included in the Broadaxe. It tells me that my efforts are not wasted and that the newsletter is being read. When I get more than one response to the same item, I feel I must pass them along in the way of "letters to the editor" which is the case for the attendance issue noted in the January meeting minutes. As I have not asked for their permission to print their e-mails in the Broadaxe, I have omitted the names of the senders.

*"My problem is distance and time. We have a home in Nashua, NH and I am up there a bit of the time. I do ski patrol work in Vermont in the wintertime. These activities keep me away from New Jersey quite often.. I do try and make all the Society meetings I can – You guys are a super group!"*

*"My reason for not coming is simple. Between my work schedule and my son's extracurricular school activities, Tuesday night is not a free night for me. Within the next few months that situation may be changing, at which time it will be my pleasure to attend."*

I would like to point out that I have not received any negative comments about the meetings. Should you be contacted by Barry Rudd or Jim Caulkins, please let them know if the meetings have not met your expectations. We want everyone to enjoy coming to the meetings.

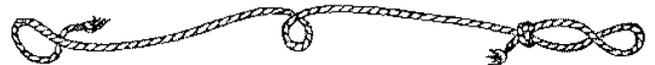
*Mike Gutschick*



## "Soundings From D-Deck"

**Ozzie Thalmann** was kind enough to return to the McDonald's on Route 15 in Lake Hopatcong and get the dimensions on the cases that the restaurant has to hold the models. There are 7 cases in all: 4

rectangular and 3 triangular cases. All of the cases are 22" high. Regarding the rectangular cases, 3 are 12" deep, 2 of which are 28" long and 1 is 36" long. The fourth rectangular case is 20" deep by 31" long. The dimensions for the triangular cases are as follows: 24" x 16" x 20", 24" x 17" x 17" and 32" x 24" x 24". If you have a model of a size that would fit in these cases and are interested in having it displayed at the restaurant, please contact Frank Stimmler, the owner, at (973) 912-0861. The McDonald's Restaurant is located at 735 Route 15 South, Lake Hopatcong, NJ.



## UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

**March 28, 2006 – To Be Announced**

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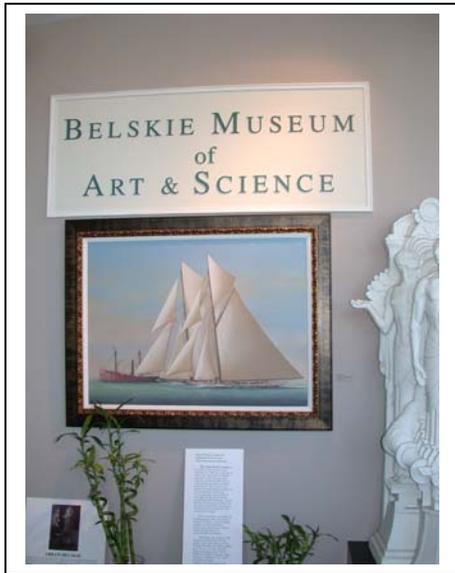
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**"Now let's see - If I put this part over here and then this part over there, I should be able to get this back together again!!"**

Editor's Note: My thanks to Stan Sinowitz for the photos he took at the Belskie Museum during Nick Starace's demonstration. For all who participated – WELL DONE!



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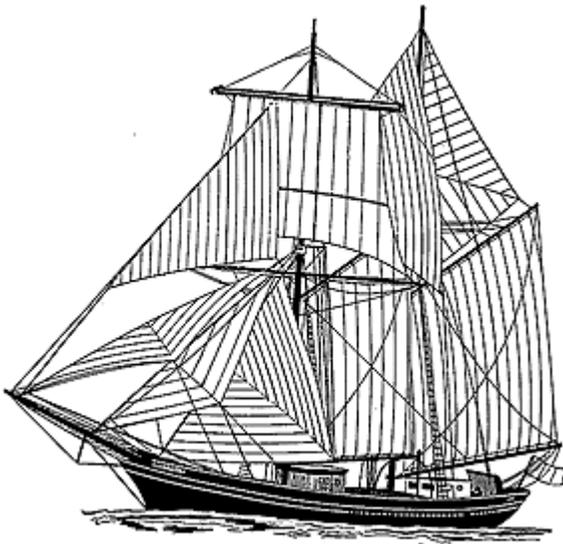
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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**March 28, 2006**

**7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN PUBLIC  
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**Tech Session**

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