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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING February 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Fuglestad** at 7:30 PM with 31 members in attendance. We had 1 guest, **Tom Ponte**, attending his 2nd meeting.

Comments and/or corrections to the February 2007 Broadaxe were requested; as there were none, the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Treasurer **Ken Schuetz** presented his Treasurer's Report and reminded the members that there were still a fair number of members who have not paid their dues for this year.

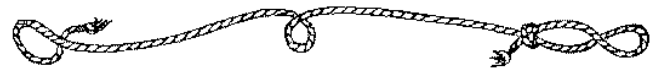
Ozzie Thalmann and **Jeff Fuglestad** again mentioned the favorable comments we have been getting regarding the Parsippany Library show. All in all it has been a very successful exposition of our craft. Ozzie brought in several articles from the local newspapers reporting on the event.

Registration forms for the North East Joint Conference show at the Port 'n Starboard Conference Center in New London were made available at the meeting. The form will be posted on our website and will be available for downloading. The conference will be held on April 28, 2007.

Tom Ruggiero presented several logo designs for the hats we are considering purchasing. The designs are included in this issue of the Broadaxe for your review and comments. Any comments and/or suggestions should be directed to Tom Ruggiero. A majority of members present favor a blue hat. If you have other color combinations in mind please let us know.

There was a brief discussion regarding the planned one day trip to the US Naval Academy. Further news will be available at the March meeting.

Vice-President **Ed Hegstetter** polled the members present about their feelings regarding a change in the organization's name. Ed pointed out that when the club was formed, the vast majority of members were in fact from Northern New Jersey. Our current membership represents a much broader geographical area than just Northern New Jersey and perhaps the club's name should reflect that fact. A suggestion was made to drop the word "Northern" from the name. There are a number of issues that must be addressed concerning any change in the organization's name which will be addressed at future meetings.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Art Mierisch brought in a very nice brochure and pictures from the 1997 commissioning ceremony of the *USS Bataan*, LHD 5, a mobile strike force ship. Art's son was one of the medical officers serving on the *Bataan*.

As a follow up to last month's Books & Publications, **Bob Brehm** provided me with more detailed information on Dr. Clay Feldman's book, "Progressive Scratch Building in Ship Modeling" published by Seaways Publishing, Inc. In the book, Dr. Feldman details the construction of a Bermuda Boat Corsair, an armed Virginia Sloop of 1768 and *Fair American*. A wide range of modeling techniques, tools and "secrets" of construction are included. Bob considers this book to be most helpful to most, if not all, modelers and an excellent addition to your library.



SHOW & TELL

Ozzie Thalmann gave us another look at his now completed *U-505*, a German Class IX-C submarine. Ozzie again demonstrated all of the moving parts on his model. If you would like to see the full size original, it is on permanent display at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL.



Henry Schaefer brought in his completed model of a U.S. Navy YMS Minesweeper. Henry served on one, just like his model, during WW II for a short time while his ship was in for repairs at Casco Bay. Henry planked the fiberglass hull with narrow wood planks to simulate the planking on the original. He also took the time to explain the three types of minesweeping equipment used to combat acoustic, magnetic and contact mines that the U-Boats would be constantly laying in the Bay.



Jeff Fuglestad brought in a model of the German heavy cruiser, *Prinz Eugen*, commissioned August 1, 1940. Jeff is currently restoring this model which was built during the war. It provides an interesting insight into the types of ship models built in wartime Germany where construction materials were limited. This particular model is constructed primarily of wood and paper with very little metal. The anchors appear to be simply bent cotter pins. The restoration focused on preserving as much of the original paint as possible. All of the hull paint was saved along with much of the painted superstructure. Jeff believes it might have possibly been used as an identification model.



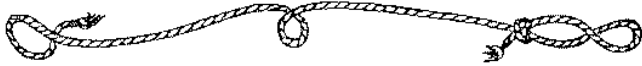
Don Otis had two models in progress which he is building simultaneously for his grandchildren. Appropriately so, the models are sister ships, originally built as training ships in Germany. One of the models is the USCG *Eagle*, and the second will be the *Grossherzog Friedrich August*. The scratch built models are in 1/8" = 1' scale of plank on bulkhead construction. Don is currently in the process of applying hull plates to the fully planked hulls which were sealed using a 40/60 solution of Elmer's glue to water. Don is using 2 ply, hot press, all rag Bristol Board for the hull plates. Don's plating technique will be the subject for our next tech session.



Steve Fletcher's current project utilizes one of the last of Jim Roberts' basswood hull blanks, this one of the racing yacht *America*. Steve has decided he will scratch build all of the deck fittings which, he is finding, is quite challenging in the model's scale of 1/8" = 1'.



The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

I would again like to take the opportunity to thank all those members who have provided pictures, articles and general information for inclusion in our newsletter. It has helped me greatly in my task as Editor. Please keep them coming!

Mike Gutsick



“Soundings From D-Deck”

Jeff Herne, former member and past President of the Club has officially launched a new modeling magazine “Model X” for which he is the editor. The pilot issue can be downloaded at www.modelx.com. Please visit the website. I'm sure he'd appreciate the support.

Please take the opportunity to consider the different club logo's that Tom Ruggiero has spent the time and effort to compose. Your input is important and needed. Please communicate your suggestions to Tom so that we can have a new logo that most, if not all, will be pleased with. For those receiving the black & white printed version, the lettering is gold with a brown anchor stock and cable rope.



JUST A REMINDER OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

June 29 – July 1, 2007 – The 16th Annual Wooden Boat Show at Mystic Seaport

UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

March 27, 2007 – Don Otis will be presenting hull plating techniques using Bristol Board for the plates

April 24, 2007 – “BRING A MODEL NIGHT”

May 22, 2007 - Mike Gutsick will demonstrate his technique for forming styrene lifeboats using wood forms and tea-light candles as a heat source

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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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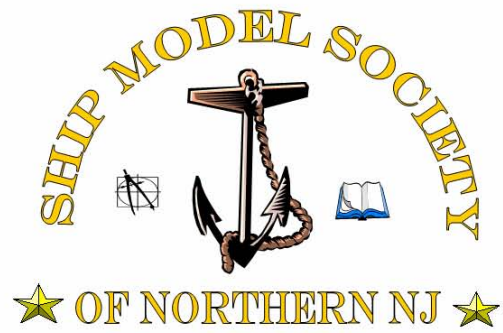
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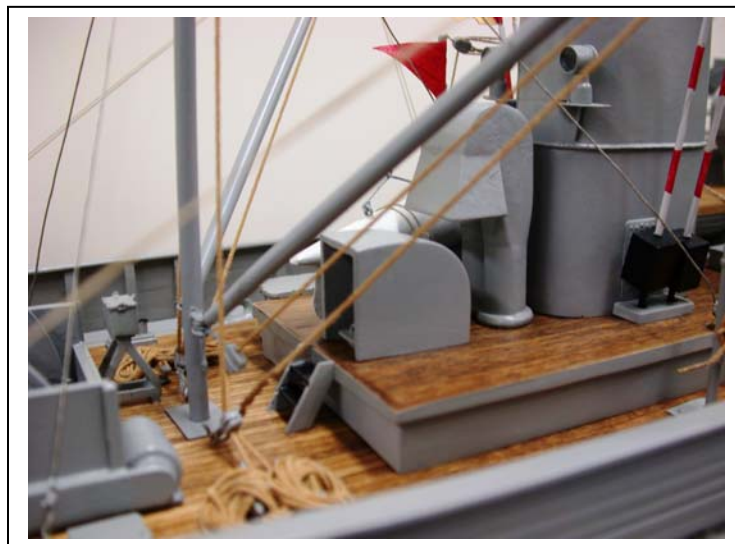
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FINAL CURTAIN CALL FOR THE PARSIPPANY LIBRARY SHOW



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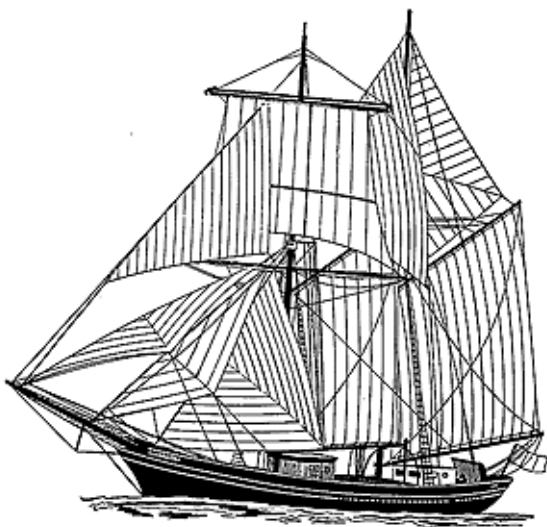
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**MILLBURN PUBLIC
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Tech Session
Hull Plating
Presented By
Don Otis