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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by **Bob Fivehouse**. We were honored by the presence of three guests, **Tom, Cecelia, and Alex Wisniewski** of Union New Jersey who expressed interest in learning "what it's all about". Tom does not build ship models yet, though we hope he'll join us in our wonderful hobby. There were no changes in the roster information over the past month.

Comments, questions and/or corrections to the August issue of the Broadaxe were requested. Again, for the 87th consecutive month, the Broadaxe was found to be outstanding, and Mike Gutsick continues to earn our undying appreciation.

Last month, **Don Otis** reviewed three books. As a matter of clarification, Don told us that the third book, about the Sovereign of the Seas, written in the time of Shakespeare, was 9/10 political blather and gobbledegook and 1/10 a description of the decoration of the Sovereign of the Seas and he feels it would not be a worthwhile addition to a ship modelers library since the information is readily available in other books. There being no other corrections, the August 2010 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Our treasurer, **Al Geigel**, presented his treasurer's report to the members, which, in the absence of discussion or comment was accepted into the minutes. Al reminded us that the club dues, \$20 a year, are due and that he would accept payment during the break. It was noted that over the past two months food expenses have exceeded the contributions made by the club members. So please make an appropriate contribution when you're enjoying your coffee, hot chocolate and Danish.

This was the week of the Nautical Research Guild Conference and several members, **Tom Ruggiero, Chuck Passaro, Roy Goroski, Dan Pariser** and others will be attending. We look forward to their impressions at our next meeting.

Michael Storch wanted to know when our club was going to host the joint clubs conference. Bob Fivehouse informed us that the next joint clubs conference will be hosted by the New York club and that probably we will be hosting the conference in 2012.

Ed Hegstetter pointed out that the new plans for the *Hannah* were not to scale. In August of 1989 he attended the Nautical Research Guild Conference and bought an original set of the Harold Hahn *Hannah* plans. These plans are correct and to scale and Ed has graciously offered them to the *Hannah* project members so that each participant can have a copy of the correct plans. Ed has already spoken to **Tom McGowan** who has offered to take them and do the necessary reproduction. Unfortunately, Tom is a little bit under the weather but he has told us that as soon as he's feeling better the plans will be forthcoming.

Ken Schuetz told us that he has been in contact with the Morris County Library who would like us to put on another show next fall. Our ships would be in the library for between a month and six weeks. The membership felt that the most preferable month would be September, the second choice would be October, and our last choice would be August.

Mason Logie gave us some information about a proposed group trip to the Brooklyn Naval Yard organized by Urban Oysters. They told Mason that there are two ways we can do a tour of the Navy Yard. The first choice is to take their bus around the Navy Yard. The bus holds up to 30 people and the charge for the bus would be \$800 including the entry fee. This is not a bus that comes to New Jersey to pick us up and takes us back to Brooklyn and then returns us to New Jersey. We would drive ourselves to the Navy Yard and then the bus simply takes us around the yard. The alternative is that the club set up a carpool and we all meet on a specified date at the Navy Yard. The admission fee would be \$30 per person. We have been promised an in-depth visit including the commandants office, the dry dock where the Arizona was built, the dry dock where the Monitor was built, the machine shops, the hospital, and other areas of interest. Lunch is not included but we would be able to find a restaurant in the neighborhood. At our next meeting we will be asked how many are interested in making this trip which will take place probably at the beginning of November.

Bob Fivehouse pointed out that our website has been overhauled by **Chuck Passaro**. The membership was unanimous in praising it and thanking Chuck for his hard work. We realize that it is a work in progress and appreciate his efforts. **Al Geigel** has been in touch with Chuck who wants us to know that he would like to have more pictures of the club's models. Pictures can be e-mailed or copied to disk and then sent to Chuck. Our site has copies of the Broadaxe going back eight years and how-to articles by **Alan Yedlinski**. The site has an area for the Club's library. Members will be encouraged to list their books so that other members may request a loan.

Henry Schaefer would like to have a big model night. By this he means an opportunity to show models larger than ordinary. This would require the cooperation of other club members because the transportation of those models poses a difficulty. It was suggested that arrangements be made before the next "Bring a Model Night" in October for helping those members who want to bring their larger ships and we will call it "Bring a Big Model" night. Members are encouraged to let the group know if they are bringing a big model so that help can be provided.



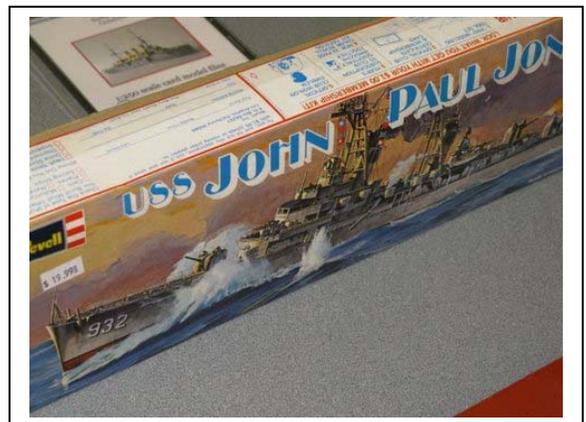
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Larry Friedlander brought in a copy of the book "Building a Navy Board model of HMS *Sussex*" by Gilbert McCardle, published by Seawatch books in 2010. Gilbert McCardle is the author of an older book, "USS *Constellation*", in which he describes building that ship. In this book, Mr. McCardle gives a fairly brief description of the building process for his model of the *Sussex*. The original *Sussex* was built in 1690 during the reign of William III and was sunk in 1694 while carrying a bribe to the Duke of Savoy to join William in his war against Louis XIV. Mr. McCardle discusses tools, wood, glue and the various processes involved in Hull construction, carving, casting, making moldings and building a case. While the instructions are interesting, they do not approach the completeness of a practicum. Also included is a complete quarter inch scale set of plans for the *Sussex*. Larry received in the mail recently a notice from William Romero that section two of part five of the *Warrior* practicum will be available soon. He would also like to recommend a website called "wooden ship modeling for dummies", a poor name for a very interesting site, which can be found at www.shipmodeling.ca/subs/.



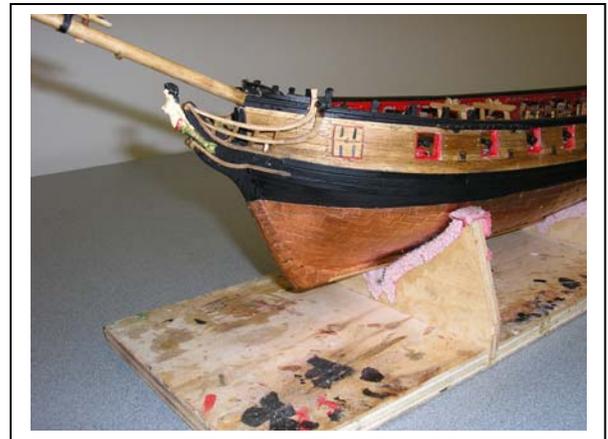
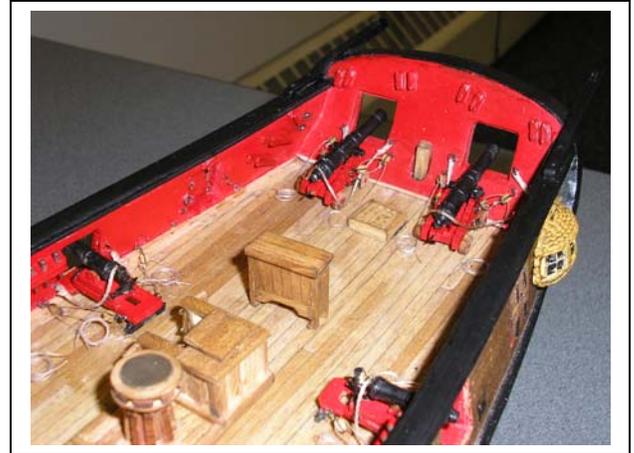
SHOW AND TELL

Mason Logie brought in his plastic, HO scale model of a New York harbor railroad barge. Mason's barge is lettered for the New Haven Railroad though this kind of barge was built for several railroads which serve New York Harbor. They were in use from 1950 to the late 1970s though some are still in service today. The kit is built using bulkheads. When he is finished building it, Mason will airbrush it black and then dry brush over that. When Mason rides on the Staten Island ferry, he makes note of where the rust is on actual barges so that he can replicate the rust stains on his model. Mason is going to put rails and HO scale railroad cars on the deck. One of these barges is still in use in New York Harbor between Bayonne and Bay Ridge. Mason also showed us a Revell plastic model of the destroyer *John Paul Jones*. These ships used aluminum in their superstructure but as the British learned in the Falklands, aluminum burns quicker than steel. These ships were around for about 30 years seeing action in the Gulf of Tonkin.

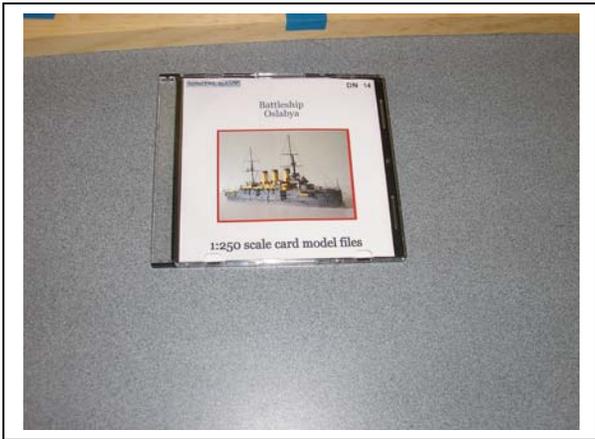
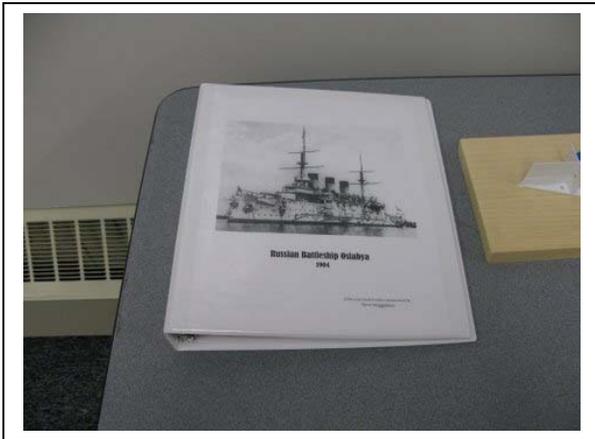
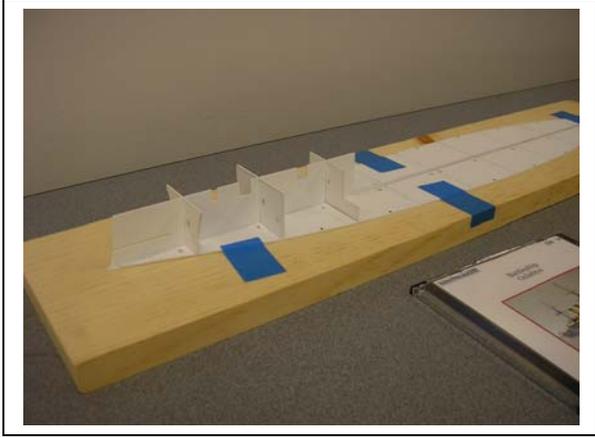




Tony Alworth brought in his model of the brig USS *Syren*, built in 1803. This is a pine cone bulkhead kit sold by Model Expo and designed by our very own Club member **Chuck Passaro**. Tony is having a very good time building his kit though there are a few details he is not happy with. In particular, he was unhappy with the blocks which he felt were too rectangular and out of scale. He told us that he is very happy with the building instructions written by Chuck which have lots of photographs and go into great detail. Tony simplified the rigging of the gun carriages because a complete set of blocks looked too confusing. The kit comes with a roll of copper tape which works very well for coppering the hull. Tony was helped by his granddaughter Madeline. He is now working on the masting and rigging of his *Syren*. It was suggested that Tony lookup "morope" on the Internet for more realistic rigging line. (If you're interested in Morope the e-mail address is; curlee11@aol.com and this website will give you more information; <http://home.foni.net/~agondesens/left.htm>).



Steve Maggipinto brought in his model of the Russian battleship *Oslabya*, one of three sister ships laid down in the late 1890's, launched in 1901, assigned to the Russian Pacific Fleet and sunk by the Japanese at the battle of Tsushima in 1905. This is a card stock model which Steve is reproducing in styrene. The plans for this ship came from a site called Digital Navy. Rather than send out the plans, they send out a CD which you then use to print the plans. The problem with this is that the plans come out printed in different sizes. The differences are slight but it is frustrating trying to get the pieces to match. Steve is printing the plans on Avery 8 x 11 label paper and then sticking the paper to styrene. He is having some difficulty in getting the paper to peel off. He also had some problems with bees, resulting in slight damage to one of the ship pieces and also to Steve. **Ozzy Thalmann** suggested using a hairdryer to bend the plastic where necessary. **Bob Fivehouse** suggested using frisket paper instead of the Avery labels.



TECH SESSION

Bob Fivehouse talked to the group about plans and research. Bob brought in plans and research that he has collected over the years. He showed us two books from the Ulster Transport Museum in Ireland. Bob told us about the sad fate of many ship plans locked up in abandoned ship builders' offices. One book shows a large number of builder's models in quarter inch scale. These models were built at the same time as the actual ship and many of the photographs are over 100 years old. Some of these models still exist and are being sold at auction. The Liverpool Maritime Museum has 40 to 50 builder's models, all of them in storage. The other book shows pictures of ships actually under construction, from the 1890s up to the beginning of the First World War. Bob then showed us some actual, rolled up, paper, builders plans. They were quite impressive, being 2 to 3 feet wide and up to 15 to 20 feet long. These plans are very detailed, showing the size of rigging, colors, portholes and plating layouts. We saw the deck plans of the Liner *Morea*. He also showed us plans of the Liner *City of New York*, the first express ocean liner with twin propellers. When stretched out further, these plans were used to build the *Lusitania*. All these plans were originally drawn on wax soaked linen. Talc was then spread over the linen to give it "bite". This provided a very durable medium. Because of their very detailed nature these plans are an invaluable resource for ship modelers and historians. Why you could even build a real ship from them!



The meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Future Tech Sessions

SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 - TURBOCAD DEMO –

Mike Gutsick will demonstrate his use of Turbocad on a current project – Mike has obtained 2 full copies of Turbocad v.14 Deluxe which will be given to 2 lucky members at the meeting, along with training material

OCTOBER 26, 2010 - BRING A MODEL

NIGHT We expect to see some **LARGE** models on display this evening!



FROM THE EDITOR

You will have noted in the minutes that the Club is considering a field trip to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. We have asked Mason Logie for some additional details on the visit and will be discussing this topic again at the September meeting. We would like to get a firm number of members who would go to the Navy Yard and we are currently thinking of a November visit. Please be ready to make a decision at the September meeting about going to the Navy Yard.

Mike Gutsick

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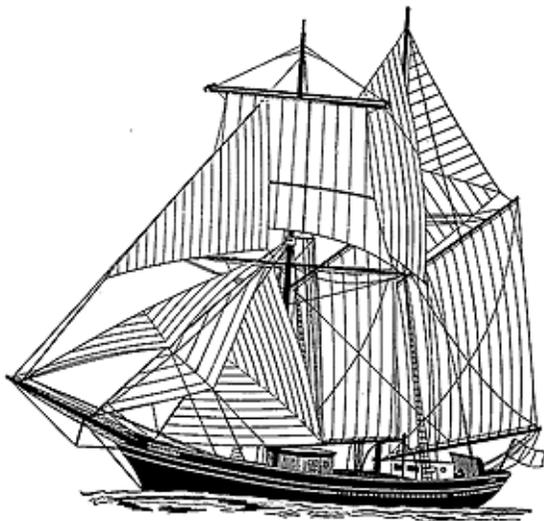
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