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THE SHIP MODEL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY  
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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
December 17, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by club president Tom Ruggiero at 7:05. There were 13 members present: Jeff Fuglestad, Larry Friedlander, Roy Goroski, Jim Lavelle, Peter Degnan, Willy Dunn, Daniel Caramagno, Chuck Bergmann, Don Otis, Dennis Powell, Bill Houston, Barry Rudd, and Tom Ruggiero.

In the past several months, attendance at the monthly meetings has noticeably declined. Yes, the weather has been bad on some of those dates but in past years obstacles were surmounted. Our president, Tom Ruggiero, and those presidents preceding him have made every effort to provide an enjoyable meeting, unencumbered with tedious "business". If there's some aspect of the meetings that has kept you away, please share that with us by phone, email or in person. There is always room for improvement but that is hard to do in a vacuum.

At all our meetings, the Pinnacle Group, the Aardvark meetings and the general meetings, "the more the merrier" is very true and we hope to see you soon.

Ed. Note: A Happy and Healthy New Year to all of club membership and their families.

**Treasurer's Report**

Our secretary, Ken Schuetz, was not in attendance at the December meeting; consequently, there was no treasurer's report.



**OLD BUSINESS**

**Bob Brehm's Tools**

At some undetermined, but near, time there will be a sale/auction of those items from Bob Brehm's basement

that would be of interest to ship modelers. 10% of the proceeds will go to the club and the rest to Lyle, Bob's widow. Which brings us to this thought: what arrangements have you made for the disposition of your kits, tools, machines, books and supplies? Many of us find a certain pleasure in the acquisition of fine tools, kits and other items that extends somewhat beyond our "need" for them. In most cases, our families have no idea of the value or usefulness of our "stuff" and when we "shuffle off this mortal coil" they are left with the task of disposing of those things without our guidance. It might be helpful if we left some written instructions specifying whom to get in touch with and some indications of the value of various items. Maybe Jim Lavelle or Michael Storch will work up a spreadsheet, which we can all use to itemize our possessions with cells for value and another for disposition. This seems to be a good topic for further discussion at one of our meetings.

Ed. Note: a spreadsheet has been created for the cataloguing of Bob Brehm's tools estate. This spreadsheet could either be used in its existing form or can be adapted for the purpose outlined above.

**"SMSNJ" Admiralty Workshop**

Jim Lavelle is still looking into the possibility of arranging for an Admiralty workshop to be given in the central New Jersey area. Holding it in this area would lower the total cost of the workshop because we wouldn't have to arrange for hotel rooms, transportation and three meals a day. Eight members of our club have attended various Admiralty workshops and if those members and a few more signed up for this one that would be sufficient to justify the effort for Greg Herbert and David Antsherl. One of the advantages of arranging for this workshop would be that we could specify a range of subjects to be taught by David and Greg. Please email Jim (cc Tom) if you want to attend and indicate in what subjects you might be interested.

<http://www.admiraltymodels.com/Workshops.html>



## NEW BUSINESS

**Tom Ruggiero** has asked for volunteers to chair committees, which will deal with upcoming events and obligations. Among them will be our spring luncheon at Bahrs Restaurant, the Jim Roberts award judging and the setting up of a model show. **Roy Goroski** will take a look at the Patterson Museum and the Lambert Castle and **Jim Lavelle** has contacted Caldwell College. **Tom Ruggiero** will contact the East Brunswick library and the Morris Library. **Larry Friedlander** suggested that we put on a one-day demonstration/exhibit of our work where we can interact with the passersby and hopefully attract interest and new members.



## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

“Show and Tell” forms and “Books and Publications” forms are also available on the website and members are encouraged to fill those out before they come to meetings.



<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/downloads.php>



## WEBSITE & LENDING LIBRARY

**Website:** <http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/>

Missed one of the past issues of the Broadaxe or need to look up a previous article... Did you know that back issues of the Broadaxe dating from 2002 to the present are available online at the club's website?

<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/broadaxe-online.php>

Model Ship World Links to other club's newsletters

<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/important-links.php>

Resources Available on the club's website:

**Club Library - The Ship Model Society of New Jersey**

<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/important-links.php>

**Lending Library:**

<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/club-library.php>

**ModelShipWorld.com:**

<http://modelshipworld.com/>





## TECH SESSION

Due to the “White Elephant Sale”, there was no Tech Session scheduled for the December meeting.

Ed. Notes:

One of the benefits of belonging to a club is that you gain access to the resources of the collective group. In the SMSNJ, we are very lucky have a group of ship modelers with a broad range of skill sets and interests. Everyone, regardless of your level has something to offer the collective group. If you have an idea or would be interested in conducting a tech session please contact Chuck.

Some possible future tech session topics:

- Possible new tech sessions
  - Scarf Joint making - An introductory presentation describing what a Scarf Joint is, and a hands-on session for the entire group so that each member could make a joint
  - Ship Model Kit Deficiencies - How to overcome the shortcomings of some commercially available Ship Model kits
  - Ship Model Customization - How to customize Ship Model kits with either scratch built or secondary market items [i.e. Blocks, etc.]
  - Ship's Plans – A description of the different types of Ship's Plans and an instruction on how to properly read and visualize the plans
  - Cross Sled - How to create a cross cut sled for your table saw.
  - Spray Painting - Use and care of spray painting equipment
  - Photo Etched Items: How to properly bend and work with photo etched items
  - Adding Patina to armament
- Possible Repeat of some successful past tech sessions
  - Painting a Frieze - Hands on tech session for the entire group on Painting a Frieze
  - Soldering [Silver and Resistance Soldering]

- Photo Etching – how to create your own photo etched items
- Trunnels – what are trunnels, how they are created and used on a model ship

The topics listed above are but a sampling of the range of possible topics. You will find that the group is wide open to possibilities. Please, don't be shy.

The SMSNJ is very lucky in that one of our members, Chuck Passaro is not only a supremely talented ship modeler, but is also a professional model designer as well. In 2012 our club hosted the Joint Conference, in CT and we enlisted Chuck as the featured speaker. He gave a fantastic presentation that both described his approach to the Ship Model design process, as well as presented his thoughts on the state of the existing ship models that are currently available. I don't know if Chuck is open to re-visiting the presentation, but I believe that this would be a very positive presentation for the entire club's membership.



## THE PINNANCE GROUP

The date of the next Pinnacle Group meeting has not yet been determined.



## TOOL TIME

Jim Brynes Table Saw maintenance tips: for the club members that currently own or are thinking of getting a Jim Brynes Table Saw, it is strongly recommended that you periodically turn the saw onto its side and vacuum out any saw dust that might have accumulated on the inside of the saw. It is also recommend that you periodically clean and lubricate the knuckle joint that is responsible for the blade height adjustment.

A Tool Time Form has been created. The form is available as a pdf and can be downloaded from the club's website. Please note that all forms for the club have been created so that information can be typed directly into the appropriate fields and then printed out as a finished form. Please see last page of the December Broadaxe for a Tool Time Form Sample



### SHOW AND TELL

**Due to the White Elephant Sale there was no Show and Tell scheduled for the December meeting**

Though there was no show and tell it is worth mentioning that **Dan Caramagno** brought in a very attractive paper, wood and string miniature ship that he uses in his war gaming activities. He bought and downloaded the paper templates for his model from the website called “War Artisans Workshop”. The model is built by gluing the preprinted color paper around a balsa or card stock hull, adding wood and wire masts and rigging made of stiffened thread. Dan mounted his model on a carved and painted base. Dan found the flags online, downloaded them into his computer, adjusted their size and printed them.

Here is a link for the website:

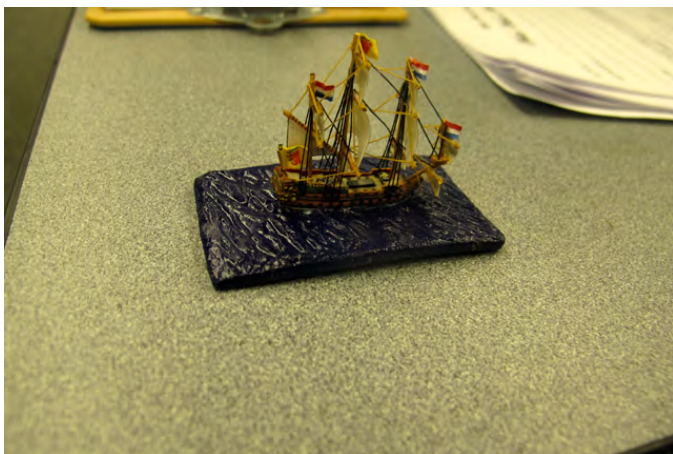
<http://warartisan.com/home>

A sampling of what is available from War Artisans Workshop





## Dan's Artistry



And we thought Bob Fivehouse worked in a small scale....

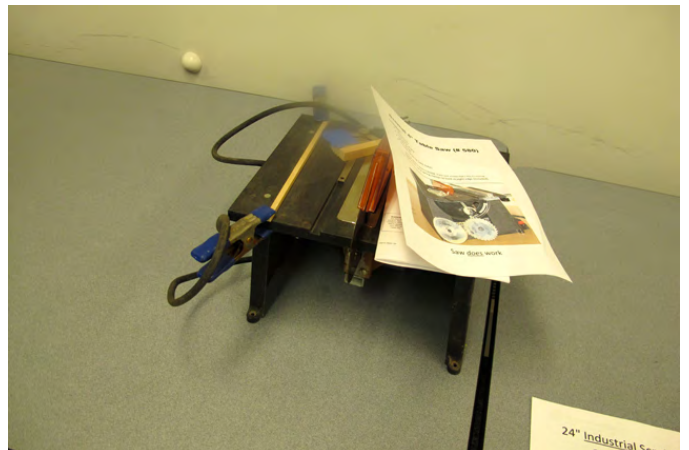
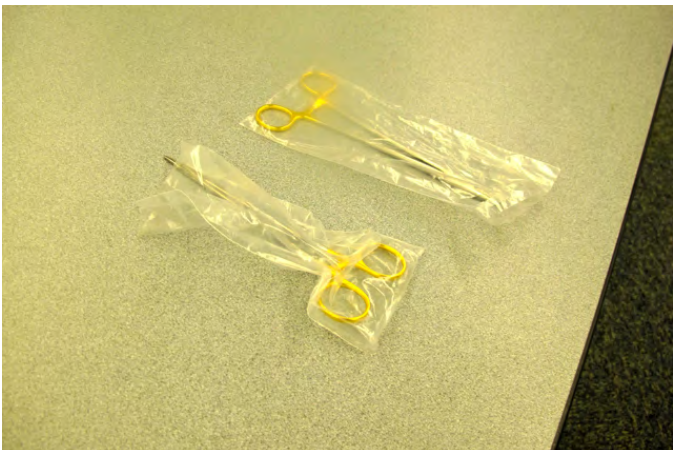
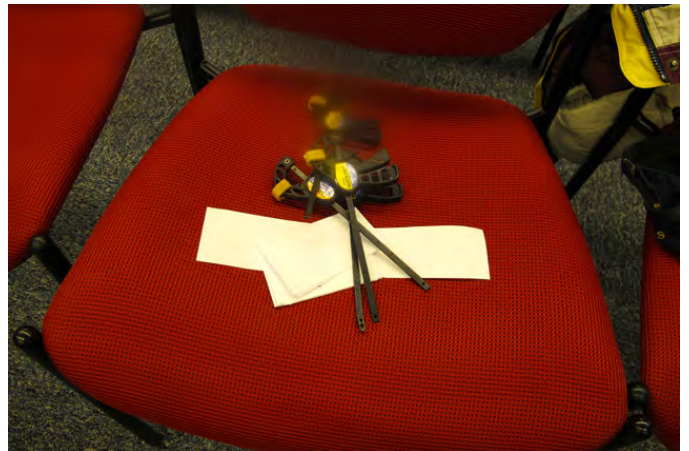
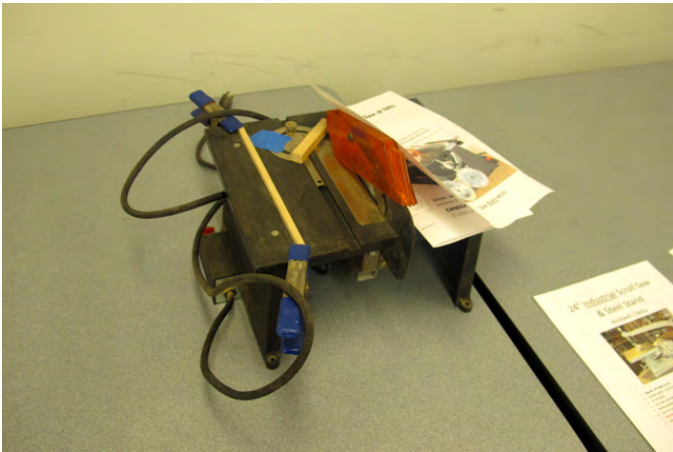


## WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



As usual our December meeting was centered on our annual "white elephant" sale, augmented this year by the disposition of **Bob Brehms** estate, which will be an ongoing effort. Tom Ruggiero was our auctioneer. Items for sale from Bob's estate included paint, paint thinner, strip wood sold by the box, a small table clamp vise, miniature bar clamps, an airbrush, a Van Da Lay lathe and a Van Da Lay milling setup. Other auctioned items included a Dremel table saw, a compound slide for a Sherline lathe, a 24 inch Rockwell industrial scroll saw which would have to be moved out of **Jim Lavelle's** basement, a license plate holder inscribed, "born to be a shipwright", a Model Shipways kit of the *Rattlesnake*, a selection of videotapes about the *Vasa* and other ships, two Scientific *Flying Cloud* kits, one MIB and one slightly started and a combination belt and disc sander. Dr. Fletcher brought in a selection of hemostats, which were sold for the benefit of the club's treasury. A special thank you goes out to **Jim Lavelle** who set up the accounting procedures and kept track of all the sales on his laptop.









### CANDID SHOTS



The next club meeting is **January 28** at 7 o'clock.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.



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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M., at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey. 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.

The **Broadaxe** is written by Larry Friedlander, edited by Michael Storch, and distributed by Chuck Passaro and Ollie Ericksen.

Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome in the Broadaxe. Please submit them to Larry Friedlander.

If any member would like an email copy of the roster please drop a note to Larry Friedlander at the email address listed at the end of the Broadaxe. If there is an error on the roster let Larry know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from Chuck Passaro because if it is, you won't get the Broadaxe and member bulletins. You can eliminate the filtering by adding Chuck Passaro's email address to your contact list. Please keep the secretary informed of any changes so that the roster can be kept current. If you would like a printed copy of the roster please send a SASE to the secretary (address at the end of the Broadaxe) and one will be mailed to you. Rosters are also available at the monthly meetings.

Please keep your contact information up to date. Your email address is particularly important because that is the main avenue of communication for club announcements. In case of emergencies such as last-minute cancellations due to weather, emails will be sent to the members.

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## AARDVARK WORKSHOP

We want to thank Tony and Sally Alworth for the continuing use of the Aardvark quilt shop (748 Speedwell Ave. next to the Plaza Restaurant). The December 28 meeting saw five members of the club present; Ken Pomplun, Roy Goroski, Jim Lavelle, Larry Friedlander and of course Tony himself. Ken, Roy and Jim worked on their models of the pinnacle, Larry worked on the gun carriages for his model of the *Hannah* and Tony worked on his sailboat. Jim was planking his model and showed how he used his homemade jig to hold moistened planks while heating them with a hair driver to set the bend. Club members who have not attended an Aardvark meeting are missing a very enjoyable experience. It's a combination of working on your model, learning about new techniques, helping others deal with difficulties and good old-fashioned water cooler gab.

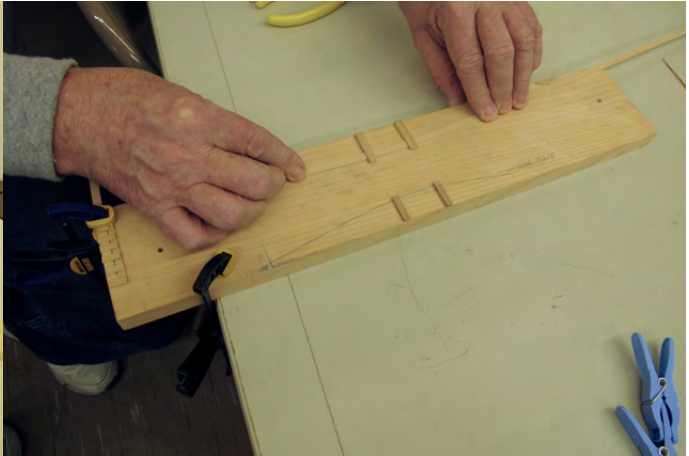
The next Aardvark meeting will be January 18 and all future meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month.



### Ken



Jim



Larry







Roy





**Tony**



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**NEXT MEETING:**

**January 28, 2013**

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**Please, Please, Please**

**Bring In Your Models**

**A Work in Progress or a Finished Model**

**Concept or Completed**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Share your modeling experiences, trials,  
and tribulations with the collective group**



<b>Your Name</b>	
<b>Tool Name</b>	
<b>Model Number</b>	
<b>Supplier Name &amp; Part #</b>	
<b>Price</b>	
<b>Website</b>	

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Please fill this form out ahead of time when you are going to bring in a tool to show the group.