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The December Meeting of SMSNJ will be a virtual meeting. The meeting will be;

December 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM (1900).

Tech Session for December is; "Restoration of the Charles W Morgan" by Ryland Craze

SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Future workshops are on hold due to the pandemic.

Please watch your email for updates as they become available.

Meeting Report: The virtual meeting was called to order by President Bill Brown at 1900 on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. There were eighteen members and seven guests. Joe Jorden is from the Philadelphia Ship Model Society. Also, coming to his second meeting, was James White. Welcome to you all.

The Treasurer reported of transactions for the month and the balance in the SMSNJ bank account.

As has become a standard for our virtual meetings, President Bill has us touring the members workshops to check on their current project. Here are a few of the current projects.

Since, we are meeting virtually, we have decided that we will have a meeting next month. The meeting will be on Tuesday, December 22 at 7 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2030.

December Tech Session: The Tech Session for December will be; "restoration of the Charles W. Morgan" by Ryland Craze.

OLD BUSINESS



Nautical Research Guild (NRG) Chartered Chapter

As approved by the membership at the last meeting, SMSNJ will be applying for a NRG Charter. Tom Ruggiero polled the members present to ensure that we had at least five NRG Members. Tom will be finishing up the application shortly.

The Broadaxe

NEW BUSINESS

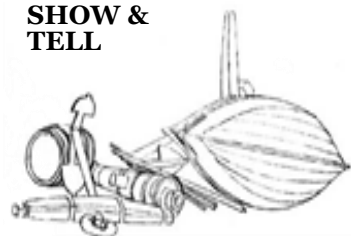


Seaside Heights Museum

Chris Vaz, the Seaside Heights Township administrator attended the meeting. Seaside Heights will be creating a Carrousel Building and museum dedicated to the Town and its local history. He is currently putting together the themes and exhibits for those themes.

A part of this exhibit will include two models. One is a passenger transport from the early 1900's, and the second is a speedboat from the 1940's and 50s that offered rides for 25 cents. Chris has very good black and white photographs and post cards, but no plans. He has asked if anyone in SMSNJ would be interesting in building them. If anyone is interested, please contact Bill Brown..

SHOW & TELL



The tTech Session went a bit long. However, Show and Tell will return at the next meeting

BOOKS AND PUBS



No Books or Pubs this month.

**Tech
Session**

"New Jersey Ship Wrecks"



Dan Lieb is a founding member and the current president of the New Jersey Historical Divers Association, Inc., a not-for-profit historical organization dedicated to the preservation of New Jersey shipwreck and maritime history. At this meeting, Dan presented "New Jersey Shipwrecks".

Dan noted that the coast of New Jersey has the convergence of three major shipping lanes into a strip that is only seven miles across into and out of New York and New Jersey's coast. This leads into Ambrose Channel that is only half a mile wide.

There are sunken craft of all sizes and types in our coastal waters. There are about 5000 ship wrecks of New Jersey. If you add Long Island's coast into this there are about 7,500 wrecks.

He presented several of these vessels as well as the likely causes of their demise. In each case, he discussed where the vessel is and, for those on which he has dived, the current state of the wreck. In several cases he produced a drawing of the wreck site. Some of these wrecks are very close to shore, and a few are visible from the beach when the tide is low.

The presentation was very enjoyable and it was very interesting to find so much nautical history so close to our coast. Thank you Dan for a very informative presentation.

Member Spotlight

“Chuck Passaro”



The goal is to have a kit where you don't need to replace any of the parts. That is the vision of member Chuck Passaro.

Chuck had been a kit designer for one of the Model Companies. Just a few of his many designs are; Colonial Frigate Confed-

eracy, the English Pinnace, the Long boat, and a several others. He designed the very successful kit of United States Brig Syren. And from Syren, an idea developed. Why not do this on my own?

Chuck is the founder of the Syren Ship Model Company. Chuck makes the best blocks and rigging line, and is constantly adding to his list of offerings. Syren offers a kit concept that is a very good way to get started into building from scratch. For example, HMS Cheerful is marketed with a series of smaller sub-kits for various assemblies, armament and fittings. You can purchase simple the bulkheads and scratch build everything else. Or, you can add things like cannon carriages, gratings etc. Everything is first rate quality.

Chuck is a Past President of SMSNJ, and has given much of this time and talents to the club. He can be counted on at any time to provide a Tech Session.

Although curtailed due to Covid, Chuck hosted a workshop every month where members could work on their current projects. During these sessions, Chuck would help out members. Imagine where you can get face to face advise from the kit designer.



Recently, we did a group build using the Syren kit of the Medway Long Boat.

Chuck is a Moderator of Model Ship World, the largest online source for the Ship Model Builder. His current offering is a magnificent model of HMS Winchelsea in 1:48 scale.

Thank you Chuck for all you do for the Ship Model Hobby and SMSNJ.



The Ship Model Society of New Jersey

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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 PM, at the Roseland Free Public Library, 20 Roseland Avenue, Roseland, New Jersey. Guests are always welcome.

Contributions to *The Broadaxe* are always welcome, and SMSNJ 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 email. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

The Broadaxe is edited by Tom Ruggiero. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please submit them to Steve Magipinto at trugs@comcast.net.

If any member would like an email copy of the roster, please drop a note to Tom Ruggiero at the email address listed below. If there is an error in the roster let Tom know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from Tom because if it is, you won't get member bulletins. You can eliminate the filtering by adding Tom'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 Tom Ruggiero at the address below 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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