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Meeting Report: The meeting was opened at 6:45 PM by our President, Eric Marshall. Twenty two members attended. No guests at this meeting.

Tom provided the Treasurer’s report.

The meeting ended at 20:15.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting is;
 October 24, 2023 6:45 PM
 (1845) in the Roseland Li-
 brary.

The November Tech Session
 will be “Exploring the Sunken
 Canal Boats of Seneca Lake”
 by Al Cohn.

Workshops

The next Saturday workshop
 at Chuck Passaro’s will be
 October 28 at 10 am. Details
 will be emailed.

Next Tech Session

The October Meeting Tech Session will be “Bring a Model Night”.
 Bring either a completed model or one in progress.

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Parsippany Library Exhibit

On Saturday September 30 several SMSNJ had an exhibit and demonstration of Ship Modeling and Maritime artwork. At the Parsippany Library on Halsey Road. The venue was very good and we ran a continuous presentation on Ship Modeling. There were over fifty guests and lots of children. Eric had a few take away simple models for the children. We all had a wonderful day. SMSNJ members who participated were; Eric Marshall, Tom Ruggiero, Bill Brown, Chuck Passaro, Steve Fletcher, Rich Lane, Roy Goroski, and Ossie Thalmann. Ken also came by with his wife. Here are a few pictures from the day.



Parsippany Library Exhibit



These painting wee all done by Rich Lane. The model is Hesper



Workshop and Tour of Preble Hall

From October 4th thru 6th several SMSNJ members attended a workshop presented by Dave Antscherl and Greg Herbert of Admiralty models. The subject was Relief Carving. Chuck provided the carving blanks. The workshop was two days in duration and on the third day we had a behind the scenes tour of the collections at Preble Hall at the Naval Academy. The tours were conducted by Grant Walker and Don Preul. Grant gave an in depth discussion on the Rogers Collection. We then went down to the model shop where Don and Grant showed us three miniature models that are part of approximately forty miniatures that are now at Preble Hall. The plan is that their will be a separate exhibit room where all of these miniatures will be on display. Grant has written two books about the Rogers Collection and the third volume is due to be released in November. All of the books are available from Mike Ellison's company, Seawatch Books. Grant's favorite is the model under the bell jar. The sails are carved wood. Several of these photographs are courtesy of Kevin Kenney and his wife Susanne. Kevin has produced an excellent video of the workshop and tour on his HMS Thorn log on Model Ship World. You need to see this very well produced video. Members who were there are; Kevin Kenney, Ryland Craze, Chuck Passaro, Eric Marshall, and Tom Ruggiero.



Workshop and Tour of Preble Hall



Technical Session

**“Ship Modeling, More than just a hobby ” presented by
Tom Ruggiero**

Tom previewed the presentation that will run continuously at the Parsippany Library Exhibit. The presentation lays out the advantages and compromises among kit, kit bashed, and scratch built ship models. It shows different types of kits, plastic, resin, and wood as well as photoetch and laser cut parts. For scratch building in wood, the different methods for building a hull are laid out. Finally, the presentation provided a history of SMSNJ as well as sources to find information on the hobby. As you will see from the photographs, the show was very successful.

Here is our Vision and a short history from the presentation:

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey was formed in 1981 as a forum for ship modelers to meet and exchange ideas and information. Thirty-four people attended the first meeting on June 20, 1981, at the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark, and provisionally chose Jim Roberts, Alan Frazer and Stan Sinowitz to be President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. On August 28, 2007, we dropped “Northern” and became the Ship Model Society of New Jersey.

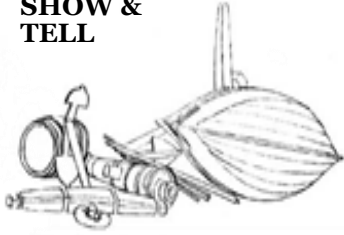
Our vision is; “To encourage and promote the highest quality of ship modeling and maritime crafts, the free exchange of ideas for the improvement of techniques and the preservation of our nautical heritage.”

SMSNJ has done many of exhibits and demonstrations. The club did a month-long display at Schering-Plough as well as at Morris County Library, Parsippany Library, South Amboy Library, East Brunswick Library, South Street Seaport, National Lighthouse Museum, Philadelphia Independence Modelcon, Teterboro Flight Museum, and many more.

The Ship Model Society of New Jersey is dedicated to the pursuit and enjoyment of ship model building in all its forms. We welcome those who enjoy or would like to learn more about our fascinating hobby. Our membership spans all skill levels, from neophyte to highly accomplished and a wide range of interests, from gadget guru to historical recreator. Our meetings aim to share our collective wisdom and resources and provide the opportunity to enjoy the company of other modelers.

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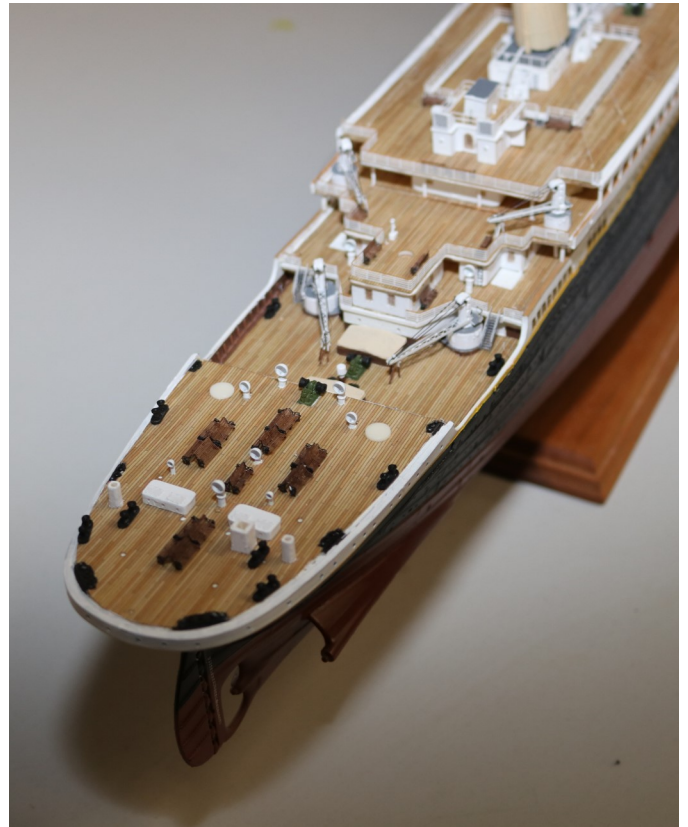
RMS Titanic, British Liner

Scale 1:350, Minicraft Kit

Tom Ruggiero

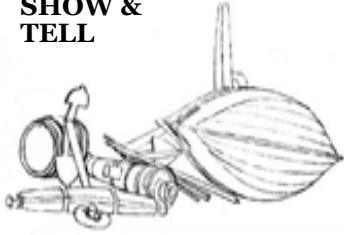
Tom continues work on Titanic. The funnels are installed but the shrouds (8.0 fly tying thread) will not be tied off until the rails around the boat davits are installed.

Benches have been installed on the Boat Deck and Pop Deck. The steering compartment skylights needed to be scratch built as they are not included in the kit. More detailing still to do before stepping the masts.



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Pirate Raft

Scale 1:35, Lindberg Kit

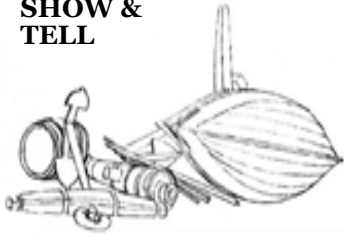
Mason Logie

Just in time for Halloween Mason is just about completed with his Pirate Raft. The two skeletons are animated and the cask springs open.



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IJN Mogami, Japan, Heavy Cruiser

1943, Scale 1:350

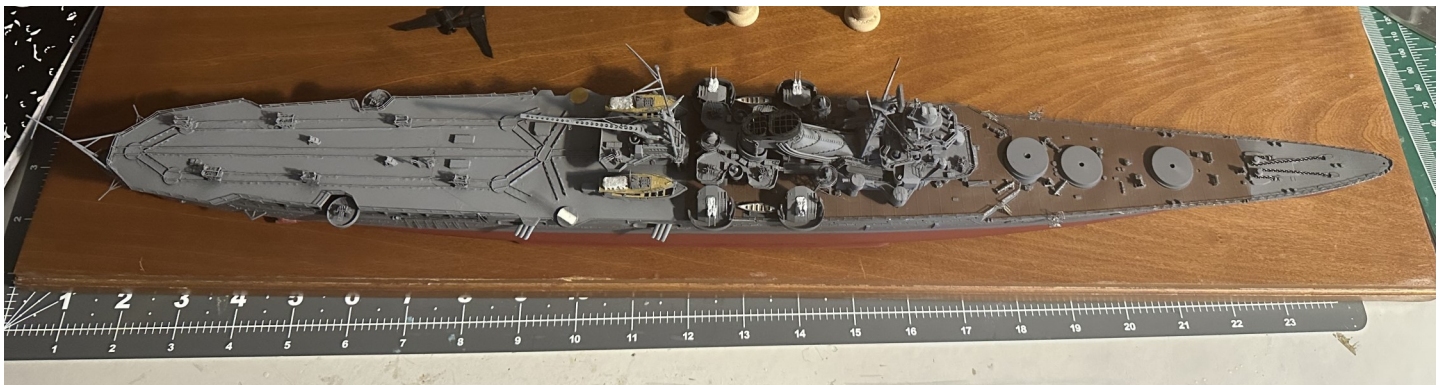
Tamiya Kit

Josh Fichman

Josh has been working on fine detailing of Mogami and the model is really looking good.

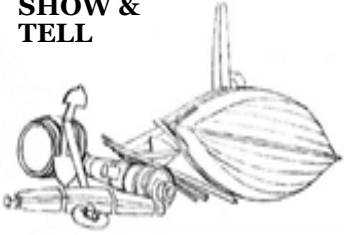


Tonight he discussed painting and detailing. While warships themselves do not have many decals, the planes on Mogami do, and those are tiny. Josh went to several references, and he has hit the sweet spot. The planes look very good. He made use of Liquid mask and reports that it worked very well. He uses the Vallejo mask but Microscale also has liquid mask. Included are photos that Josh had for our meeting. He also purchased a case for the model.



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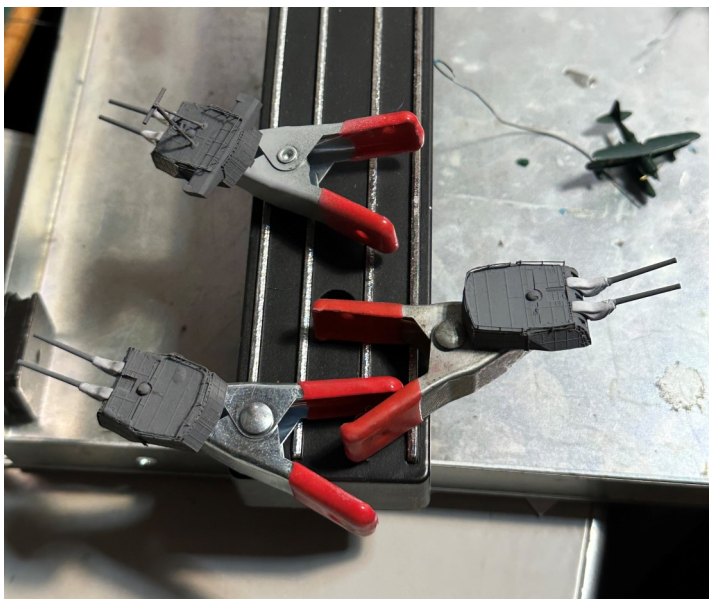
IJN Mogami, Japan, Heavy Cruiser (cont'd)

1943, Scale 1:350

Tamiya Kit

Josh Fichman

Here are the aircraft. Note that these photos display the planes larger than they are. Also note the detailing on the main battery. Good job Josh.



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 Maggipinto 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. 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. Direct All Correspondence to Tom Ruggiero.

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