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May 2025 Meeting Report: The meeting was opened by Bill Brown at 10:30 am at the Roseland Library. Seventeen members attended. Bill welcomed the members. April 29, SMSNJ hosted the Joint Clubs meeting up in New London, Connecticut. We had a team led by Michael Ellison with other members on a task force from this club, and Bill stated that they did an absolutely fantastic job in organizing that club meeting. Bill noted that several attendees outside of this club. coming up to him saying what a great job you guys did. We were a little concerned about the tech sessions being in the room consecutive, but we kept everybody on time and we got all five sessions in and they were excellent sessions. Our own Ryland Craze won the Jim Roberts award. Our speakers, David Antscherl and Greg Herbert were outstanding. Tom displayed the finances for the members. Tom reported on the Treasury for SMSNJ.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10.

Dues

We have reached the end of another year and the annual dues are payable by the end of the June Meeting. If you became a member after October 2024, your initiation fee will cover dues for 2025/2026.

Next Meeting and Tech Session

Next Meeting is Saturday, June 21, 2025 at Roseland Free Public Library, 20 Roseland Ave, Roseland, NJ 07068 at 10:30 am. The May 2025 Tech Session is "Assembling a Cannon Carriage" presented by Chuck Passaro..

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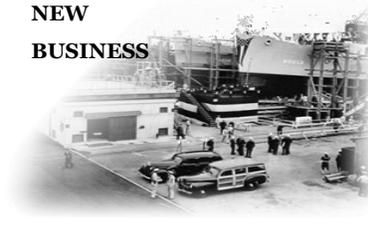
OLD BUSINESS



Election of President and Vice President

The terms for President and Vice President expire in June. The nominations are; Bill Brown for President, and Chuck Passaro as Vice President. The vote will be taken at the June 2025 meeting.

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Meetings for July and August

Roseland Library is not open on Saturdays in July and August. Instead of a regular meeting on **Sunday**, July 20, there will be a workshop the Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership in Highland Park.

On **Saturday**, August TBD there will be a Workshop at Tom Ruggiero's house.

In September, we will be back in the Roseland Library.

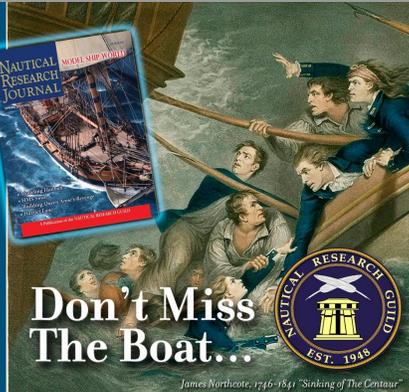
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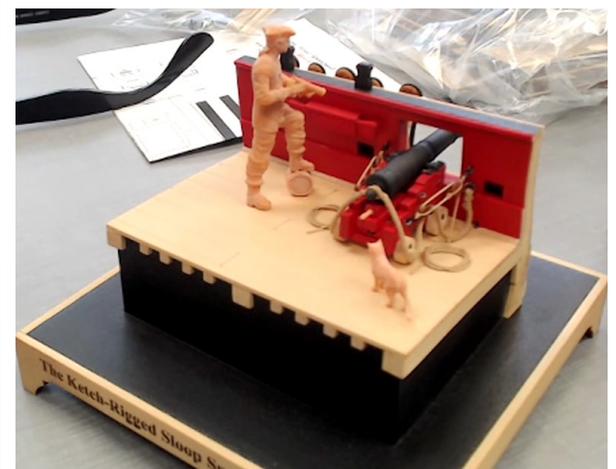
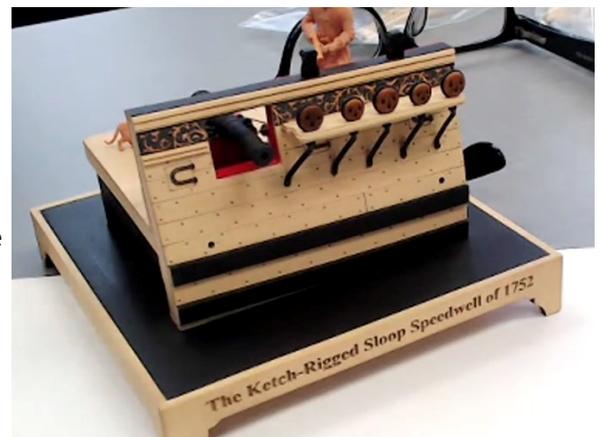
Technical Session

“A new Group Build” presented by Chuck Passaro

Chuck is building a prototype for a kit of the Ketch Rigged Sloop Speedwell at a sale of 1:32. As a separate project he designed a battlestation and a portion of the side of the Speedwell. He made eight of these kits for door prizes in the raffle at Joint Clubbs. The Tech Session was going to be on scraping moldings for today. Instead, Chuck wanted to kick off this group build. The mini-kit is a limited run of 25. Chuck is proposing this as the subject of a group build for SMSNJ. We have had several group builds in the past, but not many of the projects completed. This is a much simpler project that should be more likely to be completed. This took about a week for Chuck to build, design and write instructions. So there's no reason why anyone is when we can't finish this over the span of three months, four months. The goal is to wrap three Tech Sessions into this group project. The first being how to construct a cannon carriage correctly using jig. Then once that's done, how to rig the carriage properly, and then lastly painting the figures. The min kit comes with two figures. It comes with a standing figure in a small ship's cat. The third tech session will be learning how to paint figures. Larry will conduct that session. This is limited run of 25 kits.

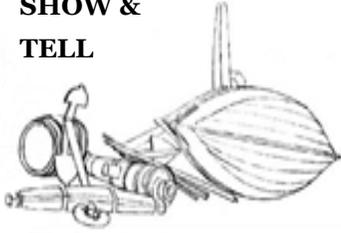
To encourage members, who elect to participate, to complete the build, SMSNJ will subsidize half the cost of the kit, but only upon completion as determined by Chuck. The goal is for the June meeting is to get the entire built. Painted, but no gun carriage, or figures. It doesn't have to have all the details like the dead eyes and so on, but we need to get over to the start so that after June meeting next month, the tech session could be about building that gun carriage.

The Library is not open on Saturdays in July and August. We will find a place to have a workshop in July and August, and be back in the Library in September. More details to follow.



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Long Island Ice Boat

1900's, Scale 1:32

Scratch Built

Steve Fletcher

The simple little model, the Long Island, Steve must have built it 20 years ago. But it was from plans on wooden boat magazines. Which in the old days used to have every once in a while. They do something with the plans out there that you could actually convert and make a model out of. And so that's what I did with this. So I just thought I'd bring it in because it is a nice boat and it was what you're looking for. But the interesting, the funny story behind this is I originally gave it to my dad. So that's how old this is. And his comment to me was, "I'm in Florida. What the hell do I need to do with an Ice Boat?" Actually, Florida got a lot of snow. It's still it's even a little dusty, it's pretty accurate. It was a very simple model to do. Tom noted that he remembers when Steve brought this model to the club and showed us what you built it from and how you were building it. By the way, I just, I just reading the base of it. I couldn't remember 1991. A nice model, still in great shape.

USS New Jersey

Scale 1:700

Various Kits

Joe Cali-Poutre

Joe is building models of ships named "New Jersey" in 1:700 scale. He brought two of them. The first one is the Tamiya 1:700. There are the Black Dragon bunch of replacement parts, primarily the bridge, because of course the Tamiya models the 1945 version with the square bridge. I had to replace the round bridge from Model Monkey. A bunch of other little replacement parts. The photo etch is probably mostly Gold Metal Models with from some Tom's Model Works. He picked out the Kingfisher float planes in a lighter color because the ship is very monotone. Of course, if you've ever seen the pictures, she's just, she's all black. It's not black, but very navy blue and deck blue. This is based on a single photograph. There are no clear photographs of what the antenna was, and no references.

The second model 1984 version. Again, I had to replace a bunch of parts, make some adjustments to it, fix some things, of course, you know, no models accurate. I've started the from the Jersey gondola from the revolution, two different versions of the BB 16. I'm going to 54 Korean War, Vietnam, 84 and 86, and then finally the recently commissioned submarine. There's going to be one, finally, one big diorama. That's my

big project. So I'm nearly done. I've got three to go. I'm working on the first BB-16, and I've got the other two models. The last one, the Korea version, is going to be really interesting because there's not a lot of photographs of her in Korea. And I'm starting with the Fujimi. If you've ever seen the Fujimi the Fujimi New Jersey.

Thank you Joe. This is a very interesting project.

(FYI, Ryan Simanski at the Battleship New Jersey may be able to help you with your research. I believe that he does have a Korean War video. Ed.)

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