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## MINUTES OF THE EXCOMM MEETING February 26, 2002

**Treasurer Al Geigel** was authorized to make a \$100 donation from our club to the American Cancer Society in memory of **Jim Roberts**.

**Dave Watkins** will continue temporarily as editor of an abbreviated **Broadaxe**.

Our club will make other New Jersey ship model clubs aware of the Northeast Ship Model Conference on May 4, 2002.

**Vice President Bob Brehm** will examine the archival material to see what might be indexed on our website.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, February 26, 2002

Our meeting opened with 30 members and 6 guests joining in a moment silent meditation for the late **Jim Roberts**. His wife **Marilyn** is soliciting club-members' remembrances of **Jim** for a Memory Book.

**Dave Watkins** will continue as temporary **Broadaxe** editor, and he welcomes club member contributions. However, a permanent **Broadaxe** editor is still needed. Any volunteers?

**President Nick Starace** welcomed four first-time guests: **Warren Boin** of Morristown, **George Iddart** of Pearl River, NY, **Frank Eppedio** of Basking Ridge and **Walter Ness** of New Vernon. Third time guests **Ken Davis** and **Dave Sasher** were unanimously accepted as new members. Welcome aboard **Ken** and **Dave**!

## NEW BUSINESS

REMEMBER, MARCH 26 IS BRING A MODEL NIGHT!

Fliers were available advertising the **South Orange Seaport Society** radio controlled model boat meet on Sunday, May 5 and their Steamboats Only meet on June 2.

**Jeff Herne** has invited our club to exhibit at the Teterboro Airport Model Air Show on August 16 and 17.

**Charlie Cozewith** sent along a copy of the newsletter for his Houston Ship Model Club.

## BOOKS AND PUBS

**Ozzie Thalman** circulated the latest catalogs from Bluejacket, Dromedary, Loyalhanna Dockyard, and The Scale Shipyard: Warship Hulls Unlimited.

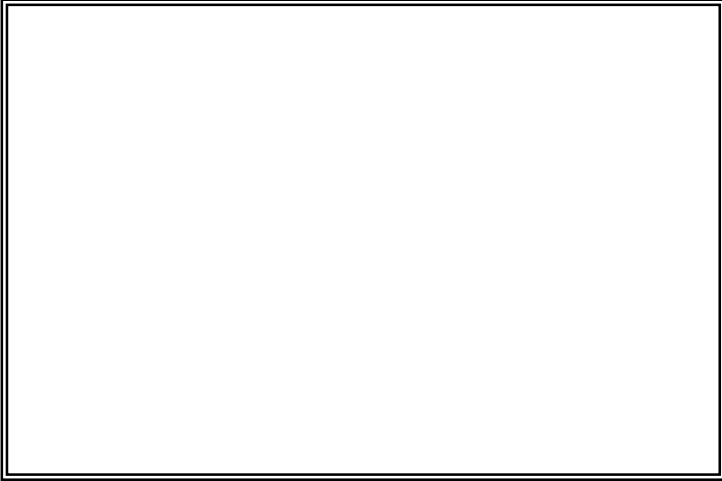
## SHOW AND TELL

**Don Otis** is building a 1/8"=1' scale waterline version of *Herzogen Cecile*. The hull a mixed bread and butter—bulkhead effort, will be plated with .005" brass. **Dave Sasher** bashed a kit in order to build his attractive R.C. tugboat. **Dave** places one human figure on each of his models, which represents him. **Gary Kingzett** displayed the wooden molds he carved to use in vacu-forming the five types of ship's boats he'll be placing on his nicely progressing *USS New Jersey BB16*. **Rich Lane** is almost ready to mast and rig his fine looking 1/8"=1' *L. A. Dunton*. Finally in anticipation of our scheduled guest speaker, **Marty Krisiloff** showed the 11"x14" prints he made of his photography of the battleship *New Jersey* during his recent visit to her in Camden.

## TECH SESSION

Our scheduled speaker, Scott Kodger, Director of Curatorial Affairs, at the *USS New Jersey Battleship Museum* in did not appear.

Therefore, we adjourned early at 9:20 PM.



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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, electronic files, or on 3.5" floppy discs. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved

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Regular meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 P.M, at the Millburn Free Public Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey.

Guests are always welcome.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Since I first became aware of the Internet back in the 1980's I have discovered many interesting places to go and things to see there. Back when there was no World Wide Web (WWW), and there were no Internet browsers, it was mostly a matter of tracking down text files that contained useful or entertaining information. There were some picture files, but with 1200 bit per second modems viewing them was a slow and painful process. With the advent of hyperlinks, graphical interfaces and high speed connections "surfing the net" has become much more fun and useful.

As I became a more serious ship modeler I found the Internet to be a useful resource for getting information on modeling techniques, ship details and history, sources of supplies and general nautical information and inspiration.

For those of you with access to the Internet but haven't yet tried it out, I thought I would share with you the addresses of some of my favorite sites. As to those of you who already making use of the 'Net, I invite you to share some of your favorite sites on these pages.

Perhaps the first place to go is to the Seaways Ships in Scale site at

<http://www.seaways.com/>.

This is the site operated by the magazine of the same name. The best thing about this site is it provides the means to join the Seaways Ship Modeling List. Just go to the address above, click on "e-mail list" and follow the instructions. The list is sort of a party line where modelers from all over the world post questions, answers and opinions on all aspects of ship modeling. The participants vary from recognized experts to rank beginners. Clay Feldman, the publisher of Seaways Ships in Scale moderates the list to keep things civil and more or less relevant. Some of the exchanges go on for a long time and seem to me overly pedantic. However buried in the flood of messages that the list generates are some real gems. The list also gives you access to the knowledge and experience of some of the best and most helpful practitioners of the ship modelers' art, including several members of the SMSNNJ.

Somewhat similar in purpose to the list is the "Frequently Asked Questions - Ship Models" or FAQ site located at:

<http://home.att.net/~shipmodelfaq/home.html>.

This is almost like a textbook on ship modeling, covering a wide variety of topics. When you have a question this is a good place to look for an answer.

Next on my list of favorites is "The Mother of All Maritime Links" at:

<http://www.boat-links.com/linklists/boatlink-01.html>.

This site consists of 32 pages of links with about 300 links per page covering almost every conceivable nautical topic. Fortunately, it is pretty well organized and has a search function allowing you to search the site by topic, key word, etc..

I like the Nautical Research Guild site for its clean design and good organization as well as the information contained there. It provides a good description of the NRG and the resources that it offers. Take a look at:

<http://www.naut-res-guild.org/>.

One more site of interest is the site of the Model Ship Wrights Journal at:

<http://www.mtcl00167.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/Journal/index.htm>.

The Journal offers the magazine in down-loadable form for free. That is, you can download the magazine to your computer either to read on the screen or print out on your printer. There are currently two issues available. I should mention that if you have a slow Internet connection the download could take a long time.

There are several more sites that I have found useful and interesting. I will save them for the next issue of the **Broadaxe**. In the meantime, send me your favorites at [davidwatkins@telocity.com](mailto:davidwatkins@telocity.com).



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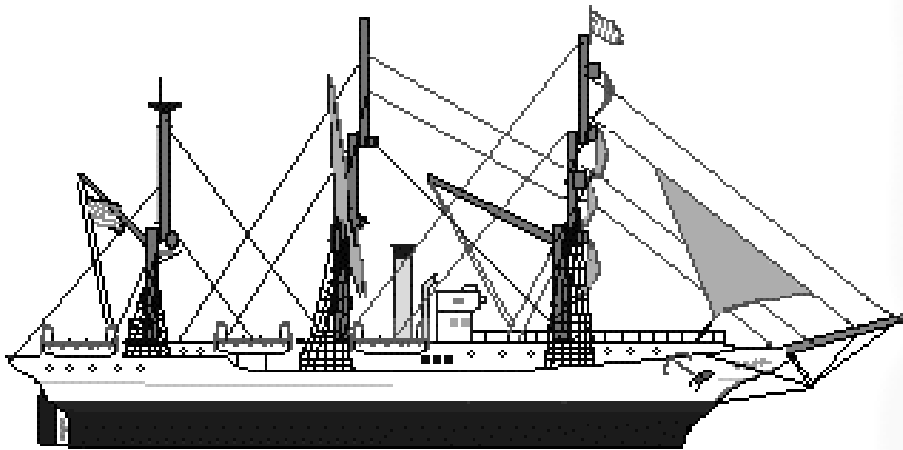
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