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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING October 22, 2002

President Ed Hegstetter opened the meeting at 7:30 with 30 members and one guest in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to scheduling conflicts **Mike Wall** will not attend the November meeting. His presentation will be given at the March 2003 meeting.

Members should also note that the December meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, December 17. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**

The annual MICRO MARK meeting will probably be scheduled for February.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest **Michael Schaeffter** of East Hanover attended his first meeting. Welcome to Mike!

NRG Conference-Our club was well represented at the recent conference near Philadelphia with about 12 members in attendance. The technical sessions on Saturday were well done- the speakers were outstanding.

Club Archives- There was some discussion about the archive material presently in the possession of **Bob Brehm**. The archives contain press clipping and various "stuff" going back quite a few years and are available to anyone who might want to access it. **Bob** has agreed to retain the material for the time being.

Jeff Fuglestad knows of a mid-sized lathe that is for sale for \$200. Anyone interested can contact Jeff



BRING A MODEL NIGHT

Barry Rudd displayed his model of the **FRIESLAND** a Mamoli kit of a theoretical 70 gun warship of the late seventeenth century. The hull is complete and ready to be rigged.

Ken Schuetz showed his work in progress of the 1908 built "work boat" **SCHAARHORN** (it is actually a yacht). The plans were obtained from **Abe Taubman**. The actual vessel was restored in the early 90's and is currently in service on the Elbe River.

Ozzie Thalmann presented his completed model of the British WWII cruiser HMS HOOD. At a scale of 1:128 this model is an impressive 81 inches long. Beginning with a fiberglass hull, **Ozzie** made many scratch modification to recreate the vessel just prior to its fateful encounter with the BISMARCK, which he has also recently built. The kit was obtained from Loyalhanna.

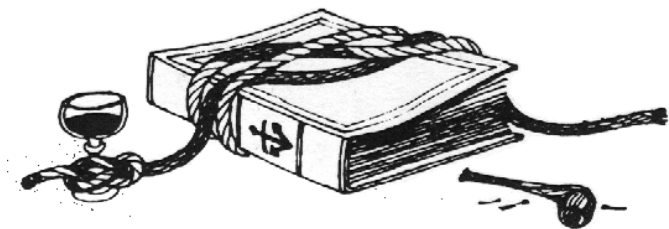
Marty Krisiloff presented his scratch built plank-on-frame model of a Maine Lobster Boat built from plans contained in a book **Marty** acquired.

Richard Lane showed his continuing progress on the **L.A. DUNTON** a scratch built model of the fishing schooner restored at Mystic Seaport. **Richard** was asked many questions about the weathering techniques he uses to achieve such realistic results.

Don Otis showed ¼ inch scale models of WWII naval guns, a 20mm Oerlikon, a 40mm quad Bofors and an M-51 fire controller for the Bofors. These

models were acquired from H&R Products with additional details added by **Don**.

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS



Barry Rudd showed the catalogue published in connection with the recent exhibition at the Peabody Essex Museum of a collection of models, art and artifacts on loan from the French Maritime Museum. The exhibit catalogue titled "Rendezvous with the Sea--the Glory of the French Maritime Museum" was published by the Peabody Museum.

Ed Nolan showed the book "Marine Museums of the World", by Bryant Aymar, published in 1967 by Crown Publishing. Although somewhat old, the book thoroughly covers all museums then extant.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

MODEL KITS FOR SALE

The following ship model kits donated by the estate of Jeff Gottlieb are still for sale. Please contact Nick Starace if you are interested in purchasing any of these kits.

1. **LYNX** by Panart, LOA 35", Scale 1:62, \$100
2. **HARVEY** by Artesinia Latina, LOA 37", Scale 1:50, \$85
3. **RATTLESNAKE** by Mamoli, LOA 28", Scale 1:64, \$140
4. **PRINCE DE NEUFCHATEL** by Constructo, LOA 40", Scale 1:58, \$125
5. **BLUE SHADOW** by Mamoli, LOA 28", Scale 1:64, \$70

NIAGRA by Model Shipways, LOA 43", Scale 1:64, \$130

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where an Internet version of the **BROADAXE** can be found.

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.

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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DID YOU KNOW? By Nick Starace

I came across a bit of sailing trivia recently that I thought you might find as humorous as I did.

In the heyday of sailing ships, all warships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem - how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a "monkey" with 16 round indentations. But if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make "Brass Monkeys." Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, "Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey!"

(And all the time, you thought that was as improper expression, didn't you?)

But you knew this!!

Nick

FROM THE EDITOR



With this issue we welcome back the "Did You Know?" column from our former president, **Nick Starace**. I hope that we can prevail upon him to make it a monthly feature of the **Broadaxe**.

Jim Caulkins has two more kits that his late friend started but put aside. They will be offered for \$30 and \$40 at the November meeting to whomever is willing to finish them. The price will be returned in exchange for a picture of the completed model to be given to the friend's widow. The retail values of these models are \$120 and \$170.

- 1.) Plank on bulkhead, 17 ½" long, scale 1:72. Royal Canadian Mounted Police Arctic motor supply/expedition ship **St. Roch**, -- the first ship to traverse the Northwest Passage from the Pacific to the Atlantic in 1940-42. Semi-complete wood hull. Laser cut woodwork, brass/plastic fittings. Plans and directions by Billings Boats of Denmark.
- 2.) Plank on bulkhead, 33" long overall, 27" on deck, scale 1:43. Motor Sailer Ketch Yacht **Bruma**. Semi-complete wood hull. Laser cut woodwork, brass/metal fittings, rigging, also for radio control. Plans by Panart division of Mantua.

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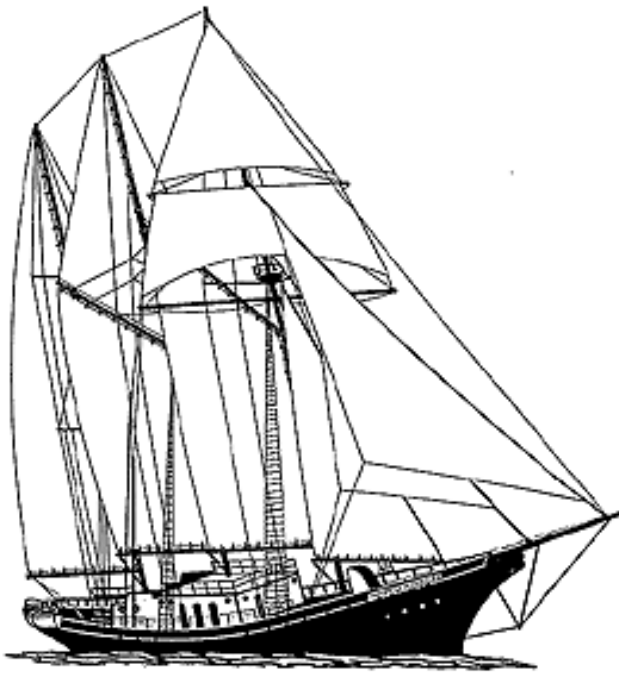
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NEXT MEETING:

November 26, 2002
7:30 PM

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Tech Session

Garry Kingzett
On
Vacuum Forming