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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 28, 2003

President Ed Hegstetter called the meeting to order at 7:30 with 33 members in attendance. Guest **George Idiart** was attending his second meeting.

Several members informed the group of new mailing addresses or e-mail:

Henry Schaefer: 72 Ambassador Dr.
Manchester, NJ 08759-6175

Dave Watkins (e-mail): david.watkins19@verizon.net

Al Geigel (e-mail): algeigel@optonline.net

Ed has received an e-mail from Christine Collins, a Scottish post graduate student who is doing research. She asks the question "why do you make ship models? ". Her letter will be posted on the web site. You can send your answer to

trelease67@hotmail.com

For anyone interested in communicating with her. It might be fun to share any responses at a future meeting.

At the February meeting, the balance of tools (mostly small hand tools) from Jim Caulkins' friend will be sold on a first come first serve basis at prices roughly 50% of retail. **Treasurer Jeff Fugelstad** requests that prospective purchasers bring dollar bills and change to facilitate payment. To accommodate the sale, the meeting will begin at **7:00 PM**. See Jim Caulkin's notice on the outside cover of this newsletter.

A meeting at MICRO-MARK will be scheduled for September 2003. The New York club has suggested they join us at that meeting. There were no

objections and **President Ed Hegstetter** will coordinate the event.

Treasurer Jeff Fugelstad, reported on the very successful December auction. Members collectively sold \$102 worth of material of which the club got 10%.

We also took in \$787 from the tools brought by **Jim Caulkins** and \$256 from other items (mostly kits). Overall the treasury grew by \$1053--a great result. Special thanks are due to **Jim** for his important involvement in this successful sale.

Eight members have signed up to receive the Broadaxe by e-mail only. This should begin next month.

Jeff Herne has a new web site for his business at <http://www.modelwarships.com/>. (While preparing these minutes I checked the site-it is quite extensive -Tom McGowan).

Jeff also mentioned that the building at Teterboro airport where we held the last seminar is scheduled for demolition in June. Thus, if we wish to consider another seminar this year (at that location) we must move quickly. Upon discussion the members agreed that we would organize another seminar and chose late May as the best time. **Jeff** agreed to chair a committee to organize the event, assisted by **Frank Hanavan** and **Roy Goroski**. Anyone interested in helping can contact **Jeff** at the following web site: director@njahof.org. There will be a lot of work and not a lot of time to accomplish it. Members should also think about becoming a presenter at seminar work sessions.

SHOW AND TELL

Although **Henry Schaefer** is not making every meeting these days, he is still busy building models

at his new home He brought along a work in progress of the **LE SUPERBE**, a Mantua kit in 1:75 scale. Henry will finish this project and do his usual excellent work but he does not like the kit and would not recommend it to anyone.



Ed Hegstetter and Tom McGowan Admire Henry's **LE SUPERBE**



Henry Schaeffer's **LE SUPERBE**

Jeff Herne brought several models:

1. A model of the 1945 German U-boat **U-242**, which began life as the Amati resin kit sold by Model Shipways. Jeff used very little of the kit, preferring to scratch build the model after discarding all but a portion of the hull.



Close Up of Jeff Herne's **U-242**

2. A German WWII **Schnellboot** built right from the Revell (Germany) kit, which he considers a well-done kit.



Jeff's **Schnellboot**



Jeff Describes His **Schnellboot**

3. A 1/700 scale model of the carrier **BENNINGTON**.



The **BENNINGTON** "At Sea"

4. A model of a 1905 vintage Russian naval vessel (the name of which I didn't get).



Jeff also showed a kit from Trumpeter, a Chinese manufacturer, of a 1/350 scale **HORNET**. This is a new manufacturer that will probably produce more quality plastic kits in the future. Finally, **Jeff** passed around the ETCH-MATE, a tool for precise bending of etched brass parts. It is available from: Mission Models, 3038 Glendale Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90039. Their web site is at www.missionmodels.com.

ERNEST CONNOR showed another of his fully animated aircraft, an AH-1W Cobra helicopter which did everything but fly. (When are we going to get **Ernest** to show us a ship?)



Ernest Connor's Military Collection



Ernest "Flying" the Chopper

FRANK HANAVAN showed his finely detailed model of the **LE RENARD**, which he says is his first kit to finish. The model is built with sails the process for which he described in some detail (which ought to be the subject of a tech session or a shop note in the Broadaxe-got it **Frank?**).



Frank Hanavan's Graceful *Le Renard*



Frank Describes Some of the Fine Points in Building *Le Renard*

BOB BREHM showed his continuing work on the *EMMA C. BERRY*. He described fabricating and carving the trail boards.



Bob Brehm with the *EMMA C. BERRY*

There was no Technical Session, because the presenter had to cancel at the last minute.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50.



FROM THE EDITOR

We were not able to present a Technical Session at our January meeting. However, to make up for it, I believe that we had an outstanding Show and Tell session. It was good to see **Henry Schaeffer** back with a model after his move to South Jersey. It was also good to have **Jeff Herne** back showing some of his extensive and outstanding work in resin warships. And finally, I was particularly impressed with **Frank Hanavan's** work on *Le Renard*. This is the first time that I recall seeing **Frank's** modeling work.

The Treasury has certainly prospered as the result of the generosity of the estate of **Jim Caulkin's** friend. I hope that the club will find an appropriate way to express our thanks. Special thanks to **Jim** and those who helped him organize, price and sell the numerous articles. And we still have some to sell at the "Clearance Sale" at 7:00PM at the February meeting.

These extra funds should easily cover the costs of our planned show and seminar at Teterboro airport that **Jeff Herne** is planning with the help of **Frank Hanavan** and **Roy Goroski**.

Eight of our members have agreed to receive the Broadaxe by way of e-mail rather than in paper form. I plan to distribute the newsletter to them as a Microsoft Word document attachment to an e-mail message. This will give them a full color version that is an exact copy of the printed version, and they can print any pages that they care to. For anyone

who is not able to read Word documents on their computer, there are a variety of readers available for free at the Microsoft website. Please contact me if you would like any help with this. As an alternative, you can view the Broadaxe on the SMSNNJ website.

Since the cost of printing and mailing each copy of the Broadaxe comes to about \$1.00, distributing it to just eight members by e-mail will save the club nearly \$100.00 per year. If this works out well, perhaps more of our members will choose this method of distribution



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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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BE THERE -- Feb.25, Milburn Library, 7:00pm

FREE -- just for looking -- lead cannon balls 0.110" dia

NEXT MEETING:

**February 25,
2003**

7:00 PM

**MILLBURN
PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

**Final Tools and
Supplies Sale**

**Note Early
Starting
Time!!**