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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING May 27, 2003

President Ed Hegstetter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 40 members in attendance. **Ed** announced with sorrow the passing of long time member **Art Joselson**. There was a moment of silence in respect of **Art**.

The town of Short Hills has contacted **Ed** looking for a few R/C models as part of their July 4 Festival. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Short Hills Festival Committee.

Al Geigel has prepared a new member roster that was circulated at the meeting for members to check the accuracy of their entry.

There was some discussion of the recent exhibition at Teterboro. **Ed** thanked all those who participated, particularly the members who worked hard prior to the show to get everything set up. By all accounts it was a very successful event with 97 models on display and we had 104 visitors during the day. Jeff Fuglestad gave a summary of the income and expense of the show. A committee is being formed to consider future shows. (See following report by **Jeff Herne**.)

We have not yet been contacted by South Street Seaport regarding their annual festival in August. **Dave Watkins** said he would attempt to contact them. (See later item.)

Barry Rudd put out a call for volunteers to make tech session presentations at future meetings.

Many members attended the joint club meeting in Connecticut in May. All reports were that it was a successful event.

A Sampling of Models from The SMSNNJ Show and Exhibit on May 17



Don Otis's Royal Louis



Jeff Fuglestad's Steam Yacht and Puritan



Ernest Connor's Frigate and Galley



Dan Pariser's Oneida



Skipjack by Ed Mostowicz of the Long Island Ship Model Society



Barry Rudd's Friesland

The Ship Model Expo After Action Report

Jeff Herne

Another event has passed us by at 35 knots...and I am pleased to report that it was a successful one.

We had 97 models arrive, and 104 non-modeling members of the public attend. I know for sure we've got a few new members just from my conversations.

I want to thank the members of the committee who helped to put this together...as well as all the members of the club that did everything from change light bulbs to set up and knock down tables.

Special thanks to the following:

Tom McGowan for handling the press releases, as I really hate doing that job.

Ed and **Nick** for manning the entrance.

Roy Goroski, Oswald Thalmann, Gary Kingzett, Jeff Fugelstad, Barry Rudd, and Martin Quinn for helping with the set up and breakdown.

I especially want to thank **Gary** for taking care of the lighting at the facility.

I would also like to thank **Tom Ruggiero, Don Otis, Gary Kingzett, Bob LaPadura, Brad Chaucer, and Dan Pariser** for their tech sessions.

If I missed anyone, please forgive me.

This show created a lot of conversation regarding the continuation of the event on an annual basis. Since the concept is still fresh in my mind, I'd like to point out a few things for the membership; hopefully, this can be a point of discussion at the next meeting.

Clubs have events, be it model clubs or church groups, and it is the most dramatic and efficient form of advertising and promotion a group can do.

We've pretty much made it up as we went along these last two times, and we've had good results. I think we've practiced enough. It's time to get serious, and I personally feel we can hold an annual event that will surpass anything in the region.

We obviously need a larger, cleaner, and more austere locale. I doubt I will have access to a facility in the future that will fulfill our needs in this regard, although I will continue to press the Port Authority. I hereby ask ALL club members that are members of the VFW, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Elks or Moose Lodge, or church group, to look into gaining access to their organization's facilities on behalf of the SMSNNJ.

We certainly have the talent, we've proven we can get the modelers together, and we have a YEAR to start planning the next one.

The club needs a purpose aside from building our models and getting together once a month to talk ships. This is it...we have the opportunity to create a legacy...the premier East Coast model ship exhibit. South Street is a nice event, but it's Manhattan in middle of summer, and it's not OUR event. Joint Clubs is nice, but it's a distance away. Mariner's Museum is the epitome of events, but that's a distance away and does not cater to the public awareness of our hobby.

As long as we can nail down a site for little or no cost, we've already figured out collectively how to do all the other aspects of putting an event like this together. As each event passes us by, we learn what to do and not do, and the process becomes easier.

If it pleases the Board and the membership, I will gladly chair, co-chair and/or organize the next event, hopefully for this same time next year...

We want our club to thrive and prosper, not just survive. The diverse cross section of people that came to visit us today proves there is still an interest in our wonderful hobby. Let's make the most of it.

Thank You,

Jeff Herne

2003 SMSNNJ Ship Model Exhibit Coordinator
(I gave myself that title)

South Street Seaport Festival

The **South Street Seaport** will be holding their **13th Annual Model Ship & Boat Festival** on Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, this year at the Seaport on the lower east side of Manhattan. The hours will be from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM on both days. The SMSNNJ has been well represented at the Festival in recent years. Our members always exhibit some of the best models seen there. Other New York metropolitan area clubs also exhibit there along with a large number of individual exhibitors.

The South Street Seaport coordinator for the event this year is **David Valentin** who can be reached at 212-748-8738. He soon will be sending out registration packets both by regular mail and e-mail (same format as the e-mail **Broadaxe**) to previous exhibitors. I hope to have registration packets available at our June 24 meeting also.

I am arranging for the SMSNNJ exhibitors to be collocated as we have been in the past. If you have any questions please contact **David Valentin** or me.

----- **Dave Watkins**

SHOW AND TELL

Al Geigel showed his work in progress of the whaler Charles W. Morgan from the Model Expo kit, supplemented by photographs of the ship at Mystic Seaport. The hull is fully coppered using 3/4 " copper foil plates individually laid. The brick construction of the tryworks was done using an actual photo of the original reduced to scale and glued on.

Ken Schuetz displayed his completed scratch model in 1/4" scale of the German work vessel **SCHAARHORN**, built in 1908. The plans were from **Abe Taubman**. **Ken** has demonstrated his usual ingenuity in creating many of the parts of the model. To create the water, he used a piece of wavy shower door plastic with a cloth backing which appeared very realistic. A grating on the fantail was made from a frying pan splatter cover.

Dennis Powell showed his work in progress of the **USS MONITOR** using plans from the Monitor Museum at Fort Monroe, VA. The vessel is scratch built using plank on bulkhead technique.

Richard Lane brought his scratch built model of the schooner **L. A. DUNTON** in 3/16 scale using plans from Mystic Seaport where the vessel is on display. The hull and deck furnishing are finished, and **Richard** will start the masting and rigging.

Henry Schaeffer in his "model of the month series" displayed his work on the Mamoli kit of the French Troop Transport **L'Orenoque**, a paddle wheel steamer built in 1848.

Frank Hanavan showed his scratch built "ship in a box" model of the **WAVERTREE**, the prototype for which is at the South Street Seaport where **Frank** works as a volunteer. The vessel is a waterline model, and **Frank** used Durham Wood Putty to create the water.

Since our unofficial photographer, **Tom Ruggiero** was unable to attend the meeting, we do not have his usual fine photographs to illustrate this section.

TECHNICAL SESSION

There was no scheduled session tonight but **Ole Eriksen** used the opportunity to discuss his magnificent steel model of the **USS CONSTITUTION** that is on display at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. The model is being given to the U.S. Navy. The Navy had originally wished to move the model to Constitution Museum in Boston, but the facility there was deemed unsatisfactory due to the weight of the model (1,350 pounds). Now the plan is to move the model to the Navy Model Museum at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D.C. for permanent display. **Ole's** library of 120 books, drawings and research notes is also being donated to the Navy and will go to the museum in Boston. **Ole** wrote a book on rigging the **Constitution** to serve as a guide for the rigging of the restoration of the ship. **Ole** is currently writing a book on the hull construction of the **Constitution** and indicated he would send proofs to the members for review prior to publication.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Mark Your Calendar

July 2-5 IPMS Annual Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

<http://www.ipmusa.com>

July 26 & 27 The Subcommittee Annual Regatta Johnston, RI

<http://www.subcommitte.com>

August 2 & 3 South Street Seaport 13th Annual Model Ship & Boat Festival New York, NY

August 8-10 Wisconsin Maritime Museum Model Boat and Ship Show and Contest

maritime@lakefield.net

October 9-12, 2003 30th Annual Nautical Research Guild Conference Chicago, Illinois.

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

FROM THE EDITOR



As noted in the "Mark Your Calendar" box, there are a number of meetings, shows and exhibits of interest to ship modelers scheduled over the next several months. **The Nautical Research Guild** has

achieved a major success in scheduling **Christine Ostling**, Head of Collections at the **Vasa Museet** in Stockholm, to speak at their conference on October 11. The rest of the program looks very good also. We extend our congratulations to the **Midwest Model Shipwrights**, the **Nautical Research and Model Ship Society** and the **North Shore Deadeyes** for putting together such an outstanding program. I'm sure that anyone who makes the trip to Chicago will find it very rewarding.

Speaking of the **Midwest Model Shipwrights**, their excellent newsletter, the **Forecastle Report** for May, 2003 contains a very interesting report on a Technical Session presented by their **Commodore, Bob Filipowski**, on blackening metal parts. The article offers some information and advice that I have not seen before. There is not room to reproduce it here, but I have scanned it and put it on our website at:

<http://www.njshipmodelsociety.org/Main/archives/Blackening.htm>

It is worth taking a look at.

Reported in the same newsletter is the addition to their club's library of a 1hour and 45 minute video entitled **Mold Making and Casting Instructional Video** produced by the Alumilite Corporation. It sounds as if it might very valuable for modelers who interested in casting.

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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.

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 or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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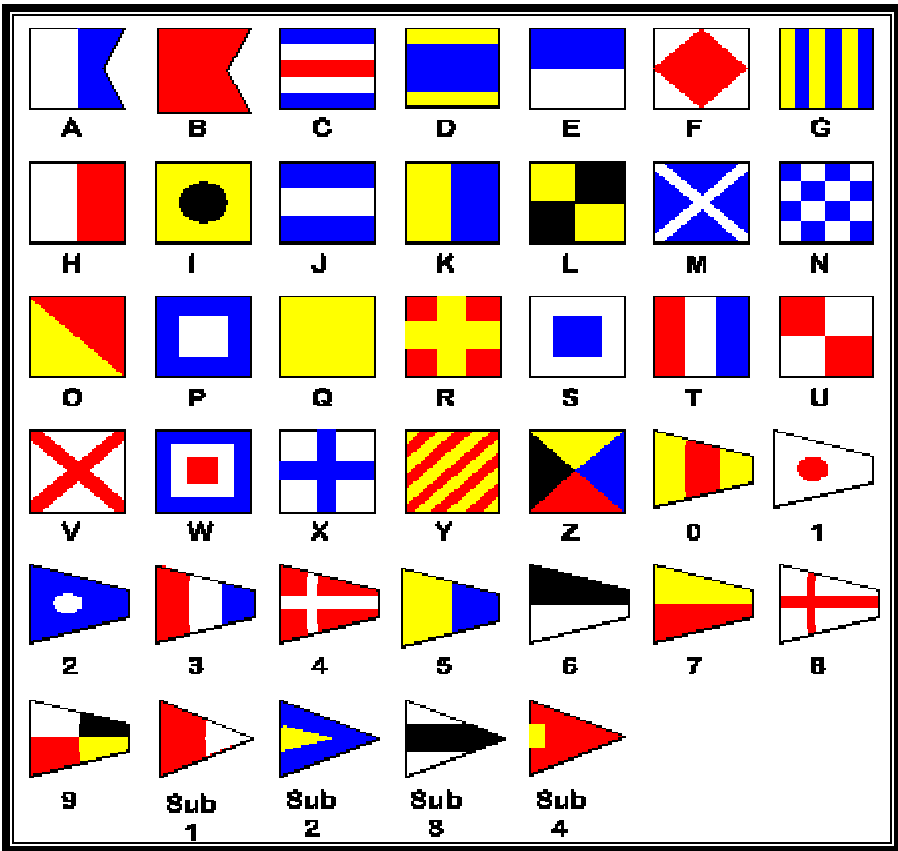
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NEXT MEETING:

**June 24, 2003
7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN
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Technical Session

Dave Sasher

**Modifying
Miniature
Figurines**