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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING April 22, 2003

President Hegstetter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, with 34 members and one guest in attendance. **Martin Quinn**, a guest of **Jeff Herne** was attending his first meeting.

Pres. Ed thanked **Jim Caulkins** for arranging last month's visit from **Mike Wall**. **Ed** also pointed out the full page spread given to **Nick Starace's** model of the **USS New Jersey** in a recent edition of **Ships in Scale** magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

The joint club meeting in Connecticut is being held on May 3. Registration for the meeting is low and **Ed** asked that members planning to attend try to comply with the April 26 registration deadline.

Plans for our exhibit on May 17 are moving ahead on several different fronts. **Jeff Fuglestad** circulated a memo outlining progress to date including - among other things - the following items that need action:

Volunteers to spruce up the space sometime prior to the show. Contact **Jeff Herne**.

Volunteers to set up on Friday evening May 16 at about 5-6pm

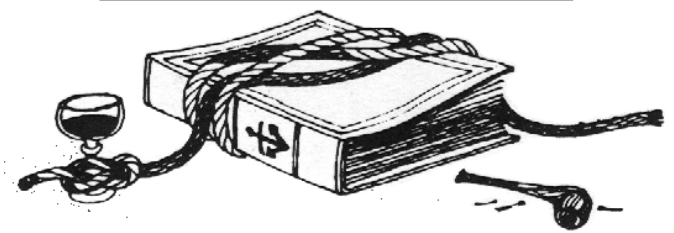
Need for extension cords and drop lights.

Need for door prizes. Bring unwanted plans, books, tools etc (no junk) for the door prize table.

There will also be a table for members to sell any excess or unwanted stuff.

All members should attend with some of their

models. The previous event was fun and a great success.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Don Otis showed the book titled *THE FIFTY GUN SHIP* by Rif Winfield and published by Caxton editions. This is a coffee table size study in the publishers "ship shape " series. The special attractions for the modeler are the cutaway drawings and complete plans drawn by John McKay in 1:96 scale for **HMS LEOPARD** of 1790. **Don** purchased the book from The Scholars Bookshelf at a greatly reduced price. For any one interested they are located at 110 Melrich Road, Cranbury, NJ 08512-3511 or email at: books@scholarsbookshelf.com

SHOW AND TELL

Ozzie Thalman showed a unique model of a German U-boat (actually a toy) he made for his grandson. It is motorized and is able to submerge and then return to the surface. The boat is from Doyusha Model Co. Japan



The Grandson's Working Submarine

Marty Krisiloff brought in his work in progress of the ocean tug **SANSON** from a kit by Artesina Latina.



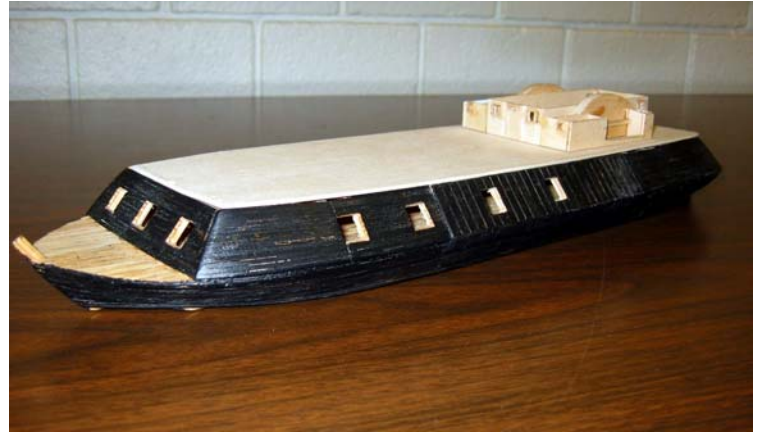
Marty Krisiloff's **SANSON**

Jeff Herne showed his finished model of the Japanese WWII destroyer **SHIRANUI** built from a Nichimo kit but with major modifications including etched brass fittings. He highly recommends the surgical silk he used for rigging.



Jeff Herne's **SHIRANUI**

Steve Fletcher displayed his work in progress of the Civil War Union river gunboat, **CARONDOLET**. This is a scratch built vessel in 1:144 scale using plans from **Abe Taubman** and the Smithsonian. He has completed the caisson and armor and is starting on the paddlewheel. **Steve** hopes to complete the job by the end of the year.



Doc Fletcher's **CARONDOLET**

Henry Schaeffer brought his completed model of the **LE SUPERBE**, a 74 gun French vessel of the Napoleonic era constructed from the Panart kit. He discussed some of the details of balancing the rigging.



Henry Schaeffer's **LE SUPERBE**

Marty Quinn, our first time visitor, showed his modified kit in 1:700 scale of the carrier **SARATOGA** depicted as she appeared late in WWII.



Marty Quinn's SARATOGA

TECHNICAL SESSION

Nick Perrella made a great presentation on making ship gratings without power tools. Nick made copies of the paper available to everyone so we won't go through the process in these minutes. (I am putting **Nick's** handout in the with Web version of this month's **BROADAXE** --editor)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

FROM THE EDITOR

The **SMSNNJ** was ably represented at the 2003 Northeast Ship Model Conference (Joint Clubs Meeting) in New London CT on May 3.

Al Geigel provided the following report.

The **USS Constitution Ship Craft Guild** (the Boston club) hosted the meeting. Attendance was down from previous years, only about 80 attendees.

The main talk, by **Alex Bellinger** of the Boston club, was on building ships in bottles. His talk, which included a demonstration of how the ship is placed

in the bottle, was extremely interesting even to the spouses that attended. The lunch consisted of a hot

and cold buffet that served as our main meal for the day.

There were about 30 to 40 models on display with a nice representation from our club. **Barry Rudd's** presentation on planking was well received. There were also demonstrations on rigging, airbrushing and rope making. Overall it was a good meeting enjoyed by all.



Barry Rudd Demonstrating His Planking Technique

In addition to **Barry's** demonstration, several **SMSNNJ** members exhibited models at the show as illustrated in the following photographs.

Thanks to all who participated.



Nick Starace's USS NEW JERSEY



Nick's *KATHY*



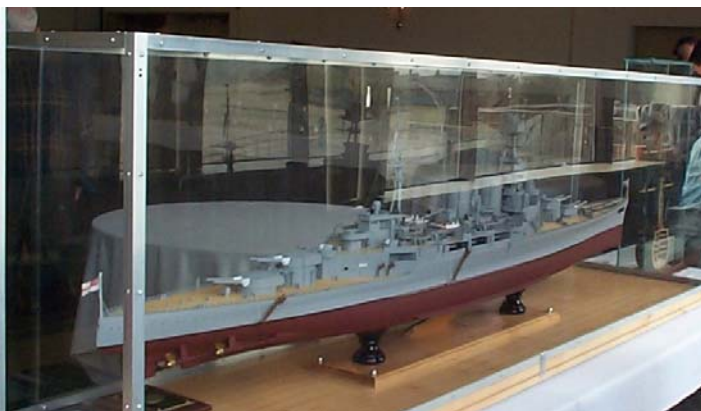
Bernie Bahr's *USS CONSTITUTION*



Ozzie Thalman's *BISMARCK*

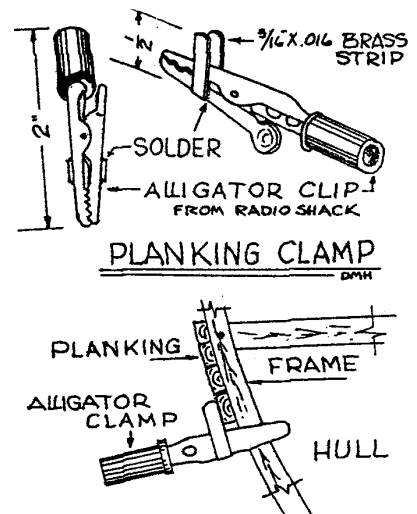


Al Geigel's *CHARLES W. MORGAN*



Ozzie's *HOOD*

The following is Dave Hamilton's home-made planking clamp from the Cape Ann Ship Modeler's Guild July, 2002 Newsletter.



Mark Your Calendar

May 17, 2003. 9AM to 4PM
SMSNNJ Show and Seminar Teterboro
Airport, New Jersey

October 8-12, 2003 30th Annual Nautical
Research Guild Conference Chicago,
Illinois. <http://www.naut-res-guild.org/services/confer.html>



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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 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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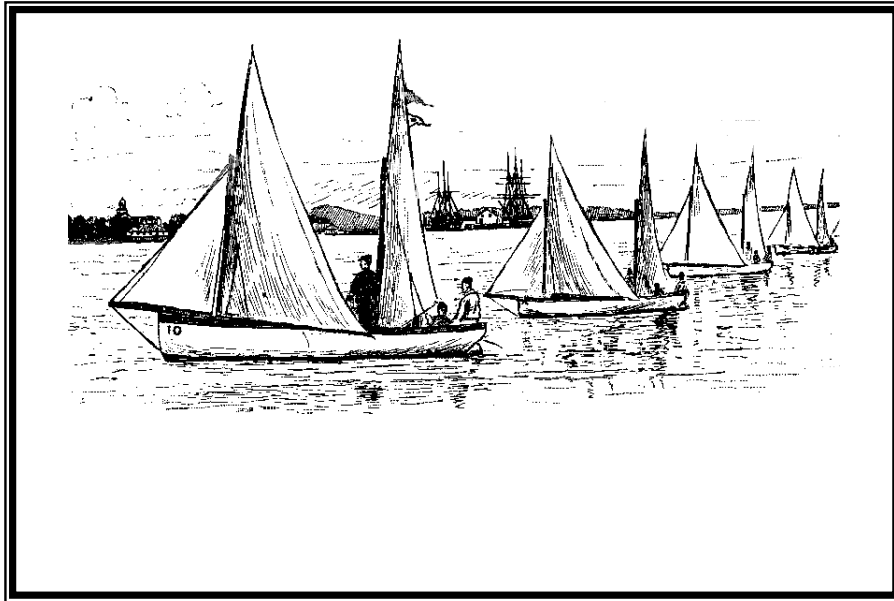
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NEXT MEETING:

**May 27, 2003
7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN
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Technical Session

**To Be
Announced**