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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

As yet another year passes us by, we reflect upon our small merry band of brothers and our never-ending race to get all these models built. This year has literally flown by, and we've all had our share of ups and downs. We had a great time aboard the *Meerwald*, pulled off a GREAT exhibit this year, and we're beginning to see lots of new faces at our meetings, and we're missing some of the old faces. I guess you're wondering where I'm going with this?? This club is made up of ship modelers, in fact, some of the very best I've ever met. But more than that, this club is made up of truly wonderful people. When it comes right down to it, we're not a club, we're a family. And that's what makes this group so special, especially this time of year, when we can look back on the past 365 days and openly admit we had fun. All that aside, let's not forget those that are no longer with us. Sadly, losing our friends and model pals is a fact of life, and I'm willing to bet, that where ever they may be, our modeling friends are all together having one helluva good time, and arguing about bits and bollards. Regardless, we miss them.

On behalf of myself, and the rest of the E-board, I'd like to thank you all for your efforts this year, and wish you, and your families and loved ones, a happy, safe, and model-filled holiday season.

Happy Holidays,

Jeff Herne
President

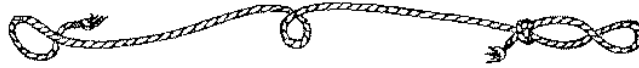
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING November 23, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President **Jeff Herne** at 7:30 PM with 27 members in attendance. We also had two first time visitors, **Larry Friedlander** from River Vale and **Lester Murat** from Clifton. **Michael Storch** was attending his third meeting and was unanimously elected to membership.

Much of the business part of the meeting was dedicated to a post mortem of the recent show. Attendance and the number of models on display were up from the 2002 show and comments were favorable. We reviewed any suggestions made for improvement and concluded that we should go forward with plans for a show next year probably at the same location but a bit earlier, perhaps the first half of October in order to make use of the lake for the RC participants.

Al Geigel has not received a reply from his letter to the NRG regarding our proposal to host the 2009 NRG conference.

Roy Goroski passed around a very complimentary newspaper article about the recent display that Roy organized at The Hamilton House Museum in Clifton.



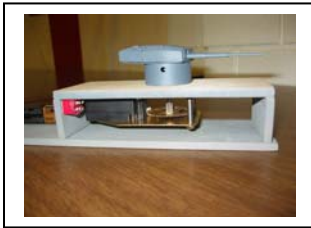
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Mike Gutsick brought in a book titled *Lake Champlain's Sailing Canal Boats* by Arthur B. Colin and is available from the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. The volume details the history of these unique vessels

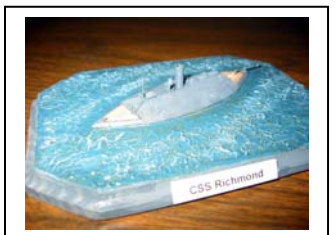


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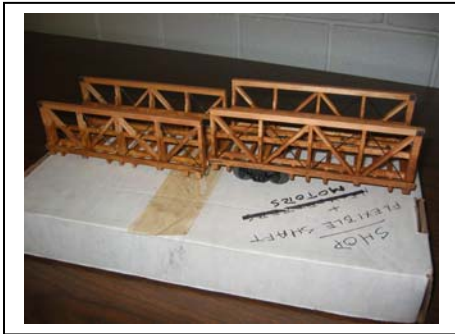
OZZIE THALMANN showed us yet another working gun turret he has devised. This turret was in 1/350 scale, considerably smaller than previous turrets he has fabricated, but employing the same construction methods as his larger models.



JEFF HERNE brought along six pewter civil war ironclad models in 1/600th scale he purchased from Thoroughbred Miniatures. The waterline models, which Jeff said were easy to build, were mounted individually on a small wooden base with a simulated sea created using a gel coat medium.



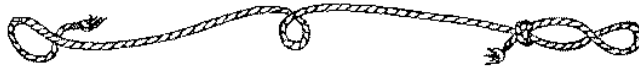
DAN PARISER showed a pair of wooden cradles he built from scratch as part of the Morris Canal diorama he is creating. The cradles, built to accommodate coal barges on the inclined parts of the canal, would ride up the incline on rails to the next level of the canal. Dan used photographs to fabricate the cradles as no accurate plans were available.



LESTER MURAT showed an excellent model of the Soviet submarine *Kursk*, which he built from paper using only photographs of this ill fated vessel.

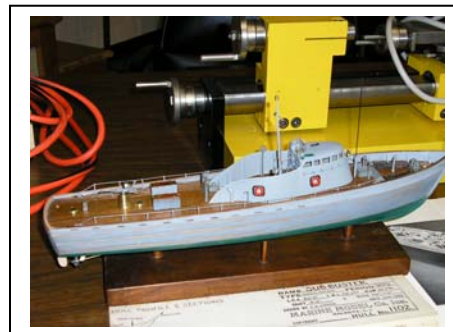
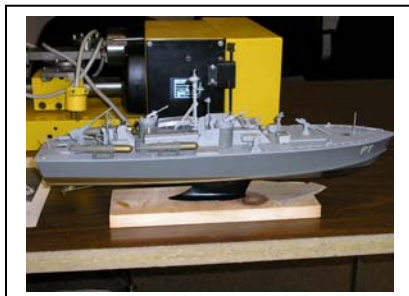


Finally, **HENRY SCHAEFER** displayed his work in progress on the German training ship *Horst Wessel* in 1/90 scale from an Amati kit. Henry was not very complimentary about the kit and has scratch built or used other suppliers to fabricate parts of the hull.



TECH SESSION

Jeff Fuglestad gave a very interesting demonstration on how to turn gun barrels, mast lights, threaded turnbuckles and other ship fittings from various diameters of brass rod on a lathe. Jeff also brought in two models, a PT Boat and a small Coast Guard Cutter, on which he has utilized his metal turning skills to fabricate many of the fittings as he continues his restoration of these very fine models.





FROM THE EDITOR

As I'm rushing to get this issue out **before** the December meeting, I think back to our recent Model Expo and would like to congratulate all those members who worked so hard to make this show such a success. I took over 60 photos of the models and also received a CD from Tom Ruggiero with even more pictures. While I would like to include them all in the Broadaxe, it's really not practical to do so. However, these photos, and perhaps even more, are going to be made available online at our web site in the very near future. I will include a few here as a "teaser" and encourage you to visit our web site to view the full gallery of photos.

Mike Gutsick
Editor

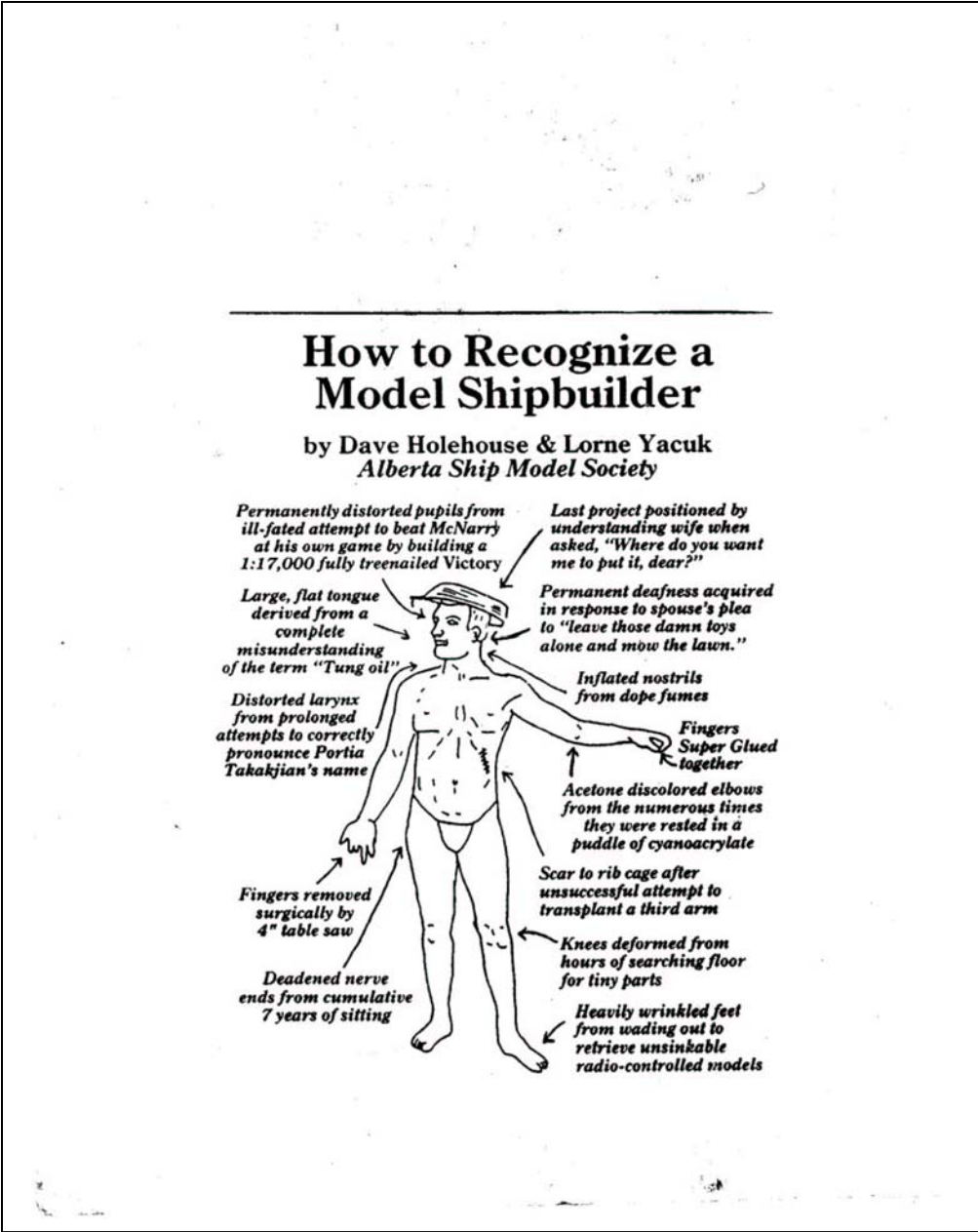


"Soundings from D Deck"

Some general ramblings – Do any members have a model of an Irish Curragh/Coracle? Would you be interested in building one? If so, please contact Stan Sinowitz (201-342-1220 or www.FiddlersGreenModelShips.com). He has a client looking for one about 20" long and 24" high.

Dave Sasher provided me with material from *The Hunley Newsletter* which he received from a friend of his. After I digest all that he provided, I'll be including excerpts in future issues of the Broadaxe. Thanks Dave.

Don Otis provided me with the following amusing little graphic which he received at the recent NRG conference in Maine. There are several items which I can certainly relate to, particularly the deformed knees!



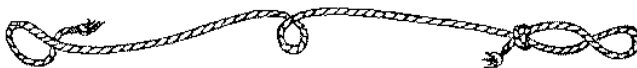
Barry Rudd provided me with information on a model show in Boston coming up in February 2005, the details of which are presented below. Please note that the registration deadline is **December 10, 2004**.

The USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild and the USS Constitution Museum of Charlestown, Massachusetts have announced the 26th Annual Ship Model Show, to be held from February 1 to March 5, 2005.

All ship modelers, whether members of the Guild or not, are encouraged to submit models for the show. This year's show is a non-juried, i.e. non-competition show, although there will be prizes awarded for the Most Popular Model, as voted by visitors to the show, and the Curatorial Committee Cup, awarded by the Museum's Curatorial Committee.

Registration deadline for submitting models is December 10th. Registration forms and information can be downloaded from the USSCMSG web site at <http://www.constitution-modelshipwrights.org> or can be obtained from the USS Constitution Museum, Tel. (617) 426-1812, ext. 126.

This is a great show, and I urge anyone and everyone to submit one or more models. If you're in the Boston area next February, be sure to stop in and see the show!



and coming up over the horizon is –



January 25, 2005 – Tech session will be a video presentation by **Henry Schaefer** of his voyage on the Queen Mary 2

February 22, 2005 – Tech session will be presented by **Jeff Herne** who will discuss photo etching techniques

(Editor's Note- the final Treasurer's report that would be included in this issue is pending. Bill Dunphy is awaiting the bank statement in order to have a complete picture of the results of the Model Expo Show)

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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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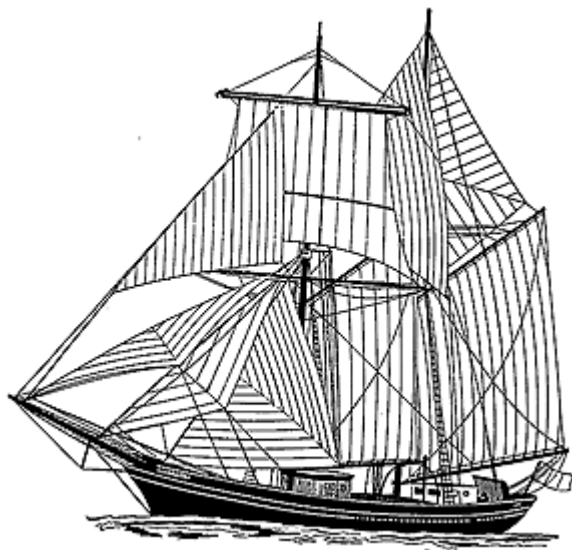
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