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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

It's just about show time...and everything appears to be going smoothly. The press release is attached, so feel free to promote the event to your local newspapers and news bureaus. If you do contact a newspaper, drop me an email so I can keep a database, this way, we're not doubling up. I still need a volunteer to act as Harbor Master, keeping track of the size and number of incoming models, especially from our own members. Some of us have (ahem) large models that require special consideration. The big question mark lies in the models arriving with the general public; however, we have more space than is necessary at this stage of the event.

Donations for the raffles and door prizes are needed; please contact me if you have something to donate.

We're also in need of additional vendors, so if you have someone in mind, contact them.

Above all else, let's have fun. Even though we run around like madmen, we all seem to have a good time at this event. This is our chance to shine.

Jeff Herne
President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING September 28, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President **Jeff Herne**. There were 21 members in attendance- the miserable weather undoubtedly

hurting attendance. One visitor came to the meeting, **Dick Nelson** from Orangeburg, NY.

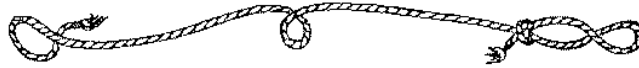
Much of the business discussion centered on the upcoming show; the plans for the event are on track. Six or seven tech sessions / demonstrations are lined up, flyers have been placed in local hobby shops and other locations, food for members is being arranged (both coffee and doughnuts in the morning and lunch) and press releases are being prepared. **Ole Eriksen** has even arranged to have the show publicized on radio.

TOM RUGGIERO reported on the recent Northeast Joint Club Meeting. He thought the meeting was well organized and the speakers were excellent. The next meeting is planned for April 2005. Tom also mentioned that Vince McCullough from the Washington, DC club is proposing a similar joint club get together from clubs in the mid-Atlantic region for 2005. Finally Tom said that the 2005 NRG meeting will be in Hampton Roads, Va., and at the Washington Navy Yard in 2006.

AL GEIGEL suggested that we offer to host an NRG meeting during 2009 in New Jersey. We hosted a meeting in the late 90's which was very successful. The members were in agreement and Al will draft a letter to the NRG for discussion at the next meeting

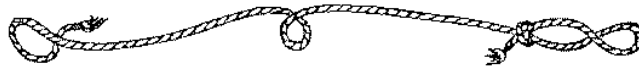
ROY GOROSKI repeated his request for participants at a show at the Hamilton House Museum in Clifton on October 10th.

A new membership roster was distributed. If anyone's entry needs fixing let Jeff Herne know.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

TOM RUGGIERO showed a book titled "*Life Before the Mast*", edited by John E. Lewis and published by Castle Books. Tom bought the book at Barnes and Noble at one of their discount book tables.

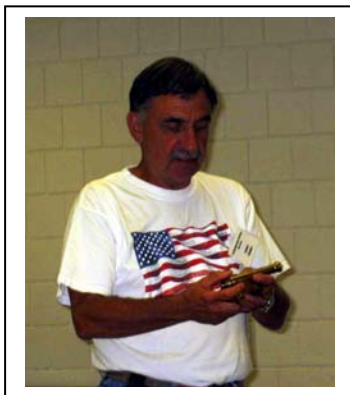


SHOW AND TELL

MARTIN QUINN showed a model of the Japanese battleship *Musasui* in 1/700th scale built from a plastic kit but with a conversion kit from Pitroad to modify the model to the appearance of the vessel in 1944.



LEN SCHWALM brought in two beautifully machined 24 pound cannons as used on the *USS Constitution*. The guns, in 3/8th scale, were made by Len's uncle almost 40 years ago.



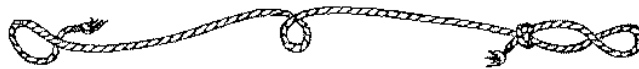
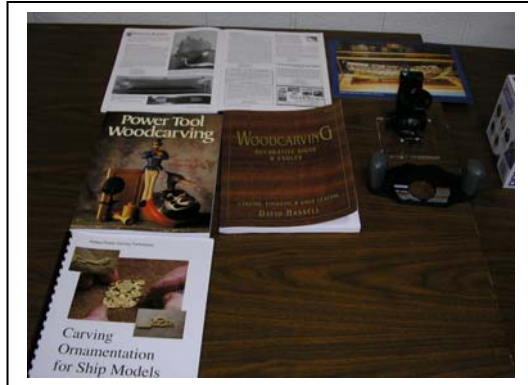
JEFF HERNE showed two models. The first was a Japanese fleet tanker circa 1944 in 1/700th scale. This model is part of a diorama Jeff is building. The second model was an Arleigh Burke class destroyer from the Panda kit with photo etching from White Ensign.



BOB FIVEHOUSE brought along some photographs of his recently completed model of the nineteenth century liner *Oceanic*. We had seen this model during construction but some of the pictures looked amazingly realistic.

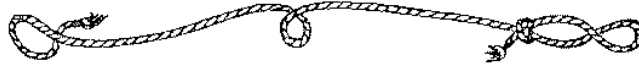
(Sorry Bob - no pictures were provided - Editor)

BOB BREHM talked briefly about his wood carving exploits to create a name board for his model of the *Emma C. Berry*



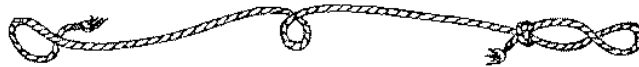
TECH SESSION

HENRY SCHAEFER was scheduled to show a video of his recent voyage on the Queen Mary II but because of the very heavy rain it was decided to end the meeting early that night. Henry will show the video at the next meeting.



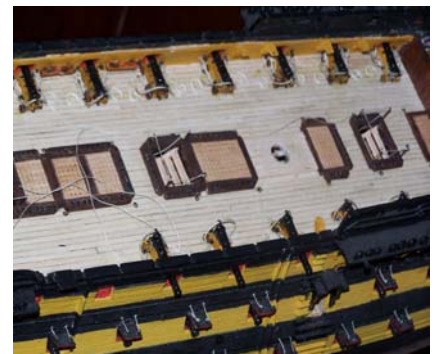
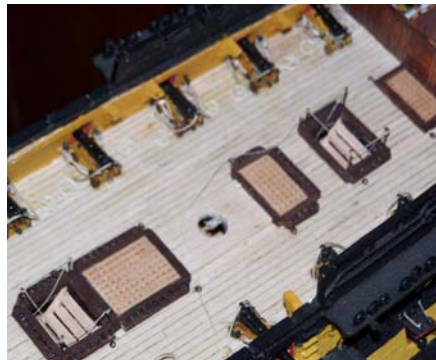
FROM THE EDITOR

As the lawn mowing season passes into the leaf blowing season, I have to say that summer and fall are not peak ship model building times for me. There's too much that needs to be done outside in the yard and since my workshop is in my unheated garage, it's also my time to use my "big" tools for woodworking projects. As a result, there's been little, if any, progress made on my *Jeremiah O'Brien* and Chesapeake Bay work boats. With fewer outside distractions, I hope to get back into the modeling routine again. I'm also looking forward to our upcoming show, but with some trepidation. I plan on bringing my only completed model in my possession, a kit built clipper ship, *Sovereign of the Seas*, and am nervous about how it will stack up against the other models that will be on display. This brings me to an observation. It's been mentioned to me in general conversation at several meetings and by different people that they wouldn't bring their models to Show & Tell because they don't feel that their model can hold a candle to the often excellent workmanship on display by several of our distinguished members (I certainly do not include myself in that category!). As a result, the same few people seem to bring in their work for Show & Tell (at least that's been my impression during the year I've been attending meetings). I encourage everyone to share their work with us at the meetings. It's the models that I most look forward to seeing each month so, "**Bring 'em in, Guys, Bring 'em in!**" Remember, the October meeting is **Bring a Model Night**.

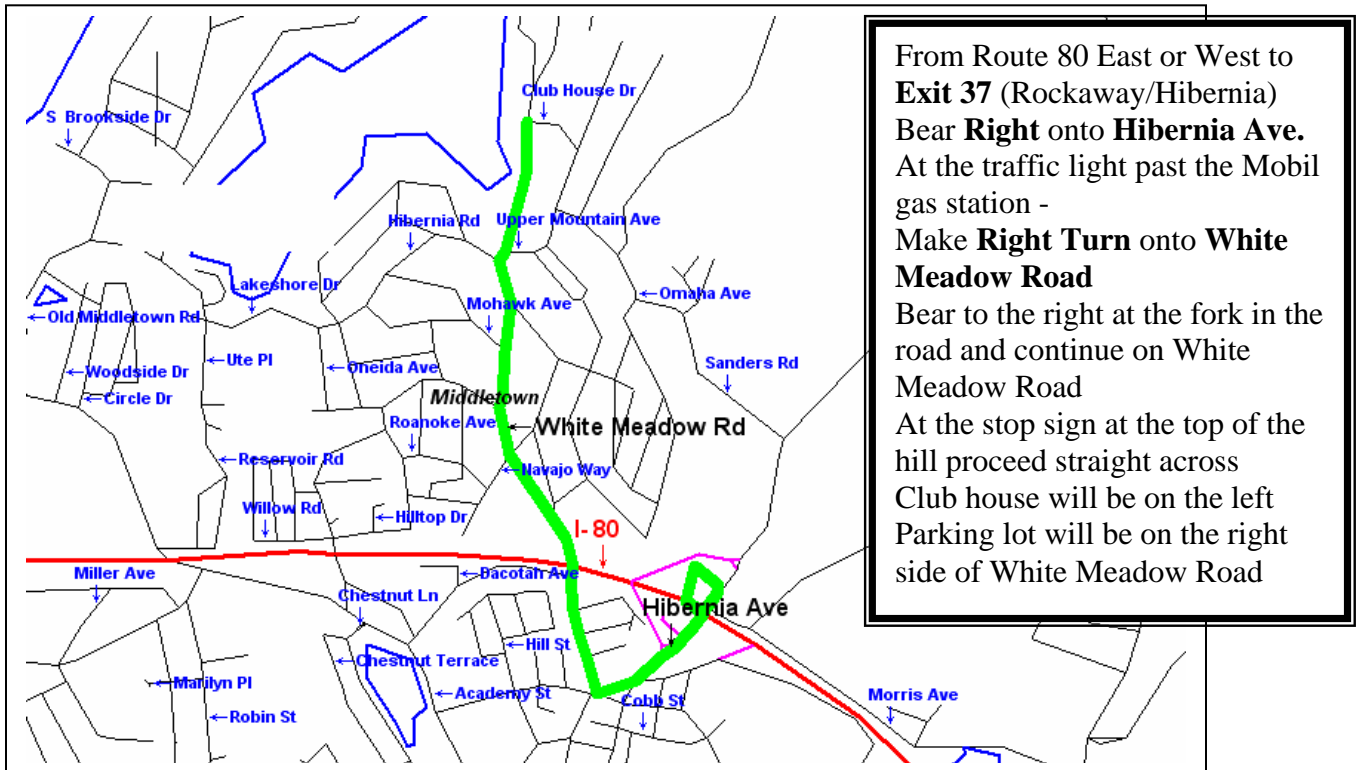


"Soundings from D Deck"

My thanks go to Dan Caramagno for his comments on the table saw he uses – also a Micro Lux! Using the clear plastic inserts available from Micro Mark, he made a very useful jig by gluing a strip of structural plastic to the insert to act as a guide allowing him to cut evenly spaced dados in the bass wood stock for his scratch built gratings. He has also used his Micro Lux saw to cut very thin deck planking strips for his *HMS Victory*.



Directions and Area Map To White Meadow Lake Country Club



and coming up over the horizon is –



October 26, 2004 – The Tech Session is a carry over from our last meeting. Hopefully we will be able to see Henry Schaefer's video of the *Queen Mary 2*. This meeting is also "**BRING A MODEL NIGHT**".

November 23, 2004 – Tech session will be presented by **Jeff Fuglestad**. Jeff will discuss turning metal on a lathe.

December 14, 2004 – Please note that we've moved up the scheduled meeting night due to the Christmas and New Years holidays. We will be having our annual White Whale Auction at this meeting.

Mark Your Calendars

November 13, 2004

SMSNNJ Model Expo

**White Meadow Lake
Country Club
Rockaway, NJ**

10 AM to 3 PM

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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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Press Release for the SMSNNJ Ship Model Exposition

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Setting Sail - In Scale
Stern Paddle Wheeler 'Dorine' by Society Member Nicholas Starace II.



The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey will be holding the 2004 Ship Model Exposition on November 13th, 2004, at the Club House of White Meadow Lake in Rockaway, New Jersey. The doors open at 10am, and the program concludes at 3pm. The event highlights and promotes the hobby of model ship building. Previous events have featured up to 100 model ships of all scales and types, from ancient Roman War Galleys to ocean liners, battleships, tugboats, and merchant vessels. Nautical lectures, how-to sessions, as well as nautical book and model vendors, will be on-hand to offer products related to the hobby of ship modeling. The event is open to the general public, and all modelers are encouraged to bring their ship models to display for the day. Weather permitting, there will be an R/C boating demonstration on the lake. Cost of the event is \$3.00 for guests, \$2.00 for model exhibitors. Children under 12 are free, and the Society will be hosting a 'Make-N-Take' Program for the first 20 Children under the age of 15 who wish to build a simple sailing ship model at the event.

The Society encourages all skill levels of ship modelers to exhibit, and interested model exhibitors or nautical themed vendors should contact Jeff Herne at 973-586-6666 or via email at: shipwright@optonline.net to confirm display space. Vendor space is still available, call for more information.

The Ship Model Society of Northern New Jersey was formed in 1981 as a forum for ship modelers to meet and exchange ideas and information. The Society meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Millburn Public Library at 7:30pm, and is open to the public. Visit www.njshipmodelsociety.org for more information.

TOM RUGGIERO HAS PROVIDED US WITH SOME OF HIS PICTURES TAKEN AT THE RECENT NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND, MAINE





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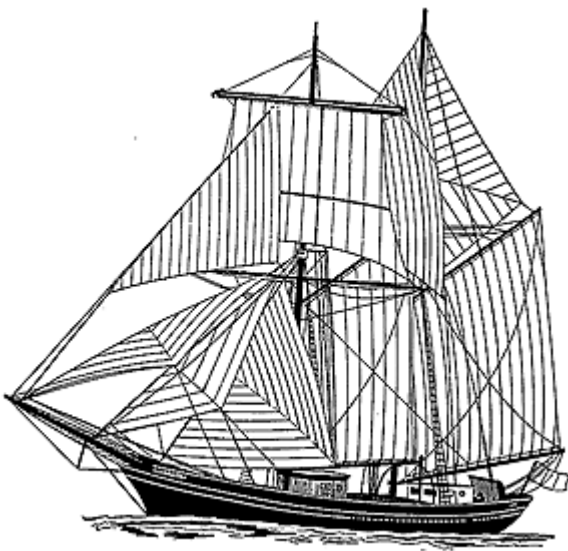
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NEXT MEETING:

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**MILLBURN PUBLIC
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Tech Session:

Henry Schaefer

Queen Mary 2

Video Presentation

Bring a Model Night