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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK "A Final Word"

My Friends,

I regret to announce that I will be stepping down from the Presidency, and sadly, leaving the club, effective immediately. I have decided to take a position with *FineScale Modeler Magazine* located in Waukesha, Wisconsin. I am expected to be in-country on February 5<sup>th</sup> to start my new job. I would ask that you support the new president with as much enthusiasm and energy as you've supported me over this last year. I wish that I could be here tonight, however, I'm sick in bed with a serious case of bronchitis, and decided that getting everyone sick would not be a good going away present.

When I came to New Jersey from Breckenridge, Colorado in 1992, I arrived by bus, with a pair of skis, a duffle bag, and about \$42 to my name, and that was borrowed from Laura. I was recovering from a serious hip injury which had ended my ski racing career. Fortunately, I had met my wife-to-be while in Colorado, and since that time, I've made New Jersey my home. I married that wonderful woman, we started a family, and I own a nice little home. Throughout that entire period of time, in fact, since grade school, I've built models. My model building mentor and teacher passed away in 1998, and the hobby that I loved lost its glitter.

I started building ships around 1993, and it has since become my passion and true love. When I first came to this club back in the early 90s, I was 'the kid' who built those 'plastic' models. Since that time, we've learned a lot from each other and I've noticed that some of you old timers are actually building some of this good old plastic too...

I've made some wonderful friends in this organization. Sadly, some have left us...Jim, Arch, and Art are those that I knew personally. Each and every one of you has made an impression on me, both as a person, and as a modeler. Jeff Fugelstad and Ed Hegstetter taught me patience, and how to relax. Jim Roberts taught me to plank a hull, and Tom Ruggiero taught me the finer points of scraping a hull instead of sanding. Bob Fivehouse taught me that models don't have to be huge to be impressive works of art, and Don Otis taught me that Russian ships are actually interesting. Olaf Ericksen taught me that any dream model can be achieved if you put your mind, heart, and soul into it. And my dear friend Ozzie Thalmann taught me that one can live up to any challenge...big or small. There's dozens more in this club that I've learned from, and all of you are my friends.

I could go on all night about what this club has given me. My only hope is that I leave it having given something back, to the hobby and to you, as a group, and hopefully, as individuals. You are all very special people to me, you are my friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making me part of this wonderful group. It is my hope that we will stay in touch and remain friends in the future. Thank you for everything, and God Bless.

Jeff Herne

## "And A New Beginning – "

I would like to thank all the members at our last meeting who responded by applause when they learned that I was going to fill Jeff's presidency until June 2005. The Executive Board, after checking the club's constitution, discussed this matter and we all agreed that this was the simplest solution. Needless to say, we are looking for a new president at our June meeting. We will be glad to have some of our younger members come forward to help with the running of the club. You do not have to start out by running for President. You can volunteer to run for a lesser position if one becomes vacant. It is a good way to become experienced prior to attempting to run for President. The majority of the officers who have run for President have filled other positions such as Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster or Editor of the Broadaxe. I would ask you to seriously think about this. Reach out for any of the officers and they will be most happy to assist you in making a decision. We are always saddened when we lose a club member. We have lost a number of members in the past, due to illness, death, and those that have relocated to other areas. I am delighted that Jeff has accepted the position as Associate Editor with Kalmbach Publishing Co. I prodded Jeff into running for our club presidency, as I knew he would be a good one. Jeff has the motivation and experience to recruit new members to the club. The Teterboro shows and our recent show at the lake are due to the major efforts of Jeff. With the help of a number of our other club members, these shows were a resounding success. As with others that have left our club, Jeff will leave a legacy that we can draw from in our future endeavors. Jeff, on behalf of the club, I wish you and Laura God speed and happiness in your new assignment.

Ed Hegstetter  
President

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 25, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President **Jeff Fuglestad**. Twenty five members were in attendance with five visitors. Two visitors were attending their third meeting and accordingly were elected to membership: **Dmitry Afonin** and **Lester Murat**, both from Brooklyn. They were heartily welcomed as our newest members. The three first time visitors are **Mason Logie** from Staten Island, **George Case** from Wayne, and **Mort Stoll** from South Nyack.

The major news of the day is that our current President, **Jeff Herne** has resigned from office owing to his imminent departure from New Jersey. Jeff has taken a position on the editorial staff of *FineScale Modeler* located in Waukesha, Wisconsin effective next week. Regrettably, Jeff is under the weather right now and could not attend this meeting but did send a letter that was read aloud and will appear on the website. In this situation, the remaining members of the Executive Committee have asked **Ed Hegstetter**, following a successful recovery from hip surgery, to resume the Presidency. Ed has agreed and now takes over as President. As the first order of business, Ed thanked Jeff Herne for his able efforts in leading the club, if only for a short time, and wished him well in his new endeavors.

**Al Geigel** will take over again as our webmaster following Jeff's departure.

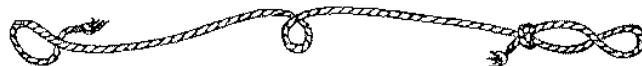
**Al Geigel** reported that he has received a reply from the Nautical Research Guild about our bid to host a NRG Conference. We had asked to host the 2009 Conference but that year is already scheduled for Seattle followed by Washington, D.C. in 2010. The earliest open date is 2011 and we have agreed to host that meeting. In anticipation of that event, it was agreed to set aside \$1,000 from the treasury as a first step in funding the event. We will report more as time goes by.

The next topic for discussion was planning for the 2005 show. The clubhouse at White Meadow Lake will be available to us if desired but President Ed Hegstetter asked all members to look around their area for possible alternative sites (fraternal organizations, schools, fire departments etc.) that

might be amenable to our needs and within our budget. If anyone has a site in mind please obtain specifics (cost, dates available, tables, size of facility etc.) More will be discussed at the February meeting.

Along the same lines, members were asked to keep their eyes open for possible sites for model displays. Places like local libraries, schools and business are places we have used in the past.

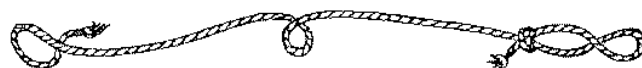
**Bill Dunphy**, since July, has served as Treasurer and has also provided the coffee and snacks at meetings. Ed asked for a volunteer to assume the coffee mess job. **Don Otis** graciously agreed to take on the job even though this is the third time he has done so.



## BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

**Don Otis** showed a catalog from the Scholars Bookshelf that contained several Naval Institute books at good prices. The Scholars Bookshelf is accessible on the web.  
([www.scholarsbookshelf.com](http://www.scholarsbookshelf.com))

**Lester Murat** brought along several books that he found useful in creating his model of the Bismarck.



## SHOW AND TELL

**DON OTIS** showed an Amati kit he built some time ago of an ancient Nile River Transport. On the original, the hull was held together by rope (or whatever they used back then).





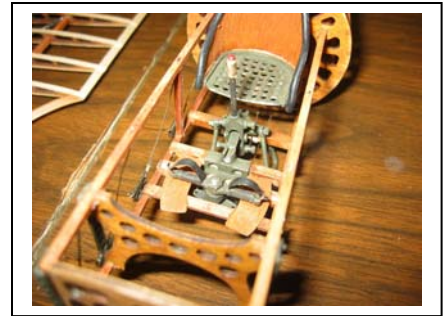
Some additional photos of Don's Nile River Transport



**DMITRY AFONIN** showed a work in progress of a Midwest Lobster Smack kit that he is modifying to a pleasure craft. Dmitry has planked over the solid hull of the kit. He also showed an intricate model he is building of a Newport 27 aircraft from a Model Airways kit.



*Dmitry's Newport 27*



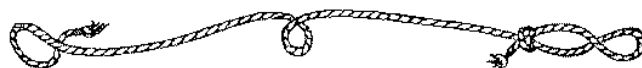
**TOM MCGOWAN** showed his work in progress of a Skipjack using the Model Shipways kit of the *Willie L. Bennet*. Tom has named his ship the *Jack Manville*.



**DAN CARAMAGNO** displayed his work in progress of the yacht *America* which he is building from the material given to the club by **Marilyn Roberts**. Dan is planking over the solid hull and used an Excel spreadsheet to calculate the curve and taper of the planks.



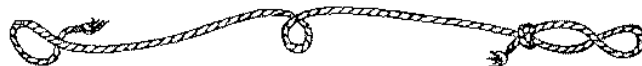
Finally, our master gunsmith, **OZZIE THALMANN**, showed four operating gun turrets, in scales ranging from 1/192 to 1/800. The display is rigged so that all guns move together being linked by brass pulleys and belts made from O rings. Ok, Ozzie, what's next?



## FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Jeff and his family all the best in their new adventure. I also want to thank him for bringing me into the club. We will surly miss his drive and enthusiasm for modeling and his ability to keep bringing in new blood. *Hey Jeff! Do we get free subscriptions?!*

**Mike Gutsick**



## "Soundings from D Deck"

*Some general ramblings –*

I'd like to pass along a new source (at least for me) for the wire drill sets (61 to 80). I recently broke, yet again, a #75 drill. I was able to find on the web a source for 20 piece drill sets identical to that sold by that company in Florida at half the price. Woodcraft sells the set for \$4.99, their regular price, as opposed to the \$9.99 "sale" price at the other place. You can order online at [www.woodcraft.com](http://www.woodcraft.com).

*From Ken Schuetz –*

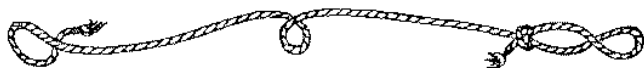
The Woods Hole Historical Museum is presenting the fifth biennial Woods Hole Model Boat Show on April 16 & 17, 2005 from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and 10 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. There will be exhibits, workshops, talks and races on both days. They will even have model submarines running in the Oceanographic tow tank. For children, there will be an opportunity to run radio controlled boats in a pool and be able to build models of the Museum's signature boat, the Woods Hole Spritsail. Tickets for the two days will be \$12 each, \$6 for kids with a maximum of \$30 per family. If you happen to be in Massachusetts around that time, think about stopping in to see the show.



## **From Tom Ruggiero –**

### Press Release

The Northeast Joint Clubs ship modeling conference will be held on April 30, 2005, at the Port 'N Starboard Convention Center, Ocean Beach Park, New London, CT. Hosted by The Shipcraft Guild of New York, the conference will feature over one hundred models by top modelers from across the Northeast, plus a number of vendors of books, tools and supplies of interest to modelers. The planned speaker is R. Michael Wall, owner of the American Marine Model Gallery in Salem, MA, who will give a presentation on the exquisite models built by Donald McNarry, the world renowned miniaturist from England. There will also be tabletop demonstrations of various modeling tips and techniques to improve your own workmanship. A hot and cold buffet lunch is included in the registration fee, along with door prizes, raffles, and general good times with like minded individuals. For further information contact Dan Pariser, 75 Livingston St., Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-855-1720, [ShipModel@aol.com](mailto:ShipModel@aol.com)



*and coming up over the horizon is –*



**February 22, 2005** – Tech session will be presented by **Jeff Fuglestad** who will present a video about “*The Augustus F. Crabtree Collection of Miniature Ships*”

**March 22, 2005 - *Bring a Model Night***

**April 26, 2005** - Mason Logie will present a slide show on “Diving the Wooden Sailing Ships and Steamships on Lake Ontario” and also on diving on canal boats

**May 24, 2005** – Model competition for the **Jim Roberts** hull blanks (the Editor knows of two members who have shown their work in progress – are there others?)

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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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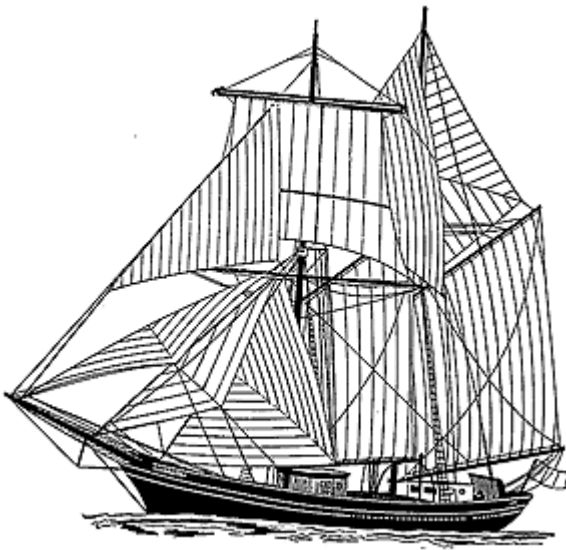
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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**February 22, 2005**

**7:30 PM**

**MILLBURN PUBLIC  
LIBRARY**

**Video Presentation**  
**Jeff Fuglestad**