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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

Our club is based on the building of ship models. Therefore the tech sessions and show and tell are of primary importance. However, we are a club and do have to discuss future plans and ambitions. I think this is also a very important phase in our existence. In that regard, the normal order of business during meetings is to bring up new matters and discuss old matters before the membership. As a club, the executive committee can not go forward with plans without first giving the membership an opportunity to express their opinions. This does take time and, unfortunately, it eats into the tech and show and tell time. If in order to complete an evening it becomes necessary to cut short the show and tell by limiting the time the individual has to talk before the club, please do not feel slighted. The same holds true with the tech session. However, it is the show and tell which usually suffers. If any member brings in a model to show and tell, and is able to bring it in again at the next meeting, please place the model on the table toward the rear of the room and notify the officers that if time is short we can skip this model. At the next meeting, place your model at the front of the room and let the officers know that you were skipped at the last meeting. If there is no room at the front, tell the officers that you are a repeat from last meeting and we will make sure you are one of the first to show and tell. I hope this will help to make a much smoother meeting process. Thank you for your cooperation.

As a final comment, Henry Schaefer recently underwent rotator cup surgery. In addition, Roy Goroski informed me that Henry Barbrack fell and broke his hip and has undergone surgery as a result. I sent get well cards to both of these valued members on behalf club wishing them a speedy recovery.

Ed Hegstetter
President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 22, 2005

President **Ed Hegstetter** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 30 members in attendance with 4 visitors; **George Case**, **Mason Logie** and **Mort Stoll**, attending their second meeting and **Allan Yedlinsky** attending his third. Allan was proposed for membership and unanimously elected to our ranks. Welcome, Allan!

The Joint Club Conference and Show is scheduled for April 30, 2005 at New London and is being hosted by the New York Shipcrafters Guild. We were sent a supply of registration forms which are available to anyone interested in attending. (*Ed. Note – Jeff Fuglestad has the registration forms and will have them available at the March meeting*)

The New Jersey IPMS chapter is holding their annual show on April 9, 2005 at the Wayne PAL in Wayne, NJ. Gary Kingzett had some flyers for the event and information is also available on their website found at www.njipms.org.

A ship model symposium is being held on Saturday, February 27, 2005 at Mystic Seaport.

Our own show was discussed with several members reporting on locations they had investigated. One location was Brookdale Community College in Middletown, NJ. Upon discussion, it was agreed that we would book the rooms for Saturday, October 8, 2005. The cost is the same as White Meadow Lake (\$600.00). The room we would use is quite large. Brookdale Community College is very easy to get to from exit 109 on the Garden State Parkway. The College is keen to have us and has volunteered to assist with press releases. It will be interesting to see what kind of public response we will get from this location. Some volunteers will be required to assist in planning the show.

We also discussed displays in local libraries. **Ken Schuetz** contacted the Morristown Library, the site of a very successful exhibit several years ago. They would like to have us back and Ken has scheduled the period December 8, 2005 to January 1, 2006. At the last display

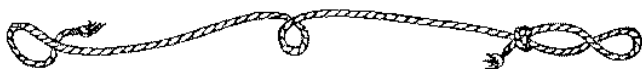
we had 27 models on view plus a video produced by **Nick Starace** that replayed automatically. **Len Schwalm** has approached the Mount Olive Library and **Jeff Fuglestad** the Madison Public Library. Both are interested and we will follow up accordingly.

Gary Kingzett mentioned that **The Festival of the Sea** will be held at Portsmouth, England during late June. He said that this is a worthwhile exhibition for anyone who might be in England at the time.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Mike Gutsick brought in *Maritime Life and Traditions*, a quarterly magazine that celebrates the sea, ships and all who love them. The current issue included articles about salmon fishing techniques along the coast of Wales, how Viking ships were sailed and photos of racing yachts.



SHOW AND TELL

DON OTIS showed his work in progress on the Model Shipways *USS Constitution* which he is building for his son. Don is working on the rigging, starting at the stern and working forward. The model will carry six sails as it did on July 21, 1997 when it got underway in Boston harbor. He spent some time explaining how he fabricates the sails from cotton broadcloth. Don hopes to finish by late April.



TOM RUGGIERO brought along his scratch model of *HMS Liverpool* which saw action in the American Revolution. Since we saw the model last, Tom has been working on the deck furniture and fixtures and will next fabricate the gratings. Tom mentioned that he recently purchased the table saw available from Jim Byrnes which Tom feels is an excellent tool, although somewhat pricey. He showed some excellent, to scale, gratings that he has made using the saw. Anyone interested can email the manufacturer at jdm@CFL.RR.COM (Ed. Note: The full range of Jim Byrnes tools can be seen and purchased online at www.byrnesmodelmachines.com)



Newly elected member, **ALLAN YEDLINSKY** showed his work in progress of the massive scratch built model of *HMS Roebuck* using a Harold Hahn building jig. Allan keeps track of the building times and has logged 498 hours on this vessel so far.



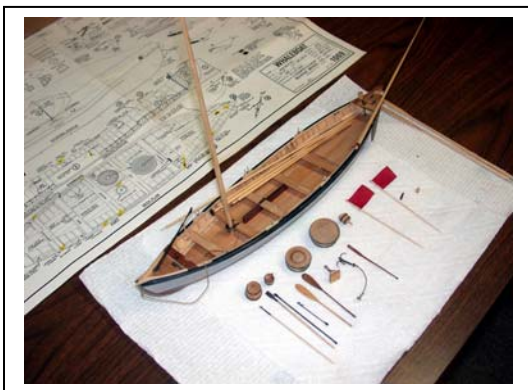
BARRY RUDD showed his work on the Mamoli kit of a generic Dutch warship, *Friesland*. Barry is making steady progress on this fine model.



STEVE FLETCHER brought in his work in progress of the Amati kit of a Chinese pirate junk. Steve was not very complimentary about the kit and the plans but is nevertheless charging ahead in fine fashion.



JEFF FUGLESTAD brought along his work in progress of a New Bedford Whale boat being built from the Jim Roberts hull blank. This will be one of three similar models all in different scales to become a study in scale.



FROM THE EDITOR

I have been using some of the accessories to my MicroLux table saw over the past few months and thought I'd pass along my thoughts on their usefulness. The Accuriser II adjustable fence, in my opinion, is worth the \$55 price tag. It moves smoothly over the table surface and I found it much easier to set up than the fence supplied with the saw. I also found that the gradations on the fence are accurate to .005" as advertised. I made several test passes with a strip of wood and checked the width with my digital caliper. As I moved the sliding face to each mark, the width did decrease by .005"! I also tried out the Dado Washers. The washers will cut dados from 1/16" to 3/16" wide. The dados were close, but not precisely the desired width of cut. Close enough for government work, as the say, but would fall short of expectations for some of our members. I've also used the Ripping Gauges for quick setup of some standard widths from 1/16" to 1/2" and am satisfied with the results.

Mike Gutsick



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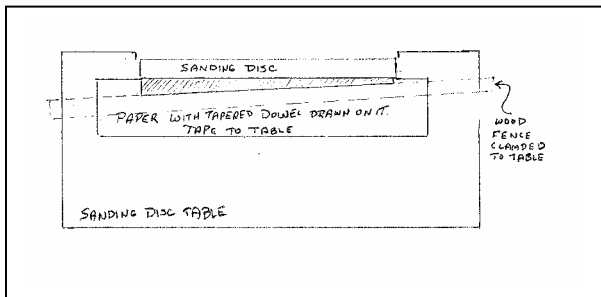
Some general ramblings –

My thanks to **Barry Rudd** for his following shop tip.

FAST & EASY METHOD TO MAKE TAPERED DOWELS

A very fast way to make a tapered dowel can be accomplished this way. Draw the outline of a tapered spar or yard onto a piece of paper. Cut along one edge of the drawing. Align this edge up against the sanding disk and tape the drawing to the table. The narrow end should be aligned with the far edge of the sanding disc. Clamp a straight piece of wood along the other edge of the drawing of the spar or yard. Turn on the sanding disc and feed the dowel or even a square piece of wood stock into the space between the wood fence and the

sanding disc. Make sure that you constantly turn the wood as you feed it into the gap. I made a tapered yard in less than 1 minute.



TECH SESSION

Jeff Fuglestad showed an excellent video of the "Augustus F. Crabtree Collection of Miniature Ships" at the Mariners Museum. In addition, Jeff started to show a video, *The Art of the Ship Modeler*, from the Mariners' Museum's 2000 Scale Ship Model Competition. Unfortunately, we ran out of time to finish the film but will see the balance next month.



and coming up over the horizon is –



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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SHOWS AND CONFERENCES

April 9, 2004 – New Jersey Chapter IPMS, Wayne, New Jersey

April 16-17, 2005 – Woods Hole Historical Museum, Woods Hole, Massachusetts

April 30, 2005 – Northeast Joint Clubs conference, New London, Connecticut

November 4-6, 2005 – NRG 32nd Annual Conference, Hampton Roads, Virginia

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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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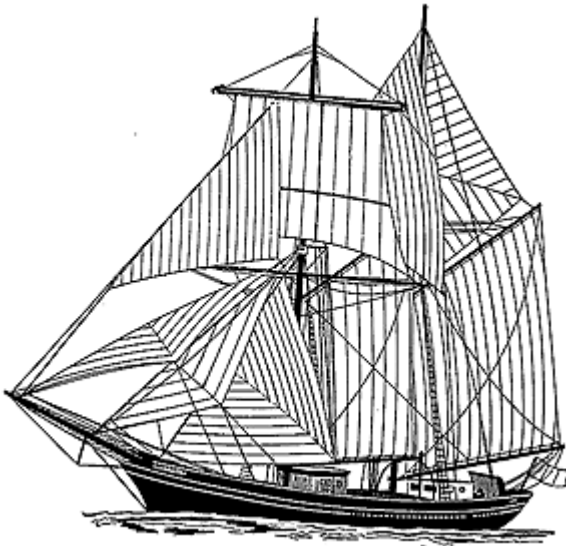
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