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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

Our last meeting went rather smoothly and we had plenty of time to concentrate on the Tech Session and Show and Tell. We will try to keep up the good work and keep the meeting moving.

Congratulations to **Gary Kingzett** on his awards for his beautiful model of the *U.S.S. New Jersey!*

One additional note; as mentioned at the April meeting, we are accepting nominations for officers of the club. If you have a desire to run for any of the positions, please make your intentions known to **Tom Ruggiero**. The elections will take place during the June meeting.

Ed Hegstetter
President

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING April 26, 2005

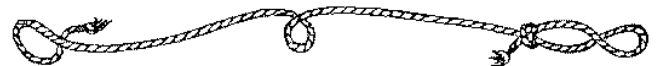
President **Ed Hegstetter** called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 27 members in attendance. In addition, 3 visitors were with us; **Al Castka** (first visit), **Bill Farrar** (second visit), and **Mason Logie** (third visit). On motion made and seconded, Mason was unanimously elected to membership.

Ed is continuing to try out a somewhat new format to the meetings by cutting down on the discussion of routine items to leave more time to modeling talk, show and tell and a tech session.

The South Street show is on- we will have more information next month.

Many of our members exhibited models at the recent New Jersey IPMS show at the Wayne PAL, **Gary Kingzett** presented his recently completed model of the Battleship *New Jersey* (I forget the number) built in 1906. Not surprisingly, this masterpiece won best in show. **Ken Schuetz** also won a best in class. The show was well attended by our members.

Nick Starace gave a demonstration of a rigging tool recently sent to him. This gadget assists in the rigging of deadeyes by fixing their separation on a plastic jig. The tool will be made available by Micro Mark but anyone interested can purchase one from the creator, Bob Kerr, for \$8.00 by contacting him at 150 Town & Country Drive, Norway, Maine 04268.



SHOW AND TELL

MIKE GUTSICK displayed his model of the *Monitor* built from the Bluejacket kit. In completing this model, Mike did some extensive research on the vessel which he felt added another dimension to the project.



GARY KINGZETT brought his scratch built model in 1/144 scale of the Battleship *New Jersey* built in 1906. We had seen many aspects of the construction process over the past few years but now this wonderful model is complete for all to enjoy.



AL GEIGEL showed his continuing work on the whaler *Charles W. Morgan*. The hull and deck furniture is complete and Al has begun the masting.

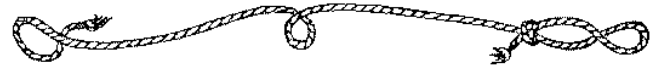


TOM McGOWAN showed his completed model of the Model Shipways kit of the oyster dredger *Willie Bennett*. The model is shown with her sails set and is rigged fairly close to the original.



TECH SESSION

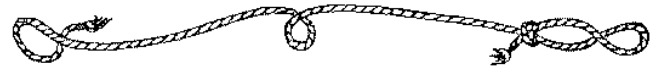
Our new member, **Mason Logie**, is an accomplished scuba diver and spends many hours investigating and documenting shipwrecks. He made a fascinating presentation by slides of his dives to many wrecks located under the waters of Lake Ontario and the Finger Lakes of New York. Many of the wrecks are remarkably well preserved although having been sunk over a hundred years ago



FROM THE EDITOR

I just want to take the opportunity to thank those members who have, since I took over as editor of the *Broadaxe*, continued to provide me with useful material to include in the "Soundings" section of our newsletter. It has made my job much easier. Thanks guys!

Mike Gutsick



"Soundings from D Deck"

Some general ramblings –

Gary Kingzett's model of the *U.S.S. New Jersey* has sparked a renewed interest in "**The Great White Fleet**". There will be some discussion at the May meeting regarding this fleet as a possible theme for the next Joint Clubs Show. If anyone has any models, or knows of anyone who may have models of the ships of this fleet or any U.S. Navy warships built between 1885 and 1915, please contact either **Jeff Fuglestad** or **Gary Kingzett**. My thanks to those members who responded to my e-mail with **Henry Wollner's** name as having built three of these ships.

In addition to Gary's beautiful model of the *New Jersey*, one couldn't help but notice the impressive acrylic case protecting his work of art. Gary has kindly provided me with his source for this case. He has already spoken to the owner who told him he would be pleased to talk to any ship modeler about having his firm build a case for their model. The details are as follows:

Capital Plastics Company, Inc.
10788 Tucker Street
Beltsville, MD 20705
(301) 595-1177

Ask for Danny, he is the president

Barry Rudd provides us with the following helpful tip for Preac saw owners –

If you use the Preac saw and also have the vertical fence guide and the stop (this is the small metal block that attaches to the fence to allow repetitive cross cuts), you have to remove one to use the other, because they both use the same screw holes to attach them to the standard fence. This is a pain in the neck to keep switching them. What I did is attach the stop to one side of the standard fence and the vertical fence guide to the other side of the standard fence using the screws. Now all you have to do is rotate the fence on the saw table to use one or the other.

The stop can be attached to the fence with either epoxy or double sided tape.



Jeff Fuglestad was kind enough to give me a bibliography and tool source list provided by Lloyd McCaffery at a recent seminar Jeff attended. It can be found at the end of this issue.

A Reminder to Anyone wishing to have a model displayed at the Morris County Library in December

You need to give your completed Data Sheets to Ken Scheutz or Jeff Fuglestad no later than the June Meeting!!

Northeast Joint Clubs Ship Model Conference and Show The conference was held on April 30 at the Port and Starboard Convention Center in New London. We had at least 12 members attending, many of whom brought models to show. Gary Kingzett won the “Peoples Choice Award” for his *New Jersey* model. Overall the show was well organized and the attendance may have been a record. **Next year it is our turn to host the show and while there we set a date for April 29, 2006-** so we have some time to get ready.



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

May 24, 2005 – Model competition for the **Jim Roberts** hull blanks

June 28, 2005 – **Jeff Fuglestad** will demonstrate carving techniques in boxwood

July 26, 2005 – **Barry Rudd** will give a demonstration on hull planking

August 23, 2005 **Allan Yedlinski** will discuss his various techniques in constructing his scratch built **HMS Roebuck**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SHOWS AND CONFERENCES

August 6-7, 2005 – South Street Seaport Show

October 8, 2005 – SMSNNJ annual model show, Brookdale College, Lincroft, NJ

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

Lloyd McCaffery
BIBLIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES FOR TOOLS

Edwards, Betty, Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain,
Los Angeles, Tarcher, 1979 (also later editions)

The best how-to book on drawing. Edwards teaches how to learn to see correctly, and if you can see correctly, you can draw correctly. This accurate perception is a great aid in carving.

Hoving, Thomas, King of the Confessors, New York, Simon & Schuster, 1981.

You have to search carefully for the gems of wisdom here, but they are there, hidden in the running account of the search for the cross. Hoving also wrote Art for Dummies, False Impressions, and other books. All can be very helpful in developing an "eye" through the principle of saturation.

Friend, David, Composition, New York, Watson-Guptill, 1956.

This book deals with composition for paintings, but the principles apply to all formats and subjects.

Esterly, David, Grinling Gibbons and the Art of Carving.

The author provides great insight into the development of a mature artistic style over time. Since he is a carver himself, he is able to analyze Gibbons' technique with a practiced eye. Again the principles are applicable to carving in miniature.

Henri, Robert, The Art Spirit, New York, I J.B. Lippincott, 1960.

A classic text on creating and appreciating art. Take time to sort the wheat from the chaff, and read carefully to find the real nuggets of wisdom.

Tools and Sources thereof

Wellsdental.com For belt-driven dental engine. Accepts 3/32" diameter shank tools. Costs a fortune, will last forever.

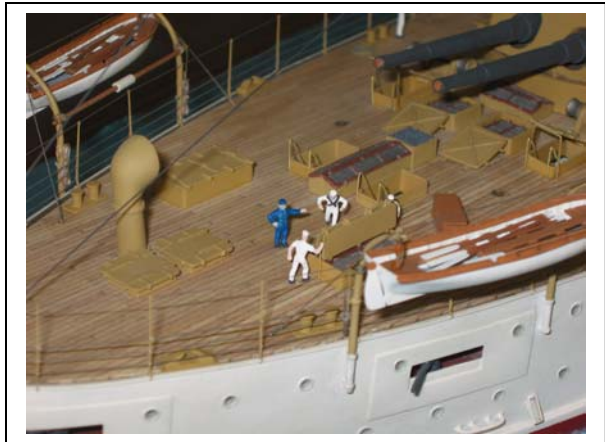
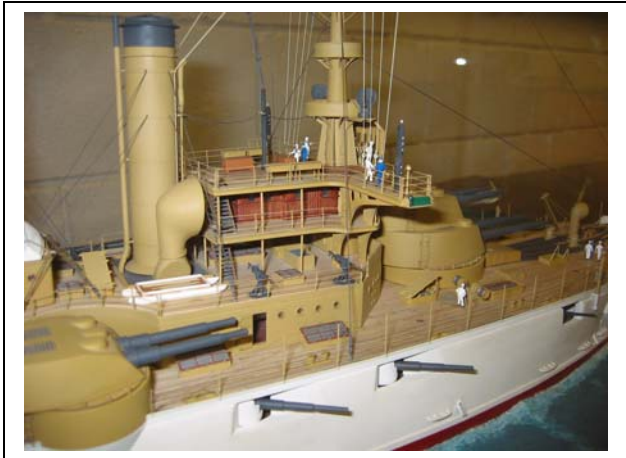
Falcon Tool Co. 1-800-321-8512 My source for precision files, carbide and diamond points, and much else besides.

Martindale Products martindaleco.com 1-216-521-8567 Manufacture tools for the electrical industry. I use their metalworking saws on the Preac table saw, and sharpen them with a diamond wheel.

Highland Hardware 1-800-241-6748. For Woodslicer - bandsaw blades and many useful tools for larger-scale model making.

Starrettek, Meatkutter bandsaw blades. L.S Starrett Co. Athol, MA

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Guests are always welcome.

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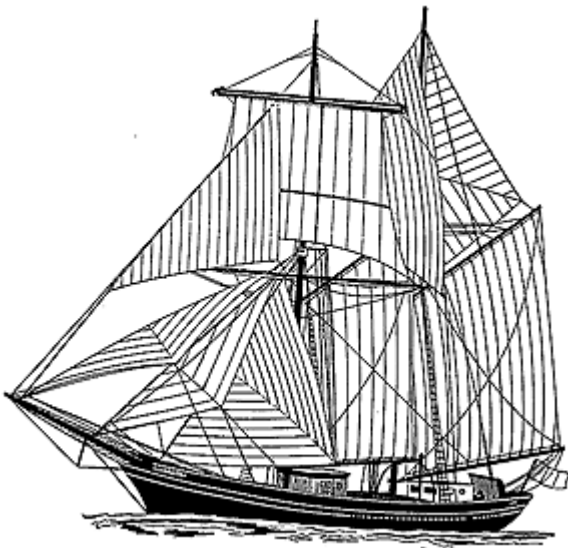
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