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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 by our president **Tom Ruggiero**. Thirty members and two guests, **Joe Gelsomino** and **Jim Lavelle**, were present. The early start time was to allow more time for our annual auction.

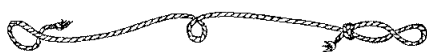
Since this was the third meeting for Jim, he was eligible for membership. The group unanimously voted Jim on board.

By now, we all know that the November meeting was canceled. Tom sent out an apology via email on November 27. Basically, we received bad information and, considering the safety of our members, cancelled the meeting. Tom ensured that we will verify information in the future. Nevertheless, we will need to develop a better way to contact our members on short notice if the need arises. The first step is that we verify that the contact information on our roster is accurate.

We are also looking for suggestions on how best to get the word out. The last time, three of us called everyone on the roster. That took about forty minutes and some of the members had left for the meeting already.

Ed Notes: I believe I speak for the group in saying "Tom, you are forgiven for this transgression".

I want to take this opportunity to wish a happy & healthy New Year to our members and their families.



OLD BUSINESS

Defying inflationary pressure, hats remain \$15 apiece. Get them while you can. And...in an effort to clear **Tom Ruggiero's** trunk for other uses, the club is offering souvenir mugs from the 2012 NE. Clubs joint conference at the bargain price of four dollars each.

Tony Alworth's wife owns a quilting shop in Morris Plains (48 Speedwell Ave. Aardvark Quilt Shop, next to the Plaza Restaurant) and has generously offered us the use of its classroom space as a club meeting room on the one Saturday of every month up to June of this year. The room is available from ten in the morning till two in the afternoon. The next meeting is on January 26. This will be the seventh get-together at the Aardvark Quilt Shop. In the following months, we will be at the shop on the third (3rd) Saturday instead of the fourth (4th). Dates for future meetings will be January 26, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15.

Please bring something to cover the tabletop and to clean up afterwards. Thank you Tony and Sally!

Chuck Bergman, Dennis Powell, and Mason Logie comprise the "Lunch Celebration" committee. We will have a party at Bahr's restaurant, which is home to many models, built by **Henry Schafer**. Thankfully, the restaurant survived super storm Sandy. The format will be a sit down brunch.

The tentative date is set for the first Saturday of April 2013 pending space availability and member's interest. The estimated cost per attendee will probably be in the range of \$40 to \$45. A deposit [which is to be determined] will be required from prospective attendees to hold a reservation(s).

Ed. Note: Everyone who attended the anniversary party, hosted by **Tom and Julie McGowan**, can attest to a good time had by all.



NEW BUSINESS

No new business this meeting due to the auction.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

None in December



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SHOW AND TELL

There was no "Show & Tell" this month so that we could devote our full attention to the auction.



HANNAH GROUP

The next Hannah Group meeting will be on January 19th at **Barry Rudd's** house. Please think about what you might be interested in for the next group project.



TECH SESSION

There was no Tech Session in December due to the 2012 White Elephant Auction.



The auctioning was conducted by **Bob Fivehouse** assisted by **Tom Ruggiero** and **Michael Storch**.

The auction was a complete success. Kudos go out to **Ken Schuetz**, **Al Geigel**, and **Ed Hegsteter** who did a super job of managing the administration for the auction [recording and collecting on items sold].

Auctioned items included several kits, books, lots of tools, and Doc Fletcher's forceps & tweezers. We had a successful showing of 21 members out of a total 30 in attendance participate in the White Elephant's buying and selling. A full report of the auction including the amount from the proceeds that goes to the club will be presented at the next meeting.

Email notifications have already been sent to those who owe for their purchases. We ask that you *please* settle up at the January 2013 meeting.

The tech session at the January meeting will be a group presentation on tool sharpening. **Barry Rudd**, **Tom McGowan**, **Michael Storch**, and **Larry Friedlander** will demonstrate and explain producing a sharp edge on chisels, planes blades and scrapers. Members are encouraged to bring in their chisels and the presenters will work on as many of them as time permits.



AARDVARK WORKSHOP

SMSNJ members, the next workshop get-together at the Aardvark Quilting Shop will be January 26th, 10AM - 2PM.

Please remember to bring something to cover the tabletop and to clean up at the end of the day's workshop.

Aardvark Quilt shop, 48 Speedwell Ave. Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950 [next to the Plaza Restaurant]



CANDID SHOTS

We will have plenty next month

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Please keep the secretary informed of any changes so that the roster can be kept current. If you would like a printed copy of the roster please send a SASE to the secretary (address at the end of the Broadaxe) and one will be mailed to you. Rosters are also available at the monthly meetings.

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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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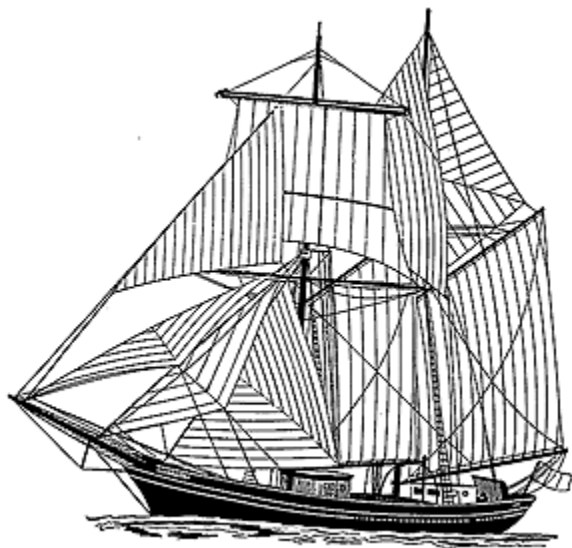
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NEXT MEETING:

January 22, 2013

7:30 PM

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Tech Session:
“Chisel Sharpening and Care”
Bring your chisels!