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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 23, 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:35 by our president **Tom Ruggiero**. 23 members and two guests, **Joe Gelsomino** and **Jim Lavelle** were present. Tom pointed out that email reminders and alerts are being sent to the membership between meetings. **Chuck Passaro** has taken on this task in addition to sending the email copies of the Broadaxe. **Ollie Eriksen** has kindly volunteered to mail out the hardcopy version of the Broadaxe.

Two weeks ago four of us, **Barry Rudd**, **Tom McGowan**, **Larry Friedlander** and **Tom Ruggiero** went down to Townsend Maryland for a frame-building workshop given by **David Antsherl** and **Greg Herbert**. For two days they learned how to replicate ships frames. In the spring David and Greg will produce a practicum on building a ship's cross-section using the techniques learned in this workshop

<http://www.admiraltymodels.com/untitled.html>

Over the same weekend, the NRG produced a daylong series of seminars on various ship model-building techniques, one of which was led by Chuck Passaro. Six subjects were covered ranging from making model flags, given by **Dan Pariser**, to chisel sharpening and planking. **Roy Goroski** was present and enjoyed the presentations, the prepared lunch and the institute's Museum. He noted that two cannons outside the building are reputed to come from *SS Constitution*. **Chuck Passaro** particularly enjoyed one of the talks given by a professor from the Institute. One of the tasks he assigned his students is to find artifacts from sunken ships, specifically their lifeboats. Surprisingly many have been found on and near the coast of New Jersey, some in backyards and one in front of a restaurant.

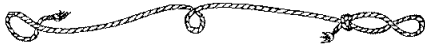
On a more serious note, **Bob** and **Jean Fivehouse** are out in Colorado visiting family. While shopping at the local supermarket, Jean slipped, fell and hit her head on

a case. She was rushed to a hospital and stabilized and is now recovering. All the members in attendance signed a get-well card and we are sending an Edible Arrangements bouquet along with our best wishes.

Larry Friedlander passed around a copy of the updated roster. The names of several non-dues paying and non-participating members were eliminated. As noted in the last Broadaxe, dues are payable in July. Members who have not paid their dues after six months are liable to be removed from the membership rolls. As one of his last duties, **Al Geigel** reviewed the payment lists for the past three years and noticed that there were several members who had not paid for two and three years. We are a small club and hesitate to make our numbers even smaller, but it seems fair to assume that if a person hasn't paid their dues for that length of time they are no longer interested in being a member. If you have not paid your dues, \$20 a year, and would still like to be a member, please pay your dues and we will welcome you back with open arms. (Dues should be sent to **Ken Schuetz**, address at the end of the Broadaxe).

If any member would like an email copy of the roster please drop a note to **Larry Friedlander** at the email address listed at the end of the Broadaxe. If there is an error on the roster please let Larry know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from **Chuck Passaro** because if it is you won't get the Broadaxe and member bulletins. You can eliminate the filtering by adding Chuck Passaro's email address to your contact list.

Our treasurer, **Ken Schuetz**, informs us that we have a balance and that after some additions and subtractions we still have a balance roughly similar to the balance we had before the additions and subtractions. That's all you really need to know.



OLD BUSINESS

Hats: \$15, mugs \$4, buy some.... Please!

Mason Logie spoke to the owner of Bahrs, the restaurant where **Henry Schaefer's** models are a large part of the decoration. In appreciation of Henry's contributions to his restaurant, the owner has kindly agreed to waive the \$500 room fee and that if we can show him the proper forms also waive the sales tax. He would like us to agree on a date for our club party and we are planning to get together at the end of March or the beginning of April. The per-person costs will be about \$40 with a cash bar. Please let the club know at the November meeting whether or not you plan to attend and please be prepared to give a \$10 deposit for every person attending.



<http://bahrslanding.com/virtualtour.html>



NEW BUSINESS

Chuck Passaro runs the website *Model Ship World*. He has agreed to set aside some space on the site for group build logs. Hopefully, when we have selected a new group build project we will document our progress on Chuck's site. Chuck has extended this offer to all the groups in the United States. One of Chuck's goals is to use the model ship world membership list as a source of new club members. He has identified more than 280 ship modelers who live in New Jersey who are not members of our club. Chuck hopes that his efforts will reverse the

decline in club membership. One factor that might be stopping perspective modelers from joining clubs is the fear that their work will not be "good enough". Build logs with photos of works in progress might help assuage those concerns. We should be making it clear that novices are welcome. **Mason Logie** suggested that we join the website "meet up.com" as another way of attracting new members. **Tom McGowan** would like to see more affairs where club members interact with members of the visiting public. **Tom McGowan** and **Jeff Fuglestad** agreed to get together to work on setting up a modeling demonstration/exhibit.

Jeff Fuglestad tells us that Sal Puglisi, the woodcarver at the South St. Seaport Museum for 30 years, has moved out of the shed to a new location in the museum and is still providing demonstrations.



WEBSITE & LENDING LIBRARY

Website: <http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/>

Lending Library:

<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/club-library.php>

Every month our club receives 20 to 30 online requests for books, publications and plans from our library; few if any of which are from members. Posting the contents of the library online seems to create a problem without being a service to the members. If this situation continues, it might make sense to remove the library from our website. It would still be available to members but would not cause difficulties for the webmaster.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS



TECH SESSION

The tech session at the November 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. Members are encouraged to bring in their chisels and the presenters will work on as many of them as time permits.

If anyone has an idea for a tech session or would like to make a presentation please contact **Chuck Passaro**.



SHOW AND TELL



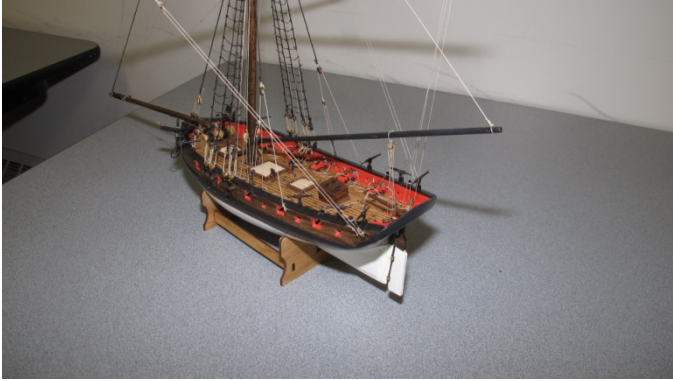
Don Otis is a big fan of the nautical designs of Zygmunt Choron. Choron is famous for his nautical innovations such as using Kevlar as a shipbuilding material, Astroturf on the decks and sails that roll up mechanically into their spars. One of the ships Choron designed is the *ORP* (ship of Polish Republic) *Iskra* (Spark), which was built, in Gdansk, Poland in 1982. She is the sail training ship of the Polish Navy. She visited the United States for the Hudson River Columbus Quincentenary in 1992 and while she was moored in Brooklyn Don photographed her extensively. Don's 1/8 inch to the foot model is plank on bulkhead and covered with Bristol board to replicate steel plating. To simulate the netting under the bowsprit Don used a piece of the woven red bag used to hold garlic cloves. (No matter where he is, Tom's thinking about ship modeling). Tom reproduced the steel turnbuckles with brass replicas he bought from James Bliss & Co. 40 years ago.





Chuck Bergman brought in his model of the 1796 cutter *Lady Nelson*. This is a 3/16 of an inch to the foot scale kit from Amati. Chuck retired six years ago and this is his first ship model build. Chuck has been working on his model for about nine months and found the learning curve very steep. He bought a lot of books and did a lot of research online. His next kit will be a model of the *Fair American* and he is presently working on to Chuck Passaro's longboat kit.

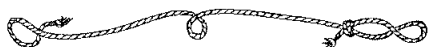




A few months ago **Jeff Fuglestad** finished his model of the J boat "*Ranger*" in 3/16 of an inch the foot scale. Jeff is now working on another model of the same boat but this time in 1/8 of an inch to the foot scale. *The Ranger* was built in the United States in 1937 and won the America's Cup in the same year. She was 135 feet long and had a mast over 160 feet high. Jeff's scratch built model has a solid bread-and-butter hull. Jeff's model is built of wood (maple, poplar, teak, cherry etc.), plastic and Bondo where necessary. His goal in building the

model is to improve his techniques when working at smaller scales and to continue developing his own style.





HANNAH GROUP

The Hannah group is now in its third year of meetings and is approaching the time when it seems appropriate to move on to a new project. For many of us the group build has been both enjoyable and educational. But we would like to revitalize and redirect our efforts. It would be good to have additional members of the group and in order to attract them we would like to agree on a new group build project. We are asking the members of the NJSMS to consider what ship model they would like to build as part of a group project and to share that with us at the next meeting. With that input we will create a list of possible model subjects and at the December meeting before the White Elephant sale we will have a vote to determine the next group-build.

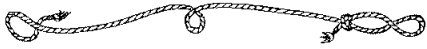


AARDVARK WORKSHOP

We continue to meet at the Aardvark Quilt shop, (48 Speedwell Ave. next to the Plaza Restaurant) in its classroom space on the last Saturday of every month up to December of this year. The room is available from 10 in the morning till two in the afternoon. The date of the next and last meeting/get-together is Dec 29th.

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

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



CANDID SHOTS



Please remember to pick a subject for the next group build.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

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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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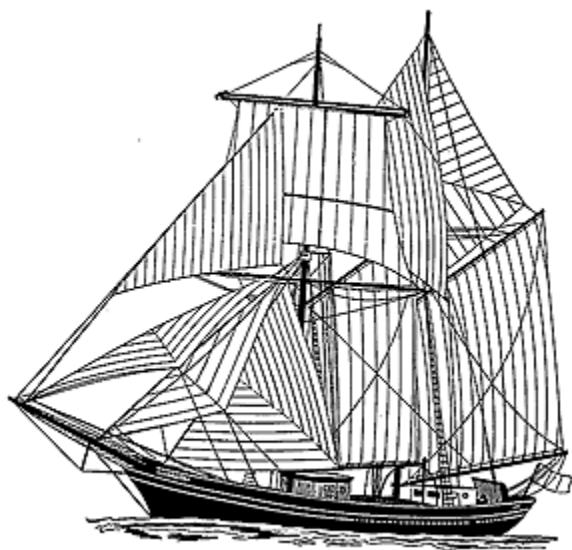
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Bring Your Models
[Finished or Unfinished]

On October 20th Ollie Eriksen hosted an open house for the club members at his new factory. He provided a nice lunch and a guided tour of his impressive manufacturing premises and the museum where he displays his many wonderful creations.

