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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING January 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by **Bob Fivehouse** at 7:30 PM. There were 23 members present and one guest, **Jerry Havel** of West Caldwell, who saw an ad in the local paper, the Progress. **Tony Alworth** brought in his stepson. We hope both enjoyed the meeting and will return.

Bob Fivehouse, in the course of discussing future Club exhibitions, inquired about the standardized form created by **Steve Maggipinto**. By using these forms, the Club hopes to develop, over time, a database containing information on the models built by members, which can then be uniformly printed as needed for the models on exhibition. It was suggested that the form Steve created be made available on the Club's website so that it can be filled out and then submitted to Steve who we hope will maintain the database.

Bob pointed out that this is the Club's 30th year and suggested that we try to come up with some way to celebrate. Some ideas elicited from the members were: a dinner-dance party, a dinner cruise around Manhattan or a cruise up the Hudson. Bob will bring this up again at our next meeting and we hope to settle on some form of celebration.

Mike Gutsick was thanked for the 93rd consecutive time for the excellent job he has done on the Broadaxe. **Michael Storch** commented that the file size of the Broadaxe seems to have grown quite a bit (*Editor's Note: The file size was an exception to the norm and I strive to keep the file size at a minimum – I just couldn't reduce the file size in this particular instance with the older version of Acrobat I have*). There being no further comments the January 2011 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Al Geigel thanked **Mike Gutsick** for the smooth running of the white elephant sale. The Club made \$185.50 as its share of the proceeds. In the course of his accounting, Al noticed that the library had not been paid for the use of the room for the past year. Therefore this month's expenses include a \$240 payment to the library

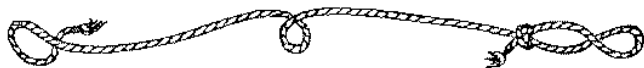
for last year and this. Al pointed out that there are still some members who have not paid their dues. (Please group, pay your dues. It's hard enough getting new members, we really don't want to be forced to cut anyone off the roster). There being no further discussion, the Treasurer's Report was accepted into the minutes.

Ed Hegstetter spoke to the library in Manalapan. Ed reports that "they have two speeds, slow and stop" and for the last month they've been at stop. For the moment nothing has been finalized but our committee has tentatively scheduled the show for May.

The setup for the Morris County Library show will have to be done Friday, August 26. Because of cutbacks, this will have to be done before 5 PM. That is the same weekend as the NRG Conference in San Francisco, so some arrangement will have to be made to handle the models of NRG attendees. The Morris County library show will be taken down Thursday, September 29. The library will handle publicity for the show. **Tom Ruggiero** suggested that we have Club logos of sufficient size printed so that they can be fastened to the displays. Information about the models to be displayed should be sent to Steve Maggipinto, who will add it to the database and will print out information sheets for the display.

Hats with the beautiful Club logo are still available. Get yours before they're gone. It would be nice if all Club members attending the Northeast Conference in April were wearing the Club hat.

Tony Alworth told us that the Warren County Library in Blairstown has display space available and he will be displaying one of his models there in February and May.



OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Larry Friedlander will send out a reminder about the Jim Roberts Award to the officers of the Clubs participating in the joint Clubs conference. The Jim Roberts award information will be handed out at the conference door along with registration forms. The permanent award plaque will be on exhibition. Thank you **Barry Rudd**! The Clubs will again be reminded that they should appoint a judge. **Chuck Passaro** has the application forms for the conference on our website under "What's New".

Tom McGowan, our Vice President, remains in the hospital recovering from surgery. Happily, he is showing signs of progress and hopes to be out of the hospital towards the end of February. The Club sent him a gift certificate from Amazon with our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery. He would be happy to hear from us. **Bulletin** - I just got off the phone with Tom and I'm happy to tell you that he is doing well. He has been moved to a rehab center, is eating regular food (with restrictions of course), and has taken a shower for the first time in longer than you want to know. Keep it up Tom!

Chuck Passaro pointed out that each Club is expected to provide a tabletop demonstration at the conference. It was suggested that the Hannah group represent our Club. Several members could show the model at different stages of completion.

The New York Club, which is the organizer for this year, would like us to bring the bell to the show so that they can get the conference's attention.

Jeff Fuglestad brought in some holly and dogwood from downed trees that he graciously offered to any Club members who wanted it.

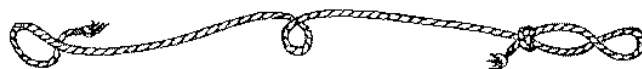
The 2011 issue of Model Shipwright is available at Amazon.com.

A good source for scale flags is Loyalhanna Dockyard. (Google Loyalhannah dockyard).

Stan Sinowitz is clearing out his accumulation of ship literature, correspondence and plans. **Chuck Passaro** would like to go to his apartment in Hackensack to select some of Stan's materials for addition to the Club library. Chuck plans to go on an upcoming Saturday and

welcomes any Club members who would like to go along and help.

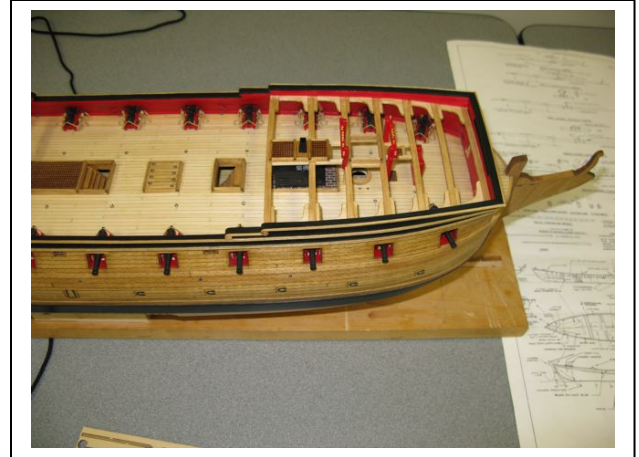
Larry Friedlander brought in a set of plans for a bomb vessel in 1/4 inch scale. Jeff Stout created the plans using data from the book Anatomy of the ship Granado. The plans are available at modelshipbuilder.com. There may be a group build and a timbering set from Hobbymill in the future. (Hobbymill, a provider of timbering sets and wood for modelers, has now set up a website. Google Hobbymill for the web address.) (also, part two of volume 5 by William Romero and volume four, rigging, of the Swan practicum by David and Cheryl are now available).



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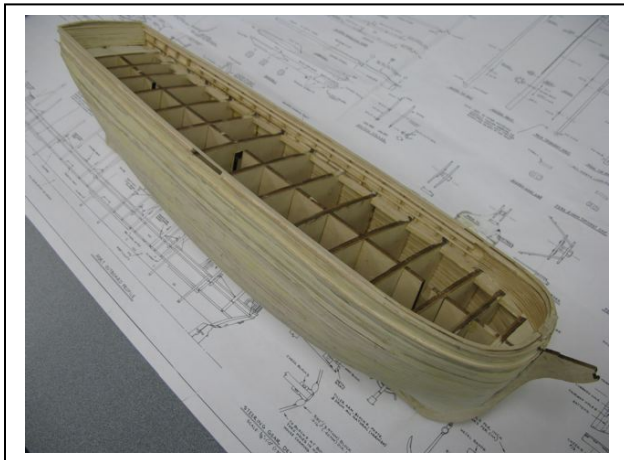
Ozzie Thalmann brought in his Billings Kits model of the *Calypso* in 1/45 scale. The prototype was built in the United States in 1942 as a 130 foot, 362 ton mine sweeper. She was bought in 1950 by Jacques Yves Cousteau and after extensive change and modification, became a fully equipped ocean research vessel. Ozzie modified the plastic kit so that the rudder, propeller, crane, diving bell, helicopter and lights are working. The model is 37 inches long and has a beam of 6 1/2 inches. Ozzie wasn't happy with the plans or the included wood parts, which he replaced. Ozzie used small cans of spray railroad paints because it is easier to keep consistent colors that way.





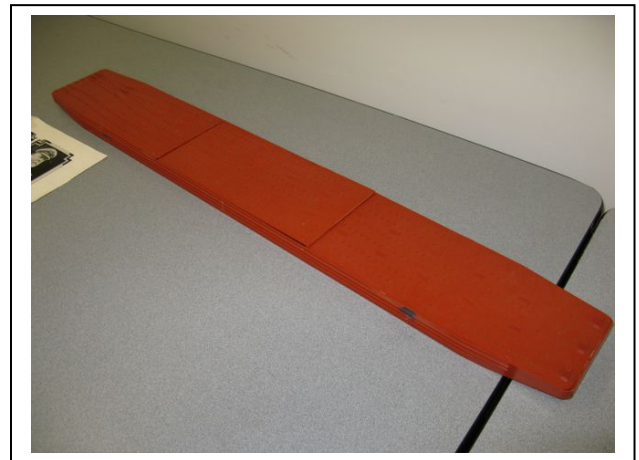
Chuck Passaro continues to progress with his prototype model of the *Confederacy* which he is building for Model Expo. He has installed deck beams to simulate as much as possible a fully framed deck. Half of the deck will be planked and half of the cannons will be mounted. Chuck is trying a new technique for kit made volutes. They are being laser etched. When the laser burn is cleaned up, a well formed volute is the result. The kit will also feature laser cut sheaves and sheave holes. As the build progresses, Chuck is writing the illustrated instruction manual that will be included with the kit. Judging from what he has shown us, this kit will set a new standard for excellence.

Henry Schaefer showed us his whaling ship *Charles W. Morgan*. This kit is made in the US by Model Shipways and is approved by Mystic Seaport. Henry was not happy with the quality of the wood or the way it was cut. He will paint the bulwarks and waterways white, some of the deck fittings a light gray, the hull black and the deck planking will be left natural.



Mason Logie's HO scale railroad barge is coming along. The original was 300 feet long and had a beam of 30 feet. It could transport up to 30 railroad cars. Unlike many plastic kits, the parts of this barge did not fit well and Mason had to do a lot of sanding and filing. In his search for information, Mason came across a group called the Marine Rail Organization which has a website. The head of this organization directed him to another website

which had instructions and tips on how to build and paint an even more accurate version of this barge.



Don Otis has been working on a Model Shipways kit of the Atlantic whaling barkentine *Kate Cory* in 3/16 inch scale. The prototype was launched in 1857 in Westport, Massachusetts as a whaling schooner. She was later re-rigged as a barkentine. The *Kate Cory* was sunk off the coast of Brazil by the Confederate raider *Alabama*. Don has completed the hull and whale boats and hopes to have the kit done in time for the April Northeast Conference. Don has embellished his model with parts from other kits. He was particularly pleased with the construction method of the whale boats which consisted of laser cut lifts.

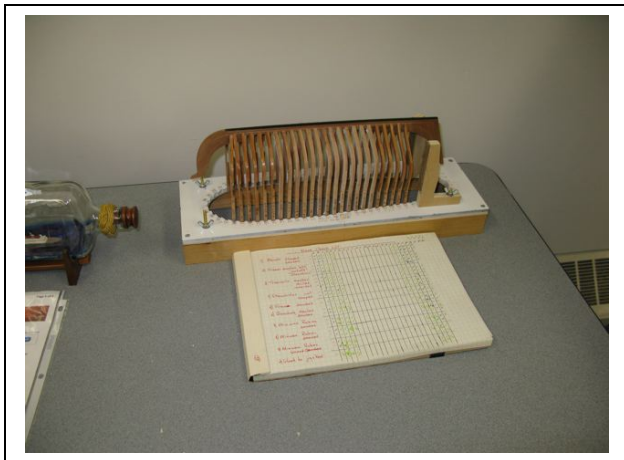


John Marinovich's ship in a bottle model of the *Liberte* was built as a 50th wedding anniversary present for a friend. The model is built in three parts; the superstructure, the hull and the water/base, all limited in size by the bottleneck through which they all had to fit. The model is flying

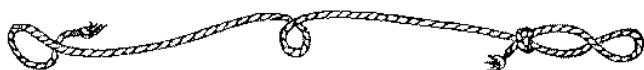
a French flag on the halyard which is attached to the mast. The 24 lifeboats were made of dowel turned on a lathe to produce bead shapes. These shaped pieces were then shaved down to produce the boats. The base is made of lpe wood, cherry, and ebony. The cherry came from John's mother's kitchen cabinets. We all hope she doesn't notice!



Larry Friedlander brought in his group build work in progress, a plank on frame model of the *Hannah*. He has changed the building board by cutting out the center section so the frames can be inserted from the bottom. The frames themselves are cut from Swiss pair, sealed with acrylic sealer, and finished with Minwax wipe on satin poly and furniture wax. He also brought in his worksheet to show how he keeps track of his progress on the many frames.



The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

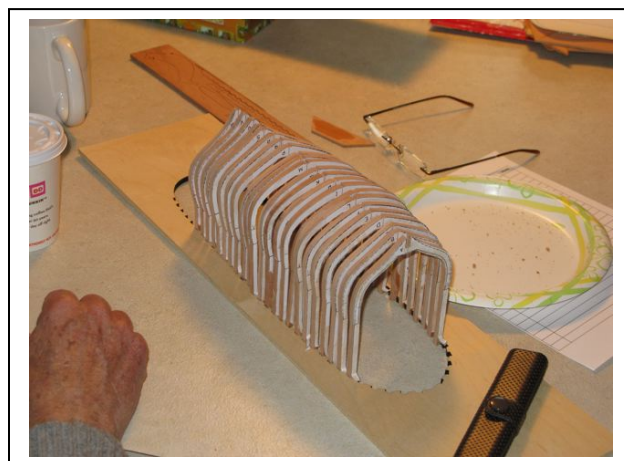


Some Final Items

Jeff Fuglestad has found a small company in Rhode Island that casts brass. Cranston casting company can be contacted at www.Cranstoncasting.com or al@Cranstoncasting.com. This company does business with the Blue Jacket company so they are familiar with the needs of marine hobbyists and could be a good source for custom castings.

The *Hannah* Group is a wonderful idea and we are pleased that they continue to meet regularly. I wish our membership was not so far spread out

geographically so that more could participate. Larry sent me some nice photos of a recent get together which I will share with you in this issue.



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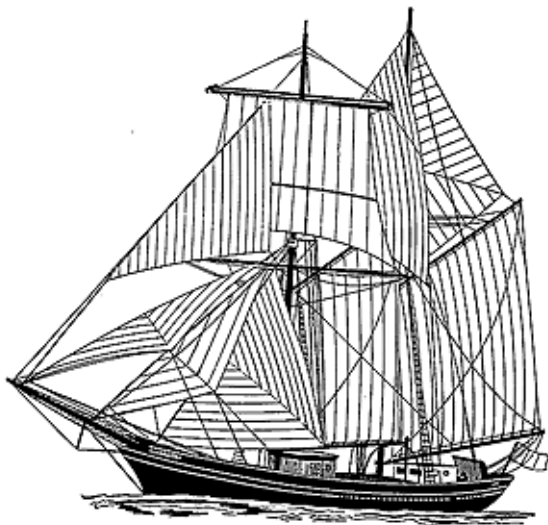
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