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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING February 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Ed Hegstetter** at 7:40 PM with 26 regular members in attendance. There were no guests this evening.

Ed took a moment to thank the members for their thoughtfulness and expressions of sympathy for the passing of his daughter, Alison. He and his wife were most grateful for all of the support they received.

Comments, questions and or corrections to the January issue of the Broadaxe were requested from the members. There being none, the January 2008 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was given by **Al Geigel** who also informed the members that the tax returns for the organization have been filed. There being no questions or a discussion, the report was accepted by the members.

Ed Hegstetter mentioned that there will be a few tables available for anyone wishing to sell any items at the upcoming Joint Clubs Show in New London. If anyone has a desire to make use of this opportunity, please contact either Ed or Jeff Fuglestad so they can contact the host club to advise them of space needs.

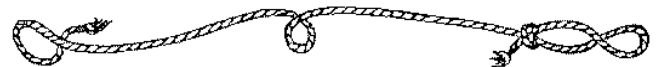
Dan Pariser, on behalf of the NRG, asked for an update on our plans as host club for the 2009 NRG Conference. Dan conveyed the NRG's desired location for the conference as being near to airports and maritime attractions. A discussion ensued about possible agreeable sites that meet these criteria and that are reasonably priced. It was finally agreed that the committee set up for the 2009 NRG Conference would meet at Al Geigel's house on

March 4, 2008 to review and obtain specifics on possible sites for the NRG Conference along with recommendations for trips to area attractions and report back to the membership shortly.

Tom McGowan brought up the idea of speaking with the librarian here at the Millburn Public Library in regards to setting up a reference section where modeling books and similar publications would be available in one location. Related to that idea, **Roy Goroski** mentioned that the USS Constitution Guild has numerous ship plans that they make available to modelers to borrow and copy.

Dan Pariser let the members know that there will be a South Street Seaport Festival and model show again this year. If you have any suggestions or recommendations for improving the Festival, please send them along to Dan.

Tom Ruggiero offered a suggestion for a club trip to Fort Schuyler in New York where the Maritime Academy has a very nice museum.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Bob Markovic passed around a copy of "Rigging Period Ship Models" by Lennarth Petersson published by Chathan Publishing, London in 2000. The book has excellent enlarged rigging plans which are quite useful to all modelers.

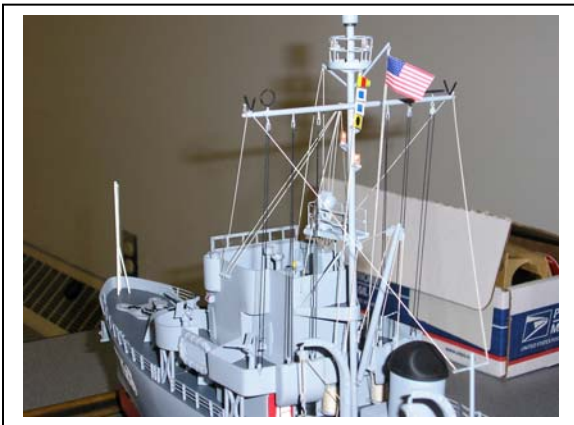
Tony Alworth showed us "Down to the Sea" by Joseph Garland, published in 1983 by David R. Godine. In Tony's opinion, it's the best book he's read about the Gloucester fishing schooner and it's design as well as the industry and the Gloucester fishermen.

Dan Pariser had two books on hand tonight. The first was "Ship Modeling Solutions" by Brian King published in 2007 by the Naval Institute Press. It's chock full of very useful shop notes from a British professional modeler. The second book was "Finishing Scale Ship Models" by Tom Gorman, also published by the Naval Institute Press in 2007. The book reveals tips and techniques from a British professional modeler and includes many color photos of details from actual working ships.



SHOW AND TELL

Ozzie Thalmann brought in his completed model of the PCE (Patrol Craft Escort) *USS Whitehall* built in 1944. The PCE is a small craft, only 184' in length with a beam of 33', used mostly in harbors and coastal convoys. The *Whitehall* is one of sixty-eight PCE's built during WW II. The model is a Dumas kit in 1:96 scale. As with most of Ozzie's models, he has mechanized many of the parts so that the rudder, propeller and AA guns turn and the navigation lights operate.



Tom Ruggiero's model of *TS Empire State VI* is nearing completion as he works diligently to complete it for his co-worker before her wedding. He's added the boat davits, railings and kingposts in the last month. Next in line are the booms, boats and the completion of the railings.



Henry Schaefer had his scratch built model of a C-3 Cargo Ship, the *Sea Fox*, which was built in 1940. The model is of plank on bulkhead construction in 1:96 scale. Henry informed us that he actually built two of these ships in the last two months at which all of us wondered who builds ship models faster, Henry or Don Otis!



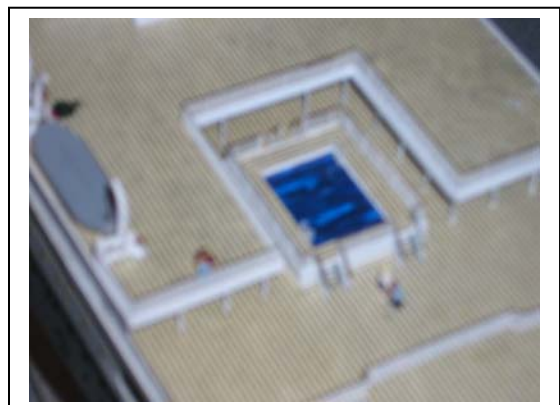
Tony Alworth is working on Bluejacket's kit of the 1877 Gloucester Schooner *Smuggler*, reputed to be one of the prettiest and fastest mackerel seine schooners built. Tony has modified the basic kit by removing the machine carved bulwarks and replacing them with strip planking. The deck is also strip planked. Certain other details were added using Chapelle's book "The American Fishing Schooner".



Ernest Connor showed us his completed model of *Le Soleil Royal*, a 104 gun French war ship built in 1669 for King Louis XIV. The Mantua model is double planked on bulkhead in 1:77 scale. Ernest told us that he couldn't use most of the wood supplied in the kit and essentially used the sections as templates.



Dan Pariser is moving along nicely on his modified scratch built model of the *S.S. Uruguay* built in 1928 as the *S.S. California* and then refitted and renamed the *Uruguay* in 1937. The ship was used as a troop ship in WW II and was finally retired from service in 1954. Dan has made use of many fittings from Bluejacket and photo-etch railings and ladders from Gold Medal Models. The hull is solid made of bread and butter construction in 1:200 scale. Dan has also added some scale figure passengers.



With time running out and still two modelers left, Bob Fivehouse said he would bring back his current project at a later date. **Steve Fletcher** spoke very briefly about his current project, the pilot boat *Fanny* which he is constructing using the hull blank from the kit of the *Phantom*. Steve wanted to show us how he has used Bob Fivehouse's technique for creating small scale deck planking as illustrated in his recent tech session. Your editor somehow missed getting pictures of this model. I do hope that Steve and Bob will bring back their models so I can get some photos this time!

Due to the number of models we had for Show and Tell, it was decided to skip the Tech Session this evening. We have asked that Roy and Barry be ready to give their Tech Session on hull planking at the March 25th meeting.

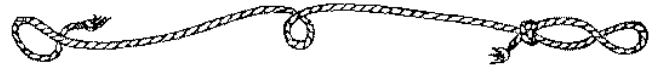
The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM



FROM THE EDITOR

I was very pleased to see so many models on display in spite of the nasty weather! I am always amazed at the ingenuity of our members in tackling construction problems in their models. What a resource we have! My thanks to all who bring in their work and who are more than happy to share their "how to" experience with us. I encourage all of you to share your models with us. I have heard from more than one person that they don't bring in their models because they don't feel they measure up to the quality usually on display. I don't consider myself to be in the same league as many of our members whose models are outstanding and examples of perfection and have also felt that my work is somewhat rough and amateurish. Then again, I've only got six completed models under my belt. Some of you guys knock that many out in a year! Our Show and Tell session is not a juried competition. It's just a chance to show others what we're working on and perhaps get some tips on making the building process easier. So, please bring in those models!

Mike Gutsick



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

March 25, 2008 – Barry Rudd and Roy Goroski will be demonstrating hull planking methods

April 22, 2008 – BRING A MODEL NIGHT and taping of the meeting by Cablevision – some additional tech sessions will be planned

May 27, 2008 – Don Otis will review sail making and **Tom McGowan** will discuss plank on frame construction using the Harold Hahn method

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MOSQUITOCON 2008
APRIL 5, 2008
WAYNE, NJ

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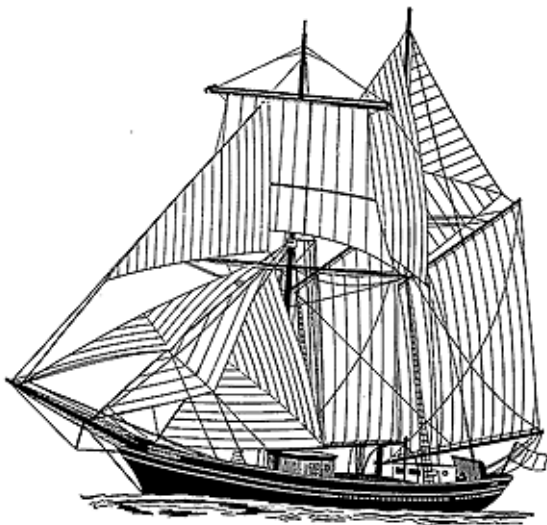
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