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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING February 23, 2010

The meeting was called to order by past President **Ed Hegstetter** at 7:30 PM with 20 members in attendance. We had 1 guest this evening, **Bill Weller**, attending his third meeting. Upon motion and second, Bill was unanimously voted in as our newest member. Congratulations, Bill!

Comments, questions and or corrections to the February issue of the Broadaxe were requested. There being no corrections, the February 2010 issue of the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Al Geigel presented his Treasurer's Report to the members. There being no discussion or comments on the report, the Treasurer's Report was accepted into the minutes.

Larry Friedlander addressed the members to discuss the Group Build project he and **Michael Storch** have been trying to organize. A few people have expressed interest in participating but Larry would like to see more people get involved. No decision has been made on a specific model the group would build, although consideration is being given to starting with the *Hannah*, a Colonial Schooner, and construct it using the Harold Hahn method. Larry requested that **Mike Gutsick** send out a separate mailing to all of the members informing or reminding them of this project. **Roy Goroski** mentioned that he had participated in the previous group build project, first started by Jim Roberts, and then continued at other members' homes when Jim passed away. It was a great way to get together informally with the guys outside of the monthly meetings.

Ossie Thalmann informed the members that F & M Hobbies, located in Denville, NJ is under new management. After 26 years the previous owner decided to retire and sold the business.

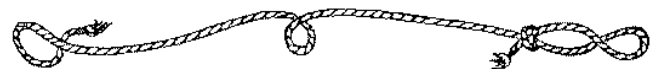
Ed Hegstetter discussed the upcoming New London Joint Clubs Conference and the problems that the Philadelphia Club, this year's host, has encountered as a result of the delegation of duties to the various Clubs.

Our Club was responsible for vendors and through some effort we were able to get 4 vendors lined up. Registration forms for the Conference were available at the meeting and is also included in this issue of the newsletter.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Mike Gutsick brought in two books which were donated to the Club by **Bob Johnston**. Bob is a friend of the organization who has donated tools and model kits in the past to be sold at our auctions. We again thank Bob for his generosity! The first book is the "Boat Building Manual" – 4th Edition – by Robert M Steward. It's an excellent book for those interested in small boat construction. The second book is a paperback edition, "The Mississippi Steamboat Era in Historic Photographs – Natchez to New Orleans 1870 – 1920" by Joan W. Gandy and Thomas H. Gandy published by Dover Books on Americana in 1987. If you are looking for photos of Riverboats, this is the book for you. It provides great historical detail on this vessel type. Thanks to Bob Johnston, we have our first books for the lending library we are trying to set up here at the Millburn Library.



TECH SESSION

This evening's tech session was a DVD movie on the S.S. *United States* brought in by **Henry Schaefer** which followed Show and Tell.



SHOW AND TELL

Henry Schaefer has started work on another *Parma*, a 4 mast bark, using plans from Harold Underhill. Henry is scratch building the model in 1:96 scale as a waterline model. The ship was originally built in 1902 and is steel hulled. It was used in the grain trade. Henry is using decking and fittings from Blue Jacket Shipcrafters. The hull is made of #1 Ponderosa Pine and carved to shape. The plating is made of Bristol Paper.



Chuck Passaro returned with his prototype of a future Model Expo kit of the USF *Confederacy*. Since last meeting, Chuck has completed the stern galleys and is working on the stern figures on the transom. He explained how he is getting more depth on the photo-etch ornamentation by building up the surface with gesso. He continues to battle with Model Expo on the figurehead and hopes he prevails. Chuck also explained the construction of the windows in the quarter galleys. The frames consist of two laser cut sections, front and back. This creates a rabbit around the window frame and the clear acrylic windows are cut out and dropped in place. Front and back pieces are joined together and attached to the galleys.





Jeff Fuglestad brought in a section of the super structure of his scratch built model of USS *New Jersey*. Jeff mentioned that he used Bob Fivehouse's method of making decking and Ossie Thalmann's method for sheathing his components with styrene. He is using 3 sources for his fittings, Tom's Model Works, Gold Medal Models and Blue Jacket. His 5" gun turrets are from Blue Jacket.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

APRIL 24, 2010 - Joint Clubs
Conference - New London, CT

AUGUST 23-29, 2010 - the 37th
annual NRG Conference at
Annapolis, MD

Future Tech Sessions

MARCH 23, 2010 - Ed Hegstetter will
bring several of his modeling tools for a
review of their capabilities

APRIL 27, 2010 - BRING A MODEL NIGHT

MAY 25, 2010 - Allan Yedlinski will
demonstrate the method he used to
construct the frames on his current
model HMS *Euralis*

JUNE 22, 2010 - Dr. Steve Fletcher will
discuss his recent relief efforts in Haiti

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Guests are always welcome.

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The Philadelphia Ship Model Society presents the
28th Annual Northeast Joint Clubs

Northeast Ship Model Conference

Saturday, April 24th, 2010

Port N Starboard Banquet Facility
Ocean Beach Park, New London, Connecticut

Model Setup 8:15 AM --- General Admission 9:30 AM --- Model Takedown 3:00 PM (NO earlier, please)

Questions? Contact Pat Leaf Telephone: +609-387-0667 Email: pjlebl@comcast.net

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print, fill out and mail --- we NEED this by March 31st!

Please reserve _____ seats for the Conference at \$35.00/person. The \$35.00 includes admittance to the Conference, space to display ship models, attendance at the demonstration round tables, and coffee mess in the morning and luncheon.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ **Please mail this form with your check payable to:**

Name: _____ Philadelphia Ship Model Society
Club Affiliation: _____ Attn: Tom McElhinney
Guest(s): _____ 7900 Ivy Lane
_____ Elkins Park, PA 19027 USA

DIRECTIONS: <http://www.ocean-beach-park.com>

SHIP MODELS

Please bring ship models to display. They will be open to the public for viewing. Please indicate the size of each model so we can determine display space requirements. We will prepare a placard for your model. If you include a short description for each model with this Form, we will include the description on the placard.

We will have three classes for judging by participants: Wind, Power, and Other Nautical. See the judging sheet for details. Please classify your model to make registration easier.

1. Model Name: _____ Length for Display: _____ Breath for Display: _____
Scale: _____ Award Class: Wind _____ Power _____ Other Nautical _____

2. Model Name: _____ Length for Display: _____ Breath for Display: _____
Scale: _____ Award Class: Wind _____ Power _____ Other Nautical _____

If you want to bring more models, please list them and the pertinent data on another sheet. Thank you!

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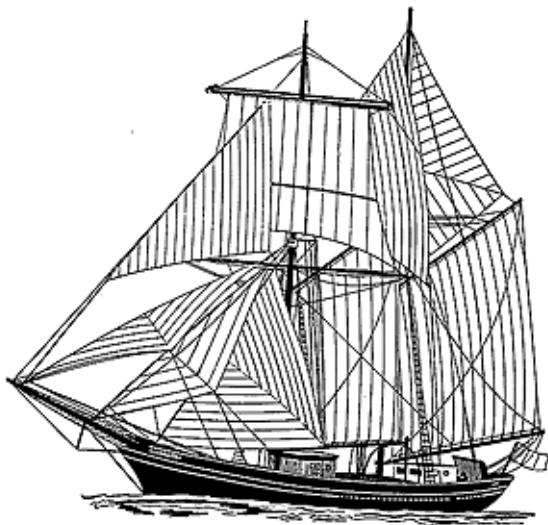
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