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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 22, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Vice President **Ed Hegstetter**. There were 22 members in attendance with three guests, **Buddy Plechata, John Pignatello** and **Jack Pignatello**. John and Jack heard about our organization at the South Street Seaport Show. Buddy was attending his third meeting and was voted in as our newest member – welcome to the club, Buddy!

Comments and /or corrections to the August issue of the Broadaxe were requested; there being none, the Broadaxe was accepted into the minutes.

Ken Schuetz presented his Treasurer's Report to the membership. The question of whether the Treasurer's Report was required to be included in our newsletter came up. After some discussion, it was decided that the Treasurer's Report would no longer be included in the monthly newsletter, effective with this issue of the Broadaxe.

Tom Ruggiero reported on both the South Street Seaport Show and the South Amboy Library exhibit. Tom attended both days of the South Street Seaport Show. He said that the show was well attended by the public. The Saturday crowd was mostly tourists and tour groups while Sunday brought out a good number of young people. Unfortunately, Tom did not have any flyers to hand out nor did he have our club banner to display. The banner seems to have gone missing. None of the members present could recall with any

certainty where the banner was last used. Whoever has the banner, will you please return it to the club as soon as possible so that it is available at future events – Thank you!

Tom then reported on the presentation he and **Tom McGowan** gave at the library. Cablevision did attend and tape the event. However, they arrived much earlier than expected and only interviewed Tom R. and the librarian. Tom didn't have an exact date for the broadcast but hoped he would obtain a tape of it. (*Editor's Note: Tom was able to get broadcast dates and times from Cablevision which I provided to members via email. They were Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 13:30, 19:00 and 21:30 and on Tues. & Thurs. at 13:00, 20:30 and 22:00*)



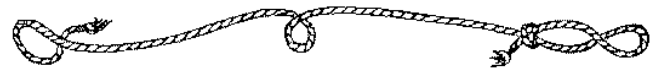
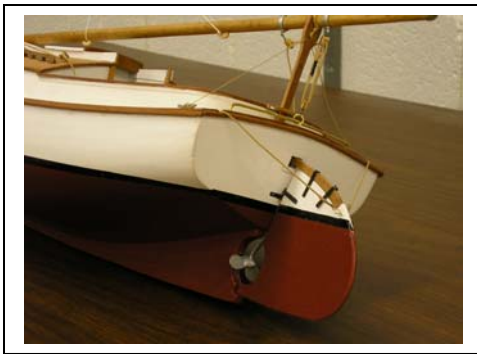
BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Bob Fivehouse presented a publication "Marine Art Quarterly" by J. Russell Jinishian, a catalog entirely devoted to marine art and ship models. The issue that Bob brought in included a McCaffrey model of *Newsboy*, being offered at a modest \$28,000. There was also a painting of the *SS New York* which is the ship on which our own Capt. Earl Young served his apprenticeship.



SHOW AND TELL

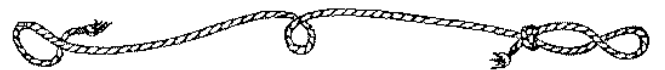
Only one model was brought in tonight, **Tony Alworth's** almost completed cat boat. Tony has decided to enlist his wife in sewing up the sails for the model. We look forward to seeing her handiwork! Tony also explained that the rough surface on the deck house top is very fine muslin glued to the deck.



TECH SESSION

Due to personal matters, Tom McGowan was unable to attend the meeting to present his tech session on resistance soldering. Ed Hegstetter brought in a video on the *USS Arleigh Burke*, the US Navy's current class of destroyers. It was a most informative video. Thanks, Ed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.



FROM THE EDITOR

Not surprisingly, the August meeting was lightly attended. It's also a rare occasion that we had more guests than models on display! I'm sure that the September meeting will have far more members on hand with lots of models to show and, hopefully, our returning and new guests will experience what we are all about – a ship modeling organization of the first class!

Mike Gutschick



“Soundings From D-Deck”

Some member questions came up at the August meeting which I'd like to include in the newsletter in the hopes that one of our readers may be able to answer or provide helpful suggestions.

Ed Hegstetter is building a model of the *Sir Edward Hawke*. He does not have rigging plans for the *Hawke* and was wondering if using the rigging plans for the *Hannah* would be acceptable.

Roy Goroski has an Emco Meyer PC Lathe that needs some repair on the speed control and reverse switch. Roy is looking for someone local to the Clifton, NJ area that might be able to make the repairs.

If you can be of help to either Ed or Roy, please feel free to contact me directly if you don't have their contact information. I'll be glad to pass it along.

I must apologize to Jeff Herne, our past president. He had sent me an email that he had asked me to read at the August meeting. Unfortunately, I neglected to put it in my briefcase. I will include his letter here so that you can find out what Jeff has been up to.

Gents,

It's been some time since I last reported to the officer of the deck, so here's the latest.

Contrary to rumors, I am not being held captive against my will in Wisconsin!! However, I have left FineScale Modeler magazine after 16 months of grueling sub-standard model building. The 80-hour weeks (with 40 hours pay) were definitely taking their toll.

The good news is that by year's end, there will be a new modeling magazine on the hobby shop shelves. I will be the editor of a completely new project, one

that will cover all aspects of scale modeling, ships, airplanes, armor, etc. I would have preferred to keep it strictly to ships, but I also have bills to pay and a very ambitious daughter to put through college in less than ten years.

The project has secured solid funding from some major players in the hobby industry, and we've assembled an experienced and dedicated staff to make it all happen. Our pilot issue is expected to be ready in November, so I will be sure that copies are sent to Jeff for distribution.

On the modeling front, I recently finished a scratchbuilt S-100 Schnellboot for a friend of Lenny Schwalm. I'm not sure if he brought it to the meeting or not before it was delivered, but I will submit photos to Mike for publication in the BroadAxe. Ozzie Thalmann was nice enough to transport the model from Wisconsin back to New Jersey when he visited the Manitowoc show this year.

In the meantime, I'm starting a 1/350 scale model of the USS Quincy, a New Orleans class cruiser lost off Savo Island in 1942, and maybe I'll finally finish that 16'=1" Russian Sovremenny I started before I left.

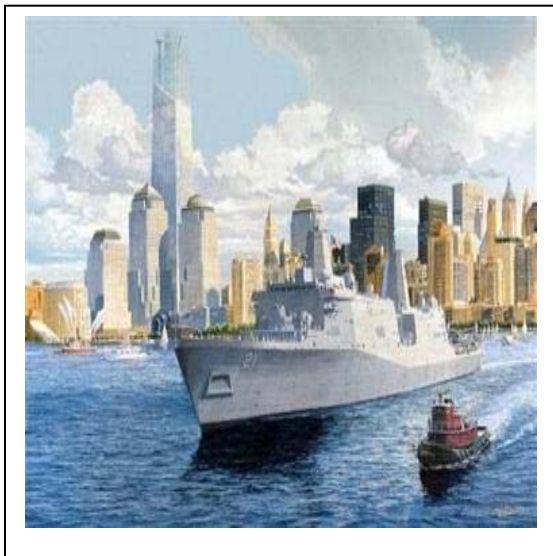
As always, feel free to drop me a line and say hello. Mike has my latest email address and contact information.

With my best regards,

Jeff Herne

Ken Schuetz had given me an interesting article a couple of months ago. I've held off including it until now because the September issue of the Broadaxe is the most appropriate. As we approach the 5th anniversary of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and remember those brave souls who lost their lives in a field in Pennsylvania, a ship is currently under

construction in New Orleans in spite of the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina. That ship is the Navy's amphibious assault ship *USS New York*. She is about 45% complete and should be ready for launch in mid-2007. What makes this ship unique is that it was built using 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center which comprises the *New York's* bow stem. She will be 684 feet long and will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat ready Marines. The ship's motto will be "**NEVER FORGET**"



Artist's Rendering of the *USS New York*



UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

September 26, 2006 – Jeff Fuglestad and Tom Ruggiero will present a discussion on bread and butter hull construction and lofting techniques

October 24, 2006 – *Bring a Model Night*

**JUST A REMINDER OF
UPCOMING EVENTS**

July - September 2006 – Model exhibition at the South Amboy, NJ Public Library.

October 12-15, 2006 – San Diego, CA, NRG Conference

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A couple of photos from the South Street Seaport Show, compliments of Ken Pomplun

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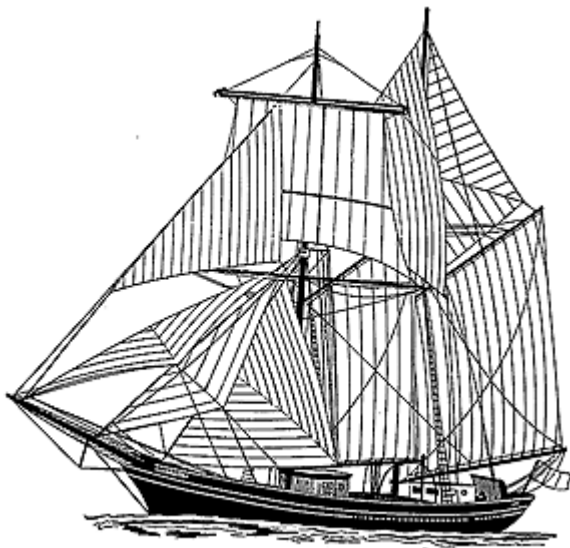
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