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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING August 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President **Ed Hegstetter** at 7:35 PM with 21 members in attendance.

The members were asked for any corrections to the July and August issues of the Broadaxe. There being none, the issues noted of the Broadaxe were accepted into the minutes.

Treasurer **Ken Schuetz** presented his Treasurer's Report which was accepted by the members present.

Ed Hegstetter requested a moment of silence in memory of Bernie Bahr. Ed then commented that in the past, he would draft a letter on behalf of the club and send it to the member's family. Upon some discussion, it was agreed upon that in the future, a letter of condolence would be prepared and brought to the next meeting after a member's passing, signed by all of the members present and then sent to the family.

Henry Schaefer mentioned that he thought it would be a good idea to have pictures of the guys available. Several members thought it was a good idea as well.

Ed Hegstetter then brought up the amendment to the Constitution to change the name of the organization to The Ship Model Society of New Jersey. Ed said he will send appropriate notification of the name change to the IRS and New Jersey. A vote was then taken to adopt the amendment to change the name of the organization which passed with a significant majority. Henceforth the organization name will be The Ship Model Club of New Jersey.

Don Otis stated that his daughter-in-law has offered to make a new oilskin banner for the club and was given the club's current banner to use a

guide. A question was raised about the logo to be used. It was decided that the current logo would be used on the banner incorporating the name change.

A discussion ensued regarding the status of the club's logo designs with respect to the purchase of baseball hats and Ed Hegstetter stated that the logo designs will be presented at the September meeting and a final design will be approved at that time.

Tom Ruggiero updated the members on the recent South Street Seaport model show. There was a good turnout by the club members and the show was well attended by the general public on both days, but not as heavily attended as in prior years. The new hours for the displays worked out well. Tom noted that there were some differences in the running of the show from previous years due to the new organization staff, but all in all, it was a good show.

Olof Eriksen addressed the members to update them on the status of his model of the *USS Constitution* located at the Liberty Science Museum. The museum has been undergoing a major construction project. Unfortunately, during this construction, the model was not protected. As a result, the model has been effectively ruined. It is covered in concrete dust and during relocation, several parts were broken or damaged. The museum has contacted the Smithsonian and Peabody museums in an effort to repair and restore this model to its pre-construction state. It was a very sad bit of news for all of us. Ollie then asked for advice on what he should do with a number of modeling books he no longer has a need for. After some suggestions from the members, it was decided that he should contact the NRG and donate the books for their lending library.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS

Don Otis brought in an interesting book he obtained at Barnes and Noble. The title of the book is "Joseph Conrad: Master Mariner" written by Peter Villiers and published in 2006 by Sheridan House, Dobbs Ferry, NY (ISBN 13-978-1-57409-244-8). In the book, Peter Villiers has completed the manuscript of his famous father, Alan Villiers, and has included paintings of eight ships which Alan Villiers had commissioned from marine artist Mark Meyers in 1975. What Alan Villiers sought to do was bring his vast experience to bear on the actual sailing life of Conrad in a way that most scholarly biographers are unable to do.



SHOW & TELL

Len Schwalm brought in a Tamiya plastic model of the *USS Missouri* that he is building for someone. The model is in 1:350 scale. Len is using Model Masters paint and has used both spray and brush techniques. The photo-etch parts are from Gold Medal Models.



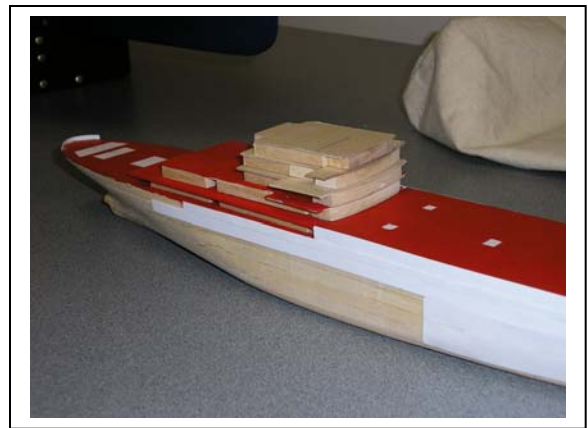
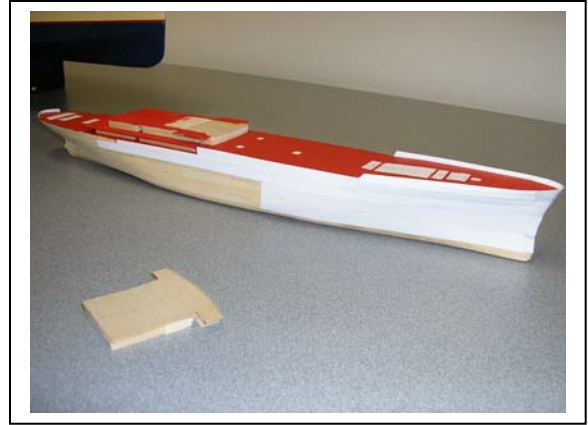
Henry Schaefer decided to use his "wayback machine" and brought in a model he made **65 years ago!** Henry built this cabin cruiser when he was 15 years old from plans he found in "Motor Boat Magazine". The hull was made from a solid block of pine which Henry hollowed out by hand with chisels. It is a motorized model which Henry has retro-fitted for today's RC controls and wired for navigation lights.



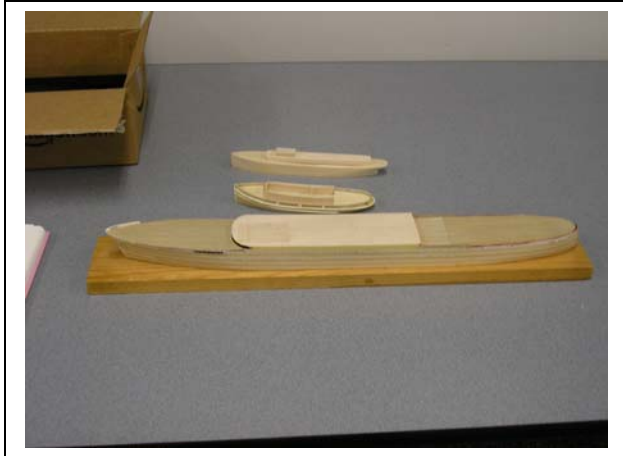
Tom Ruggiero had two models on hand. His first presentation was of his first scratch built model, the *USS Wasp*, a sloop of war built in 1807 which saw action in the War of 1812, defeating one British ship but then being captured and brought into the Royal Navy. She was eventually lost off the Virginia Capes.



I was sure I felt a slight disturbance in the *Force* when Tom brought up his next model, a work in progress of, dare I say it, a *MODERN MERCHANT SHIP!* As Tom stated – it doesn't have any masts and rigging! The model is of the training ship *TS Empire State VI*. Tom is building the model for a co-worker as a wedding present for her fiancé who is an alumnus of the *Empire State*. Tom needs to build the model as the ship appeared in 1998. Fortunately, the ship is moored at Fort Schuyler and Tom visited the ship and took a boat load of pictures. The model is of solid hull, bread and butter construction in 1:350 scale. Tom is sheathing the hull with 0.01" styrene.



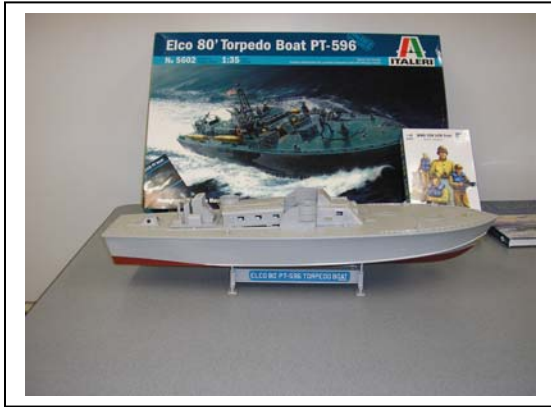
The final Show & Tell presenter for the evening was **Bob Fivehouse** who brought in three work in progress models. He is progressing quite nicely on his model of *Cape Town Castle* which he has brought in before. In addition, he has started building a model of an American Coastal Steamer operated by the Merchant & Miners Company. Bob obtained the plans from an issue of the "Marine Engineering Journal". The model is in the same scale as *Cape Town Castle* (1" = 32'). The last model Bob discussed is the seagoing tug, *Edmund Moran* in 1:192 scale. All of Bob's models are scratch built, having basswood hulls.



TECH SESSION

We had a departure from the scheduled tech session for this evening. Barry Rudd was unable to attend as planned due to a leg injury which got infected. We were told that Barry had to be hospitalized as a result, but is now home and getting much better. In place of the hull planking techniques, **Roy Goroski** and **Ed Hegstetter** gave separate presentations. Roy gave us a very interesting discussion of his method for weathering copper plated hulls and wooden decking. Roy had three plastic hulls on hand from Revell, the *USS Constitution*, *Cutty Sark* and *CSS Alabama*, I think. He showed how he simulates the oxidation that occurs on the plating from exposure to air and salt water. Roy pointed out that this oxidation occurs primarily above the waterline. Many modelers make the mistake of greening the entire coppered area of the hull. Roy then briefly discussed how he weathers decking in a multi-step paint layering technique starting off with a thin wash of white paint, covering with black and then wiping with a solvent.

Ed Hegstetter followed up with a discussion of a plastic kit model of an 80' Elco PT Boat he is currently working on.



Thanks to both Roy and Ed for coming up with interesting discussions for the Tech Session in lieu of the scheduled topic.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.



**JUST A REMINDER OF
UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 13-16, 2007 - NRG Conference, Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Manitowoc, WI

UPCOMING TECH SESSIONS

September 25, 2007 – **Gary Kingzett and Nick Starace** will be exhibiting two *USS New Jersey* battleships, one old, one new, and discussing the modeling techniques and challenges encountered in building their models

October 23, 2007 – **BRING A MODEL NIGHT**

November 27, 2007 – **Bob Fivehouse and Jeff Fuglestad** will be discussing deck planking techniques

December 2007 – **White Whale Auction**

January 22, 2008 – **Garry Kingzett** will show us how to make scale eye bolts

February 26, 2008 – **Barry Rudd and Roy Goroski** will be demonstrating hull planking methods

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Who's Who at the South Street
Show



*Many thanks to Stan Sinowitz and Ken Pomplun
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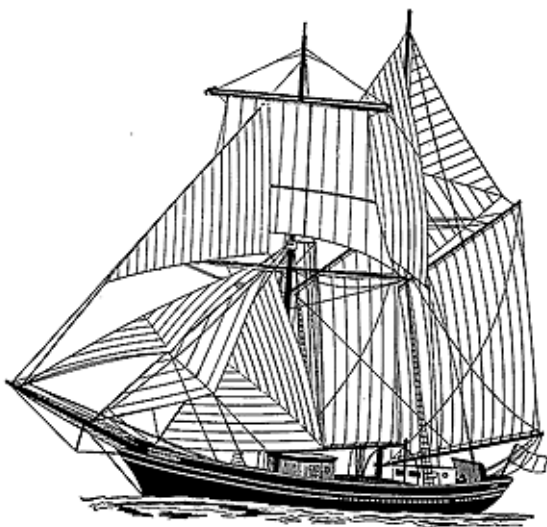
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Presented By
**Nick Starace and Gary
Kingzett**