

# Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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The October meeting of the HRSMS was held at the home of John Cheevers on the 3rd and was attended by 10 members and by guests Tom Hesse and Ed Swanson. The meeting was called to order at 2014. Under old business, members were reminded that the speaker at the December meeting will be John Broadwater of the Yorktown ships project. A motion was made and passed that the club donate \$50.00 to the project; this will be done at the December meeting. HRSMS participation in Bay Days in Hampton and the Fall Festival in Newport News was discussed at length. It is the members' impression that these events now cater more to vendors and tradesmen than to craftsmen, and Bill Clarke volunteered to write to the organizers and complain. In the past we participated regularly in these events, but decided not to do so this year because of their increased commercialization and difficulty of access.

The HRSMS 20th anniversary celebration, planned for March 1987, was discussed. The actual anniversary of our first meeting is March 3, and it was decided to celebrate the event on Saturday, March 7. A model exhibit is planned, as well as a dinner meeting to which members of the Richmond and Washington clubs will be invited. A design for new club stationery was finally selected at the October meeting. The design, proposed by Tommy Tragle, will consist of the club's name, "est. 1967", and the motto "Dedicated to the Preservation of Maritime Heritage" at the top, along with a line drawing of the MONITOR and MERRIMAC. The saying "Knowledge is of No Value Until Shared With Others" will run across the bottom, and blue ink on white paper will be used.

Guests Tom Hesse and Ed Swanson were voted in as members at this meeting. A course in Nautical Archaeology, to be held at the Mariners' Museum, was discussed and recommended. Paris Aiken announced that the club scrapbook is now organized up to 1980. Bill Fox passed an advance copy of his new book Always Good Ships around and promised to bring members' copies to the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2117.

The November meeting of the HRSMS will be held at the home of Gene Shelton, 129 Winston Dr., Williamsburg (229-8939) on Friday, November 14.

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