

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The March meeting and annual society banquet was held at the James River Country Club on Saturday the 10th. Twenty four members, spouses and guests attended the meeting.

Evening activities started with a social hour during which members had an opportunity to meet guests Bill and Marian Johnson as well as marvel at the very fine model making skills demonstrated by Jack Bobbitt (VIRGI-NIA) and David Tagg (Landing Craft).

The social hour was followed by a very delicious dinner which was enjoyed by all. Our heartfelt thanks and compliments to Jean Bobbitt who once again did an outstanding job of making arrangements for the evening.

Following dinner, Bill Clarke, standing in for the entire bridge, opened the business meeting by presenting membership certificates to new members Bill (and Ethel) Hinrichs and Tom (and Dorthy) Leahey. The Founder's Award for 1989 was then presented to Paris Aiken in recognition of his demonstrated modeling skills as evidenced by his work on the pilot schooner VIRGINIA. Congratulations Paris!

Following the presentation of awards, guest Bill Johnson was introduced and spoke on the history of the Virginia Pilot Association as well as his experiences as a Hampton Roads pilot. Our thanks to Bill for his very informative and entertaining after dinner remarks.

The meeting was then adjourned and members, spouses and guests visited with each other before declaring the evening a total success.

Our thanks to Bill Fox, Paris Aiken, Bill Clarke and David Tagg for their efforts on behalf of the society in refurbishing Christopher Newport College's ship model of the DELIVERANCE. We understand from CNC that it was a job both well done and greatly appreciated.

Administrative notes: Skipper John Cheever's new home phone is 591-8955. The May meeting date has been slipped a week, from the 11th to the 18th of May; please note this on your meeting schedule.

The society's April meeting will be held at the home of Alan Frazer, 108-G Indian Summer Drive, Hampton (865-7300) on the 20th at 2000 hours. Note that this is also a change from the previously published meeting schedule.

Finally, members are reminded that 1990 dues of \$6.00 are due and payable. Please make checks payable to HRSMS and either mail to the purser or provide same to the purser at the April meeting.

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