

Minutes



December 8, 1995

Members: 14

Guests: 2

Meeting called to order at 2008.

Corrections:

1) The last issue neglected to mention that the club received a nice thank you letter from Gene Larson for a very successful NRG conference.

2) It was Bil Peach who reported on the Tidewater RC show at the November meeting not Gene Berger.

Old Business

1996 Meeting Schedule- Jack Bobbitt had the 96 meeting schedule but there were still 4 openings (2 of which were filled before the end of the meeting).

Permanent Meeting Site- Alan Frazer reported that the conference room he had a line on for a meeting place has fallen through so we are back to square one in our search.

NRG- Bill Clarke reported that the NRG has returned the postage for the conference mailings and we have received payment from the Mariners' Museum for its banquets. The club has sent our donations to the NRG and the Mariners' Museum.

Modeling Seminar- The modeling seminar sponsored by the Lifesaving Museum is on for February. Jim McCurdy, Alan Frazer, Bob Comet and Graham Horne have expressed interest to be presenters. (Ed. note: The seminar is going to be on February 3. I would like to get one more presenter. Anyone who is interested please contact me.)

Liabe Suit- Joe McCleary came to the meeting loaded for bear. Joe felt that the editor's comments in the last issue were scandalous and inflammatory (Ed. note: As they were meant to be). After threatening legal action Joe realized that probably wouldn't be worthwhile so he settled on calling for a duel with a black powder pistol and "one" bullet that he produced. As Joe put it, "Len can use the pistol and bullet

after I do." Needless to say, Len felt that a duel under those conditions would not be in his best interests.

New Business

NRG Essay Contest- Jack Bobbitt reminded the members that the NRG is sponsoring an essay contest in 1996. (Ed. note: see the October Notice to Mariners for details.)

USS Constitution Bicentennial- Jack also mentioned that the Constitution Bicentennial will include a model contest. The models have to be related to the Constitution.

Wooden Boat- Jack mentioned that the latest issue of Wooden Boat had an article concerning models built by John Gardner. Some of the models were built from memory. Alan Frazer mentioned that John, a previous small craft curator at Mystic Seaport, had died in November.

Model Shipwright- Jack donated several copies of the magazine to the club library. Alan pointed out that the Mariners' Museum has a complete set in its library.

Ships-in-Scale- Bil Peach donated several copies to club library.

Newsletter- Bill Clarke received a newsletter from the Mid-Thames club in London.

Archives Photos- Bill is collecting a large number of photos from the National Archives. He has made several trips to DC recently making copies.

Show and Tell

The members had 8 models and the judges comments for a ninth from the Mariners' Museum contest. A rundown on the judges comments will be in next month's issue.

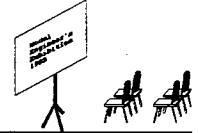
Metunga- Jack's model of the Metunga is coming along nicely. He has completed the deckhouses and used Bill Wiseman's technique for making the window sashes.

Harvey brought along some photos of the Tennessee and Jim McCurdy had a half hull sailing model he recently completed. We broke to some fantastic refreshments provided by Jack and Jeanne Bobbitt.

Watch, Quarter and Station Bill

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Next Meeting



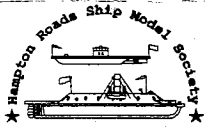
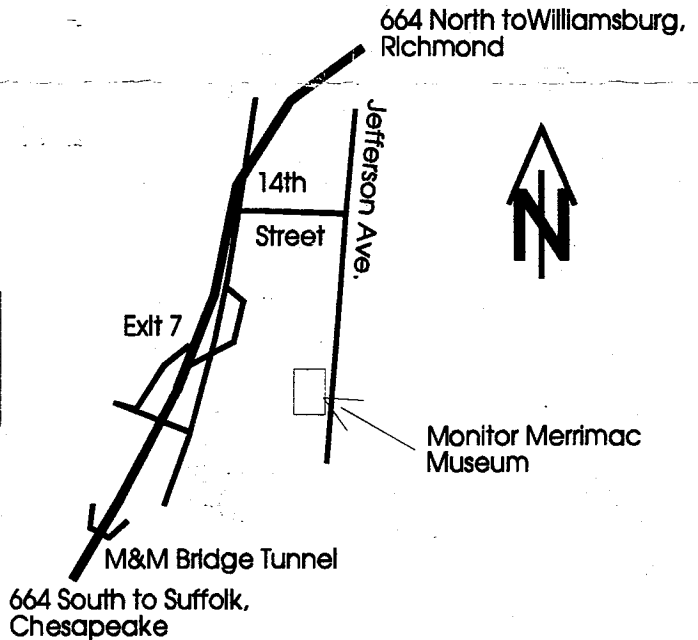
Due to possible bad weather the January meeting is postponed until the 19th at 2000 hours. The meeting will be at the Monitor Merrimac Museum located at the foot of Jefferson Ave. in Newport News. From the North take 664 to exit 7, the last exit before the M&M tunnel, and follow the signs. From the South take 664, across the M&M tunnel and take the first exit, no. 7, after the tunnel, and follow the signs. The meeting will begin at 2000 hours. Call Bob Comet or Len Wine if you need further directions.

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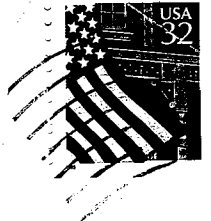
Upcoming Events

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- January Meeting: 19 January, 2000 Hrs., Host- Bob Comet;
Monitor Merrimac Museum
- Lifesaving Museum Modeling Seminar: Saturday, February
3.
- Annual Banquet: Saturday, 30 March, James River Country
Club.



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