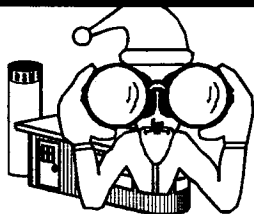


From the Pilothouse



*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!!*

Minutes



Minutes for 8 November, 1996.

Members: 19

Guests: Skip Watson
Greg Harrington
Brian Peach (Mid Thames Ship Model Society)

Meeting called to order at 20:02.

Corrections- The Pawnee was Cox and Stephens designed.

Old Business

Tulsa NRG Convention- Joe McCleary and Alan Frazer gave us a good account of the Tulsa convention. The talks were excellent this year and the event was attended by a lot of non-NRG members. There was an abbreviated tour of the Port of Catusa, the most inland port in the US, at the headwaters of the Arkansas river. The NRG launched its model review service.

Boston Convention- A reminder that next year the convention will be held in Boston, October 31 to November 3. One day will be spent at the Constitution. The NRG will host a tour of New England the 9 days prior to the convention.

Reedville- There was no new information concerning the model display at the museum in Reedville.

Steel Navy Colloquium- David Tagg and John Cheevers covered the event in Annapolis. The meeting was much improved over the one last spring, which was pretty good. Some of the topics covered were photoetching and casting. The highlight was the banquet and the address given by Chuck Haberlein on Iron Bottom Sound.

Modeling in the Old Country- Brian Peach gave us a run down on modeling in England. 90% of the models are RC. Museum models are predominantly built by professionals. There are lots of good kits and ready made parts available. The Mid Thames club has 170 members, 70 at a meeting, and has three ponds available to run on.

New Business/Show and Tell

Next Year's Meeting Schedule- The skipper passed around the schedule for next year and it appeared to fill up pretty quickly.

Precision Scale Model Engineering- PSME has a new catalog available for \$4. They have lots of small parts, etc. Good source for animation stuff.

Annapolis- Bill Clarke gave us an update on upcoming events in Annapolis. This coming April there will be a presentation on the restoration of models by Justin McMarrow (sp?) and in the Spring of 98 they will host a Dockyard Model colloquium.

Metunga- Jack has finished the Metunga and as always it is a great model. The wire for the rigging was produced by twisting smaller strands in reverse with a variable speed drill. We have been able to follow the progress of this model from the beginning and it has been a great learning experience for everyone. Thanks Jack.

Excel glue- Jack showed a new type of glue that produces very strong joints. The wood fails before the joint. It works best on rough surfaces and can be used on brass. It is available from Yukon Lumber.

French Maritime Museum- Bob Comet was impressed by this museum during a recent barge trip through Europe. He picked up some very nice plans.

System 3- John Cheevers had a trial kit that he obtained for \$10.00. This is similar to the West system.

Program- This month we continued covering plans. John Cheevers brought along a nice plan of a Danish icebreaker. John was able to demonstrate how to put together a set of hull lines from very limited and basic information. For his current model he had a midships section, an inboard profile and a deck plan. Using those three sources John was able to develop what he feels is a reasonably accurate set of lines. Joe McCleary brought along a set of plans for the Pawnee that he obtained from the Archives. He had them reproduced in 1/8 scale locally at Ridgways in Newport News. Next month we are covering types of hulls.

The meeting adjourned at 2200. Thanks to Heinz and Mareke Schiller for hosting the meeting and putting on a wonderful spread afterwards.

Upcoming Events

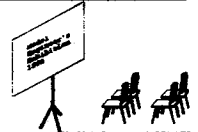
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December Meeting, 13 Dec., 2000, Host: Jack Bobbitt

January Meeting, 10 Jan, 2000.

February Meeting, 14 Feb, 2000.

Next Meeting



The next meeting will be at the home of Jack and Jeanne Bobbitt, 69 Queens Court, Newport News, 599-0557. From I-64 go west on J. Clyde Morris to Warwick and turn right. Go to the 2nd or 3rd light and turn left on Hiden Blvd. Stay on Hiden until after it narrows and turn left onto James Landing Road. Turn right on Queens Court and the Bobbitts house will be on the right a couple of blocks down.

Watch, Quarter and Station Bill

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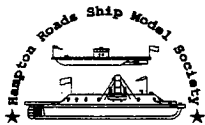
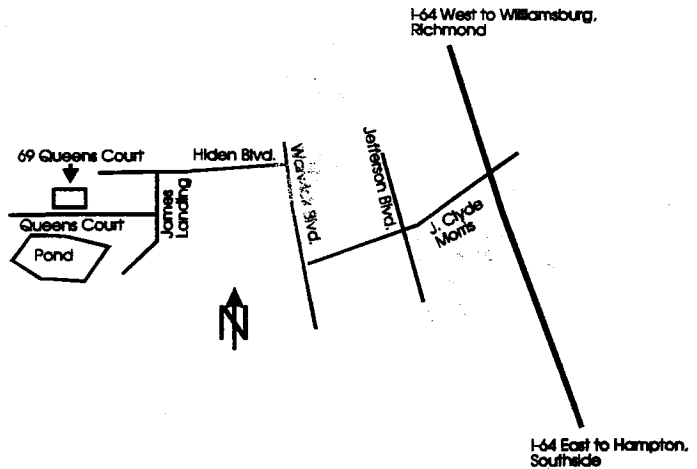
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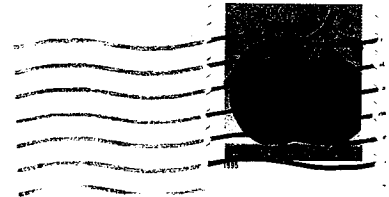
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