

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

June 1992

The meeting of May 1 was called to order at 2004, with 17 members and one guest at Bill Clarke's home. Guest was George Schnyer of Norfolk (1st visit). A recent "launching" was announced: Katherine Alexandra Cheevers, 0.00325 tons displacement, delivered to Ellen and John on April 25, 1992 at 0608 hours. Congratulations!

Old Business

1. The Anniversary was a big success. Bill Fox would like to have us all down to his summer cottage at Corolla (date indefinite), and the Skipper congratulated and thanked all hands. A plaque, made by Tom Abbott and including a piece of copper from USS CONSTITUTION, was belatedly presented to outgoing Skipper John Cheevers, who had to "go out" early on the night of the dinner. The purser also thanked Heinz Schiller, who had to miss the dinner due to a trip to Germany (some excuse!) for sending a batch of rulers. Alan forgot to bring them tonight; will do so in June.

2. The plaque from the Washington Ship Model Society was also brought along, for those who had not seen it. It consists of six small half models (Skipjack by Ken Dorr, Draketail Workboat by Dick Strange, Baltimore Clipper by Joe Montpelier, Log Canoe by John Fryant, Scow Sloop by Rich Maurer, and Bugeye by Doug Griggs) surrounding an engraved plate, all mounted on a large mahogany backboard. Design and assembly were by John Fryant, and Gene Larson supplied the backboard. The engraved text reads: "In celebration of a quarter-century of ship modeling fellowship, the Officers and Crew of the Washington Ship Model Society salute the members of the Hampton Roads Ship Model Society on their 25th anniversary. Presented April 11, 1992." A truly handsome greeting!

3. A letterhead design using the new logo was chosen; the logo committee will select the colors of paper and ink.

New Business

1. The Society will again participate in The Mariners' Museum's Festival in the Park, on May 31.

2. The Skipper proposed organized modeling presentations at future meetings. Jim McCurdy, a true Navy veteran, *volunteered* to do the first, in June [See meeting notice].

3. Gene Berger announced that judging of the school-age ship model contest at the Virginia Lifesaving Museum would take place on May 9.

For the Common Good

Bill Clarke reported that the Navy Photographic Center is still offering 8x10 photos for \$4.50. Alan Frazer announced purchase of a Bassett-Lowke model of TITANIC by Mariners' Museum, to be on exhibit very soon. Bill Fox sent handout on engineering and speed of recently sold SS UNITED STATES. Bill Altice showed stuff on resistance soldering, Sea Craft Classics models, Hobby Hangar brass tubing (.008" i.d.) and small springs. [Here the Purser had to leave; remaining minutes were taken by Len Wine]. Bill Altice showed his device

for sanding sheer and camber into a hull; also serves as a thickness sander. Great job of engineering and construction, and we hope to see some results on a finished model soon. Heinz Schiller showed a small model (scale unknown) of OLIVER CROMWELL; nice framing and lots of detail. Len Wine passed around his plug for making fiberglass gun turrets for the USS LOUISVILLE; subject for demonstration at a future meeting. Lots more; sorry, no space to publish!

We adjourned at 2118 in favor of the Clarkes' strawberries and... Good stuff, as always!

Next Meeting: Friday, June 12 at the home of David and Karen Tagg, 8 Colonial Acres Drive, Hampton. If you need directions, call 851-2639 or 865-7300. Jim McCurdy will demonstrate the making and rigging of shrouds, starting with laying up and serving your own rope. Time for "hands on" experience. And remember that Dues are still Due if your label still says "D".

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