

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

August 1992

The July 10 meeting was called to order by Skipper Bill Altice at 2023, with 11 members and one guest, Bob Sanderson, at Bill Hinrichs' home. The minutes were approved, and the purser gave a report.

Old Business

Leonard Wine reported on Society participation in the Hampton Trysail "Sail-a-bration" Festival on June 27, and its newly acquired facilities (table and canopy) for future events. Others concurred that it was worth doing, and fun.

New Business

1. As this was Bob Sanderson's third meeting, he was duly elected to membership. Welcome, Bob, and congratulations!

2. After discussion, it was agreed that the August meeting date would be changed from the 14th to the 21st. Since it will be at Jim McCurdy's, he will present his delayed "Rope Walk" program without having to carry the stuff.

Tech Talk

John Cheevers brought some of his usual neat work, this time on a small scale, and showed how a single model was becoming a sideline business. One model of L.A.-class sub USS ASHEVILLE, built as a retirement gift at the shipyard, led to orders for 11 more, one of which now graces the ASHEVILLE's wardroom. (How many of our models have even gone to sea, much less *under* it?).

John also did one SEA WOLF and now has contracts for five! Maybe he should share the market with NNS and Electric Boat? The hulls of the models are lathe-turned, while diving vanes and sails are cut to length from strips shaped to proper cross sections. John brought the jigs he developed to hold parts during assembly; they save a lot of time during serial production.

John also introduced us to tiny fishhooks (he used #8) as very fine eyebolts. Cut away the business end of the hook and keep the eye (wear goggles, hold both parts, and don't ruin good cutting pliers on this hard wire). Finally, John brought progress photos on the last Virginia Pilots' model, which led to good discussion of paints and colors, especially the buff of VIRGINIA's stack.

For the Common Good

1. Alan Frazer: reported Mariners' Museum has received a nice bone p-o-w model of a 74-gun ship-of-the-line; *Keystone* magazine article on Pennsylvania Railroad tugboats; Fawcett list of linen cordage; ship model competition in Baton Rouge; Steamship Historical Society program on UNITED STATES, open to public at M.M. on July 26; passed around an original membership certificate of old Ship Model Makers' Club, 1928, signed by Capt. E.A. McCann and Gordon Grant.

2. Jack Bobbitt: books, *History of the United States Navy*, by Robert W.

Love (has problems, including 20-year error in construction of frigate CHESAPEAKE), and *Pride of Baltimore*, by Thomas C. Gilmer.

3. Bill Altice: three classic books, *Masting and Rigging* and both volumes of *Plank on Frame Ship Models*, all by Harold A. Underhill; magazine, *The Home Shop Machinist* (2779 Aero Park Drive, Traverse City MI 49684); old magazines, *The Ship Modeler*, edited by Capt. E. A. McCann about 1929-1935 (from club library; related to certificate shown earlier); Tuff Carv, a modeling paste which can be carved very nicely when hard; Alumilite casting material (brochure from Alumilite Corp., P.O. Box 310, Richland MI 49083-0310); "This Month" catalog of H&R Corp., a fine source of small motors and other surplus materials (401 E. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19134); catalogs of Model Expo and Micro Mark.

4. We adjourned at 2217 to a delicious spread by Bill and Ethel Hinrichs.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2000 hrs, at Jim McCurdy's home, 825 Loblolly Court, Chesapeake VA 23320, tel. (804) 482-5426. **DIRECTIONS FROM PENINSULA:** I-64 via Hampton Roads Tunnel (or I-664 via Monitor-Merrimac Tunnel to I-64) to Exit (?) (Old 83B), Battlefield Blvd. South. Then via Battlefield (2.5 mi.); 168, Nags Head Bypass to 2nd Mt. Pleasant exit; Mt. Pleasant (about 1/2 mi.) across small bridge and past child-care nursery; immediate right on Fentress Road; 4th right onto Willow Oak Drive; 3rd right onto Loblolly Court; #825 is 3rd home on left.

On the Bridge:

Skipper: Bill Altice 748-4880
Purser: Alan Frazer 865-7300

1st Mate: Leonard Wine 588-5831
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**NOTE CHANGE OF
NEXT MEETING:
AUGUST 21**

TO: