

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

April 1993

We met on March 12 at David Tagg's home with 17 members, no guests. Tom Hesse was welcomed back after a too-long absence.

There were two corrections to February 12 minutes: 1) Price of name badges was to be \$3.50, not \$4.50; 2) we signed up for them last month.

OLD BUSINESS

Len Wine reported that the badges had been ordered from the supplier.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Skipper Bill Altice officially appointed Bill Clarke as chairman for the 1995 NRG conference committee. Looks like another good one.
2. Bill described criteria for the Founders' Award and announced the nominees: David Tagg and John Cheevers. Ballots were cast and impounded by the Skipper for counting; honoree will be announced later.
3. The Skipper then reported for Bill Fox regarding arrangements for "later," a proposed May 8 dinner at Fort Magruder, Williamsburg. The club will pay the bartender fee if the cash bar does not gross \$350. [We hope it does not! -Ed.]
4. It is our turn to arrange a joint meeting with WSMS. Late September was suggested, possibly at St. Michaels or Solomons. More next time?

SHARING

Bill Fox, via Bill Altice: notice of a June 12 Hampton Roads cruise aboard Liberty Ship JOHN W. BROWN: fare is \$100.00 a head for about six hours, out of Norfolk. If you want to see a large compound, reciprocating marine steam engine doing what it was made for, See Bill for details. A rare opportunity!

Harvey Williams and Alan Frazer described the materials available from the estate of William Hoeke, including excellent fittings.

Bill Clarke asked if we would like more group tours of Navy ships. Response was strongly in favor. He also described his visit to the new model gallery at Annapolis: cases were open for adjustments, so he could get within inches of the Rogers and other models! (Gallery was closed to most visitors.)

John Cheevers and Alan Frazer described an unusual ship model contest held by one Shipyard department. To stimulate creative thinking, entrants were limited to materials in a "kit" consisting of a piece of twine, a plastic fork, a box of wooden matches, a plastic film container, popsicle sticks, an index card, paper clips, a few sheets of paper, a foam block, an inter-office envelope, and a sheet of rules. Sixteen finished models resulted from 41 kits; John says some

winners were quite impressive.

Alan showed latest copies of Steamboat Bill and Broadaxe; some heavy waxed paper formerly used for lifting patterns in the mold loft, a letter from Historic Research and Analysis offering naval/maritime research services in the Washington area; and mentioned that he has a limited quantity of tracing linen.

Hugh Melton reported that a major new exhibit building will open at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, on April 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 2155, and we turned to on free-form conversation and the good chow served up by Karen and David. Thanks to our fine hosts.

Dues are due from, incredibly, just eight who did not pay in March or sooner. If there is a "D" on your mailing label you are one of this shrinking elite! **SEND OR BRING CHECK FOR \$12, PAYABLE TO HRSMS.**

NEXT MEETING: We'll collect dues, take dinner reservations (\$25 a head) for May 8, and deliver badges (\$3.66 each, including tax) to those who ordered. Bring money! We'll meet on Friday, April 9, 2000 hrs., at Bill Fox's office, J.J. McMullen Associates, 11777 Rock Landing Drive, Oyster Point Business Park, Newport News. From US-17, 1st light south of I-64, turn into Diligence Drive, then right at next light, Rock Landing. Pass two long buildings on left, then turn left and look for "JJMA" on sign. Bill's office phone is 873-6510.

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