

HAMPTON ROADS SHIP MODEL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

June 1993

The meeting of May 14 at Bill Clark's home was called to order by Skipper Bill Altice at 2015, with 14 members plus guest Eric Myall (2nd time).

April 9 minutes were corrected: the resistance soldering equipment shown by Bill Altice belongs to him and is not for sale. No financial report.

Old Business

1. Bill Altice reported that the Mid-Atlantic Maritime Festival in Easton, Maryland, was well organized, but attendance seemed low. Graham Horne did some demonstrations and Alan Frazer also had a model shown. There were about 48 models exhibited, mostly from WSMS, plus a separate exhibit from U.S. Navy.
2. Reports were given on the May 8 dinner, with special thanks to Bill Fox for making all arrangements, Len Wine for presiding on short notice, John Cheevers and Tom Abbott for handling details of awards production.
3. The Founders' Award was presented to David Tagg at the dinner, and certificates to Ralph Smith and Norvin Alcorn, new members in the past year.

New Business

1. The Society has again been asked to participate in Festival in the Park at the Mariners' Museum on June 13, noon to 5 p.m. Gene Berger asked members to bring work to show and r/c to run.
2. The Watermen's Museum is having three special-event weekends, June 12-13, August 14-15, October 16-17. The Society is welcome to exhibit, demonstrate modeling (and r/c operation if feasible in the York River) on each occasion. Some members will try to set up the exhibit on June 12, at least, but probably not June 13 due to conflict (preceding item); no problem with later weekends.

Sharing

1. Bill Clarke announced that a maritime festival will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, next year. Bill also reminded us that the National Geographic t.v. special on Dr. Robert Ballard's exploration of sunken warships from the 1942 Battle of Savo Island (Ironbottom Sound) would appear on TBS in May.
2. Bill Altice showed brochure from Seacraft Classics; described HIDDENSEE, a fast Soviet-built missile ship obtained by U.S. Navy from East Germany, now based at Solomons Island. Possibility for joint-club tour?

In a poll of "who's doing what," reports were heard from:

3. Bill Altice: R.J. BOWMAN model coming along nicely;

4. Jack Bobbitt: Many components for puny done; "Hobby Black" more effective if parts are heated until color changes before dipping; Kalmbach book on diorama modeling is good source for weathering and distressing methods;
5. Tom Abbott: Working on model of C.L. HUNLEY, first successful Confederate submarine, for Civil War event at Richmond in November;
6. John Cheevers: Has order for another sub model; Working on photo-etch parts for carrier; Discussion of minimum line width for photo etching (Alan Frazer's source said it should equal metal thickness plus 25% for undercutting, or minimum of .015" except on thinnest sheets - if original art is drawn oversize, enlarge its line width by same proportion.);
7. Bob Sanderson: Planking Billings' SANTA MARIA kit;
8. Bill Clarke: Showed CAD drawings for USS NORFOLK as further developed by John Cheevers; Also reported on speakers already booked for 1995 NRG Conference: Roger Cole, Joe McCleary, Jack Bobbitt, Bob Sumrall.

The meeting was adjourned at 2130, after which all members constructed great strawberry shortcake from Bill and Joe Ann's great fixings. A wonderful tradition continues!

Dues are due (still) from the same three holdouts. If there is still a "D" on your mailing label, please send or bring your \$12. Make checks out to HRSMS.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, June 11, 2000 hrs. David Merriman, a master of modern modeling methods and materials, will be our special guest speaker, discussing casting methods in metal and resins. Our hosts will be Gene Berger and Marylyn Barton, 105 Long Bridge Road, Hampton; phone 850-4407. Mercury Blvd. East to left turn at Fox Hill Road; go about 3/4 mile, passing Kinder-Care on right; turn left on Long Bridge; 105 is 3rd house on left after stop sign.

On the Bridge:

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