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Upcoming Events & Tech Sessions

The next meeting is **7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 25, 2024.**
The meeting will be Virtual only.

July 20, 2024 meeting and Museum Tour, Info Age Museum, Wall New Jersey

August 3, 2024: USS New Jersey Modelcon hosted by the Philadelphia Ship Model Society.

August 17, 2024; meeting at Tom's Shop

Meeting Report: The meeting was opened at 12:30 pm at Roseland Library by Bill Brown. Ten members attended (6 in person and 4 virtual). Tom presented the status of our finances.

We are back at the Library but on Saturday. Meeting on Saturday has the big advantage of much better traffic and not having to drive at night. The downside is that the Library will be closed weekends in June, July, and August. We have made alternate plans for Summer meetings. To accommodate as many members as possible, our meeting in June is virtual only and will be on Tuesday, June 25 at 7 pm.

We need live Tech Sessions from our members. See inside for more discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 14:05.

Dues for 2024

June is the end of our fiscal year and when dues are payable. Since we are not going to be in the Library in June, send your check, payable to SMSNJ, to Tom. If you joined after February 2024, your initial fee covers you until June 2025.

Next Tech Session

The June 25, 2024 Tech Session is a presentation of the "InfoAge Science and History Museum". World War II Richard Baumann will present the Ship Models at their Museum.

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OLD BUSINESS



Tech Sessions Wanted

We need volunteers to present tips and techniques at meetings.

Since the start of COVID, Mason has done a stellar job in lining up many excellent presentations that simply would not be able to come to a meeting to present. During that time, we have had a handful of the traditional how to demonstrations given by fellow club members. Several have asked that we bring the demonstrations back. We agree. So, we need our members to step up and provide presentations.

If there is something that was presented in the past that you would like to see again, let us know and we will schedule it. If you found a new or better way to do something, share your learnings. Kevin stated that his videos could also be shown at our meeting but bandwidth may be an issue. We will be exploring the logistics of doing this. **Please, step up and share what you have learned.**

Joint Clubs 2025

In 2025, SMSNJ will be hosting the 42nd Northeast Joint Clubs (April 26, 2025). We discussed a committee, and Mike Ellison volunteered. If you wish to help out on the planning etc, please contact Eric. It is not too early to start planning. We have already reserved the venue and gave a deposit. It would be advisable to line up the after lunch presentation so that the presenter can schedule their time. We should also think about a budget. Announcements for the 2025 meeting should be emailed no latter than January 3, 2025. So, let's start this process soon.

Summer Meetings

Roseland Library will be closed on weekends for June, July and August. We must decide our plans for the summer. During the summer months, several will have other priorities on weekends. That said, as a Club, we have exhibits like Modelcon and Pennsville, and we do have business that needs to be transacted for activities in September.

We discussed options and decided that, in general, virtual meetings could be on Tuesday night as our meetings were before.

The July meeting will be combined with a museum tour at the "InfoAge Science and History Museum" at the former Fort Monmouth. It will be Saturday, July 20 at 1030. The August meeting will be at Tom Ruggiero's Shop on Saturday, August 17 at 10 am.

In September, we will be back in the Library but we will try to arrange for the Saturday meetings to run from 10:30 to 1:30. We hope that this will allow more members to attend.

NEW BUSINESS



Revolutionary War Display

Bill was contacted by a representative from the Middletown New Jersey Historical Society. During the Revolution, there was an English privateer named Britania moored in Sandy Hook that broke free and beached in what is now Middletown New Jersey. The rebels raided the ship and this became a significant victory. The Society commissioned a plaque to commemorate the event and she would like a representative model of the Britania for a display. Bill noted that getting such a model in the time that she wanted wasn't possible, but he offered other ships of the period for loan to the Society. It would go on display in Middletown. If you are interested, please contact Bill.

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For more information contact us at: www.thenrg.org or call 585 968 8111

BOOKS

AND PUBS



No books and Pubs this meeting.

Pennsville Farm Show

On June 1st, Tom joined with several members of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society at the annual Day at the Farm in Pennsville, New Jersey. The weather was spectacular and the company was great. There were many great models but it appears that many just wanted to see Tom's model of RMS Titanic. There were classic cars and a large collection of vintage bicycles and high wheelers. As always, there was a mid-19th century band in period Union uniforms.



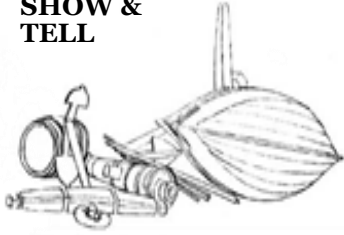
Battleship New Jersey

Our scheduled Tech Session was postponed, but Josh Fichman saved the day with a presentation of photos from when Tom and he went into the drydock where Battleship New Jersey is being refurbished. The view of the topsides is from deck level. When the ship is in Camden, you are looking up at her and don't get this perspective. A good deal of work was completed, and by the time that you've seen this the battleship will be back at the pier in Camden. As done for the past years, PSMS is sponsoring Modelcon on the battleship on August 3, 2024. The show will be in the Wardroom. You need to register your models. Admission is free to participants and you can tour the ship during the show. The flyer will be emailed to you. Thank you Josh!



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SHOW & TELL



HMS Speedwell, Sloop

1752, Scale 1:32

Syren Ship Model

Chuck Passaro

Chuck continues with his prototype model of Speedwell. The bulwarks have the lining and spireking planks installed. Chuck noted that Speedwell is a small ship but due to the large scale of this model, fittings do appear overscale although they aren't. This is especially apparent with the gratings understanding that many otherwise good models are spoiled by oversize spacing on the gratings. He will be starting the Fore-castle planking. All of that planking will be laser cut and that brings up a bit of a quandary. If you don't have the tools, Chuck used to do all of this by hand. Now, he questions if we are forgetting how to do it by hand. He notes that wooden kits are approaching where many plastic kits are in that it is now becoming assembling pieces rather than building them. Bill noted that irrespective of that, Syren has opened up a complex model to more model builders. Chuck says that he sort of misses making things by hand. What do you think about this? Chuck is also making use of available figures that are 1:35 scale. For example, he included a bilge rat in the model. This model will be rigged and possibly have sails.



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Contributions to *The Broadaxe* are always welcome, and SMSNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to the Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by email. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

The Broadaxe is edited by Tom Ruggiero. Your ideas and suggestions are always welcome. Please submit them to Steve Maggipinto at trugs@comcast.net.

If any member would like an email copy of the roster, please drop a note to Tom Ruggiero at the email address listed below. If there is an error in the roster let Tom know and the roster will be amended. Please make sure that your spam filter is not blocking emails from Tom because if it is, you won't get member bulletins. Please keep your contact information up to date. Your email address is particularly important because that is the main avenue of communication for club announcements. In case of emergencies such as last-minute cancellations due to weather, emails will be sent to the members. Direct All Correspondence to Tom Ruggiero.

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