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The 838th meeting of the Philadelphia Ship Model Society was held at the Independence Seaport Museum on May 4th 2017 with 29 members and guests, President Jim Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAY 4th 2017 MINUETS

Secretary Minuets for 4/6/17 submitted and accepted Financial Report for April submitted and accepted

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMER SOCIETY PICNIC Date is Saturday August 12th

The club picnic was discussed and Dr Jim Nutt offered his house again. His offer was accepted and the discussion turned to the food and how to handle it. VP Todd Wardwell and Pres. Jim Wheeler suggested having it catered and will look for a caterer.

Put this on your calendar. There will be a pool for radio controlled craft, plenty of parking, and beautiful scenery. We are very fortunate to have this event once more at the home of Jim and Betsy Nutt. *FDR* Park -off the table.

<u>CAMP ENGLEWOOD</u> in Elkins Park, neighbors of Tom and Alice McElhinney, was again presented and described as the perfect place for radio control. It is a lake with an island and is kept clean of algae by the camp. Further discussion is planned.

<u>LYNX MODEL</u> in need of repair. He is willing to pay someone to repair the model. Contact Andrew Seligman at (215) 514-6724 <u>TOM MC ELHINNEY</u> explained Alice's situation and the care she is receiving.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>FARM FAIR</u> at Pennsville New Jersey June 3rd.

Last year, some of our members including your editor, took the opportunity to show their models at this fair. Exhibit tables were supplied in the shade of the trees. Along with a Civil War re-enactor band of 5 men playing authentic instruments, there were the local American Legion band, farm animals, American Indian Dancers, various displays by vendors, local organizations and the Historical Society Museum along with an old time relaxed atmosphere.

Located in N.J south of the Delaware Memorial Bridge on Rt 49. plenty of parking. For more information, contact Pat Leaf at pilebl@comcast.net

Raffle Winner Spencer Anderson

Submitted: John Bullock: Secretary / Ron Spicer: Editor

Program

THE PENOBSCOT EXPEDITION OF 1779

(The worst naval disaster you've never heard of.)



A lively and humorous video presentation by CWO and Vice-President Todd Wardwell of the disastrous naval military expedition against the British occupied fort on the Castine Peninsula on Penobscot Bay in what is now Maine. (At the time part of Massachusetts)

The Continentals arrived with 40 ships, of which 20 were armed, 100 artillerymen, 870 militia, opposed by 700 British soldiers occupying fort George and 3 armed British sloops.

Paul Revere who had worn out his welcome in Massachusetts signed on for the expedition.

The Continental troops were from the low end of the spectrum and committed several blunders including retreat just before victory against land forces. Many of the American vessels were captured, burned, or scuttled by their own crews.

This one battle basically bankrupted Massachusetts.

Commodore Saltonstall was court marshaled, dismissed from the naval service and became a privateer.

Paul Revere was court marshaled and found not guilty. General Wadsworth brought charges against Revere several times.

Ironic twist - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (grandson of General Wadsworth) wrote the poem "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" making Paul Revere famous!

Further reading: "The Fort" by George Cornwall (Authentic explanation of the Penobscott Expedition.)

"The Court Marshal of Paul Revere" by Micheal Greenberg

MAY MEETING PROGRAM:



The "Blackwall Frigate" Clarence

An illustrated talk by Ian Petrie,
Senior Associate Director,
Center for Teaching and Learning,
University of Pennsylvania

A ship's log held in Penn's Kislak Center for Special Collections is our entrée into the history of this ship, whose career provides interesting vantages on the British Empire in its Victorian heyday. One of Green & Co.'s famous "Blackwall frigates", the *Clarence* variously sailed between London, India, the Caribbean and Australia, carrying diverse passengers – soldiers, indentured laborers, free migrants – whose presence and experiences on the ship connect it to larger stories of economic history, military history, the history of medicine and environmental history. This illustrated talk will draw on not only the log here in Philadelphia, but also archival sources from collections in England, Australia and New Zealand, and the Maritime History Archive in St. John's, Newfoundland.

MY PATIENTS WERE MUMMIES

Member and past President Mike Zimmerman M.D.,Ph.D is an anthropologist and retired pathologist. His book My Patients Were Mummies (www.novapublishers.com) follows the many adventures of a career that took Mike to exotic parts of the world and has contributed our understanding the roll that the evolution of diseases has had in human and cultural history. It includes a chapter called "Helmsman's Elbow: An Occupational Disease of the 17th Century. This chapter is about the helmsman of the ship Vasa. Mike gave a presentation of this topic to the PSMS

SICK BAY

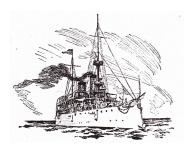
Spence Delin - Recovering from a dual knee operation and is doing well.

Bobbie Zimmerman - Had an eye operation and is doing well

THESHACK

Keep the lights on. Support the Shack. Volunteer. Sign up to sit the Ship shack. Take a model and show visitors what our hobby is all about.

Contact: Joe Jordan at jjvtown@aol.com
Or sign up on the web:
philadelphiashipmodelsociety.com



Forthcoming Events

May 4th	7 pm PSMs Meeting
June 1	7 pm PSMs Meeting
July 6th	7 pm PSMs Meeting
Aug 3rd	7 pm PSMs Meeting
Aug 12th	Society Picnic 2 pm
Sept 7th	7 pm PSMs Meeting
Oct 5th	7 pm PSMs Meeting
Nov 2rd	7 pm PSMs Meeting
Dec 17th	Christmas Brunch, 12 Noon
	Corinthian Yatch Club
	Essington, PA

PARKING

Parking is free at the Parking Authority Municipal lot located directly in front of the Seaport Museum for members attending the monthly meetings. You must enter at the Walnut Street entrance. A volunteer member will be there to monitor the gate between 6:15 and 6:50 PM. Those arriving earlier or later should temporarily park to the side in the oval and go to the front desk and obtain a parking pass, which, after use, must immediately be returned to the front desk.



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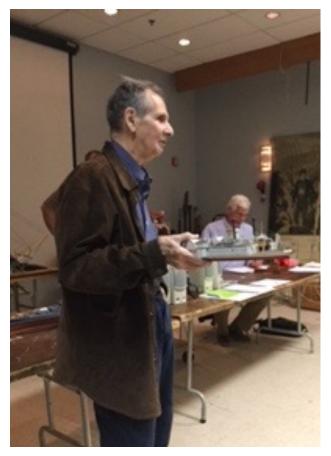
The Philadelphia Ship Model Society (PSMS) meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) at 1900 hours. ISM is located at Penn's Landing, 211 South Columbus Boulevard, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19106. Guests are always welcome!

PSMS annual dues are \$35.00 foe an INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$40.00 FOR A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDES MEMBER as well as family with children FREE.

SHOW AND TELL









ED LEAF Showed his scratch built N scale railroad river boat model used to cross the Mississippi before bridges were built





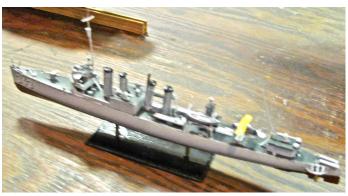
MIKE WEAVER
Brought in a rescued damaged Battleship New
Jersey. He fabricated new turrets and guns as
well as other details. Repainted the hull
and added a computer printed flag.





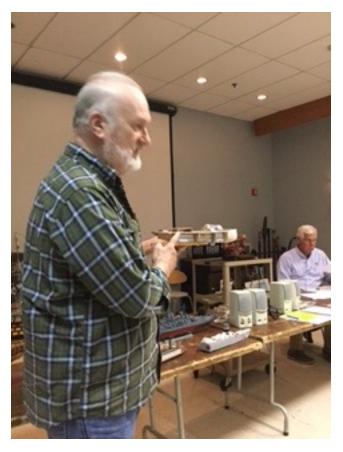
FRANCINE SERRATORE A 1/96 scale British Destroyer Escort from her radio controlled home fleet













TOM McELHINNEY
1913 pleasure yacht "ALICE"
Scratch built - a work in progress.
After struggling with only photo research,
he has now acquired the proper plans plans.





FRED SIGNOR 1628 Swedish ship "VASA". 1/75 scale The model is in mid construction





JOHN BULLOCK Showed a completed "HMS Victory" 1/98 scale Impressive!



35th ANNUAL NORTHEAST JOINT CLUBS

SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE AND SHOW

Held every year at the Port N Starboard Convention center at Ocean Beach Park, New London Connecticut and hosted on a rotating schedule by one of 5 ship model clubs. PSMS members traveled the greatest distance and had the largest no of attendees. This year 20 members and wives attended. PSMS members usually meet for dinner at a local restaurant upon arrival Friday night. The event consists of table top demos, vendors, a speaker, a raffle of donated prizes and the display of close to 100 ship models. For some, the main attraction is the buffet lunch!

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PSMS member **Spence Delin** won the Jim Roberts Award, for the "highest standards of ship model building" for his scratch built model of USS BOXER, 1905, judged by a panel of 5 judges; one from each of the 5 participating clubs. Of the eight times it has been awarded, Spence has won three times. He was also honored with the Peoples Choice Award - all who attended voted for the top 3 models. Only 4 points separated first and third place.







