



# San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

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## Notes From January Meeting

The January meeting was called to order by Doug McFarland and after a brief delay for late arrivals the 1979 election of officers was held. By a small majority Bill Benson was elected Master of the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild. Many thanks to Doug for his fine leadership for the past year. Other officers elected were:

Andy Anderson - Langley Project Chairman  
Dave Smith - Purser

Bob Brady            Steering committee  
Doug McFarland    Steering committee  
Andy Anderson     Steering committee

As was Bill's custom in the past, people present introduced themselves and commented on their past, present and future projects. Of particular interest was the news that Bob Pranka, after 12 years, has finally finished The Leon. Bob has promised to bring it to a meeting sometime in the future.

Little or no business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

## MODELS AT THE JANUARY MEETING

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
Gordon Jones	Abner Coburn	Down Easter
Royce Pribett	Constitution	Bluejacket (kit)
Doug McFarland	Norske Løve	POF Kit
John Whitelock	Eagle Boat	World War I Gun boat
Russ Lloyd	Brigantine in a Bottle	Scrach built

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your membership for 1979. Rates are the same as last year - \$6.00 for members of the San Diego Maritime Museum and \$12.00 for non-members. Membership in the Museum Association entitles you to unlimited access to the STAR OF INDIA, BERKLEY, and MEDIA. With all the work going on aboard the three ships your dollars go to a very worthy cause, making our museum the best in the west. This will be the last newsletter until renewal.

## Notes On The Log Keeper

Fred Fraas has had to step down as editor due to job commitments. His talents and wit will be missed but it is hoped the news letter will occasionally be blessed by his writings.

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SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD  
Elected officers

MASTER: Bill Benson redacted  
LOGKEEPER Bob Crawford redacted  
FURSER: Dave Smith redacted

STEERING COMMITTEE: Bob Brady - Doug McFarland - Andy Anderson

MEETINGS: 3rd Friday of each month a 8:00 PM aboard BERKELEY

MEMBERSHIP \$6.00 per year for members of the Maritime Museum  
DUES: Association of San Diego; \$12.00 for all non-members.  
Cut-of-state residents may join for \$6.00.

Founded in 1971 by Bob Wright and the late Russ Merrill

The Langley Project

The Langley Project is about to start after many delays. If you would like to help please contact Andy Anderson, (redacted) during the day. It is a worthwhile project and should be gratifying to all who participate. The Aerospace Museum needs our help.

Craftsmen's Corner

When planking a deck, an easy way to calk either hand laid decks or scribed decking is to seal the wood WELL!!! with sanding sealer or the like. Then, with a pallet knife or putty knife, trowel in Liquitex or Grumbachers Artist Acrylic paint (Pains Gray or Burnt Umber). After the paint has dried sand back down to the level of wood. This system is especially good if you are joggeling planks. You must remember when laying individual planks to leave a slight gap into which the paint may flow. Drill out holes at the plank butts to simulate bolts or other fastenings. Don't get discouraged by the look of the deck before sanding-- it comes off and the appearance is quite realistic.

Casting

A new member, John Woodard is starting a new business specializing in lost wax investment casting of brass, bronze and silver for the Marine Modeler. John will produce from your drawings or patterns. For further information contact John at the meetings or through the Gray Whale Ship Shop.

LETTERS TO THE LOGKEEPER

I had occasion to phone the Floating Drydock a few weeks ago and asked if they might make a history for our news letter. I recieved the following reply:

# THE FLOATING DRYDOCK

P. O. Box 16066, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19114



Dear Mr. Crawford;

Here is a short story of the FLOATING DRYDOCK: The company started in Oct., 1973. It got started thru myself and a close model building friend who built large scale (1/96 sc) models of USN WW2 era warships. Being unable to find any good sources of information either from the Navy or from other companys we came up with the idea to get your hands on what ever we could get for this peroid and make it available to other model builders in this field.

Over the past years we came across alot of Blue-prints of ships and other information. Most of the info is official Navy publications which had alot of information in them that could help the model builder. Along with items that we used to build models and drawings the company was started.

Many hours have been in research in the Navy dept., Archives, and other sources to collect the information we have on hand. We have much more material then what is in the catalog. We don't have the time to make everything available to the model builder.

The plans for the FLOATING DRYDOCK is to make it one of the best sources of information on USN WW2 era warships. Everything from Plans, Books, fittings, supply's and Photos.

We have over 15,000 8x10 photos of ships of the WW2 era (USN), and the collection is just getting of the ground. Alot of these can be bought (copies) from our PHOTO CATALOGS, for a low price and only a short wait.

We plan to start coming out with alot of books geared for the model builder.

A catalog for \$1.00 shows all the plans and other items we have for sale, (other than Photographs) Plus we plan to start sending out direct mailing to our customers when new items are released.

I'am a ex-navy man. Enlisted, 1 yr DD838, 1 yr. CVA61, 3 yrs. SS420, 1 yr. SS315. from 1963-1969.

Sincerely Yours

*Thomas F. Walkowiak*  
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SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD

1978 Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

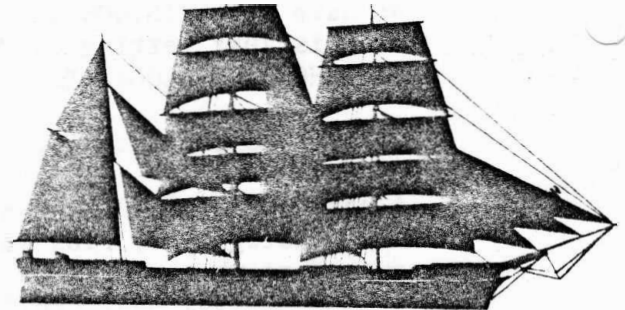
Models completed; \_\_\_\_\_ Models building: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any areas of modeling you feel you have reasonable expertise.

Please indicate your interest in the following by YES/NO/MAYBE:

General; Kit \_\_\_\_\_ ? Scratch \_\_\_\_\_ ? or both \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 Hulls: Solid \_\_\_\_\_ ? Plank on frame \_\_\_\_\_ ? Fiberglass \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 U Use: Static display \_\_\_\_\_ ? Operating \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 P Propulsion: Period sailing \_\_\_\_\_ ? Type of rig \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 Engine powered \_\_\_\_\_ Steam \_\_\_\_\_ Electric \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
 Are you a member of the Maritime Museum Association?? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Application**  
**Maritime Museum Association**  
**of San Diego**  
**STAR OF INDIA—BERKELEY—MEDEA**



For your contribution you will receive our gratitude, free admission, 5 free passes, 10% discount on purchases at the ships' stores, our quarterly mailing "Mains'l Haul", and invitations to special events.

Membership Categories

- | Individuals                                    | Business/Corporation                               |
|--|--|
| \$12 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular          | \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining           |
| \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting       | \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting          |
| \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> Development      | \$200 <input type="checkbox"/> Development         |
| \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership | \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Associate |
|  | \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Member        |

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Please make your check payable to Maritime Museum. Thank You!  
Your stamp on this envelope will save us 18¢

TROUBLE SHOOTING

Many of you may be having the same kinds of problems as I am; where to find information, plans, building techniques for a particular model. What I am proposing is that if we have a problem, we establish a dialog thru the newsletter, thus providing information for all the members. Write down your questions and bring them by the shop or to the meeting. I'll print them and, hopefully other members will respond.

Now for the first problem - I am building a 1/16 " ti the foot model of the USS ARIZONA (BB-39). I need information - Drawings, pictures, or literature on 5" 51 cal. and 5" 25 cal AA gun mounts, catapults, and paravanes. Where might one find such gems?

FOR SALE

Sears Allas 12" Lathe  
Many Accessories-  
Unimat - Well tooled. Best Offer  
John Woodard. /redacted/or/redacted/(Days)

PLEXIGLASS CASES

Mark Hanna is no longer at the bike shop. Mark offers finished cases for slightly above the price most places ask for material. If you need a case call him at his home /redacted/.

PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS

Sorry about the delay in the February News Letter. So many people and elements, it was difficult to get everything together. Now that I've done this once it should be much better and a little faster the next time around- Bob.