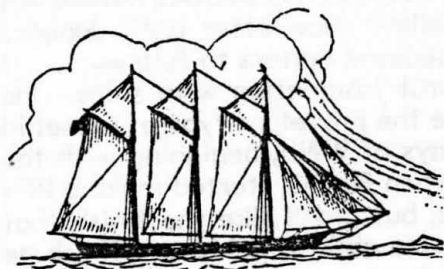




San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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Three Masted Schooner

"With naught to guide them but the wind, a simple compass, a sextant, the stars, and a sixth sense..."
Jim Gibbs-WEST COAST WINDJAMMERS

Notes from the January Meeting:

Much of the meeting was devoted to the discussion of the newsletter. As a result, Bill Kelly-Fleming will be the front page editor and continue his regular modeler of the month feature. Bill and John Woodard will pull the parts together into its final form. Eight of our members have volunteered to write an article within the next year. Once the letter is ready for printing, Dana McPeck will provide the labor to get it printed and in the mail. The newsletter deadline will be the first of each month.

Election Results were announced with JOHN WOODARD being re-elected Guildmaster. It was a very close count with 27 votes being cast. BOB CRAWFORD is our new First Mate, while BILL KELLY-FLEMING will assume the Logkeeper post.

Models present:

S.S. PATRICK HENRY (liberty ship)	1/16 solid/scratch	Fred Fraas
Unnamed Liberty Ship Hull	1/32 solid/scratch	Fred Fraas
S.S. Jeremiah O'BRIEN (Liberty Ship EC-2)	1/8 POF scratch	Fred Fraas
MEDIA propeller	1/4	John Woodard
Privateer	1:48 POF/scratch	Ted Pugh
Modified SKDADDLE	POF/Kit/RC	W.J. Vecera, Sr.
RATTLESNAKE	3/16 Solid/kit	Dick Little

FEBRUARY MEETING - February 19

Al Lheureux has informed me that he will be bringing his completed hull for the RATTLESNAKE. This model is to be eventually R/C. The hull is large enough for Dick Little to put his RATTLESNAKE inside (maybe Dick will show up with his model to demonstrate this and compare the two models). John Woodard will start the meeting at 7:30 with his continuing series on steam. The feature of this month's meeting will be Gordon Jones' presentation on planking.

ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE

- *A Modeler of the Month who builds Liberty Ships
- *Our Static Model Show is only a month away.
- *1982 Model Yacht Pond Schedule

JANUARY MODELER OF THE MONTH

* * FRED FRAAS * *

By Bill Kelly-Fleming

The Helm of this Newsletter has just been turned over to its third editor. It is fitting that we salute as our modeler of the month the first and founding editor. I looked back in my file of newsletters and discovered that in May 1977, FRED FRAAS mailed out our first newsletter. He continued putting out an excellent newsletter until January 1979. He set an example that will always be hard for subsequent editors to follow.

Fred Fraas like many of us has always had a natural fascination with ships. He grew up in Everett, Washington, where Liberty Ships were the prevalent type of vessel in port. He has been building models since a youth in the days of WWII, beginning with the Strombecker kits, and then the Momogram balsa kits. When Revell started making kits in the late 40's and early 50's, he built a few of their kits, but didn't like the finish that the enamel paints gave. Once flat paints came out, he was able to achieve a finish he liked and went on to build most of Revell's warships. His boy's rooms, and other rooms, had 2x4 peg boards filled with ship models.

In the mid 60's he got a Dremel jig saw, and began making 1/32 scale models. He cut out about 20 hulls of the different class destroyers, but only completed 4 or 5 of those. Next came a 1/16 Liberty ship, which he found to be much more fun. This was followed by a 1/8 scale, bread and butter model of the U.S.S. HULL (DD 945), which was never completed because of being transferred. The evolution of Fred's model building took its next leap when he discovered the Model Yacht Pond. A Dumas PT boat was built. Still not satisfied, he started in on an R/C model of his last ship, the U.S.S. CAMDEN (AOE 2). This model was started in 1972, and has twin screws. He never completed the topside detail because of dust problems. He has also built a cargo ship, but without plans, which was his biggest mistake he says.

Having grown up around Liberty Ships, Fred is now working on the Liberty Ship JEREMIAH O'BRIEN. About a year ago he got up to San Francisco to see the prototype, and in three visits he got four rolls of pictures to guide him in his modeling. He has decided that this time he will finish the topside detail before installing the R/C equipment, hoping that way the detail will get done before he starts playing. He has obtained almost all of his fittings at this point, investing \$120 between Blue Jacket and Floating Dry Dock. He still needs to get the props and cargo winches. The model will be built to its wartime configuration, and involves three sets of plans. Those who attended our January meeting were treated to a display of his Liberty Ships.

When he is not modeling, our modeler of the month is often reading and collecting books and magazines about ship modeling. He has also been collecting drawings, often making up the balance of a James Bliss order with plans. His primary interest is in warships and merchant ships of this century. He once tried a Revell Cutty Sark, but found he did not have the patience to complete the rigging.

Fred's workshop contains a 10" table saw, a 14" band saw and a Dremel moto-tool. With these, he has no trouble cutting planks, and he offers his services to those who need to cut planks.

Several words of wisdom are passed along to all hands from Fred. First, don't try to build a large scale model without plans. Second, if you build a good model put a case on it; it will be your best investment in the model. Third, when traveling near maritime museums, take the time to visit them and to look at examples of both good and bad models. Fourth, ask for advice from your fellow modelers. Finally, Fred says, "Stick with your hobby. It's relatively inexpensive. I've seen too many guys, especially once they are retired, who are bored without any hobbies."

We thank Fred Fraas for those reminders, as we salute him as our Modeler of the Month.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Our membership renewal is off to a good start with just over 30 modelers signed up so far. However, we know that there are a few more of you out there who intend to renew your membership. In case you cannot remember if you have returned your form, you can check the enclosed roster. If you need to sign up, fill out the enclosed form and return it to:

Bill Kelly-Fleming
Log Keeper
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This will be the last newsletter sent out on the 1981 roster.

NEW NAUTICAL BOOKSHOP

A new book shop dedicated exclusively to nautical subjects opened in December near Shelter Island. SEABREEZE LTD, is located at 1256 Scott Street. In addition to over 300 titles and nautical items, there is a rack of free marine literature. I managed to pick up a free copy of a recent WOODEN BOAT which had several good boat plans in it.

Owner Debbie Berkland showed an interest in carrying some titles on shipmodeling if there appears to be a need and we let her know what books we might like to have available. Stop by, or give a call at 223-8989 to suggest titles.

1982 ROSTER (As of February 6)

Marquis Andrews
Bob Barra
Joe Bompensiero
Bob Brady
Bob Crawford
Vic Crosby
William Eads
Richard Dias
Art Gaskins
Barney Hekkala
Tom Hildebrand
Tom Hume
Dennis Jordan
Bill Kelly-Fleming
Albert Lheureux
Dick Little
Dana McPeck
Douglas McFarland
Anne Merrill
Egon Muehlner

Roy Nilson
George Oliver
Gerald Pearce
Val Peterson
Royce Privett
Ted Pugh
Doug Smay
Herb Strandt
Bruce Thompson
William J. Vecera Sr.
William J. Vecera III
Doug Winberg
Bob Wright

Shipcraft Guild (Jersey City)
Ship Modelers Assn. (Fullerton)
LA Sunday Boating Club

SAN DIEGO MODEL YACHT POND RUNNING SCHEDULE
1982

GENERAL SCHEDULE:

Saturdays Before noon - Scale electric and steam
After noon - Sail (racing classes)
Sundays - Power
Wednesday Afternoons - Sail
Friday Afternoons - Power

EXCEPTIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday March 7	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sunday April 4	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sat/Sun April 24/25		Spring Sail Regatta
Sunday May 2		Power Club Points
Sunday May 16	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sat/Sun May 29/30		Power Regatta: District Outboard Series
Sunday June 6		Power: So. CA Scale Thunderboat Race
Sunday June 13	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sunday June 20		Power Club Points
Sunday July 11	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Saturday July 24 -		
through Sunday August 1		Sail Race Week
Sunday August 8	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sunday August 15		Power Club Points
Sunday August 29		Power S. CA Scale Thunderboat Race
Sat/Sun Sept. 4/5		Power District Heat Racing
Monday Sept. 6		Power Deep Vee Classic
Saturday Sept. 18		Power S. CA Scale Thunderboat Race
Sunday Sept. 19		Unlimited Thunderboat Regatta
Sat/Sun Sept. 25/26		SDSMG REGATTA
Sunday Oct 3	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sat/Sun Oct. 23/24		Sail Fall Regatta
Sunday November 7	after 12:30	Sail Club Points
Sunday November 21		Power Club Points
Sat/Sun December 4/5		Sail SCRS #4 Regatta
Sunday December 12		Power Club Points
Sunday December 19	after 12:30	Sail Club Points

Scale Steam and Electric Summary of Dates the Pond is closed for Saturday morning open running:

April 24	September 4
May 29	September 18
July 24	September 24 (Our Regatta)
July 31	October 23
	December 4



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

THE SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELER'S GUILD, IN COOPERATION WITH THE SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM, IS SPONSERING ITS THIRD ANNUAL SCALE SHIP MODEL COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION ON SATURDAY MARCH 20 AND SUNDAY MARCH 21, 1982 ABOARD THE FERRY BOAT BERKELEY AT THE EMBARCADERO. NEARLY EVERY TYPE OF VESSEL FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF SAIL TO MODERN NUCLEAR POWERED SHIPS, AND FROM SMALL PLEASURE CRAFT TO GIANT NAVAL AND MERCHANT SHIPS FIT INTO THIS YEARS CATEGORIES OF "SAIL", "POWER (MILITARY)", "POWER (CIVIL & COMMERCIAL)", AND "PLASTIC MODELS". AWARDS WILL BE MADE FOR EACH OF THE FOUR (4) ABOVE CATEGORIES IN ADDITION TO A BEST OF SHOW AWARD.

REGISTRATION OF ENTRIES WILL BEGIN AT 10:00 AM SATURDAY, MARCH 20, WITH THE JUDGING TO START AT 1:00 PM THAT AFTERNOON. THERE WILL BE A REGISTRATION FEE OF \$3.00 PER MODEL OR COLLECTION ENTERED.

INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE PLANNING TO ENTER A MODEL (MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER) ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ABOARD THE STAR OF INDIA AT 8:00 PM FRIDAY NIGHT MARCH 19 — MODEL ENTRIES MAY BE BROUGHT TO THE MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE LAST MINUTE RUSH ON SATURDAY MORNING.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THE EXHIBITION AND AT THE SAME TIME HELP TO SUPPORT OUR SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM. THE LOW ADMISSION FEE TO THE MUSEUM INCLUDES "STAR OF INDIA", "BERKELEY", AND "MEDEA". THE MAJORITY OF MODELS IN THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ON DISPLAY ABOARD THE "BERKELEY" FOR SOME TIME FOLLOWING THE COMPETITION.

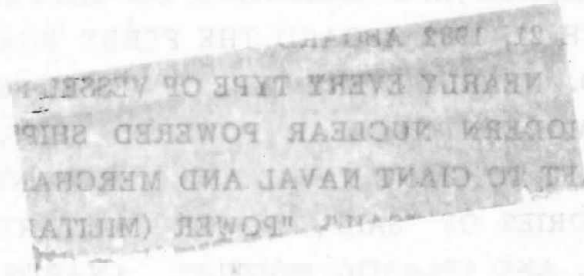
For additional information contact one of the following:

John Woodard	/redacted/
Doug McFarland	/redacted/
Bob Ross	/redacted/
Bob Crawford	/redacted/
George Oliver	/redacted/



San Diego Ship Modelers Guild
Bill Kelly-Fleming - Logkeeper
/redacted/

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* San Diego Ship Modelers Guild *
* Officers for 1981 *
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* Master: John Woodard Point Loma /redacted/ *
* Mate: Bob Crawford State College /redacted/ *
* Logkeeper: Bill Kelly-Fleming Hillcrest /redacted/ *
* Stearing Committee: Doug McFarland Mira Mesa /redacted/ *
* Al L'heureux Poway /redacted/ *
* George Oliver Santee /redacted/ *
* Bob Ross Chula Vista /redacted/ *
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* Meetings: 3rd Friday of each month, 8:00 pm aboard the Bark Star of *
* India, on the Orlop Deck. *
* Membership: Dues for Members of the San Diego Maritime museum and *
* anyone living outside San Diego County - \$7.50. Non-Museum *
* Members - \$15.00. After July 31, 1982 dues are 1/2 for the *
* remainder of the year. *
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