



# San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild



"Long before man tamed beasts of burden or put wheels to carts, he had fashioned boats."

From "ROMANCE OF THE SEA"  
National Geographic Society

## Notes from the February Meeting:

The meeting was highlighted by John Woodard's expanded discussion on steam boilers and the safety thereof, and Gordon Jones' excellent presentation of how shipbuilders he worked for planked hulls. Our treasurer reported that we have \$466.08 in our treasury at this point. At current costs for the newsletter, that should just about get us through the year. Hopefully a few more stragglers will "re-up" their membership. Albert also reported that the final report on our Fall Regatta shows that we made 55¢, meaning it paid for itself.

Several tips were passed along at the meeting, including:

- For miscellaneous supplies try Electronics City at 7th and Island for all kinds of surplus equipment and supplies.
- For spinnaker or Ballon cloth, use Egyptian cotton. Bluejacket and Model Shipways sell this.
- For fibreglassing try fine fiberglass cloth of the 2 oz. variety. Get this at hobby shops, not at marine hardware stores.

## Models Present:

Bill Vecera	SOUTHERN BELLE	POF/kit of a Stern Paddle Wheeler
Fred Fraas	S.S. JEREMIAH O'BRIAN	1/8th scratch midships superstructure
Bill Kelly-Fleming	STAR OF INDIA	1/8' scratch solid hull
Bill Benson	CONFIDENCE	1600's ship
A.J. Neubauer	CROCKETT	POF/kit
Al Lheureux	RATTLESNAKE	1/2" POF/Scratch/RC

## MARCH MEETING and CONTEST

Bring your models to our March meeting and enter them in our annual static display and contest. The primary business of the meeting will be to take care of the final details for the show. The contest itself will run Saturday and Sunday on board the BERKELEY. For the contest itself, registration will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 20, 1982 with Judging to start at 1:00 P.M. The registraton fee is \$3.00 per model or collection entered.

## ALSO IN THIS ISSUE:

As editor I hope you keep up the good work. We almost have more material than we can use this time. ROY NILSON provides plans for a handy workbench, while also being our Modeler of the Month. EGON MUEHLNER tells of a person who influenced his shipmodeling. The "ask and you shall receive" Department brings a definition of the term "ORLOP."

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 13-14 Annual Star of India Auxillary Rummage Sale aboard the BERKELEY

March 19 San Diego Ship Modeler's Guild Monthly Meeting

April 3 Mission Bay Crew Classic

All Saturday mornings through April 17, Model Yacht Pond open for scale electric and steam

April 24-25 MAC Show in Long Beach

(Do you know of events that might be of interest to Guild members" If so, let the Logkeeper know by the first of the month.)

## "ORLOP" DEFINED

At last month's meeting someone asked for the origin of the word "Orlop" (the name of the deck on which we meet on the STAR). I've consulted my OXFORD COMPANION TO SHIPS AND THE SEA to discover the following.

"Orlop" was originally "OVER-LOP", referring to the lowest deck in a ship. As the lowest deck it was laid "over" THE lowest beams below the turn of the bilge. In sailing men of war it was on this deck that the cables were coiled in their lockers when anchors were weighed, and on which were found the powder magazines, principal store-rooms and the Jr. Officer cabins. In merchant ships, the Orlop deck forms the floors of the cargo holds.

## March Modeler of the Month

\* \* ROY NILSON \* \*

by Bill Kelly-Fleming

Although cameras are never in short supply at any of our regattas, we still have an official photographer to record these special events. Since his own boat is still a little ways from entering one of our meets, he is more than eager to help out in this way. When he isn't at a "SWAT-meet" or photographing evidence with the Sheriff's Department (and you thought he was just shooting pictures of pretty boats!) he is at the pond or our meetings passing along handy modeling hints to the rest of us. Our Modeler of the Month is the jovial and friendly Roy Nilson.

Roy started building model airplanes and boats as a kid, an interest which lapsed into model trains. Then about six years ago he happened to stop by the pond and watched the boat models in action. Almost immediately he got hooked on R/C boating.

The Nilso shipways have three vessels under various stages of construction. First and foremost is a Lake Class Freighter in 3/16" scale and dubbed by the Guild as "LAKE BONDO". Anyone want to guess what its primary construction material is? Those of you who were at our October meeting had a chance to see the fine job being done on this scratch built R/C model. Secondly, he is building the tugboat TARUS in 1/2" scale. The 3 foot hull done thus far on this turn of the century harbor steam tug. The plans were drawn up from a waterline model originally intended for H.O. railroads. The third vessel is a four stack destroyer made partly from wood and partly from metal. This 1/8" scale static model is planked and is also currently under construction.

(ROY NILSON CONTINUED)

Roy decided to get involved in ship modeling, especially R/C modeling, because he likes to get outdoors, and didn't want a smash up everytime he made a wrong turn as happens with aircraft. He identifies more with the older ships like he saw as a kid. He thinks the freighter looks more like a ship than modern warships, and besides, they offer more detail. His decision to build a lake freighter was based on never having seen a model of one at a regatta.

As a young man, Roy joined the merchant marine and served on the Liberty ship ANDREW TURNBULL, on which he spent his 17th birthday in Russia. Later he spent four years in the submarine service. While on Navy duty he was sent to California for which he is now grateful. At least here he doesn't have to shovel all that New York snow.

Roy also enjoys building things up from scratch and tinkering with different materials. He utilizes a lot of sheet metal to provide strength and scale thickness to his models. He works in his 300 square foot basement shop which is outfitted with a metal lathe, table saws, band saws, and drill press. His most helpful tool has been a 25-30 year old little jig saw which is especially helpful in cutting frame work. His table saw is also helpful in preparing planking stack.

Some of Roy's interest in modeling is evident in a side light of his activities, in that he has made quite a few architectural models for contractors.

Roy is always full of tips. One such tip is found in an article elsewhere in this issue. He strongly recommends keeping your eyes open for materials that can be used in modeling. For example, model railroading provides a lot of resources, especially since H.O. is 1/8" scale. The wheels on the winch on his freighter are from N-Gauge railroad. Dress snaps are another good source for valve wheels. Tulle, available in fabric stores, makes an excellent mesh railing. Roy promises further tips in future issues.

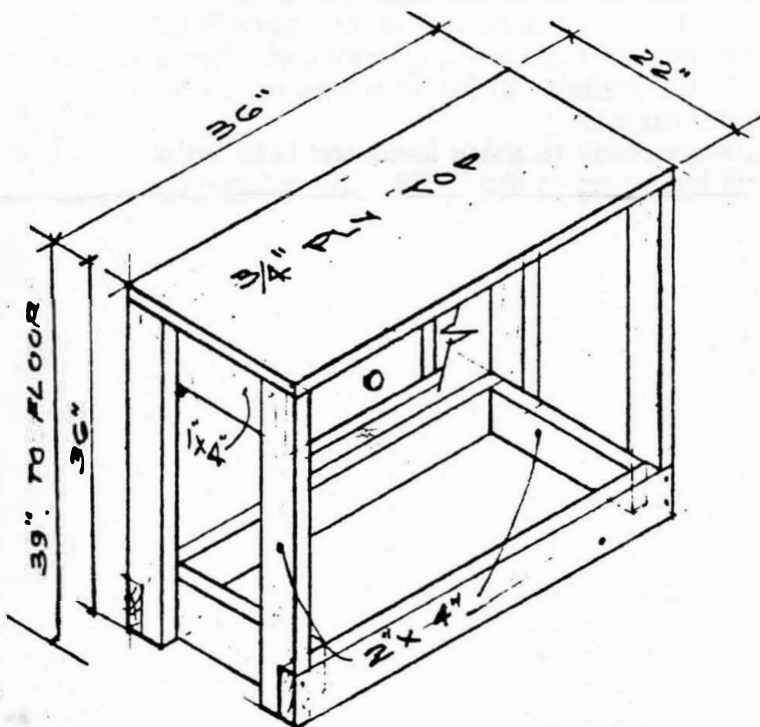
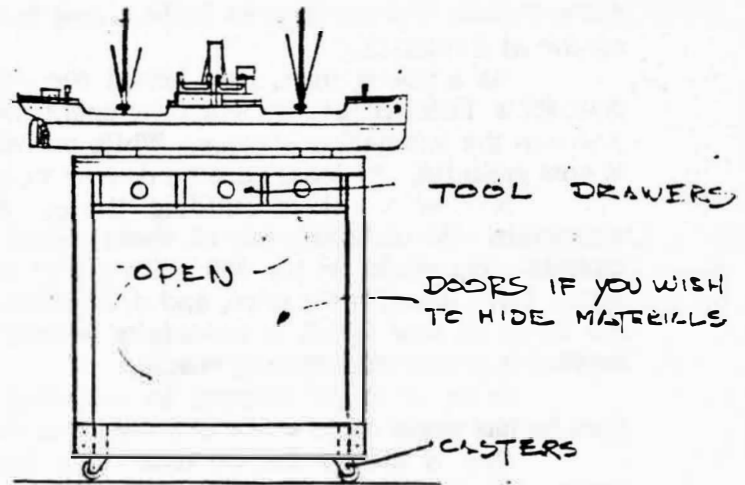
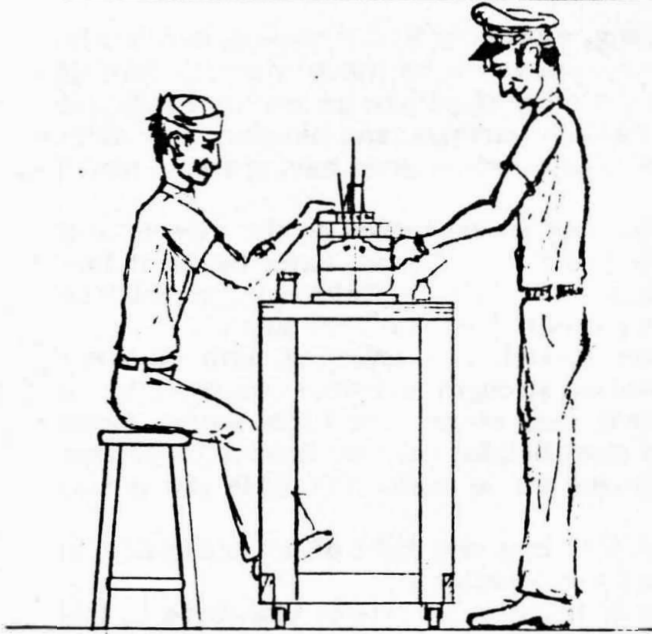
Roy Nilson is one of those guys who is always ready to share ideas and help out a fellow modeler, the type of guy who makes it worth belonging to the Guild. We salute you Roy, as our March Modeler of the Month.

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## ROLLING WORK BENCH

By R.T. Nilsen

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You say you can't find the top of your workbench?

Worse yet, you can't find your boat model -- then you could use this rolling work table

Now you can turn your model around to get to the other side, you can stand or sit, comes quitting time you can roll it to the side of the room.

The size of my rolling bench was chosen because of a piece of  $3/4"$  x  $22"$  x  $36"$  plywood left over from another project. This was used for the top. Economy  $2"$  x  $4"$  studs were purchased for about one dollar each. Three  $8'$  footers should do the trick. I assembled the bench with carpenter glue and  $10d$  nails. The casters were of the plastic wheel type that had been laying around the shop for years. I also built 6 drawers. Each drawer is approximately  $10"$  x  $3"$  deep. Now when I lose small tools or fittings I only have 6 drawers to look into.

You builders with no shop or basement could build the table with fine furniture woods, then the wife might not complain if it sat in the corner of the living room.

The lower part could be fitted with sides, back and doors to completely close in the bench. Hope you have fun with the bench project.

p.s. Russ Scott built one and thinks its great!!



San Diego Ship Modelers Guild  
 Bill Kelly-Fleming - Logkeeper  
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Fred Fraas  
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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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