



# San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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"Sign on, young man, and sail with me.  
The stature of our homeland is no more  
than the measure of ourselves. Our job  
is to keep her free. Our will is to  
keep the torch of freedom burning for  
all. To this solemn purpose we call on  
the young, the brave, and the free. Heed  
my call come to the sea. Come sail with me."  
-John Paul Jones

## JULY MEETING MEANS PARTY TIME!

The San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild will hold its annual birthday party at our meeting on Friday, July 15 at 8 p.m. on the main deck of the STAR OF INDIA. As usual we are each asked to bring some party munchies to share. The Guild will provide beverages for which there will be a kitty to cover the costs. Spouses, girlfriends, etc., are invited as always.

## CALIFORNIAN KEEL IS LAID

On the Fourth of July a good crowd gathered at the beach at Spanish Landing, where San Diego history really started to witness another historic event. With a four cannon salute, the raising of flags and a champagne toast, the 12 ton keel for the topsail schooner CALIFORNIAN was rolled into place.

Under the direction of naval architect Melbourne Smith, who built the PRIDE OF BALTIMORE, this 130 ton vessel will take shape over the next 10 months with a launching estimated for early May 1984. The CALIFORNIAN will be a full sized replica of the first revenue cutter to operate on the West Coast, the LAWRENCE. She will be 90' on deck, 145' overall, with a beam of 24'8". Many of our members know Steve Christman of the Nautical Heritage Museum of Dana Point, who is the director of the project. He informed your logkeeper that plans, and eventually kits of the CALIFORNIAN will be available. Membership in the museum is a primary source of support for the project. The ship has been designated the Official Tallship of California and will represent the State at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, and in OPSAIL '86 in New York. She will be used primarily as a sail training ship and will apparently do some charter work.

Our Guild was represented at the keel laying by the logkeeper, who signed the keel on the Guild's behalf. I will also attempt to keep a photo record of her progress. Steve has invited us to have a meeting at the Spanish Landing site, and they will be happy to tell us all about the project. How about for August? The frame should be well along at that point.

Master Fred Fraas promptly opened the meeting at 10 minutes past 8 bells. Our Captain ordered McFarland & Nilson to take minutes. Note: It took two men to replace Bill who was on shore leave at meeting time.

Some of our members were seen at the opening of the Aero-Space Museum carrier display. The center of attention was an approximate 30' high by 60' long computer enlargement color photograph of the island air fighter aircraft are being launched. A freshly painted "Hellcat" FGJ sits on the deck in front of the mural, making a very realistic diorama.

The annual Regatta planning is in progress at this writing. The Picnic-Regatta will be for static as well as R/C members alike, with a Bar-B-Q on Saturday evening. More info will be forth coming.

The Regatta committee was chosen, (some volunteers). George Oliver, Mike Dory, Phil Headly, Doug Mc Farland, Bob Ross, Al L'Heureux, and Roy Nilson. Doug and Al's past experience will be invaluable for our direction.

New business included the volunteering of the First Mate to act as Treasurer, (Purser). Thanks, Al, for a good job as Treasurer for the past few years. (This change was made in the By-Laws).

With the help of a French-English dictionary, I was able to convert Francs to Dollars. As of July 10, 1983, we now have \$/redacted/ in our bank account and \$/redacted/cash-on-hand.

Show & Tell produced four models as follows:

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| Egon Mueller    | A scratch built Dutch barge, wooden hulled with <u>masts</u> and rigging yet to be added.   |
| Dave Manley     | A Light Cruiser of WW2 vintage, with lights (R/C).  |
| Doug Mc Farland | Contracted Hotspur is now more complete than the Norske Love. (How fast we can work when we're getting paid.)   |
| Vic Crosby      | A working Triple Expansion engine in a bottle? One wonders how Vic's glass blower is able to form the bottles around his models without burning them. |

John Weaver, owner of West Coast Hobbies, was guest speaker giving us some insight to running a Hobby Shop. John would like our input as boat modelers, as to type of parts, fittings and boat models he should stock. With some remodeling of the building he hopes to have a Ship Model Section with all the "Goodies" his customers would like to have. John also joined our Guild.

The meeting closed at 4 Bells (10pm) with mix and mingle.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Nilson

#### OUR QUOTE OF THE MONTH

What with the Fourth of July holiday, and with July 6th being John Paul Jones birthday, I thought this quote would be appropriate. It is included in the display at the CALIFORNIAN building site.



Ahoy Mates! I've got a couple of scoops for you from by perch by the bay.

Modeler DON HUBBARD of Coronado has a display at the public library downtown at 820 'E' Street this month of July. Included are his marine watercolors, ships-in-bottles, Japanese fish prints, and ivory scrimshaw.

The RENDEZVOUS is definately leaving. September 6 will apparently be her last working day here in San Diego before heading for her new home in San Francisco. In the Bay area the brigantine will operate in conjunction with the "Rendezvous" restaurant.

The possibility of a schooner to replace her are not promising. If we want a last chance to sail on a square rigger in San Diego Bay, we need to make arrangements very soon. To charter her, we need to confirm at least 35-40 passengers. Is there enough interest out there? We can do a 2 hour cruise for about \$12 each, and a 3 hour cruise for about \$15 each. In the past we've made it a dinner or a dessert (pot-luck) event. A couple of ideas have been offered... a full moon dinner cruise on August 23 (Tuesday), or combined with a visit to the CALIFORNIAN site since it is located only a quarter mile form the dock for the RENDEZVOUS. Let me know Friday night what you think. This time we MUST have enough to break even BEFORE committing ourselves to the charter.

We've received another edition of the "Pride's Log." She is now in Oregon, and will be in several California ports in August:

Sacramento	August 10-15
Rio Vista	August 18-20
Stocton	August 24-29
San Francisco	August 31-September 6.

When she stopped in Vancouver in June, the festivities included boatbuilding and model making demonstrations.

The warehouse on the south side of B Street Pier is being dimantled. If the building of an ocean liner terminal is approved, there is a good chance that a Pacific Cruises liner will be homeported here, possibly the ROYAL PRINCESS, a 1,200 passenger cruise ship currently under construction in Finland.

THE POND IS CLOSED DUE TO A SUMMER SAIL REGATTA ON JULY 23.



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild  
Bill Kelly-Fleming - Logkeeper  
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TO:

Fred V. Fraas  
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*		San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild		*	
*		Officers for 1983		*	
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*	Master:	Fred Fraas	San Carlos	/redacted/	*
*	Mate:	Roy Nilson	Chula Vista	/redacted/	*
*	Logkeeper:	Bill Kelly-Fleming	Point Loma	/redacted/	*
*	Steering 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 <u>STAR OF</u>			*
*		<u>INDIA</u> , 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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