



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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PARTY NITE ON THE



The Guild was born in July 1971...so we will celebrate our 14th birthday at the next meeting on July 19th at 8PM. No models need appear, but bring your wife, girlfriend etc. to enjoy some snacks and cool drinks. If you can bring a small plate of goodies to share it would be appreciated. Liquid refreshment will be supplied by the Guild.

Our Regatta was well received by all who attended. I would like to thank the many volunteers who did show up at 6:30 and 7:00 AM as asked. All duties were carried out with out a hitch. The show ran great, and much of that was Doug McFarlands fault. Bill K-F and Doug also did a great job with announcing the events...WELL DONE MATES.

Loren Perry dropped us a note with a kind remark, "Your regatta must have been one of the finest in West coast history", Tnx Loren.

Received a thank you note from the Lawrence Spears of Fresno. They had a good time, and are getting ready for next years regatta.

On July 4th, a good many of us were found at Tri Cities Lakes.....talk about a regatta...now there was a show. It was announced by informed people that this was the largest number of models entered in one regatta. 122 models were recorded, and all got to operate. Our compliments to the Ship Modelers Association and Task Force 96, They really had their "SHIP" together.

No small thanks should go to Howard Bailey, TF 96. This man behind the scene was going full speed the night before getting all the loose ends tied up to make the regatta the success it was. A very well done Howard. Jack Elem, regatta M.C. announced that the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild had the largest representation of any club at this meet.

Next year we will put up 3 canopies to cover all of us. A good number of our group won door prizes as well as a few R/C awards. Val Peterson and Mike Dory were winners, however I don't have the standings at this writing. An up date will be forth coming, next issue.

Friday morning, our hosts, Howard and Gladys Bailey provided us with breakfast and then saw us off to Long Beach where Fred woke up Lee Upshaw. On an empty stomach, Lee gave us a tour of his work shop which was very impressive. He also demonstrated some of his casting technics. If you havn't seen Lee's

mittings, your missing a bet. I bought a sack full before leaving. (so did Fred) Future issues will contain parts of Lees' catalog and price list. Befor leaving Lees' little ship yard, who should show up but Ray Agee from Az. A mini regatta was held on the side walk
cont.

SHOW & TELL

by Nilson



"DID YOU WIN ANY THING AT THE REGATTA?"

**FROM
THE**



**CROWS
NEST**

Log of the June meeting by Bill Kelly-Fleming

Twenty modelers were present as the Guild Master called the meeting to order precisely at eight bells of the watch. Welcomed guests were Steve Moriarty of Task Force 96 and Ted Pettit of San Diego.

Most of the evening was taken up by last minute instructions and details concerning tomorrows regatta.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

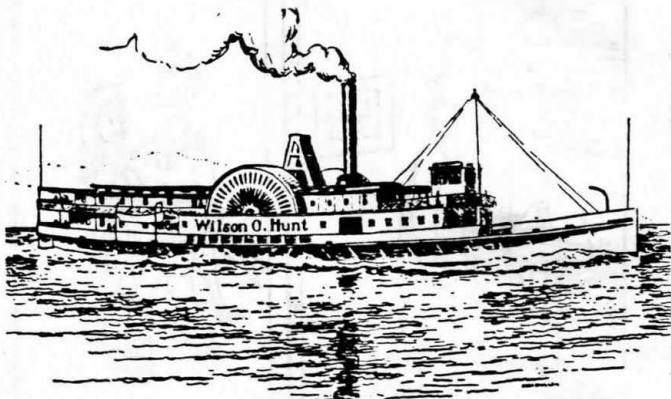
1. There is a new magazine out of Japan on plastic warships... ■説明書をよく見て、指示に従って作
2. We will be hosted for an R/C and static show on Aug. 11 (Sunday) See flyer this issue.
3. Our July meeting is party night (See front page headline)
4. A report was made on Reed's Hobby Shop in La Mesa and their current line of ship model supplies and kits. Although this is a model train store, it has many fine ship kits and fittings.

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(That should have been a mini regatta talk was held on the side walk before Fred the wagon master headed out for San Pedro and a visit to the maritime museum in that city. A few fun hours were spent looking at all the models and exhibits. (Our wives visited Ports of Call). An uneventful trip back to San Diego on our great freeways put us at home port at 7 PM, in time to get ready for Saturdays trip to the pond.

Speaking of ponds, there is an L.A. County ordinance against placing a model boat in any lake within the County. Special permits had to be applied for prior to the regatta...we don't know how lucky we are to have our own pond here in San Diego.

On Saturday morning, July 6th, our pond was graced by the presents of Mike Dorys house guest, Bud Lederer and his wife Rosemary. Buds' many excellent model projects have appeared in many model publications over the years. They flew out from New Jersey for the July 4th regatta. Bud brought along his famous "Graf Spee" and sailed it on our pond. Sound, smoke, guns that fired, an operating flag hoist, catapult moves to the launching position and the plane prop starts...a very impressive model. Hope Bud can make our next regatta. By the way Buds a highschool teacher and I dread sending him a copy of this newsletter as he will probably correct it and send it back marked "F".



Built as an excursion boat in New York in 1849, the crosshead-engined Wilson G. Hunt went around Cape Horn to San Francisco during the Gold Rush. Later worked out of Victoria, B.C. and on the Columbia River.

Had a letter from Bob Wormald B.C. re: EXPO 86 to be held in Vancouver may 2nd to Oct. 13th of 1986. Further info can be had by writing to:

EXPO INFO, P.O. Box 1800, Station A, VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA V6C3A2.

July 19, 20 and 21st will be the big model regatta in that area, so anyone planing to attend can kill two birds with one stone.

The dolphin exhibits a great deal of humanlike behaviour, but probably not on porpoise.

SAN DIEGO REGATTA WINNERS LIST

BEST OF SHOW: Loren Perry USS Vogelesang, Dest.(Garden Grove)
MODELERS FAVORITE: Joseph Hash. USS Baltimore, Crus. (San Diego)
SPECTATORS FAVORITE: Jay McMaster, Sovereign of the Seas, Gal. (San Diego)
UNIOR MODELER: Sam Bompensiero, Dusseldorf , (San Diego)

Submarines, First Place: David Wick, URCHIN, (San Jose)
STEAM, First Place: Frank Hunter, CINDY LIN, Picket boat (San Diego)
Second Place: Mike Rivera, Steam Launch, (Santee)
SAIL, First Place: Al Lheureux, Rattelsnake, (Poway)
Second Place: Bob Cornell, Inga, (San Diego)
Third Place: David Endert, Spindrift, (Upland)
ELECT. MILITARY, First Place: Loren Perry, Vogelgesang, (Garden Grove)
Second Place: " " Long Beach, " "
Third Place: Lawrence Spears, Missouri (Fresno)
ELECT CIVILIAN, First Place: Loren Perry, Titanic, (Garden Grove)
Second Place: George Oliver, De Nada, (Santee)
Third Place: Jim Reasoner, American Enterprise, (Redondo Bch)
TUG/SALVAGE: First Place: Butch Plake, Happy Hunter, (Gardena)
Second place: Val Peterson, Arapaho, (San Diego)
Third Place: Richard Anton, Trilby Lee, (Sun Valley)

STATIC DISPLAY

SAIL: 1. Jay McMaster, Sovereign of the Seas, (San Diego)
2. Harvey Wood, Madame, (El Cajon)
3. Phil Millett, Traumerei, (Cerritos)
POWER MILITARY: 1. Ken Schmidtke, U-505, (Santa Clara)
2. Harvey Wood, Becentaur, (El Cajon)
3. Ken Schmidtke, Coast Guard, (Santa Clara)
POWER CIVILIAN: 1. Val Peterson, Island Sovereign, (San Diego)
2. Joe Bompensiero, Seguin, (San Diego)
3. Mark Weitzman, Hang The Expense, (Van Nays)

Number of entries: R/C 40, Static 18. The following winning modelers helped make our regatta a success. Thanks for spending the day with us, and come back next year.

Paul Thompson, Palm Springs.	Wallace Milligan, La Palma
Phil Glaser, La Jolla.	Bill Misner, Long Beach
Steve Allen, Gardena.	Gordon Houvener, San Diego
Ray Agee, Tempe, AZ.	Paul Mancuso, San Diego
Bob Graham, Chula Vista.	Paul Aughe, Oceanside
Bob Ecklund, Reseda.	Tony Dixon, El Cajon
Walter Briese, San Diego.	Ray Wood, El Cajon
Lorenzo Palacios, San Pedro.	Steve Moriarty, Panorama City
Herb Strandt, Anaheim.	John Fry, La Palma
Howard Bailey, Yorba Linda.	Ed Sakariasen, San Diego
Jerry Pearce, San Diego.	Vicent Principle, San Diego
Authur Yeend, San Diego.	E.H. Taliaferro, San Diego

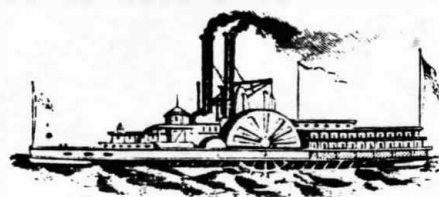
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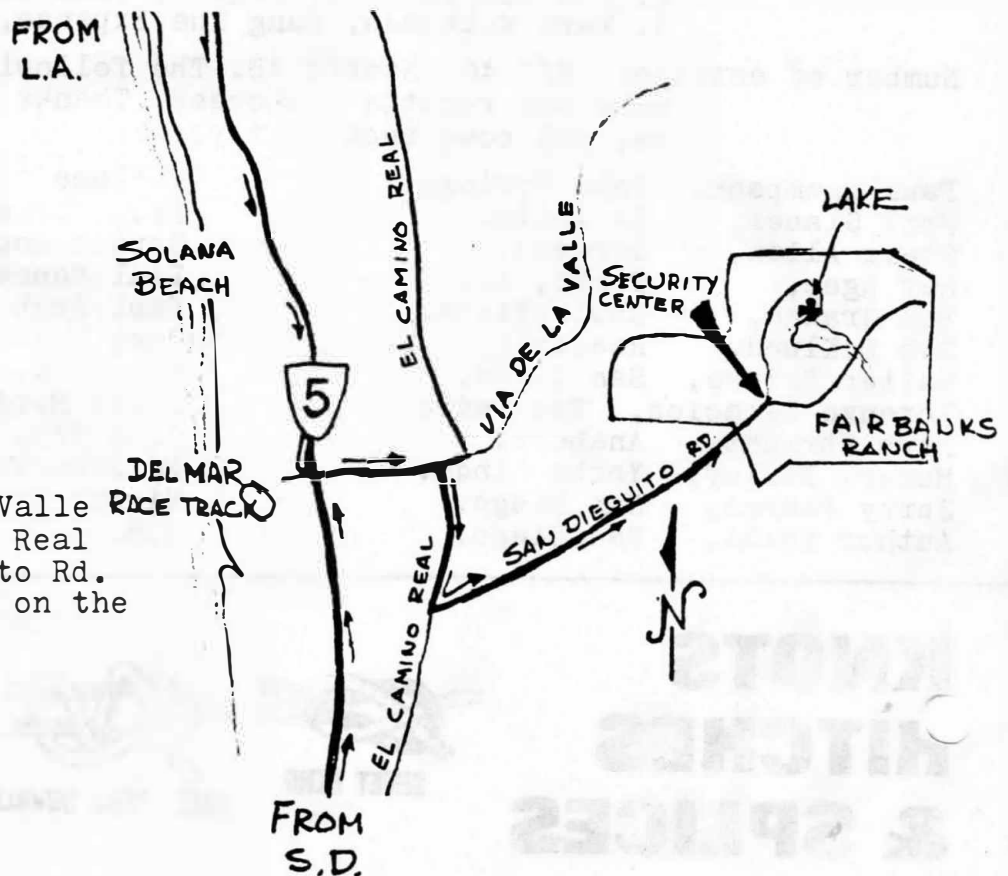
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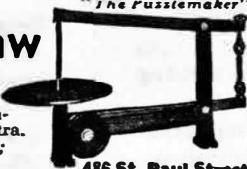
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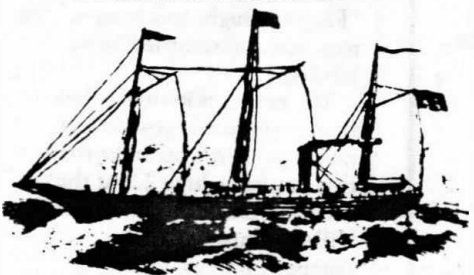


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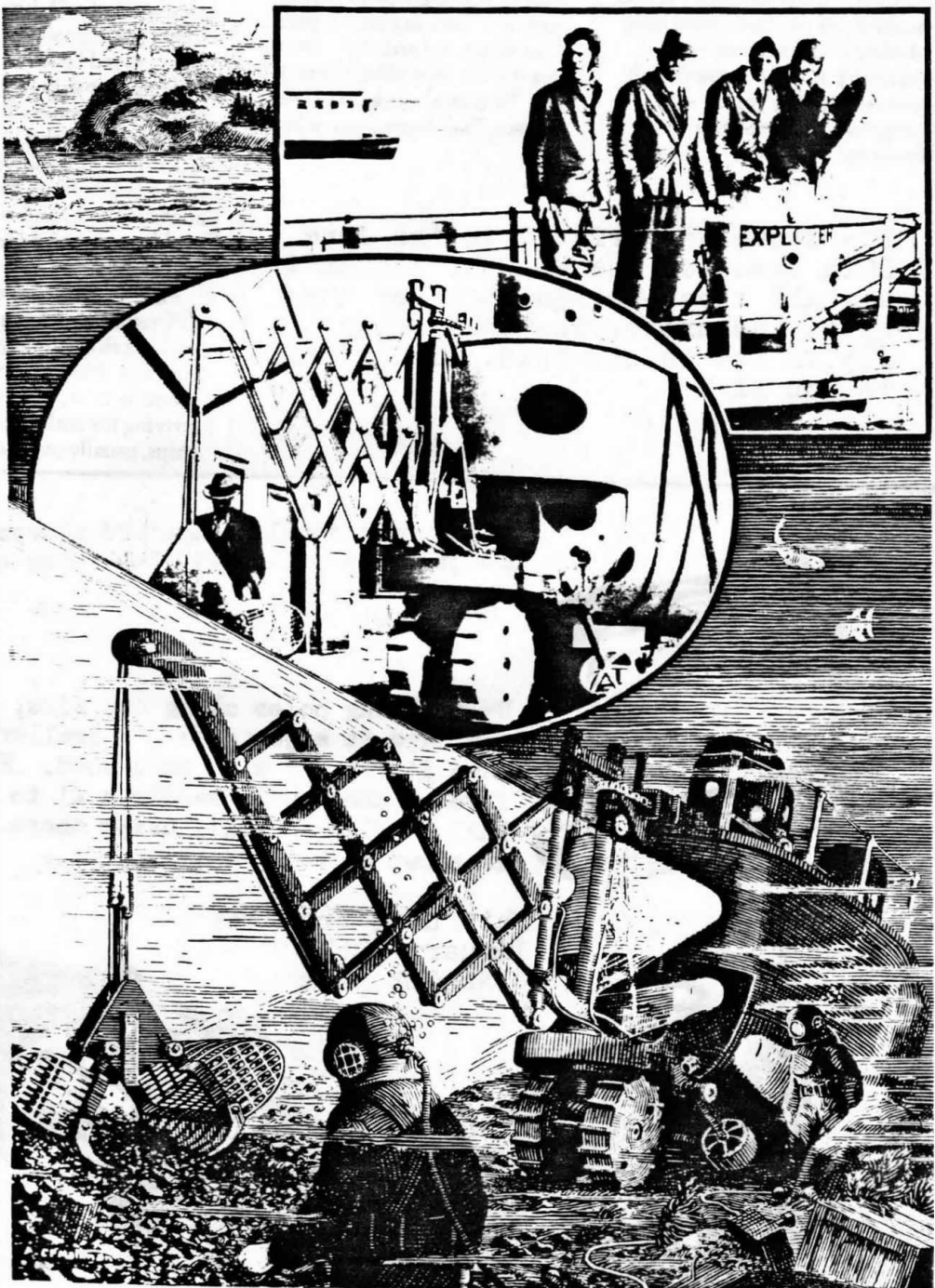
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A Small Flotilla

"We don't mess around here," said Roy Nilson, member of the San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild, which will hold its eighth annual Scale Model Regatta this Saturday.

Indeed, the vessels I saw last Saturday floating in the Model Yacht Basin at Vacation Village weren't the result of frivolous "messaging around" with Mattel model kits. Many of these vessels are replicas of famous ships from the past, and, as Nilson points out, "We're mostly scratch builders." What he means is that members of the San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild combine ingenuity and the artisan's skill to create unique vessels — "original" replicas. As a showcase of seaside

craftsmanship, this weekend's event should rival San Diego's famous sand castle building contests.

To make these replicas as much like the originals as possible requires imagination and a bit of humor. Inside local shipbuilder Loren Perry's eight-foot replica of the *Titanic* are an orchestra, a dance floor, and numerous HO-gauge figures in sundry dance poses. And, as the ship sails by, so do strains of music from 1912. On the deck of a navy battleship, the attentive eye can pick up a minuscule pair of sunglasses next to a sunbathing sailor.

The key to making these ships seem authentic is "weathering," that is, making new materials look old. Let's say you've got a nice white sail and you want to age it a bit. Roy Nilson dips it in tea. "It comes out kind of beige," he says, "not brown, just a little

beige." It takes true artistry to make a battleship look like a working vessel. The builder has to know how to bump realistic dents, cut realistic scratches, affect convincing discoloration, and **create genuine rust**. To

achieve this last effect, a nail is placed on the chosen surface, over which some salt water is poured — an hour later a rusty red — and authentic — corrosive splotch appears.

Nilson reaches behind his chair and grabs a plastic grid his wife uses to do needlepoint. "See this," he says. "It makes perfect deck grating for a navy ship." He goes on to explain how he has his wife save all her lipstick containers ("they make nice spotlights"); how soda straws make good torpedo tubes; how colored beads pass for insulators or ship lights; how model train brake wheels look like shipdeck valve wheels; how knitting needles serve as masts; how a large button serves as an anchor winch; and how necklace thread is ideal for guardrails.

Fine detail makes the difference between a real-looking ship and a toy, Nilson explains. Model shipbuilders spend as many as four years striving for authenticity. The ships, usually made of wood,

fiberglass, metal, and styrene (a type of plastic), are built at about one ninety-sixth scale. One of the star attractions at this weekend's model yacht regatta will be Al Lheureux's replica of the *Rattlesnake*, America's first warship, which was captured by the British during the Revolutionary War. It disappeared forever, but someone made precise drawings of the ship, and Lheureux, a graphic artist, got his hands on them. Three years of hard work produced a nine-foot-long, six-foot-tall, 165-pound replica of the ship. Of course it has cannons. And of course they fire. The model shipbuilders use either carbon dioxide or gunpowder ignited by glo-plugs to make realistic — well, almost realistic — cannonfire.

Down at the bay this weekend, you'll likely see some submarines, too. These boats actually submerge — a radio-controlled water pump fills a ballast tank and the sub dives just like a real one. Lheureux photographed the firing of a

torpedo in his swimming pool; it cut through thirty feet of water, clear to the other end of the pool.

According to Nilson, model yacht builders aren't motivated by the need for recognition. He says for most it's a hobby, a relaxing escape from everyday hassles. "Most of these guys build ships for fun," says Nilson. "We don't really care what people think of them." Spectators will nonetheless be asked to cast ballots for the best ships. If you should go see the models this weekend, etiquette demands you not touch them. The guild will have a sign on each displayed ship that reads, "Fingers caught touching will be removed and returned upon leaving."

The public is invited to see these remarkable vessels and meet the men who make them this Saturday, June 22, at the Model Yacht Basin in Vacation Village. Entrants in the competition may register at 8:00 a.m. A potluck dinner will follow the contest around

5:30 p.m. The guild will supply the barbecue grills and briquettes. For further information call Roy Nilson at 422-4890.

— Stephen Meyer

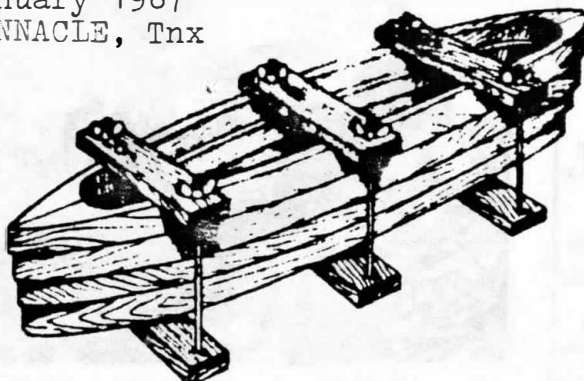
The above was printed in the June 20th issue of the *READER*. I didn't say all those things, however they appear accurate. The only thing I dip in tea is crumpets. Did he talk to you Al?

Do you have small clamps and always need one just a bit larger? Make your own.



By drilling holes along one side, you can make it adjustable for smaller jobs. Make it from 2" x 1/2" hard wood. Four or five of these will handle a 4' to 5' hull. A clamped hull, using these items, is shown here.

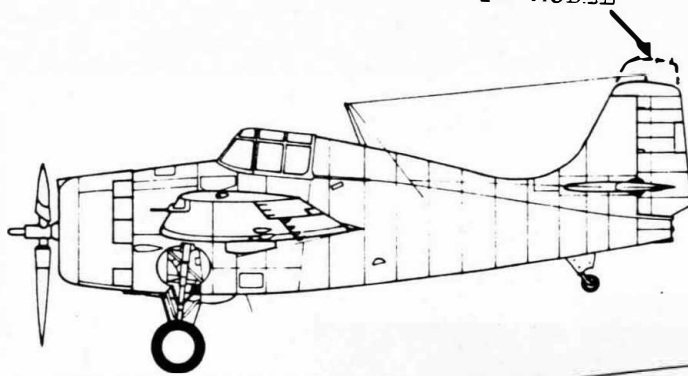
This hint from the January 1967 *BINNACLE*, Tnx



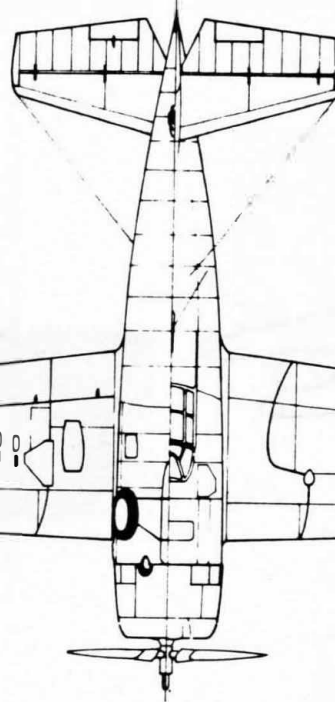


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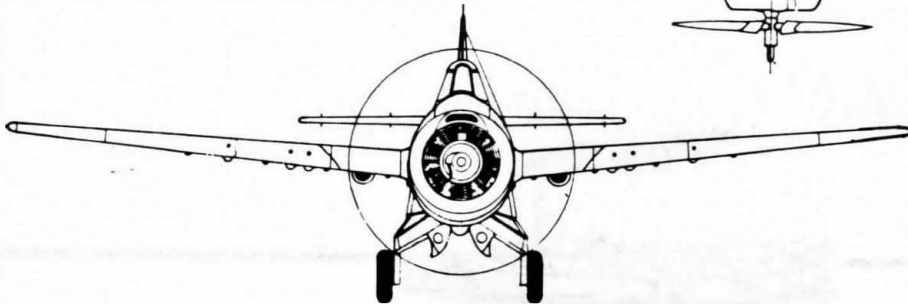
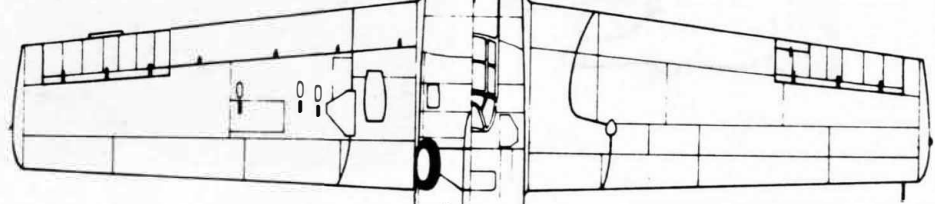
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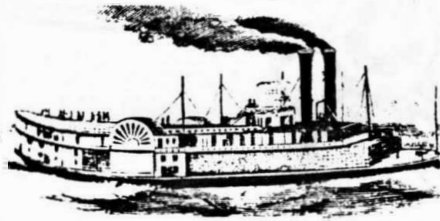
Well carrier builders, this will be the last plane article for a while as the boat guys may want to see boat plans printed. Maybe every other issue will contain a carrier or ship board aircraft. rtn

San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild
Bill Kelly-Fleming, Logkeeper
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