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MODEL AND TOY BOAT EXHIBITIONS ON THE BERKELEY

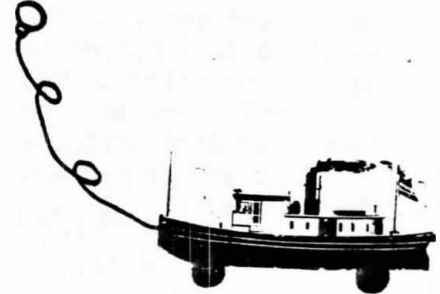


SHIP MODEL EXHIBITION

APRIL 18 - MAY 15

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FEATURING: April 17, 8 p.m. • SMG Meeting on the BERKELEY

- Models placed on display
- Presentation: "Basics of Radio Control"
- Opening of refurbished Model Shop

April 18, 9:00 a.m. • Show opens to the public

11:00 a.m. • Symposium for Novice Modelers
(a door prize to one lucky novice!)

May 15, 7:00 p.m. • "Meet the Modelers" Reception

8:00 p.m. • Guild Meeting

- Presentation: Panel on
"Award Winning Finishes"

FORBES TOY BOAT EXHIBIT

May 9 - Labor Day

FEATURING: 50 models from 1890 - 1950's collected by Malcolm Forbes
and his sons Christopher and Robert.

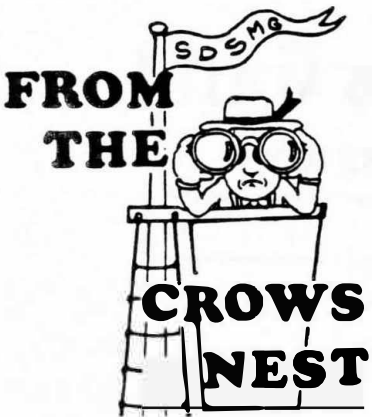
- Propulsion: Pull Toys, Clockwork, Spring, Electric, Steam
- A book on the collection will be available for purchase

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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Before the regular meeting at the Model Shop



BY BILL KELLY-FLEMING

Schooners are becoming more common on the bay. Joining last year's arrivals BAGHERRA and DAUNTLESS is the recently built RED WITCH. All three are Alden design wooden vessels. Several other smaller schooners have also been spotted on the Bay, especially on the weekends. Meanwhile, my spy glass must need repairs. A new vessel is at the Invader Cruises docks. Called the DIPLOMAT, she appears to have an invisible stack between the main deck and top deck. Must be another Stackham design. She's got a nice steamer stack on top, but with two open decks below. With windows all around, all that can be seen where the stack should be is what ever is on the other side of the boat! [Come to think of it I have read recently where Stackham had contracted with the Navy

Department early in the century to come up with what we now know to be the very earliest prototype of stelh technology--this boat is no doubt one of the later generation of boats to come from his work. Invisiboat was his name for it. Ed.]

That funny looking ship off Point Loma recently [not a Stackham design] has been a suction dredge working on the channel from Ballast Point on out.

For you cruise ship buffs, we have several special visitors few in the next few months:

- May 5-6 the new EXPLORER STARSHIP
- May 22 the refurbished 5-star SEA PRINCESS
- June 25 + on her maiden voyage, the four masted schooner WINDSONG

Bob Ross, Vic Crosby, and myself will contribute displays to the Chula Vista Nautical Heritage Days on April 11.

On the following page is reproduced a piece of correspondence I received just after the last meeting. You really do meet some truly remarkable people by putting in time at the model shop. One just never knows.

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SHOW & TELL

by Nilson



"GET AWAY FROM THERE BEFORE YOU BREAK SOMETHING"

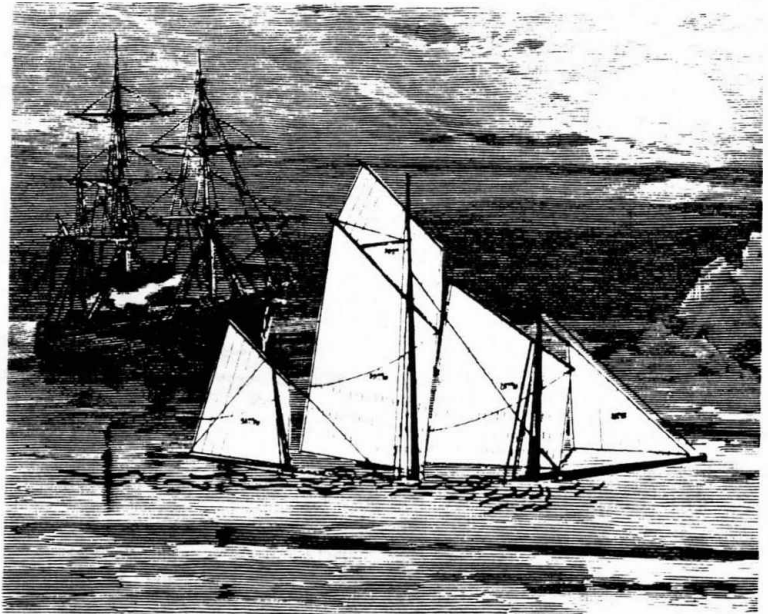
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March 18, 1987

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Dear Bill,

It was a great pleasure to meet you the other day, and to see the beautiful facilities there in San Diego. I think I mentioned I was born in San Diego, and lived as a child in Alpine, until 1959. It's certainly lovely there as it is all along the West coast, and I miss it terribly when I'm away in New York.



I promised you some details on this sail-powered sub, and here they are: experimental underwater craft POKER was designed by Samuel Stackham (his only government contract and, I might add, one ignored by my cousin Yapov in his one-sided smear of this great man) and built in New London in 1902. She was not designed as a weapon as we consider submarines today; Stackham was experimenting with stability in passenger vessels, and reasoned that if the bulk of the ship were below the waves it would not roll in them. This had an added bonus of a maximum area countering wind pressure--sort of the ultimate bulk keel. Well, the Navy got interested and commissioned her, and ran her through tests in the winter of 1903 (the illustration shows POKER with her characteristic--what else?--dipping lug rig, off Baffin Island in company with Navy aux. str. CHASTE MARIE). The Navy soon abandoned the boat; in a letter to the Board, Adm. Jenks of the Course Marine stated: "where the prime value of such a craft as POKER is concealment and stealth, we find that the visibility, not to mention the extreme vulnerability, of her propulsion system is a major liability. --On the other hand, we find Stackham's gally accessory, the Flettner Blender, a most useful tool, and recommend it on all capital ships".

Best wishes for the coming year, I will keep intouch. My cousin says to mention that plans for the short ship RAMBLER will soon be available in 1/4" scale for radio control, and in 1/16" scale, which he says is suitable for 'building a ship in a Cuisinart'.

Regards,

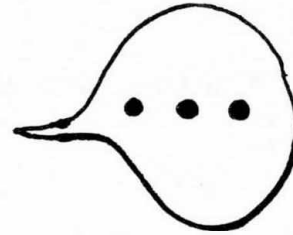
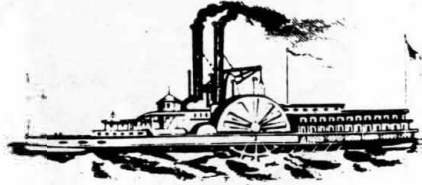
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LOG OF THE MARCH MEETING

Tim Petitt

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



- OLD BUSINESS:
- We still need a volunteer to represent the Guild at the Argonauts meetings. Your response to this plea has been decidedly underwhelming. This person, preferably an RC modeler, is needed to represent our interests in maintaining pond dates. Please contact Bill K-F if interested. (Perhaps this task will fall to the one of you who gets tired of hearing or reading this announcement first.)
 - All members should verify their address of the latest (I guess that means this one) newsletter so that our computer mailing list may be corrected.
- NEW BUSINESS:
- Roger Smith, Radio Officer, reported on the progress of radio frequency registration. The list is taking shape nicely. All those yet to register should do so as soon as possible. For those of you converting frequencies or buying new radios Roger's list can be quite helpful for choosing the least used frequencies. Also, Roger has a phone number for FCC information that is not computerized, if anyone is interested.
 - Roy Nilson is currently involved refurbishing the model shop on the BERKELEY over the next few weeks. Roy is adding shelves and painting to make the area more useful. In addition, volunteers are needed to sort through fittings and accessories. Most of these were donated from the workshops of the late John Woodard and Bill Benson. We would like to sort by scale and type to ease the pain of finding parts when they are needed, this is a BIG job. A suggestion was made by Bob Crawford to sell this material at a 20% discount to Guild members and to use that money to replace stock or fill in voids as needed, thereby insuring a convenient, easy to get local stock.
 - STATIC SHOW report: Bob Crawford reminded us that the show will begin April 18th. Models may be brought to the BERKELEY next meeting night, the 17th, or the morning of the 18th. Models that are uncased will be displayed in the model shop or cases provided if possible. We would like to have more people working in the model shop during the show, especially weekends in the afternoons. Please contact

Bob C or Bill K-F if interested. Suggestions were made to A) consider a reception the last night of the show and B) set up a promotional display booth in the back of the BERKELEY for the next quarterly meeting of the Maritime Museum members.

Bob reminded is that the scheduled seminars are intended to encourage novice model builders. With that in mind several speakers are needed to promote the Guild and talk about the basic requirements of R/C.

- REGATTA report: Al L'Heureux told us his son has volunteered computer time for the regatta. The computer will keep track of the contestants and results during the event. Al is looking for 12 judges and will be talking to people at NOSC and others to fill these requirements. Doug McFarland has contacted the Princess Resort to set up a night run in their lagoon as we have done in the past. Doug is also attempting to negotiate room discounts for those staying overnight from out of town.

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HELP WANTED

John Kirk is looking for plans of the U.S.S. CAPELLO, built in 1918 or of a similar "Hog Islander" three island vessel.

See roster for where to get in contact with him if you can help. Thank you.

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As usual the talent of our members in their modeling techniques and skill was demonstrated.

DOUG MCFARLAND - Hotspur from the Hornblower Saga, Book #3, is a 1:60 scale 20 gun sloop-of-war POF Kit. Doug has completed the mainmast ratlines (732 clove hitches so far), the main topmast and mizzen mast are next.

HERMAN BOEHME - WEATHERLY is a Midwest Kit of the 1962 America's Cup defender that went up against the Australian challenger GRETAL. WEATHERLY was designed by Philips L. Rhodes and built by Luders of Connecticut. Herman fashioned his own bulbous keel complete with wings of lead filled fiberglass.

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FRED FRAAS - USS ANDERSON (DD-411) is a pre WWII 1:96 destroyer made from a Warships Unlimited hull with styrene superstructure. The model is 70% complete and will be radio controlled with twin screws and independent speed controls. The ANDERSON was the first of the SIMS (DD409) class that was completed. The original design was grossly over weight and top heavy and was eventually modified quite extensively. Fred has been fighting the same problems with the model weighing and logging every part of obtain scale operation.

ART AYDEIOTTE - USS FACILITY (AM 233) is a 1:48 WWII mine sweeper scratch built from a fiberglass hull and styrene with wood superstructure and internals. The original as launched June 1944 in Seattle and was 188 ft in length. During its career it was damaged by a kamikaze off of Okinawa. The model is 85% complete with detailing remaining.

ROYCE PRIVETT - USS CONSTITUTION in a 1/8 cross section from a kit is 35% complete. The CONSTITUTION was launched October 21, 1797 and is still in commission. Royce has been completing the main and gun decks.

MIKE RIVERA - After last month's HO scale steam launch Mike went one smaller with an N scale steam launch. Hey, Mike, next time bring a magnifying glass!

RICK MEDLEY - LYNX a 1:62 scale POF Baltimore clipper built in 1812. The ship was armed with eight cannon and a crew of forty. The LYNX fought the British until captures on the Rappahannock River. The Royal Navy renamed her MOSQUIDOBIT. Rick has just finished putting the trunnels on the deck and would like assistance in the proper method to install the leather lashing around the rudder stalk to the deck.

Flotsam and Jetsam


- BOB CRAWFORD just recieved a complete set of construction details on the USS WASP (CV-18) aircraft carrier. This information is microfilm mounted on operation cards. Bob needs to be able to review and make copies as required.


150 YEARS OF MODELING EXPERIENCE


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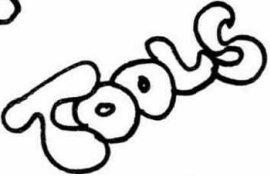
SOME OF YOU SAW THE ORIGINAL PLAY

NOW IT'S OUT IN PAPERBACK!

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- 1) Seal wood from water using epoxy resin by brushing or flow method. Ed White.
 - 2) Plank bending can best be accomplished by soaking wood in ammonia or vinegar. A piece of PVC pip with one end sealed and a removeable cap on the other is recommended for over night odor free soaking. Ed White and Bob Crawford.
 - 3) Sanding dry can best be done with aluminum oxide sandpaper treated with silicone spray, this keeps the paper from loading up. Ed White.
 - 4) Sanding wet should be done using dry cleaning fluid instead of water, this prevents the wood grain from rising. Ed White.
 - 5) Sanding rough shapes in wood or plaster can be done using a heavy grain sanding belt cut and mounted to an appropriate piece of wood. Ed White.
 - 6) Storage/transport case can be made from a 5 sided wooden box approximately sized for the model with a sliding or hinged plexiglas door on one end. Easy to find when stored in garage or closet. Mike Rivera.

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- 1) Super glue (cyanoacrylate) can be enhanced when gluing porous materials by applying small amounts of baking soda to the joint the applying the glue. Mike Petitt.
 - 2) Super glue remover by Bondo can be used to reset parts or unset your fingers. Al L'Heureux.

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- 1) Paint thinner for most paints including enamels, laquers, and acrylics is "terpoline." The advantage being that it will not attack plastic. Bruce Jamison.
 - 2) Simulate metal using styrene for light weight and realistic appearance. Fred Fraas.

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- 1) Proportional Dividers for rescaling plans are available at around \$20 from Micro Mart, and can be found also at discount art or drafting supply stores. Bill K-F.

- 2) Waterline transferring can be accomplished using thin plexiglas cut from plans to mark a hull. Bill K-F.
- 3) Ratline rigging guides can be made from scaled horizontal lines on graph paper taped to the back side of mast stays. Doug McFarland.
- 4) Hull frame clamps for models built with shear stringers can be made by inserting screws into counter sunk hole in the bottom of the building board adjacent to outside frame locations. Sock in place with nut on building side. Thread a stop nut onto each screw just below level of the shear stringer. Place a flat rectangular bracket on stop nut resting the opposite end on the stringer then lock in place with another nut. Tim Pettitt.
- 5) Picks and Probes can be had from your dentist when he is through with them, very handy. Herman Boehme.
- 6) Light weight parts can be weighed using a postal scale, this is particularly useful when building warships with lots of super-structure. Fred Fraas.
- 7) Soldering/Dremel control can be made by mounting a light dimmer control in a J-Box. Makes for cheap temperature or speed control. Bob Cornell.
- 8) Cutting board that has self healing characteristics can be purchased from drafting or art suppliers. Very good surface to work on and it will last a long time. Al L'Heureux.

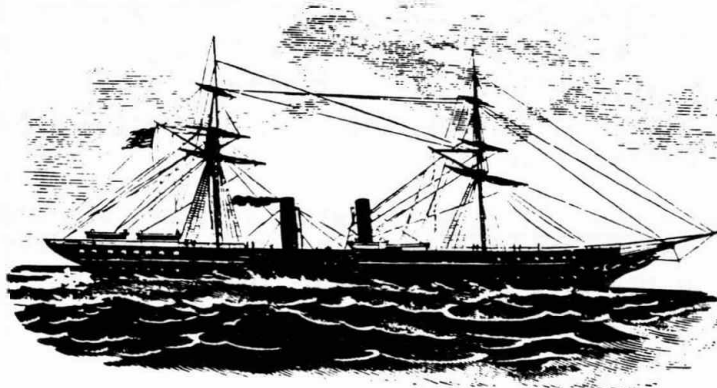
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- 1) Oars can be made from McDonald's coffee stirrers. Mike Rivera.
- 2) Dry transfer aid - use masking tape for picking off misplaced letters or numbers. Bob Crawford.
- 3) Universal joints can be made from model aircraft fuel line in applications such as direct motor drives or servo drives. Roger Smith.

HEARTS OF THE NIGHT:

Don't tell your wives how much all this stuff costs. Roy Nilson.

NEXT YEAR LOOK FOR: 183 YEARS OF EXPERTISE.



A MESSAGE FROM THE REGATTA COMMODORE

This coming Regatta is our tenth. How quickly the time has passed--already a tenth anniversary. I want to take advantage of this milestone to look back.

The success of this event has been possible only because of the generous cooperation of our Guild in general and numerous members in particular. The list would be too long if I enumerated every deserving individual. There are, however, a few persons whose contributions I feel I must single out for special mention. Two of our departed members, CMDR Bill Benson encouraged and helped us in various ways, especially at the beginning, and John Woodard served who served many times as Commodore with the active help of Bob Crawford.

By experimenting with various events and through multiple rule changes we arrived at our current formula. It is dominated by the desire to keep the rules consistent from year to year and to keep the Regatta organization as simple as possible not only to insure its survival but that of the organizers. Finally, we have tried to keep it a fun event that both Guild members and guest participants can really enjoy. We have created an annual get together where modelers from a large geographic area can meet, socialize, admire each others' work and recognize some of their better achievements. As a side effect, our Regatta has greatly increased our contact with our fellow modelers all over the West coast, and has brought good publicity to our Guild in all model magazines and publications. It is indeed a public relations triumph.

I find it more than fitting to close these remarks by mentioning three other individuals who have had a great impact on our Regatta: Bill Kelly-Fleming who, since the beginning, has always been available every year with active participation and valuable advice; Bob O'Brien who directed this event last year and has left copies of extensive correspondence, which are jewels in public relations (they brought many donations from manufacturers, dealers, and hobby shops) and will use them this year as models to follow; and, last but surely not least, our good friend, Roy Nilson who, behind a humorous mask, hides the fact that he has given to our Guild in the last few years a considerable amount of "goodies", with the help of his son, namely trophies--which have been given to us free for many years (and for many future years), the value of this gift alone is well over a thousand dollars by now (we save around \$200 every year on this alone). But, as icing on the cake we also receive screen process bumper stickers, contestant cards, signs, placards, etc, and so on.

Because of all these helpful individuals and all the others, too numerous to name here, who have given generously of their time, advice and cooperation, it was easy for me to accept the position as Regatta Commodore again this year. I am looking forward to seeing most of you on June 20th for a glorious tenth anniversary Regatta.

Albert L'Heureux

EDITOR'S NOTE: On the ~~next~~^{next} page begins the current roster. All I did was type in the phonenumbers, moving between two typewriters. Bill cut and taped the names together. He got very creative at the beginning, reinventing the order of the alphabet (or should I say betaalph!). It was done late at night so I am sure that you will find it in your collective heart to pardon this one teensy mistake. Thank you.



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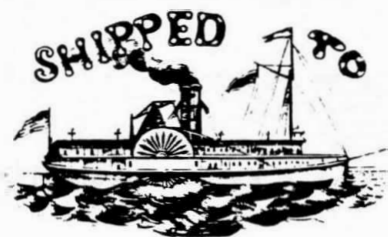
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MEETINGS:	3 rd Friday of each month, 8:00 P.M. aboard the bark STAR OF INDIA on the Orlop Deck.	
MEMBERSHIP:	Dues are \$10.00 yearly. After July the dues are $\frac{1}{2}$ for the rest of the year. We highly encourage all to join the S.D. Maritime Museum.	

