



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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June Meeting: Friday, June 16, 1989

7:30 Social - 8:00 Meeting

Orlop Deck of the *Star of India*

Bring a Modell

May Meeting:

The highlight of the May meeting was a demonstration of lathe techniques given by Phil Matson. Using his Sherline lathe and milling attachment he explained some of the basic techniques and then gave a demonstration of how to turn whip antennas. Phil made the whip antennas for Bob Crawford's *Wasp*, and some of these were on display at the meeting. These antennas are about 5 or 6 inches long and taper from a diameter of about .02 inches down to a diameter of about .005 inches. Having struggled for nearly two years to gain even a slight proficiency with my Unimat lathe, your editor was curious to say the least to see how Phil was able to turn wire down to about the diameter of a human hair! His technique was certainly ingenious. An aluminum block with a .02 hole drilled in it was attached to the lathe bed. The wire being turned was passed through the head stock and then through the block. The cutting tool was positioned right next to the block so that as the wire emerged from the block it was cut immediately with the tool. The results are spectacular to say the least. I would not have believed such a thing was even possible on a hobby lathe. Many thanks to Phil for an excellent and informative demonstration of his skill.

Models present

Doug McFarland

Hotspur Perhaps the last time we will see Dougs excellent model at a meeting. It is almost ready to be delivered to the party who commissioned it.

Bob Crawford

Waspor at least a few subassemblies of Bob's giant model. Bob brought in a ships gig (complete with McNamaras lace curtains in the windows!), together with some signal search lights and the fabulous whip antennas mentioned above. Bob's magnificent model is due to be dedicated at the museum in July. The level of craftsmanship displayed in this project is truly awe inspiring. The model is over eleven feet long and is of course of museum quality.

Bob Wright

Half model, name unknown. Bob brought in a very nice half model of a 1930-40 vintage steam ship (freighter) mounted in a display case with a mirrored back, giving a reflection that makes the half model appear whole.

Hint of the Month

Mike Rivera's hint of the month was a relatively new development in paints. These products look like felt tip pens, but they contain paint. The product that Mike brought in was manufactured by Testors, but other companies have similar products on the market. Mike reported good results in preliminary tests.

Notes

Doug McFarland has requested assistance from members in preparation for the regatta. Specifically help is required from anyone having a pickup truck to pick up the barbecue made from a 55 gallon drum that Bob Ross has. Bob has the barbecue but no way to get it to the pond. Help is also needed from the pickup truck set to take tables from the museum out to the pond. Anyone who can assist in either of these endeavors is requested to contact Doug at /redacted/

Bob Crawford has an article in the most recent issue of Scale Ship Modeler that describes our Guild and the relationship between the Guild and the Maritime Museum. It is an excellent article and certainly recommended reading for all Guild members.

In a similar vein, it appears that an opportunity exists for the Nautical Society of Oregon, a group very similar to our Guild, to establish a relationship with the Oregon Maritime Museum similar to our relationship with the San Diego Maritime Museum. Efforts are underway for the Museum there to acquire the sternwheeled steam tug *Portland* as a (possibly operating) museum attraction. The NSO has been offered meeting space onboard the ship in return for their support in acquiring and maintaining the vessel. Sounds like a marvelous opportunity - good luck fellas!

June Meeting

There will not be a fixed agenda for the June meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring a model for "Show and Tell", perhaps the one you plan to enter in the regatta. The balance of the meeting will be devoted to last minute details for the regatta, and then an early adjournment so we can all get an early start on Saturday.

For Free

Gordon Jones has a 1/16" = 1' scale model kit of *Cutty Sark* which is free to a good home. The kit is by Scientific, has a carved hull and is partially completed. When finished the model will be 23" long. Most of the parts are still in the box. This would probably be a good kit for someone just starting out in the hobby - perhaps a youngster. Anyone who is interested should send Gordon a post card at:

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SHOW & TELL

by Nilson



DID YOU WIN ANY THING AT THE REGATTA?



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

San Diego, California

The San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild announces their twelfth annual Scale Model R/C Regatta to be held Saturday, June 17, 1989 at the Model Yacht Basin in San Diego's Mission Bay Park. The contest will be open to all types of scale ships and boats (hydroplanes excepted) and is limited to steam, electric or sail power. The second annual swapmeet will also be held in conjunction with the Regatta, so bring along plenty of goodies to sell or trade.

The competition will consist of two events: a static portion in which the models will be judged only on their scale appearance (display models may be entered) and operational. The operational part of the contest will include an obstacle course and a scale operational capability demonstration (special effects). Each model will be judged on scale appearance and operation and the ability to navigate the obstacle course.

Static categories will be powered military, powered civilian and all sail. R/C operational categories will be steam, all sail, electric military, electric civilian, submarine and tug/salvage. Trophies will be awarded to the first place winner in each category with ribbons being given to the second and third place winners. Additional trophies will be presented to the Best of Show, Best Jr. (under 18) Modeler and Modelers' Favorite (by popular vote). Entry fee will be \$3.00 per model for operational and \$2.00 for static. Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M.

A potluck dinner will follow the contest around 5:30 P.M. with the Guild supplying the barbecue grill and briquettes. The Guild has also reserved the Pond for open running Sunday, June 18, for those who would like to stay over.

After dark, at approximately 8:30 P.M., the activities center around the fresh water lagoon at the San Diego Princess Hotel where the annual Night Run and Parade of Lights will take place. This has become a very popular part of the regatta and is a real thrill, especially for the first time viewer.

Contestants planning to spend the night at the hotel please contact Doug McFarland as soon as possible as rooms may be available at reduced rates.

For additional information contact:

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May 23, 1989

Gentlemen,

It is with much embarrassment that I must appologize to the Guild at large and Doug McFarland in particular for my minimal participation in this years Annual Regatta.

With 2 young children, girl scout activities and little league coaching have consumed vast amounts of time. Along with the other normal family activities I found myself deep into the USS Wasp (CVS-18) project. I thought Wasp was to have been completed by May 1, 1989, but circumstances have moved that date back to July and the extra months have allowed some up-grading of details and the more thourough detailing of others. As important as this project has been to me personally, I want everything to be as perfect as possible. This has consumed much more time than I anticipated when I first agreed to co-commador this event, at the expense of Guild time and activities.

If this years Regatta is less than ideal, please understand that Doug has not had as much support from his co-commadore as would be best. Most of the effort to get the event as far as it has gotten, is through his efforts, which we all appreciate.

Again, I am very sorry for the problems this may have caused the Guild and Doug McFarland and I will, in the future, be careful about what time and effort I can and can not commit to.

Sincerely,

Bob Crawford
Curator of Models

P.S. My sincere thanks and that of the Museum go to those who have participated in manning the model shop and to those participating in the 3 Model Guild/Maritime Museum work parties.

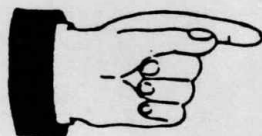
San Diego Ship Modelers Guild
Doug Smay, Editor
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SDSMG 12th Annual Regatta

June 17, 1989

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San Diego Ship Modelers Guild Officers for 1989

Master	Doug McFarland	/redacted/
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Newsletter Editor	Doug Smay	/redacted/
Steering Committee	Ed White	/redacted/
	Bob Crawford	/redacted/
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	Roy Nilson	/redacted/

Schedule of Activities

- Meetings - Third Friday of the month
7:30 PM social, 8:00 PM meeting
- Static Workshops - Every other Tues.
7:00 to 9:00 PM aboard the ferry Berkeley
- R/C Operations - Saturday mornings
Model Yacht Pond
- Annual Regatta - Third weekend in June

Membership

Dues are \$10 annually

We strongly encourage all to join the San Diego Maritime Museum as an expression of appreciation for the facilities they provide us.