



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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"NEW" NEWSLETTER EDITORS "RELIEVE THE WATCH"

Fred Fraas and Gordon Jones are taking over the job of putting out the NEWSLETTER for 1993.

Our first order of business is to give a BIG "BRAVO ZULU" (or well done!) as well as the thanks of the membership to MIKE RIVERA for his past efforts. Mike and his wife, VICKI, published the NEWSLETTER for the past FOUR YEARS! The previous year, 1988, Mike served as President and Master. Despite heavy work schedules and frequent trips out-of-town, Mike--busy as he was, found time to "go to press" and get it in the mail.

YOUR EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED, MIKE! THANKS AGAIN & AGAIN!!

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

At the quarterly meeting of the Maritime Museum Association which was held February 3rd. aboard the BERKELEY, our guild members received pins as follows:

JACK KLEIN,	Gold pin,	signifying	2,500 + hrs.	volunteer time,	
JOE BOMPENSIERO,	Gold,	"	2,500	"	"
BOB WRIGHT,	Gold,	"	2,500	"	"
JOHN FLUCK,	Blue pin,	"	250	"	"

That adds up to a lot of hours donated to the museum. NICE GOING! guys.

One of the highlights of the evening's program was the presentation by Phil Mattson of his model of U.S.S. BENNINGTON, the 1900's era gunboat prominent in San Diego history for its tragic boiler explosion in July, 1905, which killed 61 navy crewmen and wounded another 40. Incidentally, Phil Mattson spent more than 2,200 hours scratch-building this beautiful 1/8" scale model. If you have not seen it, drop by the BERKELEY and check it out for a real treat.

NOTES from our MEETING of Jan. 21, 1993

By: Bob Cornell

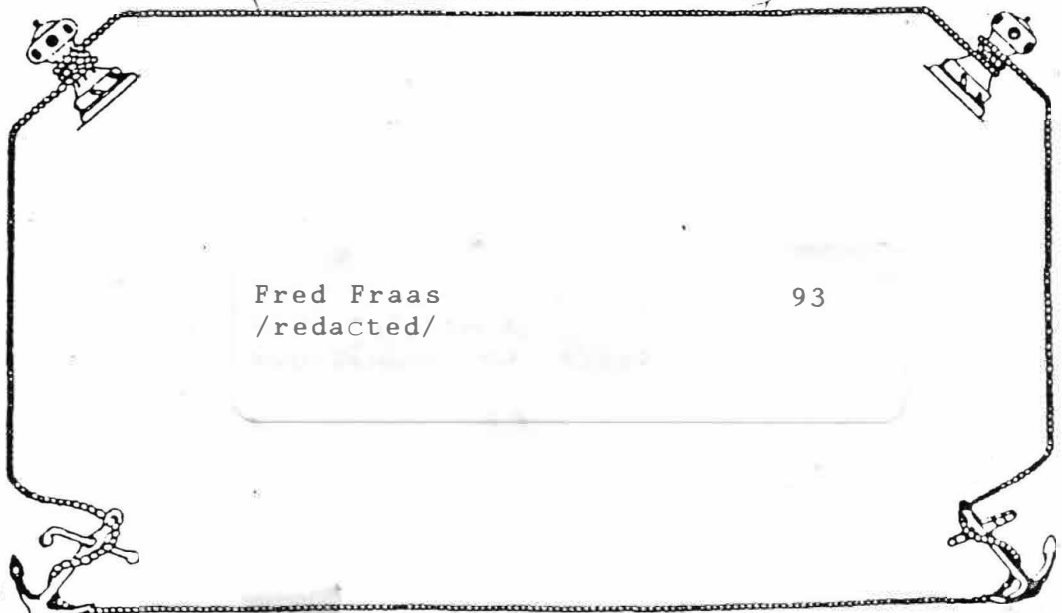
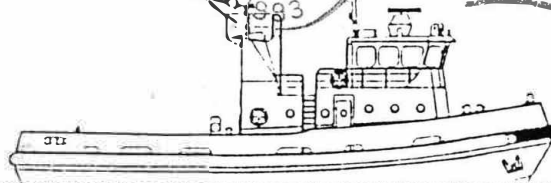
Present were 28 persons including local and out-of-town guests. One intriguing report by Hank Felken of Lancaster, Ohio, concerned his club's method of motivating their members. They award points or credits for meeting attendance, committee work etc., and at the Annual Dinner Meeting, donated items are then auctioned off with only the "brownie" points being spendable. Clever, eh?

Ed White, Purser, is accepting 1993 dues which can be mailed to him c/c the Guild c/c the Maritime Museum. Note: only 1993 paid-up members will be able to vote in the March election. Speaking of that, Bob Crawford explained what happened to the election scheduled for December. Fred Fraas will serve as a Nominating Committee to formulate a slate of officers nominees. Anyone wishing to make a nomination should contact Fred. Nominees must have agreed to run and serve to be eligible for the ballot.

The pond is closed
 This Saturday - February 13th
 due to San Diego

Fate Note:

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild
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Next Meeting Dates

Fred Fraas
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Gordon Jones has offered to serve as Assistant Newsletter Editor. Along with Fred Fraas, they only "edit" submitted material and deny being able to create copy out of thin air. NO NEWS--NO NEWS LETTER.

In order to keep the library current, the GUILD will subscribe to three additional publications: MODEL BOATS, SHIP MODELER and SEAWAYS-SHIPS and SCALE. We are, and are required, to be members of the Nautical Research Guild as per our charter.

In the show-and-tell session of the Jan. 21st. meeting was a particularly attractive display of ALL WOOD carved sailboats accented by wooden waves, done by Bryan Peters. Other models presented that evening were: a Texaco T-2 tanker by Fred Fraas, a 1750 Dutch yacht by John Fluck, the stack for his model of USS CHICAGO by Jim Hawkins, a WWII Fletcher Class (RC) Destroyer with radio-controlled guns, lights, sound etc. There also was a small model of a navy tug present--sorry we didn't get name of builder. Dave Manley built the RC destroyer model.

Bob Crawford announced that the S.S. LANE VICTORY is expected to sail down from its Los Angeles berth to San Diego sometime in March. He also said that the MODEL SHCP could use a thickness sander.

BRING A MODEL--RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE:

Our monthly meetings can, in part, be no better than the number of attendees and the models or parts thereof that they bring for "show and tell". We ARE interested in what you are working on and what you have built. Even an unfinished model you gave up building years ago can be beneficial and interesting to others. Don't be embarrassed to point out the mistakes: we all learn by them. C'mon...even if you threw in the towel!

In order to insure that proper credit is given all models, a clip board will be circulated at future meetings, on which you can note your name and any pertinent details of your "show-and-tell" piece. This will greatly assist the logkeeper and Newsletter working staff. THANKS!

CONCRETE SHIPS ???

Yes, indeed. The program featured at the last meeting was a presentation concerning large, concrete freighters built during WWI to alleviate the steel shortage at that time. A fine talk was accompanied by several photographs and detailed plans of such a vessel. THANKS, BOB!

SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD

MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 7 1993

NAME	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	SPOUSE	SORT	YR	PAID
Ernest J Andrew	San Diego	CA	92116			AND	92	
David Armbruster	Vista	CA	92083		---	ARM	92	
Ray H Beals	La Jolla	CA	92037		---	BEAL	93	1/06/93
Bunny Benson	San Diego	CA	92128		---	BENS	Life	
Joe Compensiero	San Diego	CA	92103			BOM	92	
Dale Bradford	San Marcos	CA	92069		Margaret	BRAD	93	1/21/93
Donald E Brent		CA	92128			BREN	93	12/01/92
Walter E Briese	Santee	CA	92071		---	BRI	92	
Walter E Cagle	Chula Vista	CA	91910		Kathlyn	CAGL	93	12/15/92

Bob Crawford	San Diego			CRAW	93	12/17/92	
Victor L Crosby	Kirkland			CROS	Life		
Robert L Cunningham	San Diego			CUNN	93	12/17/92	
John De Friest	San Diego			DEF	92		
Robert L Eberhardt	Grantville	CA	92120	Rosemarie EBER	93	11/09/92	
William J Fleming Jr	Brighton			FLEM	93	10/27/92	
John F Fluck	Vista			FLU	92		
Fred Fraas	San Diego	CA	92119	Shirley FRAA	93	12/17/92	
John Fry	La Palma			FRY	92		
Brian C Greenough	San Diego			GRE	92		
Robert J Hallbach	El Cajon			HALL	93	12/14/92	
Brett Harper	Glendale			HAR	92		
Greg Harrington	San Diego	CA	92115	HARR	93	1/21/93	
Jimmie C Hawkins	Sandiego	CA	92116	----	HAWK	93	1/21/93
Norman Hiatt	Santee	CA	92071	Nancy HIAT	93	1/21/93	
Bruce Jamieson	Bonita	CA	91902	Cathy JAM	92		
Dick Johnson	Yuma	AZ	85364	JOH	92		
Larry T Johnson	San Diego	CA	92124	Christine JOH	92		
Lewis Johnson	San Diego	CA	92120	Helen JOHN	93	12/18/92	
Johnny R Johnson	San Diego	CA	92101	----	JOHN	93	12/21/92
Gordon Jones	San Diego	CA	92111	JONE	93	1/21/93	
Jack Klein	San Diego	CA	92119	KLEI	93	1/21/93	
David Koelzer	Elko			KOE	92		
Earl A Kralovec	Appelton			KRA	92		
Daniel M LePage	San Diego	CA	92123	LEP	92		
Jack R Lind	Coronado	CA	92118	LIND	93	12/17/92	
Megan N Lini	San Diego	CA	92105	LINI	93	12/17/92	
Russ Lloyd	San Diego	CA	92117	LLO	92		
David Manley	San Diego	CA	92105	MANL	93	12/17/92	
John C Mathews	Coronado	CA	92118	MATT	93	1/21/93	
Phillip T Mattson	La Jolla	CA	92037	MATT	93	1/21/93	
Doug McFarland	San Diego	CA	92131	MCFA	93	12/17/92	
Anne Merrill	San Diego	CA	92117	---	MERR	Life	
Phill Moore	La Jolla	CA	92037	MOO	92		
Howard Newman	San Diego	CA	92120	----	NEW	92	
Anchor R Nielsen	San Diego	CA	92126	NIE	92		
Roy T Nilson	Chula Vista	CA	92010	NIL	92		
Robert E O'Brien	Poway	CA	92064	OBRI	93	12/17/92	
William Paylor	Murrietta	CA	92362	PAYL	93	12/17/92	
Gerald W Pearce	San Diego	CA	92154	PEA	92		
Brian Peters	San Diego	CA	92124	PETE	92		
Royce Privett	Santee	CA	92071		93	12/17/92	
Miguel A Rivera	Rancho S.D.	CA	92119	Victoria RIV	92		
Mike Scott	El Cajon	CA	92021	SCO	92		
Jack Slowiczek	San Diego	CA	92124	Frances SLO	92		
Darryl W Smith	Spring Valley	CA	91977	Charlaine SMI	92		
Frank Spangler	Poway	CA	92064	SPAN	93	12/17/92	
Paul Thompson	Chula Vista	CA	92011	THO	92		
GM3 Stephen Vick	FPO AP 96663	CA		VIC	92		
Tom Wells	San Diego	CA	92122	WEL	92		
Henry S Wenc	La Jolla	CA	92037	WEN	92		
Edmund F White	San Diego	CA	92120	WHI	92		
Bob Willis	Poway	CA	92064	Isabelle WIL	92		
Kenneth D Williams	San Diego	CA	92134	WILL	93	9/15/92	
Bob Wright	San Diego	CA	92119	WRI	92		
Arthur J Yeend	San Diego	CA	92122	Margenatt YEE	92		
Dave Young	Encinitas	CA	92024	YOUN	93	12/17/92	
Jack Z Zimmerman	Oceanside	CA	92056		93	12/17/92	

Please check your name and listing on the poster above. If you have not paid your 1993 dues, "92" will be indicated on this list as well as on the address label. CHECKS should be mailed to the SPSMG at 1306 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA, 92120, ATTENTION Ed White, Purser.

Urgent Frequency Alert!

(Responses needed before February 26, 1993)

To all users of model frequencies in both the 72 and 75 MHz bands.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profound effect on model frequency use. Developed by the FCC Land Mobile Service, it creates a massive frequency restructuring—the first of its type in 60 years.

The 419 page document addresses frequency use in another service (Part 88) but will also affect Part 95 where our RC frequency use lives. Without becoming too technical, the restructuring inserts two new frequencies between those presently assigned for modeling use and commercial users. That means we could have a transmitter almost four times the power output of ours, only 2.5 kHz away from a large number of our 72 and 75 MHz frequencies.

In the 72 MHz band, thirty-one of our frequencies would be bracketed, principally in the lower end of the band (below channel 42). A similar condition would exist in the 75 MHz band. Two examples of the frequency placing would look like the following:

Model Channel 14	72.070 MHz
New insert	72.0725 MHz
New insert	72.0775 MHz
Present Commercial	72.080 MHz
New insert	72.0825 MHz
New insert	72.0875 MHz
Model Channel 15	72.090 MHz
OR	
Model Channel 62	75.430 MHz
New insert	75.4325 MHz
New insert	75.4375 MHz
Present Commercial	75.440 MHz
New insert	75.4425 MHz
New insert	75.4475 MHz
Model Channel 63	75.450 MHz

Not only are these new frequencies very close to ours, they are also designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know where they are operating, including right in the pit area at your field or on the street and highway nearby. In addition, the technical specifications for the new equipment allows a legal frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly on ours!

What can be done to address this situation?

The Academy, with full industry support, will pursue all avenues available through the legal counsel they retain to represent modelers before the FCC. The first step in that process is the filing of formal comments prior to February 26, 1993. Other steps will follow.

We have been strongly urged to use "every arrow in our quiver" to address this proposal. You and your club members are very important arrows that can help us make our point!

You are being asked to write *NOW* to those persons and agencies in the federal government that *represent you!*

To a Senator:
The Honorable (name)
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

To the FCC:
FCC
1919 M St, NW
Washington, DC 20554

To a Representative:
The Honorable (name)
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, D.C. 20515

(For the name of your Senator or Representative, contact the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.)

In writing your letters it is important to do the following:

- 1. Include the identification of the proposed rule making: PR Docket 92-235**
- 2. Personalize your concerns:**
"I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models."
"I am an active competitor in local, national, and international events."
"As a student, I learn valuable lessons from building and operating models."
"I am active in our local club."
- 3. Indicate your financial involvement:**
"I own _____ pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted."
"My hobby shop business involves _____% radio control sales."
- 4. Strongly stress the safety and liability aspect created by the proposal**
"The models I build weigh as much as _____pounds and operate at _____m.p.h."
"Our club operates at a public park."
"Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable."

Some other points to consider.

- 1. The best approach** is a personal letter, written by you, to the government official(s) involved.
- 2. The second level** of effectiveness is a signed form letter.
- 3. The least effective** communication is a petition simply signed by individuals. (This approach is not recommended)
- 4. Many persons derive enjoyment** from our hobby/sport, not only those who actually build and operate models. Ask them to write as well, to indicate their concern!
- 5. The most important fact** to remember is to act now! The February 26th date is soon upon us! Write NOW!
- 6. Contact the Technical Department** at AMA Headquarters for additional information - (703) 435-0750, ext. 264.

For The Gals!

WHY ARE ALL DUMB BLONDE JOKES ONE LINERS?
SO MEN CAN UNDERSTAND THEM.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT BONDS AND MEN?
GOVERNMENT BONDS MATURE.-

WHAT'S A MAN'S IDEA OF HELPING WITH THE HOUSEWORK?
LIFTING HIS LEGS SO YOU CAN VACUUM.

MEETING NOTES SDSMG STEERING COMMITTEE JANUARY 19, 1993

1. Attending were :W.Briese, D.LePage, G.Jones, R.Cornell, M.Rivera, D.McFarland, E.White and R.Crawford, presiding.
 2. M.Rivera reported that the Guild's allocation for the Xmas party on the Star balanced closely with the party expenses.
 3. A schedule of speakers for the meeting programs for the first half of the year was prepared. The program topics will be varied and should find wide interest by the members.
 4. Because of there not being an election as planned in December, the 1992 officers will carry on until a new slate of nominees is prepared and a ballot election held in March. Bob Crawford will appoint a Nominating Committee within the week. At the February meeting the Committee will present its slate and nominations may be made from the floor. Members so nominated must be willing to run and serve if elected and have so indicated in advance to the nominator.
- A letter-type ballot will be published with the February News Letter. Such ballots, if mailed must be received before the March meeting or brought to the meeting for counting at that time. Officers so elected shall take office at the close of that meeting.
- A copy of the newly formulated OPERATING GUIDELINES will be included with the election ballot. Approval or rejection of this document will be a part of the ballot. Mailing of the Ballot issue will be timed to provide the members a two week period to return their ballots.

The following Standing Committee chairmen were appointed:

REGATTA:	Dan LePage
NEWS LETTER:	Fred Fraas
ASSIST.":	Gordon Jones
POND:	Walt Briese (And Argonauts coordination)

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Bob Cornell, Secretary pro tem