



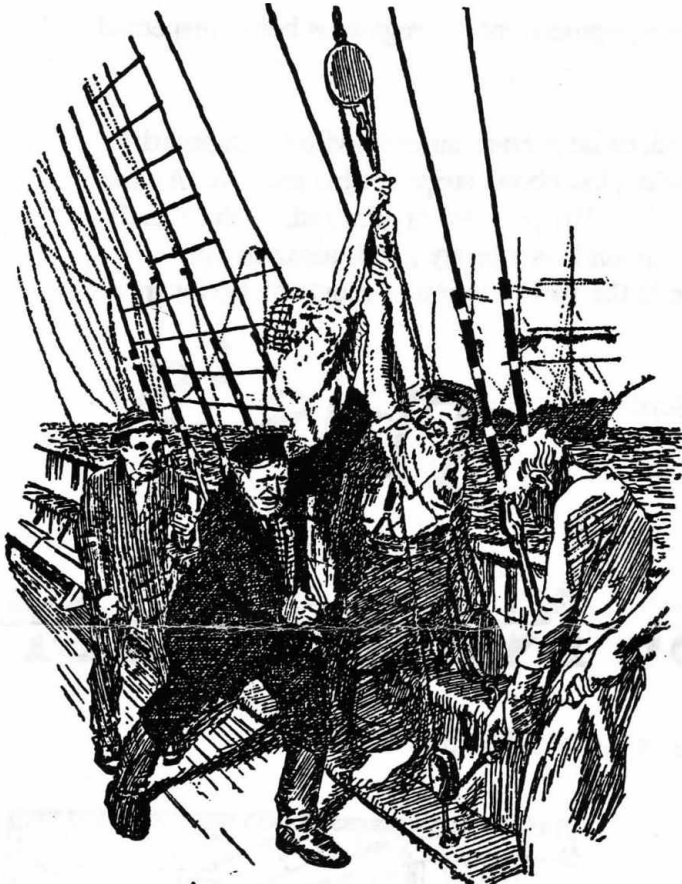
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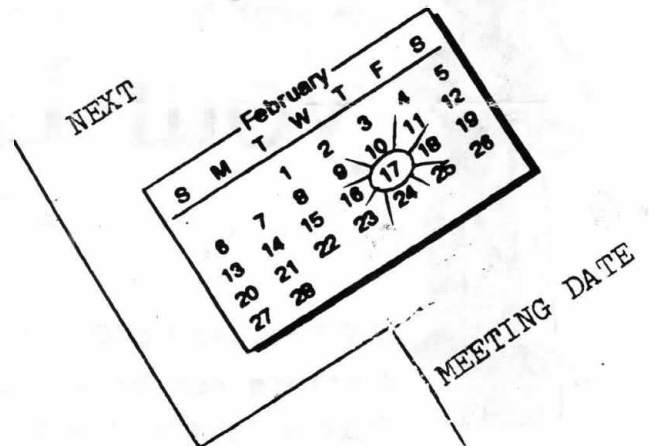
The bow-wash is eddying, spreading from the bows,
Aloft and loose the topails and some one give a roose;
A salt Atlantic chanty shall be music to the dead,
'A long pull, a strong pull, and the yard to the masthead.'

A SEA DIRGE

Full fathom five thy father lies:
Of his bones are coral made;
Those are pearls that were his eyes:
Nothing of him that doth fade
But doth suffer a sea-change
Into something rich and strange.
Sea-nymphs hourly ring his knell:
Hark! now I hear them, —
Ding, dong, bell.

Shakespeare

Nothing like a SHAKESPEARE quote
to give our worthy rag some class!



January 20, 1994 Guild Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Guild Master Bob Crawford. Another skimpy attendance meeting saw 19 members and guests present. Introductions all around provided the background of those present and a brief report on their building activities. (It occurred to this scribe that a program might be of interest on the theme of what prompts and motivates each member to pursue model research and building of a particular type, period and specific ship.)

Mr. Crawford had received a quantity of old magazines and a book On The History of American Sailing Ships by Chappelle. The latter will be passed around as a rotating loan to those who are interested after which it will be decided how ownership might be arranged.

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We seem to have lost track of who was to provide the program for the evening so the News Letter editors) are urged to include a reminder of the program for the coming meeting. The February meeting will "feature" nominations for officers for the 1994 year. Luckily, Gordon Jones didn't forget that it was his turn on the podium. He gave an interesting dissertation on maintaining woodworking tools, in particular, the art of sharpening hand saws. We're sure that everyone who uses a saw now knows how to get the best results from their tools. He apologized for missing the Christmas party but said that the Mai Tais while relaxing on the beach in Hawaii were wonderful.

Jim Hawkins, Regatta Commodore, reported that the equipment for the regatta is being inspected and refurbished.

Dave Manley described the complex technical challenges he is encountering with his submarine. Jack Klein reported on the problems involved in bending the ebony strips for his galleon. All the woods he is using will be displayed in their natural color. His patience is admired. Bob Cornell offered the hint that "siliconized acrylic caulking compound" is a pretty good, inexpensive substitute for silicone. a.k.a.: RTV. This is available in the paint section of most any hardware store.

Bob Cornell, Scribe

"THAR she blows!
Er..I mean, SAIL off
the port bow two points"

This is

your Last Newsletter!

IF your dues are NOT paid.



PAY UP...AND SHOW UP.

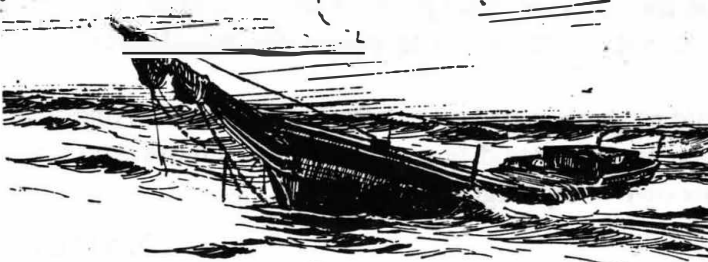
Meetings can be a lot of fun.

This cozy scene was taken at our last meeting--on the BERKELEY at

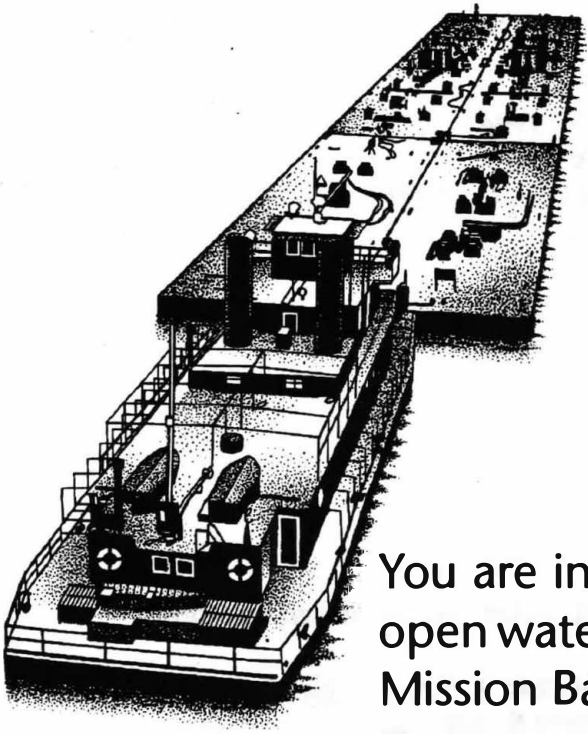
7:00 PM.

FOR OUR NEXT MEETING

Henry Wenc, a longtime member, will give us some info on wood finishing. Don't Miss It!



AHOY, MODELERS



You are invited to come and sail the coastal and open waters of the San Diego Model Boat Pond in Mission Bay Park June 18th and 19th.

Commodore Jim is planning two days of fun in the sun. . . several different course, prizes and food.

The main event will be Saturday, starting at 9 a.m. On Sunday starting at 10 a.m. we will have open running and schooner races by the Argonauts.

The categories are static and R/C. Military, Civilian, Tug, Workboat, Sail, Pleasure, Submarines and also Hydros, in static display only. Open to all modelers, adult and junior modelers (16 and under).

So light off those boilers, set your sails, up all anchors and make your way to the 17th Annual Scale Regatta of the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild. We'll see you there. What a day for modeling!

For more info write: Jim Hawkins Regatta Commodore /redacted/

* PLEASE NOTE
REGISTRATION IS
8AM TO 10AM ONLY

Or call: /redacted/ after 6 p.m.

January 26, 1994
111 Via Valverde
Cathedral City, Ca. 92234

San Diego Guild
Attn: Fred Frass
c/o Maritime Museum
1306 No. Harbor Dr.
San Diego, Ca. 92101

Dear Mr. Frass;

Your name was given to me by William Fleming of the Nautical Research Journal.

I had written the Journal , offering their membership a chance to buy two Unimat S L tools with accessories that I own. Mr. Fleming thought that through your journal there might be other interested parties contacted. The enclosed material is copied from original brochures and price lists. I hope is complete enough to give one the information they need to analyze the usefulness and costs of the offered tooling.

The Blue Ridge Machinery & Tool list is the latest information on the price and availability of the Unimat S L parts and accessories. The " Accessories for Unimat SL" may help in identifying part numbers and help fit the catalogue pictures to those part numbers.

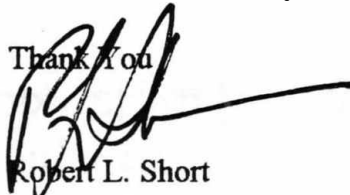
The drawing " Tool Fixture " pictures the adapter I had made so that the "Midget Universal" tooling can be used with the Unimat basic tool.

I should tell you that the "Midget Universal" basic tool was stolen from my shop, but the thief missed those parts I have noted on the brochure. So those parts are included. The Thickness planer is an absolute joy, accurate to a couple of thousands and fully adjustable.

The tools are "shelf " worn. there isn't ten hours of actual use on any of this equipment. but there is some discoloring some light rust and dull paint. They probably should be disassembled and cleaned.

The copy of the catalogue should give you all the visual help you will need.

I offer this equipment for \$650.00 fob Cathedral City. I can arrange shipping.

Thank You

Robert L. Short

PHONE:
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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Blue Ridge Tool list may be viewed in our Model Shop on the BERKELEY.

MODEL SHOP GETS GOOD MARKS!!

A visit recently to the model shop on the ferryboat BERKELEY proved more than interesting to your assistant editor. Members from our club "man" the facility and provide communication with the many curious visitors on board the Museum Ship. Descriptions of the various models "in the dock" are posted on the windows outside and, if a visitor wants more information he or she can visit with the model-makers via the Dutch door which is usually at "half mast".

CUTTY SARK Club member Chuck Hill began this fine model of the famous British tea and wool clipper in 1990. As on all static models, progress sometimes seems slow, but an examination of the intricate detail allays any suspicion that the modeler is out to coffee too often. After all, the Java on the BERKELEY ain't all that good, is it Chuck? The hull has been copper-sheathed below the waterline, deck houses are in place (including the chicken coop), topmasts have been stepped and the lower shrouds now are being set up. When rigged, the linen line will range in size from .003", the thickness of a strand of hair, to about .025" or a little thicker than a pin. In the real world that is the equivalent of 1/2" to 3 1/2" diameter line.

Built in 1869, CUTTY is now preserved at Greenwich, England. In 1895 she was sold to the Portuguese, being re-purchased by British interests in 1922. Mr. Hill is working from the plan from G. F. Campbell, A.M.I.N.A., drawn and printed in England. The scale is approx 1 to 78, a European scale.

STAR OF INDIA, circa 1920. Bob Cunningham, twice a crew member on the sailing of the STAR, is re-creating this vision of our main museum vessel as she appeared when working for the well-known Alaska Packers Association of Alameda. She and other famous but tired sailers made an unbelievable scene at the foot of Paru Street during the winter months when all ships were laid up between fishing seasons in Alaska. The model, therefore, shows the STAR with her poop deck extended 36 feet forward of its present position. This provided accommodation for fishermen and cannery hands being transported to the canneries every year. Her main deck house was also three feet longer, making room for a donkey boiler which made much of the heavy work lighter. Forecastle decking is not yet applied which gives us a view of the different layout at that time. Partitioning on the port side of the foc'sle provided space for a coal locker, a head and a workshop. Similar partitioning on the starboard side added a galley for the Mexican hands and a workshop also.

The model also will carry the cargo boom on the foremast
Cunningham's main interest in modeling are sailing ships. He has previously built two kit models and accumulated much of his knowledge about ships and the sea from a four-year stint in the Navy. And he may just reach his projected completion date of June, 1995.
Scale is 3/16" per foot.

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KINGFISHER, Well-known static modeler Jack Klein is producing another finely-made example of period model, one having an interesting history connected with the budding American colonies. KINGFISHER was a sloop of war built by the British for blockading the "upstart" colonies from Massachusetts to upper Connecticut. Fortunately for us, Benjamin Franklin, as ambassador to France, secured much assistance from the French and it was a French ship which challenged and pursued the KINGFISHER. With capture imminent, the full-rigged Britisher scuttled herself and bones of the vessel came to rest upon our shores.

Klein is producing a "dockside" or Admiralty model, one which is left unplanked below the wales purposely for exposing the construction of the double-flich frames, keel, keelson, knees and various other timbers which made up the framing of such ships. All woods are left natural, and we find ebony, cherry, Brazilian satin wood, holly, blood wood, box wood, lemon wood and bamboo, from which the treenails or "trunnels" are made. Jack admits that there are no wedges in the ends of them. (Hey c'mon, whaddya, fussy?)

Strops, hinges, pintles and gudgeons are of brass, painted black. All linen line is dyed to resemble aged hemp for the running rigging and black to resemble tarred line for the standing rigging.

KINGFISHER carried sixteen guns--6 pounders, measured 135' L.O.A., 98' on deck. She is mounted on turned walnut pedestals and rests on a teak base which was made from one of Medea's old deck planks. Her figurehead naturally is a kingfisher, but one with a spear. Detailed stern carvings feature mermaids and angels, for which no plans were available.

U.S.S. LANGLEY Veteran modeler Joe Bompensiero is re-creating in 1/8th scale the navy's first aircraft carrier, a vessel stationed here in the 1930's and one on which most of the early naval aviation flag officers were trained. Future Admirals King, Halsey and Mitcher walked her decks. LANGLEY was launched in 1913 (commissioning date) as U.S.S. JUPITER (AC-3), served in WW I and in a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year conversion became the first carrier of our fleet. She met her end in the Java Sea in 1942

Joe has made the ex-collier's hull via the bread-and-butter method of solid poplar, a nice wood to work. This makes a solid base on which to mount the many houses and structures including the flight deck columns and girders. These incidentally, are to be produced by the photo etching method. The LANGLEY model will help to fill out the fine assembly of naval models to be found on the BERKELEY. This is a big job, but Joe's no fuss, no muss and patient attitude is a match for it.

RATTLESNAKE This American ship-privateer model is coming alive under beginner Jack Slowiczek, a recruit Shanghaied by the smooth Joe Bompensiero. She's to 1/16th scale and stations are set up and ready for planking. I understand the plan is Italian, and, like many former European apprenticeships, prohibits the use of coffee but encourages imbibing red wine and eating spaghetti and meatballs. RATTLESNAKE carried 20 guns and 85 men.

HALF MOON Henrik Hudson's vessel sent out by the E. India Co. in 1609 and presented in model form years ago in the Popular Mechanics Magazine is under restoration by Suzanne Levonian. Her father built the model 65 years ago!



DUMAS

6th Annual
Presidents' Day

Scale Model Boat Meet

Feb 19-20, 1994



Yes, it is Presidents' Day Meet time again and we hope you will be joining us at the beautiful Fountainhead Corporate Park in Tempe for our 6th Annual Meet. We're into our second five-year segment of what is becoming one of the best meets in the Nation.

Our competition and events will include:

SATURDAY 5-10 pm is NIGHT NAVIGATION and BEST LIGHTING judging.

SUNDAY 9 am - 5 pm is all-out competition in NAVIGATION, STATIC JUDGING and ????

Our classes will include:

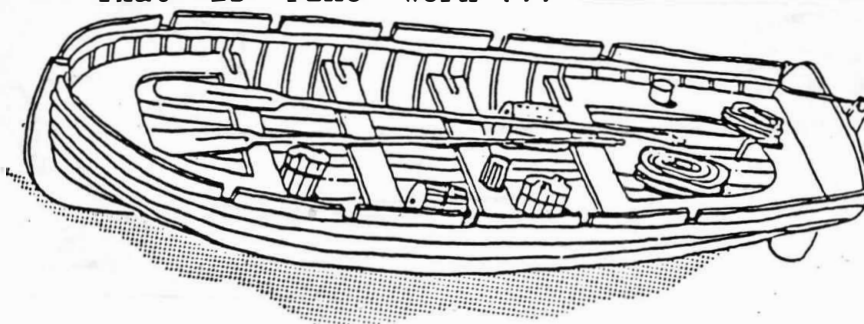
*Military, Submarines, Tug Boats, Carry-On Scale,
Pleasure Craft, Working Boats, Static and
Junior Operational.*

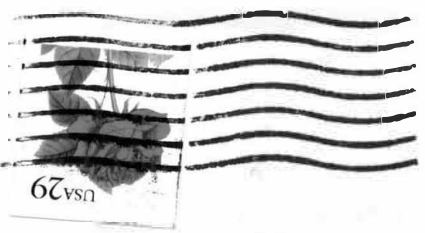
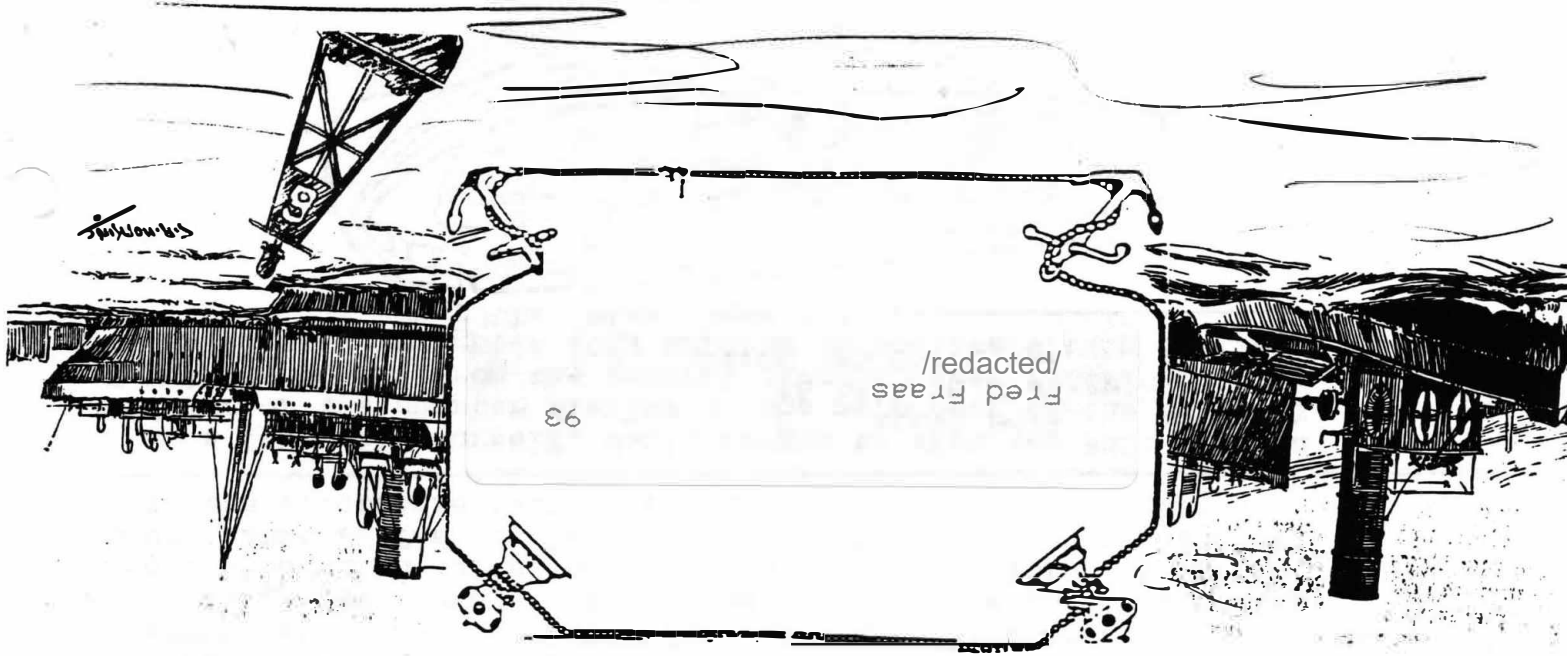
Entry Fee is \$6 - 1st Entry and \$3 each additional
REMEMBER - This includes a great Barbeque Lunch!

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT RAY AGEE, MEET DIRECTOR AT
(602) 966-0228 AFTER 5 PM**

BOB CRAWFORD announces that a possible tour of the Naval Ocean Systems Lab is in the "hold" for some Thursday afternoon, at which time 20-25 people may be given the tour of this most interesting model shop which builds on 1/4-inch scale, resulting in carrier models some 22 feet in length. Material used is brass, compatible with the electronic testing for which these models are used.

As a favor to yourself, don't forget to view the Phil Mattson modeler of the quarter display on the main deck of the BERKELEY! Exquisite models from the general cargo steamer PACIFIC STAR to the whaleback freighter JOHN ERICSON to bottles within bottles.
That Is Fine Work !!!





San Diego Ship Modelers Guild
 c/o Maritime Museum Assoc. of SD
 1306 N. Harbor Dr.
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**San Diego Ship Modelers Guild
 Officers for 1993**

Master	Bob Crawford	/redacted/
First Mate	Jim Hawkins	/redacted/
Purser	Ed White	/redacted/
Logkeeper/Secretary	Bob Cornell	
Newsletter Editors	Fred Fraas	/redacted/
	Gordon Jones	/redacted/
Steering Committee	Bob Wright	/redacted/
	Ed White	/redacted/
	Bob O'Brien	/redacted/
Regatta Commodore	Jim Hawkins	/redacted/

Schedule of Activities:

Meetings --Third Thursday of the month
 7:00PM Social; 07:30PM Meeting

Static Workshops -- (discontinued)

R/C Operations --Saturday mornings at the
 Model Yacht Pond. (Mission Bay)

Annual Regatta-- Third weekend in June

Membership:

Dues are \$15 annually
 (\$7.50 after July 1st)

We strongly encourage
 all to join the San Diego
 Maritime Museum as express-
 ion of appreciation for
 the facilities they pro-
 vide for our benefit.