



San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild

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Our next meeting

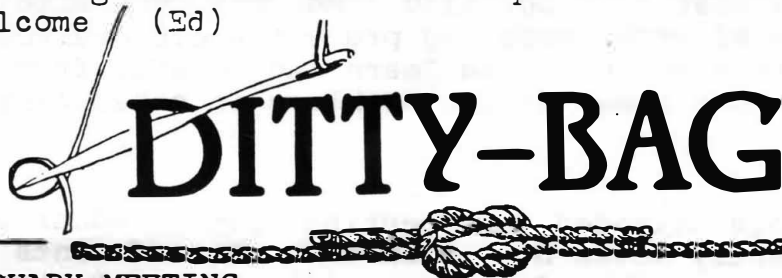
We are very happy to announce that our next meeting--to be held on Thursday, March 21st--will feature three of the officers of the well-received



NAUTICAL RESEARCH GUILD, INC.

Eugene L. Larson, Chairman, 9223 Presidential Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309

They will be: Eugene L. Larson, Rod Napier and former active and resident member of our club, Bill Fleming. We have been looking forward to this meeting for some time and hope that members give this trio a rousing welcome (Ed)



ABOUT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING:

Because the Berkekey was not available, this meeting was held aboard the "Star." The meeting was called to order by First Mate DOUG MCFARLAND with twenty members presnt. 1996 elections was the first order of business and when completed, new Guildmaster TOM TAYLOR and First Mate JACK KLEIN stepped forward to take the helm.

Tom discussed an idea from Jack regarding having more presentations at meetings and separating into two working groups; static and R/C. He conceded it might be worth a try although many modeling techniques have equal application. -- Gordon Jones mentioned two letters received in the mail. One came from a engraver in Oklahoma with a run-down on his line; the other was addressed to Dan Lepage was a promotion of author James L. Nelson's popular fictional series on Patrick O'Brien.

* First Mate JACK KLEIN stated that 4 volunteers would be needed to help man the FineWoodworkers/SDSMG booth at the Del Mar Fair. He will announce the dates and location of the booth at a future meeting.

Bob Crawford brought-up the Western Ship Model Conference coming up 22,23, &24 March aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach. (see flyer in this issue.) Three officers from the Nautical Research Guild will attend our March meeting as reported in our January n/ltr. Bob stated further that the Queen Mary was already sold out on rooms for this conference. He also added that the line-up of speakers was certainly worth a trip up there even for one day. (over)

* Please call Jack at home (/redacted/ or at the Museum (/redacted/)

Guildmaster TOM TAYLOR announced that we did not have a schedule set-up for future speakers. He volunteered to do a demonstration on silver soldering while Bob Crawford asked if we couldn't schedule a demo on air brushing. A review of glues and adhesives was also suggested for a future meeting topic. Tom also announced that a 11 x14" book press was now available for member's use in the model shop.

Bob Crawford brought in two items donated by Chris Mathews, to the guild for auction. A Bluejacket kit of "LACKAWANNA", a 1910 era steam tug in 1/8th scale was the first item up. Bob suggested that since this kit retailed for \$185 a minimum opening bid should start at \$100. The second donation was a Masterpiece-in-Miniatures kit of a 40ft USN Utility Boat. Fred Fraas opened the bid for "LACKAWANNA" for \$100 and there were no other bids for this or the MiM boat kit. The latter will be retained for a future auction. Our Guild is indeed indebted to Chris Mathews for these two items as well as previous donations he has made of this kind to the Guild.

Guildmaster TOM TAYLOR asked for all of us to help him in conducting future meetings as the job would be a new experience for him. He additionally recommended members check-out the Raymond Massey art collection currently on display aboard the "Star." Purser ED WHITE suggested we consider obtaining a Riobe Oscillating Spindle Sander for the model shop at a cost of about \$150. Bob Crawford also suggested we consider some kind of group modeling project where everyone could get involved at meetings and we could learn and benefit from each other. He further pointed-out some of the problems in scheduling another cruise aboard Medea.

Two visitors attended this meeting; Tom Kolodner and his father, Herb. Tom recently moved here from the east and wants to sell his 1/4 scale R/C FRAM I WWII destroyer with all its R/C gear. At over 8ft in length it was too large to unload from his van and bring down to the Orlop Deck and it also takes up too much space in his new residence. His asking price of \$595 is negotiable. He also had a large period model for sale but this reporter failed to make a note of its name and additional details. Sorry 'bout dat!

And finally before "show & tell", Fred Fraas gave a report on his recent visits to the maritime museums in Ventura County (at Oxnard), and at Los Angeles (at San Pedro). He also visited the S.S. Lane Victory now located at the San Pedro cruise terminal and was greatly impressed by the models and WWII museum set up in Hold #4 aboard this ship. He highly recommends our members check these out when in those areas.

"SHOW & TELL" FOR FEBRUARY:

Russ Lloyd brought in some miscellaneous spars for another member who was absent from the meeting. Nick Rugen showed his hull and plans for the Royal Yacht "Britannia" which was the first successful racing yacht owned by royalty. It was actually the forerunner of the "J-class" sail boats. The hull was plank on bulkhead from an Italian kit.--Earl Squier is working on a kit of the hull section of USS Constitution. Robert Hewitt displayed pictures he had taken visiting HMS Victory. He stated he had earlier build a Heller plastic model kit of this ship.

(see next page)

Our speaker for the evening was co-editor Gordon Jones who gave a slide presentation of the 7 masted schooner "THOMAS W. LAWSON " Didn't take many notes here (in the dark??), but this 404ft long ship was built in 1902 at the Fore River Ship & Engine Company. Thanks, Gordon for the fine, interesting show.

TO: Members of the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

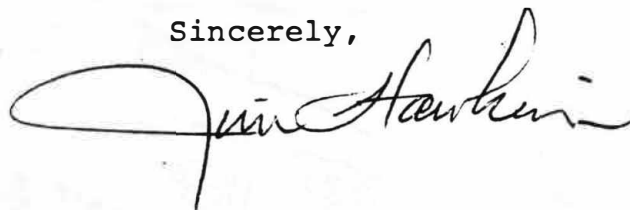
FROM: Jim Hawkins

I would like to thank all of you, who supported me in the last two years. I would like you to know that I really appreciated all of your help.

I wish you all the luck and growth in the coming year and will continue to support the club.

Good luck to Tom and the other new officers.

Sincerely,



IN MEMORIAM

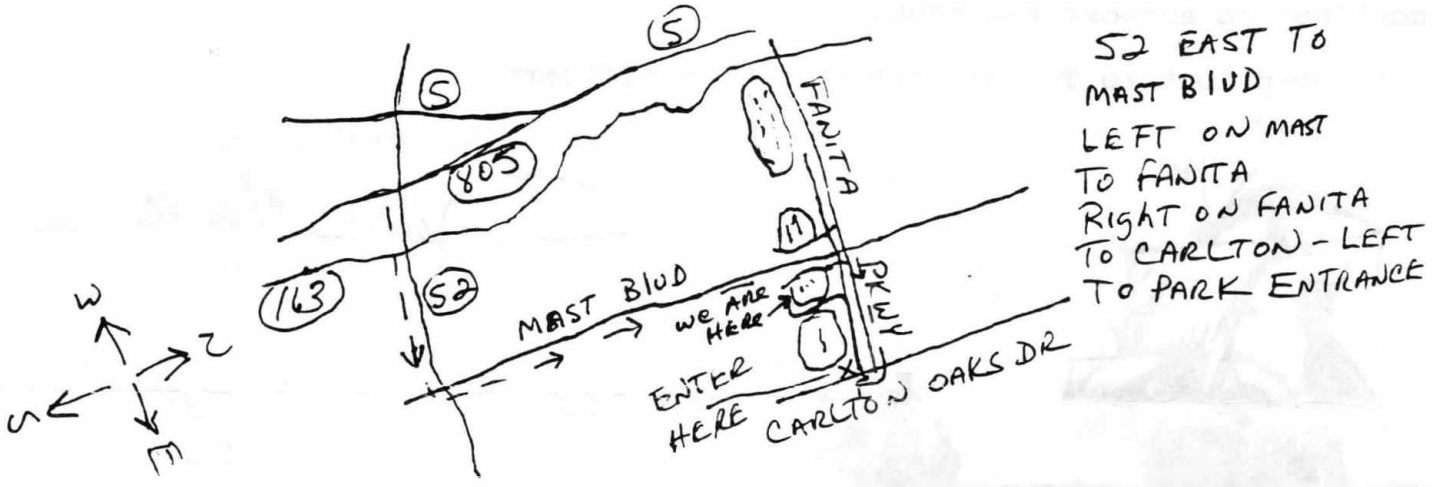
ISABELLE WILLIS

1927 - 1996

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bob Willis's wife, Isabelle, who died at their home in Poway on Tuesday morning, February 20th. "Izzy" had only recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer, but her passing was still, indeed a shock. A "peace lily" potted plant was sent to the Willis residence from the members of the San Diego Ship Modelers Guild.

Bob and "Izzy" were married in 1947 and raised three children. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bob, his son David from Escondido; son Steve and daughter Cathy Kemper, both living in Colorado Springs, and their families. Bob has eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

FLEET FUN RUN SANTEE LAKES (Fresh Water)



MARCH 23 - 10 am until ...

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**For more information contact
Dave /redacted/ or Jim /redacted/**

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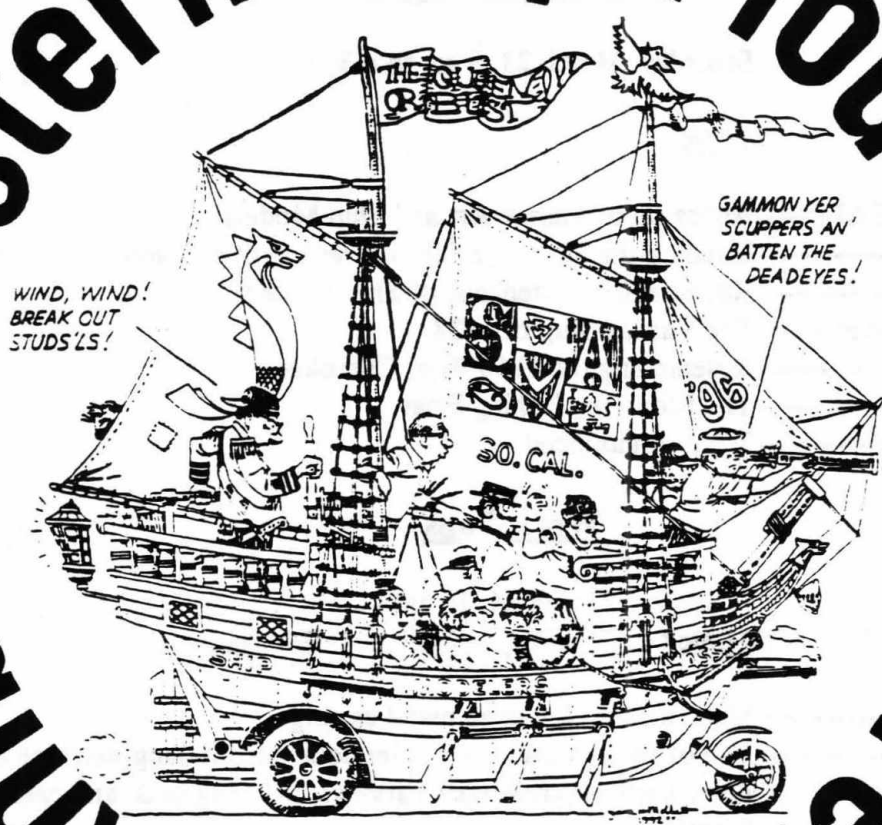


March 22, 23, and 24, 1996

FRI - SAT - SUN
200 SHIP MODELS

SATURDAY
TECHNICAL SEMINARS

Exhibit Western Ship Model Conference and Exhibit



SUNDAY
DEMONSTRATIONS

VENDORS GALORE!!!

Aboard the QUEEN MARY

With This Coupon

\$1.00 Off

One entrance to Ship Model Exhibit

Western Ship Model Conference and Exhibit

Friday the 22nd, Saturday the 23rd, and Sunday the 24th, 10 am to 5 pm.

Usual Entrance \$5; With this coupon \$4.

WESTERN SHIP MODEL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT

Exhibit: 200 Ship Models

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 22 - 23, 10 am - 5 pm

Technical Seminars

Saturday, March 23, 9 am to 4:30 pm

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Sara Conklin, ISA, CAPP-----	Appraisal of Marine Art and Ship Models
Dennis Holland-----	Building the Pilgrim, a full size replica of a Colonial Schooner
Rob Napier-----	Repair and Maintenance of Ship Models
Edward Von der Porten-----	The Vasa, a Ship of 1628
Johnnie Ridgway -----	Researching the 1850 Brig, Cherokee
Charles Sweet-----	The Monterey Fishing Boat
Dana Wegner-----	To be Announced

Workshops

Sunday, March 24, 10 am - 2 pm

<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Kathy St. Amant -----	Mold making for small metal castings
Bill Amour-----	Use of an affordable computer controlled milling machine to make items such as scroll work carvings, belaying pins, and cannon barrels.
Richard Denney-----	3-D Carving Pantograph
Tony Devroude-----	Making small wood carvings for ship models
Russ Long-----	Building and using a rope walk to make scale rope

Directions: Go South on 710 Freeway toward Long Beach and Follow Queen Mary signs.

For more information, call Lloyd Warner, (310)326-5177

Ward Ritchie; noted printer, author was 91

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LAGUNA BEACH — Ward Ritchie, a renowned printer who also wrote nearly 100 books, has died. He was 91.

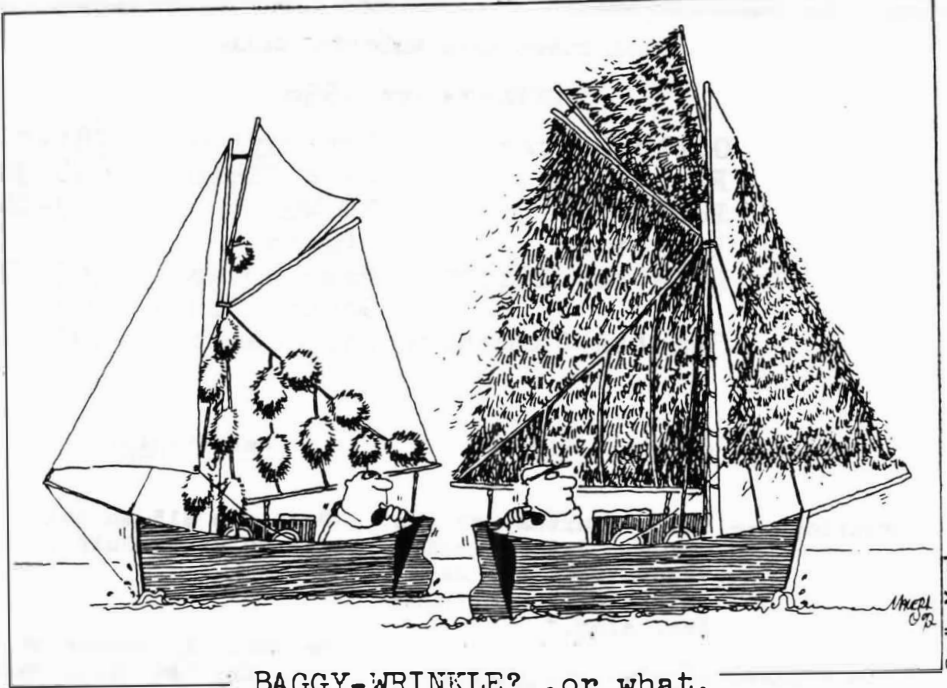
Mr. Ritchie died of pancreatic cancer Wednesday night at his Emerald Bay home here, it was announced Friday.

He was among the last of the printers whose elegant works gave Southern California a reputation for artistic publishing in the 1920s and 1930s.

During his decades-long career, Mr. Ritchie designed about 750 books and published and collected thousands more. He also was a noted historian of printing, and some of the books he wrote were about his own publishing.

From 1932 to 1974, Mr. Ritchie ran a publishing firm that specialized in books on cooking and Western Americana. After retiring, he worked with a hand press at home.

Mr. Ritchie, the father of five sons, was once divorced and once widowed. His frequent companion in recent years was Gloria Stuart, an actress, artist and lifelong friend.



BAGGY-WRINKLE?..or what.

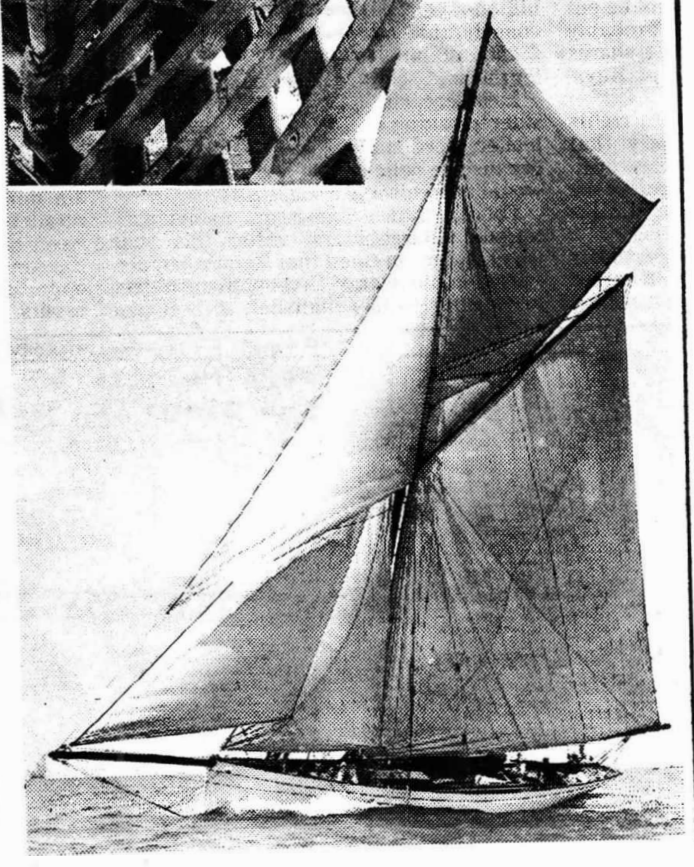


A glimpse of former glory

A GAFF CUTTER built by Camper and Nicholson in 1892 (right) is taking shape once again in the skilled hands of freelance shipwright Ian Mateson (above) at Forder Creek in Saltash, Cornwall, in restoration work expected to last three years.

The Marigold, which was rescued in 1980 from an Isle of Wight creek, had a number of racing wins at home and abroad, including first prize at the Ostend regatta in 1896, and her log book chronicles cruising days in the 1930s with Boy Browning and David Niven aboard. Built at Gosport and registered at Portsmouth, she sailed mostly in the Solent and along the south and east coasts of England.

The 30-ton vessel, which has an overall length of 85 ft, was sold at Sotheby's in May last year to a Bermudan businessman who had to build a shipyard around her because she was so fragile. Bronze fastened and built largely of teak on oak, she sets 2,700 sq ft of sail.



NOTE: Mr. Ritchie is responsible for several books on NW & SW history, including some by former museum Bd. member, Robert A. Weinstein, one of which was the wonderful collection of marine photographs of Wilhelm ter called PALL SHIPS ON PUGLET SOUND. Ed.

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

Officers for 1996

Guild Master	Tom Taylor	/redacted/
First Mate	Jack Klein	/redacted/
Purser	Ed White	
Logkeeper	(open)	
N'letter Editors	Fred Fraas	/redacted/
	Gordon Jones	/redacted/
Regatta Commodore	Dave Manley	/redacted/

Schedule of Activities:

Meetings -- Third Thursday of the month. 7:00PM Social, 7:30PM Meeting, held on board the ferryboat "Berkeley."

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 an expression of appreciation for the facilities they provide for our benefit.

