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San Diego County Fair Edition

This summer is shaping up to be a busy one for the Guild. We kick off a few days after the June meeting with four weeks at the San Diego County Fair and we wrap up in August with four days of Festival of Sail. In between we have the Guild birthday party (if Hewitt remembers to schedule it) as well as a couple new attractions at the Museum...not to mention the ones that have been here awhile. The Guild has always been about ship modelers helping and interacting with ship modelers first and foremost but we have also stressed volunteer work with the Museum where we interact with the public and 'show 'em our stuff'. The Fair provides a mega venue for this, allowing us to interact with 1000's of people a day. If we get enough volunteers to set up a booth, we could be seeing 5000 to 10,000 people a day at the Festival of Sail. Not only do we show those normal folk (i.e. those not afflicted with model building bug) what they are missing, it's a hoot! See page 5 for more on the Fair.

MINUTES OF 11 MAY MEETING

Contributed by Bob McPhail

Guildmaster Hewitt opened the meeting at 7PM. New members present were **Dave Yotter** and **Bill Grolz**. Welcome aboard guys!

Ron Hollod gave his purser's report. The balance as of 31 March 2005 was \$<redacted>. With income and expenses, the new balance as of 30 April 2005 was \$<redacted>.

Chuck Seiler gave the Guild directory to members who had not received it. He mentioned that Guildmember **Don Dressel** is the editor of the SMA newsletter. Chuck announced the formation of new Nautical Research Guild (NRG) Email discussion group on Yahoo. Anybody interested in it, please contact Chuck.

Old Business

-- **Bob Crawford** reported on the Soviet Foxtrot submarine COBRA which is now at the museum, astern of the SURPRISE. Enroute, part of the stern fell off. (ouch!) The sub, along with a new stern, will be here for about a year or two. There are plans afoot to work with the San Diego Submarine Vets Assn to acquire the US sub TROUT if the COBRA proves to be a good exhibit.

--The San Diego County Fair dates are June 10 – July 4. Parking passes will be provided to the members who are going to volunteer in the booth. **Robert Hewitt** discussed some of the duties to be performed while in the booth. (see page 5). Tickets, parking passes will be distributed and the pre-game pep-rally will be held at the June meeting.

--The Trafalgar Project met prior to the Guild meeting. Progress continues and a target date for all models to be complete was set for the August meeting. Stay tuned.

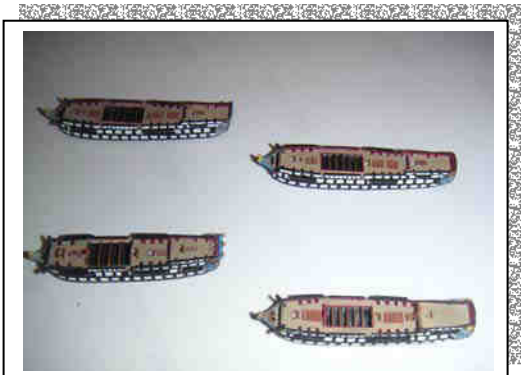
-- The Museum sponsored Festival of Sail is scheduled for 17 – 20 August. Twelve to sixteen sailing vessels are expected to be in San Diego for this event, but **Bob Crawford** reports there will be a lot more than just sailing vessels this year. Volunteers are needed for the three shifts per day and the various related events/activities. The model shop will be open during this event. We would LIKE to open a booth more accessible to the public but can only do so if we get enough volunteers committed. If you would like to volunteer for the model shop or model booth, contact Robert Hewitt.

--**Bob Crawford** discussed the Nautical Research Guild Convention that will be here in San Diego, 12 - 15 October 2006. Volunteers are needed during the actual convention (tours, registration, model displays, etc.) The organizing committee met on 18 May. If you are interested in helping, please contact **Robert Hewitt** at the next meeting.

New Business.

It was noted that **Chari Wessel** has been providing the coffee and refreshments for the monthly meeting. It was decided, by a unanimous vote to provide \$<redacted> for her previous expenses. Note: any member incurring an expense for the benefit of the Guild can be reimbursed by submitting a receipt to the Purser. Off the wall expenses are subject to review.

SHOW AND TELL



Pieces Parts





Bob Graham's DOLPHINS

Photo by John Wickman

Bob Graham displayed his hand carved DOLPHINS trio. The base is walnut and the dolphins are bird's eye maple. The dolphin eyes are boxwood and ebony. The dolphins are held up by brass tube with piano wire inside the tube.



Don Dressel's YACHT MARY

Photo by John Wickman

Don Dressel brought in three items for show and tell. First is the YACHT MARY (above) which he completed back in 1984. It is from the Mamoli kit and it is pretty much out of the box, except for the linen sails, which are scratch. The ship's ornamentation is real gold leaf. A mermaid is encased with ship.

Don has made a 24 pound brass cannon (left) which will be used on a scratch built 1834, 42 foot armed longboat. The cannon will be fully functional and will be fired at least once...just because it can be.

Don is also working on a Yankee Model Works resin kit model of USS PORTER DD 356 (below). It is 1/350 scale.

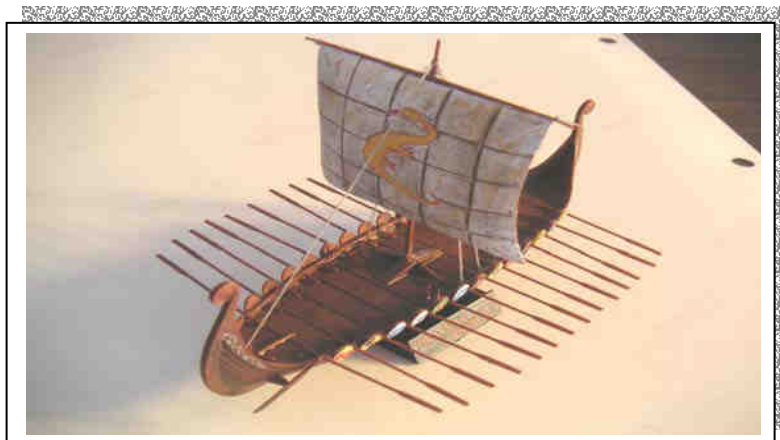
Photos by John Wickman





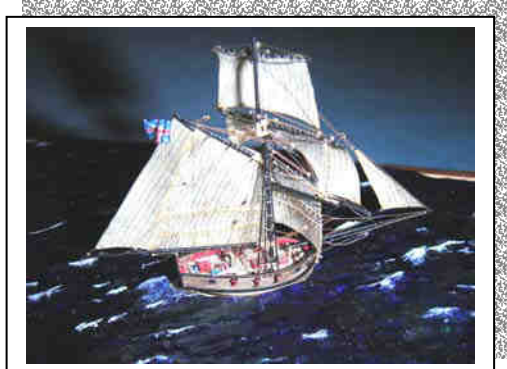
Ernie Andrew's Pro Bass Fisherman. Has operational outboard moter which ccan propel the boat to just under 20 MPH. Look out yacht basin!

Photo by John Wickman



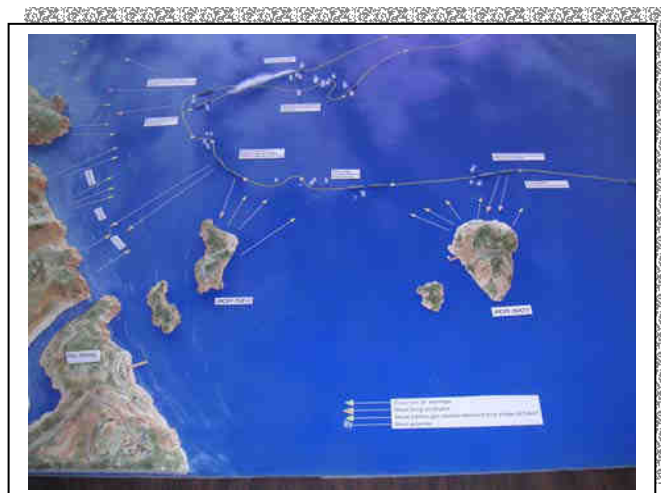
Don Bienvenue decided to build a set of similar sized ship models (Scale 1:270) and put them in a shadow box display case. This is a nicely detailed plastic kit from HELLER with about 20 pieces. He got rigging plkans from **Chari Wessel**. He aged the wooden hull by applying a wash of black paint and black chalk pastel. This was covered with a coat of dull-coat. It was enjoyable and he is looking forward to the other HELLER mini-kits.

Photo by John Wickman



H M FLY 1"=40 feet by Robert Hewitt

Hull number one is finished and placed in a carved tupolo wood sea. The model is in a picture frame base with a removable glass case. The flag halyard and the bowlines are made from .001" diameter copper wire. The sails are rice paper soaked in tea, they have linings and reef bands and reef points. Only the topmast studding sail is set as the lower would block the wind of the more efficient jib sails. The ship is shown on a beam reach. After **John Wickman** took this picture at the meeting, I carried the model, without its glass case, across the room. I bumped the ship into one of the decorator trees in our meeting room and knocked the gaff boom and ringtail sail and boom off. The next day the damage was repaired and the model sent off to **Gus Agustin** in Chicago. Gus took the model to the Midwestern Model Ships and Boats Contest at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc. The model won a gold award. Hulls two and three along with masts, yards, cannon, and deck furniture are in a box, and may be there for quite some time.



Tony Robles brought in a diorama he built many years ago of a ship to shore gunfight his ship (USS EDSON DD 946) was involved in during the Vietnam War (1967). This is based on a sketch Tony made at the time. Diorama is in 1:3000 scale. Egad! Micro Hewitt scale!

Photo by John Wickman



Let's All Go to the Fair

Its time once again, boys and girls, for the San Diego County Fair. It is a special occasion for many of us at the Guild because it is a time when we get to interact with thousands of people on a daily basis and tell them a little bit about ship modeling. For many, its an idle curiosity. Most know nothing about model ship building and we provide an interesting tidbit of knowledge. For some, however, it is an opportunity to learn about something that may soon be (or already is) an enjoyable hobby.

Aside from having a great time, we are at the Fair to inform. Here are some things to consider:

--Bring a model to work on that you can display various modeling techniques

-- Check with others in the booth before arrival to possibly include different types of models or different phases of construction.

-- Bring various tools, jigs, etc that you normally use but may NOT be using at this point in the model so they can be shown/explained to the public.

-- Be familiar with the information sheets and handouts available at the booth. In addition to those, we have included catalogues and old newsletters to show people who interested or who have questions about kits etc. Familiarize yourself with some of the basic kits and their good and bad points.

-- Take time to listen to your boothmates when they talk. I must admit, I have learned a thing or two at the Fair myself.

--Make sure to sign in and out. Get around to see the Fair and have a good time.

The Top Answers to Frequently Asked Questions at the ~~Del Mar~~ Faire

San Diego County

by Chuck Seiler

It is time once again for the San Diego County (formerly Del Mar) Fair. Here we are able to set up our booth and wax wise about model shipbuilding to all who wish to wander by. Some of the newer members may be intimidated and may feel they do not have the knowledge for such a daunting task. Never fear! I bring you the answers to the most frequently asked questions we get at the Fair. Take this with you and feel free to use the answer you think most appropriate to the question asked.

1. Yes, I know where the restroom is. From the expression on your face, I'll bet you wish you did too.

2. No, this is NOT made of balsa wood.

3. No this is NOT a pirate ship (unless you are in fact building a pirate ship, then say "yes").

4. Yes it does take patience to build one of these...and desire. STOP TOUCHING THAT!!!!

5. Huh? What's that you say? Loud? The bowl makers are too loud? Sorry, I can't hear you.

6. No kid, I'm SURE its not a pirate ship (unless, of course, it is).

7. I don't know what that is. We think the builder may have been on drugs at the time. (This is describing the mystery project of the year. It changes each year, so I cannot describe it. You will know it when you see it, however.)

8. No, I don't know how they get the ship into the bottle. My job is to EMPTY the bottle. After that, I don't remember much.

9. I don't care if the guys in the bowl booth gave you something. You cannot have Hewitt's model as a sample. STOP TOUCHING THAT!!!

10. Okay! Okay, kid! You're right. It's a pirate ship! A balsa wood, Mississippi river sternwheel steam powered pirate ship! Don't you have some place else you need to be? Hey lady, doesn't he need to go to the restroom or something?

Enjoy the Fair. If you are not working it, drop by and say HI! But don't ask me if its made of balsa.

San Diego County Fair

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild Display Booth Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Fair Theme: <u>CINEMA SUMMER</u>						
Location: <u>Design in Wood Pavilion</u>						
12 Robert Hewitt Ernie Andrew Ron Hollod	13 DARK	14 Ernie Andrew Ron Hollod Dick Camfield	15 Jim McCorison Robert Hewitt Ernie Andrew	16 Dick Strange Chuck Peabody Jim McCorison	17 Chari Wessel Dick Little Ernie Andrew	18 Ernie Andrew Ron Hollod Don Bienvenue
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Time: Fair opens 1000 (10 AM). Be on-station by at least 0930. Booth closes 1800 (6PM) Telephone # at Design in Wood Pavilion: (858) 755-1161 ext 2472						



ANNOUNCEMENTS



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! NRG INPUT REQUESTED

The first meeting of the 2006 NRG Conference Organizing Committee was held on 18 May. Bob Crawford, Robert Hewitt, Bob McPhail, Bill Luther and Chuck Seiler were in attendance. Don Dressel and Bob Graham expressed an interest in the committee but were unable to attend due to schedule conflict with SMA.

While we only looked at preliminaries at this point, it was decided we wanted to open up the conference and make it a little different from those of the past. We want to include "modeling" along with the "research" and include items to get folks to come who may not normally come.

Specifically, we are looking for inputs regarding guest speakers and topic for "saw dust session"-sessions where somebody would give a "How To..." lecture. ALSO, think about this in terms of our own Guild meetings. What type of topics could we get guest speakers on.

For all you non-SDSMG folks reading this, particularly from distant clubs, we are looking for your input as well. In your case, also let us know if you are undecided about coming to the conference or on the edge, what would prompt you to make the decision to come to the conference?

ROSTER ADDITION

David Yotter
<redacted>

William Grolz
<redacted>

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Start thinking about discussion topics for future meetings. This can be a topic you want info on, something we can discuss in an open forum or we can get a speaker to speak about. You would really make Hewitt's month if you would volunteer to speak on a topic.

*Don't forget to remind Hewitt about
the Guild birthday party!!*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles, photos, tips and hints are appreciated. Please have newsletter inputs to me by **30 JUNE 2005**. If you cannot get it to me on-line, call me to arrange transfer of info, I'll see you in the funny papers.

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ROEBUCK

Joe Bompensiero from the model shop takes second place in the scale model category at the 2004 San Diego County Fair. HMS ROEBUCK was a 44 gun frigate. from the American Revolution.

Photo by Rupert Morgan



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Next meeting is Wednesday June 8th on the
BERKELEY 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 PM Meeting

Bring models!