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San Diego Ship  
Modelers' Guild is  
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## FAIR ENDS WITH A FLOURISH

### The Guild has another successful and fun year.

Hats off and a hearty congratulations to **Robert Hewitt** and **Ernie Andrew** for another successful year at the San Diego County Fair. This is the first year Robert has honchoed the project (having taken over from Jack Klein) and this is Ernie's first year as an assistant-though no stranger to the Fair. Our participation in the Fair could not have been as successful without all the volunteers who put in time at the booth.

For most of us, the Fair consists of showing up at the booth an hour or so before the gates open, build a little, schmooze the crowd a little and go home. In fact, there is much more involved. Our gallant coordinators start meeting with the Design in Wood planners as early as January. There is set up and there is break down of the work site. Great work to all.



Ernie Andrew works on his Fair Model while preparing to answer questions.  
"Go ahead, just ask me about balsa wood, ships in bottles or patience. I dare ya!"

Photo by John Wickman

# MINUTES OF 08 JUNE MEETING

**G**uildmaster **Hewitt** called the meeting to order on the lower deck of the BERKELEY, due to an event in our normal meeting place. It was a little crowded, but we got to see the “Maps” exhibit close-up. There were no visitors or new guests.

Purser’s Report: **Ron Hollod** reported There were no new members or guests. Ron Hollod gave his purser’s report. The balance as of 30 April 2005 was \$<redacted>. With income and expenses, the new balance as of 31 May 2005 was \$<redacted>.

Editor’s Report: **Chuck Seiler** indicated that he had been advised of some problems with sending the newsletter electronically. If anyone detected a problem, or did not get their electronic newsletter, please let Chuck know.

The former Soviet Foxtrot class submarine COBRA is now at the museum (moor astern of SURPRISE) and open for visiting. It is on loan and is expected to remain for about two years. The museum is also featuring a new exhibit of maps. Some of the maps displayed date from the 1500’s.

San Diego County Fair: **Robert Hewitt** gave a final pep talk for the Fair. He discussed what was expected of us and went over some of the hand outs which would be there. Tickets and parking passes were distributed. Unfortunately we are 4 parking passes short. It was voted on to pay for parking for four individuals for these days.

Festival of Sail (17 – 20 August). Twelve to Sixteen sailing vessels are expected to be in San Diego for this event. Volunteers are needed for the three shifts per day and the various related events/activities. The model shop will be open during this event. Participation in either activity will accrue volunteer hours with the Museum. A signup sheet was available for signing up for the model shop. If anyone would like to sign up, please contact **Robert Hewitt**.

The MEDEA cruise for Guild members who participated in the Fair and their guests will be either July 21 or Friday September 9. Based on a vote of those participating in the Fair, it was decided the Guild would take the 09 September cruise. (Note: This has been changed to Wednesday 07 September.)

**Chari Wessel** talked about her trip to Catalina Island on the CALIFORNIAN. She was a passenger but also stood watches and handled lines as required. The trip was about four days long. She had a great time but would have brought more reading material for the trip. She is thinking seriously about becoming a CALIFORNIAN crew member. she will keep us advised

The annual anniversary party will be on Wednesday, August 10. Guild members and their guests are invited. Details of the party will be discussed at the July meeting.

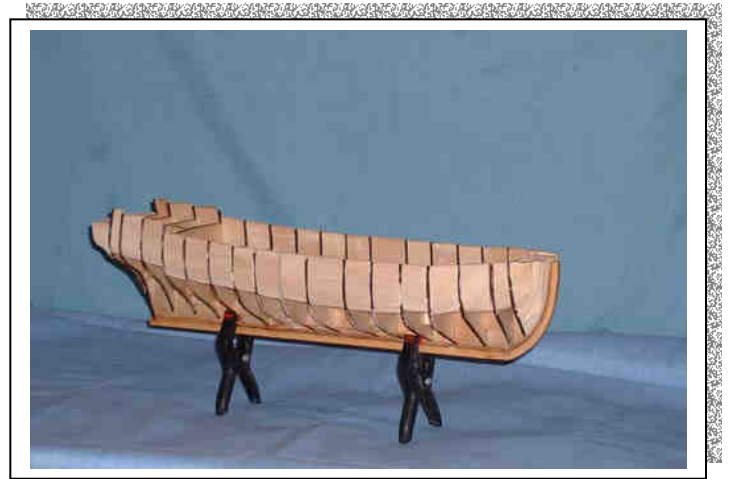
Show and Tell followed.



# SHOW AND TELL



Marc Malopy's ARMED VIRGINIA SLOOP  
Photo by Chuck Seiler



Chuck Seiler's LEXINGTON  
Photo by Chuck Seiler



Bill Norris' BUCKAROO. This is a bashed kit to match an actual 1939 Chris Craft owned by a friend. It was built as a study in hard chine small boat hull and finishing technique. It is double planked with mahogany over limewood. A red mahogany water based stain was used to even out plank coloration. The finish is 25 coats of brush applied marine varnish, hand rubbed between coats.

Photo by Chuck Seiler



Nick Rugen's U-47. This is a 1:72 scale Amati kit of the submarine that Commander Gunther Priene took into Scapa Flow naval base in October 1939 and sank the British battleship HMS ROYAL OAK. It is a resin model with a lot of photo etched brass parts.

Photo by Chuck Seiler

## Show and Tell continued



Robert Hewitt's VICTORY  
Photo by Chuck Seiler



Don Ferguson explains how he made two different ships (ESSEX and SURPRISE) from the same model by cutting and adding sections



Don's ESSEX and SURPRISE, both from JOLLY ROGER kits.

Photos by Chuck Seiler

## MORE FROM THE FAIR

It's over...the San Diego County Fair has ended for 2005. It was a very successful year for the Guild in that nobody sanded or cut important parts of their bodies off and contrary to rumor, nobody (including Ernie) glued their hands to their model with super glue. It was the first year we had reserved parking in the Green lot. We had some short falls, but next year we will get 100%. (Remember: Those who had to pay for parking during a day they worked at the Fair will be reimbursed by the Guild.). Hopefully everybody had fun, made progress on their model and got to enjoy the Fair itself. We have not seen the complete end of the Fair yet. It will be a month or two before we know how many new members we will get from the Fair. Don't forget the MEDEA cruise. Those who participated and signed up will be going out on the steam yacht on Wednesday 07 September. That will be the final curtain for 2005. Start getting ready for next year!!!!

**Robert Hewitt** would like to thank all those who helped make the Guild's participation in the Fair go so well.

Ernie Andrew (12)  
Robert Hewitt (11)  
Ron Hollod (7)  
Chuck Seiler (4)  
Richard Strange (3)

Dick Camfield (3)  
Dick Little (3)  
Don Bienvenue (2)  
Jim McCorison (2)  
Chuck Peabody (2)

Chari Wessel (2)  
K. C. Edwards (2)  
Tom Taylor (2)  
Bob Graham (2)  
William Norris (2)

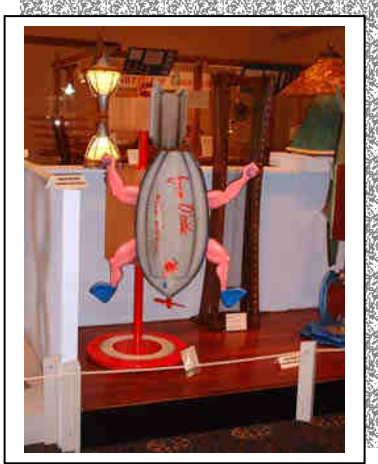
John Wickman (2)  
John McShefferty (2)  
Dave Dana (2)  
Dick Roos (1)



Hewitt's HMS GLASGOW  
Photos by John Wickman

Robert Hewitt took top honors at the Fair this year. His HMS GLASGOW took first place in the "Scale Model" category AND "Best Ship Model" His HMS FLY took second place in "Scale Model" category. He also had an "Aquarium" entered.





Every year there is a mystery piece



This year there were two.



Howie Franklin's FORMULA RACER took third place in the "Scale Model" category

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISCUSSION TOPIC

#### The Broken Bowsprit Club.

So, you have spent an eternity working on that model and it is PERFECT. You walk by that plant you don't see sticking out and SNAP there goes the bowsprit. ...OR the model is done and ready to be cased. After looking thru magnifying glasses for so long, your "real" vision isn't what is used to be. As you bring the cover over, ready to settle it in, you are two inches shy of clearing the main mast and SNAP..... Now what do you do? (Besides cry, yell, swear, demonstrate patience...) Be prepared to ask questions and discuss how you have handled this.

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The club received \$<redacted> for the kit model auctioned off in May. Many thanks to all who contributed in the bidding.

### ROSTER CORRECTION

Tom Taylor  
<redacted>

### TRAFALGAR PROJECT

Members of the Trafalgar Project are reminded that the target date for completion of all models is the August meeting. Hewitt expects that every man will do his duty

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles, photos, tips and hints are appreciated. Please have newsletter inputs to me by **31 JULY 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.

MD♦



After a long day of model building and wowwing the crowd at the SDSMG booth at the Fair, John Wickman, Dave Dana and John McShefferty plan an assault on the deep fried fruit burrito stand.  
 Photo by Robert Hewitt (using John Wickman's camera)



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Next meeting is Wednesday July 13th on the  
 BERKELEY 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 PM Meeting

*Bring models!*