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MINUTES OF 13 JULY MEETING

Contributed by Bob McPhail

Guildmaster **Hewitt** opened the meeting at the designated hour and asked for guests/new members to identify themselves. One new member (**Chris Kelly**) rogered up. Chris is interested in World War II boats and ships. He is looking for information about 20mm and 40 mm guns.

Purser's Report: **Ron Hollod** reported the balance as of as of 31 May 2005 was \$<redacted>. With income and expenses, the 30 June balance June was \$<redacted>

Editors Report: **Robert Hewitt** passed on info from editor. In the past, some members did not receive their electronic/email newsletters. He asked if anybody who was supposed to receive it did not receive it THIS time. For future reference, the newsletter will normally be out by Friday before the general meeting. If you have not received you newsletter by then, let **Chuck Seiler** know.

Old Business:

The Fair-Post script. **Robert Hewitt** again thanked everyone who participated in the Fair. The MEDEA cruise date has been changed to 7 September. Robert will go over details for those going on the cruise at

the August birthday party. Thanks also goes to **Ernie Andrew's** son who helped with the booth tear down and packing. Ernie also got his picture in the "North County Times". Robert went over the results of the model competition (which was reported in last newsletter).

Trafalgar Project. All models are to be completed and delivered to the model shop by 27 August. The diorama is going to be 4FT X 6FT. Anyone needing help rigging should contact **Robert Hewitt** at 619 234-8032. (reminder...for all who get this in time, and actually read it.....meeting at the model shoppe 1000 13 August for final review of layout.)

Festival of Sail. There will be a 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. A signup sheet was available for signing up for the model shop. If anyone would like to sign up, please contact Robert Hewitt. Volunteer training will be held August 4, 6-8PM OR August 6, 10 am – 12 pm. Please

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bring your schedule to confirm your volunteer times.

(Ed. Note: If you have not volunteered, it is probably too late for the general FoS, however your assistance is still desired for model shop.)

Guild Party. The annual anniversary party will be on Wednesday, August 10. Guild members and their guests are invited. There will be pot luck dishes and the members have also voted a budget of \$50.00 for this event. The event will start 6:30 pm. (See below for details.)

Special Interest Group-The Plastic Guys. Bill Luther discussed going to the Orange County Plastic Model Kit Swap Meet on July 24.

News from the Muse(um). Bob Crawford

discussed moving relevant magazines to the Model Shop from the library. Volunteers will be needed for this activity. A date has yet to be scheduled. Bob also mentioned making an exhibit of the famous Great White Fleet's visit to San Diego in 1908. If you have an idea for a speaker and/or topic for the Nautical Research Guild convention please contact Bob Crawford. There will be a showing of Ships in Bottles on Station KCET September 8 and September 27 at 6 PM and 1230 AM. Bob is looking for 1/8 inch scale models of pre World War I steam warships. If you have any information please contact him.

New Business: Not much of that reported. Robert Hewitt talked about linen line he got from a lady at the Fair as well as a deadseyee reeving tool somebody sent us. I don't have much detail so I will file a more complete report later.

GUILD BIRTHDAY PARTY: The 10 August meeting will be the Guild's 33rd Birthday Party. The festivities will be held on the main deck of the STAR of INDIA and will kick off at 6:30 PM. Below listed are the goodies members have already committed to. If you are not on the list and want to bring something, bring it on. (Sorry, no alcoholic beverages).

GUILD PARTY GOODIE LIST

Ron Hollod Baked Ham	Bill Norris Cherry and Apple Pie	J. Heston Salad
Dick Camfield Beans and Weiners	Ed White Salad	Don Dressel and Dave Yotter Kentucky Fried Chicken
Bill Grolz Taco Salad	Don Bienvenue Sodas	Dick Little Brownies, Cake
Ernie Andrew Dessert (of some sort)	Howie and Jean Franklin Dessert (of some sort)	K. C. Edwards Chips
Dick Strange Fruit Plate	Bill Luther Fruit Platter	John McShefferty Guacamole Dip
Chari Wessel Veggie Plate	Robert Hewitt Shrimp Platter	any body bringing: ice? cups?

SHOW AND TELL

U.S. destroyer USS PORTER (DD-356) by **Don Dressel**. A 1:350 Blue Water Navy kit. This is a resin kit that has poor documentation. It includes good photoetched parts but has no identification of what the parts are. Also, there were no scale plans supplied with the kit. This model required much research to complete. This model is of the PORTER as it was configured in 1938 while gun experiments were in progress.



Photo by John Wickman



Chinese junk "RED DRAGON" by **Bill Grolz**. A 1:60 Artesania Latina kit. Has four cannons and was probably used as a pirate ship. Poor documentation. Photo by John Wickman



Model Shipways kit TAURUS by **C. A. Peabody**. HO scale (1:86) model of a 1900s steam tow boat.

Photo by John Wickman



John Wickman's "Ammonia Soaking/Plank Bending Tube" This is a 12 to 14 inch length of PVC pipe with one end capped and one end with a threaded cap. Your planks are placed in the tube, then the tube is filled with a mixture of water and ammonia, recapped and allowed to sit for several hours or overnight.

Photo and Device by John Wickman

SHOW AND TELL-Continued

Larry Malopy's MORI. This is a bashed Mantua kit of a Viking ship designed to represent William the Conqueror's flagship for his invasion of England from Normandy in 1066. Larry indicates it was typical Viking construction used at the time. Larry wanted to try his hand at an early "clinker" built hull. His log indicated he spent about 12 hours to build and paint the model. The plaque reads "William the Conqueror's 'MORI' - L. R. Malopy, Chief Engineer". He wanted to impress his fellow "snipes" with depth of experience. Also, note the turtntable, which he got at IKEA for \$7.50.

Photo by John Wickman

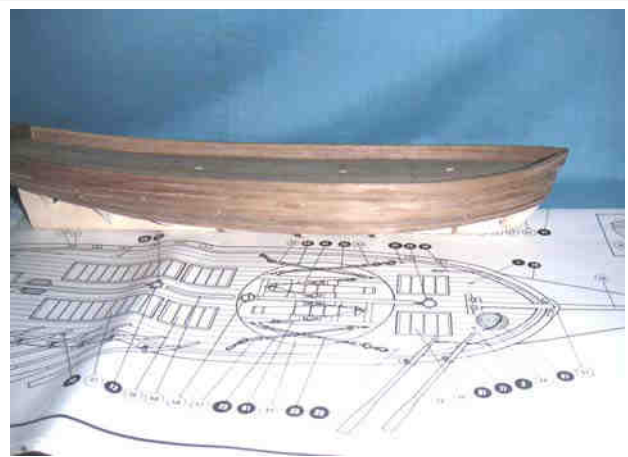


Ernie Andrew is building the BENJAMIN LATHAM from a Midwest Kit. This will eventually be rigged for radio control. The actual ship was built in 1906 and was used to net-fish for mackerel on the east coast. After finishing the hull planking, Ernie found out that small net board that hangs on the stern was supposed to be planked both inside AND out. DOH!

Photo by John Wickman

John Wickman's HAWKINS GUNBOAT. A 1:50 scale model by Dikar. This boat was designed with a unique 'recoil system' with two guns on a rotating table. In theory you fire gun one and the recoil bring guns two into position to fire while you reload gun 1. Numerous gunboats were used on Lake Erie and Lake Champlain during the War of 1812.

Photo and Model by John Wickman



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linen line. She flies both the Stars and Stripes (48 star) and the



DANMARK's flag

Bill Fleming's model of DANMARK (1943 version) was completed on Monday and delivered to the Coast Guard Academy yesterday for permanent display. Since it has been too big to take to show and tell at CONSTITUTION Model Guild, much less bring it all the way out just to show the San Diego Guild, he thought he would at least send along some photos from just before delivery.

The model is as she was in 42-45 as a training ship for the Academy, sponsored by the Class of '45. It is 1/4" = 1' making it just a hair over 5 feet long and 38" high. It took four and a half years and 1517 logged hours to build it. Hull is of lift construction from poplar. Other materials include bass wood, mahogany, brass, birch spars, individually laid deck planks, and



DANMARK's wheel

linen line. She flies both the Stars and Stripes (48 star) and the Coast Guard ensign (forepeak). Sails are trimmed to close haul starboard tack. It is on permanent display at the museum at the Coast Guard Academy in New London which is open to the public.

Photos by Bill Fleming



Another **Hewitt** masterpiece.

Photo by John Wickman

SHOW AND TELL-Continued



John McDermott is making progress on his 1/8"=1' scale scratch built USS PENNSYLVANIA. U.S. ship-of-the-line *Pennsylvania*, named for the State of Pennsylvania, was one of "nine ships to rate not less than 74 guns each" authorized by Congress 29 April 1816. She was designed and built by Samuel Humphreys in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Her keel was laid in September 1821 but economy measures slowed construction so that she did not launch until 18 July 1837. The largest sailing warship ever built for the U.S. Navy, she had four complete gun decks of which three were covered. Her hull was pierced for

136 guns, but mounted 16 eight inch shell guns and 104 thirty two pounders. After launching,

PENNSYLVANIA sailed to NORFOLK Virginia and was immediately put in to "ordinary" (mothballs) with her crew transferring to the COLUMBIA. She remained in "ordinary" until 1842 when she became a receiving ship, a duty she continued until April 1861 when she was burned to the waterline (along with the more famous MERRIMAC) by Union forces to prevent capture. PENNSYLVANIA was a poor sailer but fast if trimmed correctly. The ship was 210 feet LOA with a beam of 56 feet. John's model is plank on bulkhead built from plans from the Smithsonian Institute.

Photo by John Wickman



Ron Hollod continues to make progress on his semi-scratch model LEXINGTON. The brig LEXINGTON started off life as the merchant WILD DUCK until the Continental Navy purchased it in March 1776. LEXINGTON was 86 ft LOA and 186 tons, carrying 16 long guns and 12 to 16 swivel guns. It had a short but illustrious career which ended in September 1777. After a series of engagements, LEXINGTON, low on ammunition and in bad shape, was forced to fight the British cutter ALERT. LEXINGTON had to surrender when she ran out of ammunition.

Since it was pretty routine that the British 'took the ship' LEXINGTON's design is so poorly documented. This has lead to several LEXINGTON model designs over the years. Dr. Clay Feldman developed the plans for the ship Ron is working on after extensive research of contemporary art and original source documents. This is part of a multi media practicum involving articles/instructions in SHIPS IN SCALE magazine, updates and details posted on a special LEXINGTON website and in depth discussion involving over 400 participants on a Yahoo discussion group. Chuck Seiler is also building this model. Woods include pear, ebony, boxwood and holly.

Photo by John Wickman



ANNOUNCEMENTS



OLD MAN AND THE SEA

A Little Maritime History on our very
Doorstep

We may not have the USS Constitution here in San Diego, however we have the next best thing. For months now, 90 year old Bob Evans has been volunteering at the Maritime Museum on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. He was a crewman on the ship from 1933 to 1935 when it made its historic cruise from the east coast to the west coast. It was in San Diego Jan. 21 to Feb. 16, 1933. Come on down and talk to him by the information booth.

ROSTER ADDITIONS and CORRECTIONS

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Luc Lambert
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Christoher T Kelly
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Chuck Blasco
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Herny Anderson Jr
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TRAFALGAR PROJECT

Members of the Trafalgar Project are reminded that the target date for completion of ~~all models is Saturday, August 27 2005.~~ Hewitt expects that every man will do his duty. Please identify each ship by the name, number of cannons and your name or initials. Any help in setting up the display would be most welcome.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles, photos, tips and hints are ~~appreciated. Please have newsletter inputs to~~ me by **31 AUGUST 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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MYSTERY PIC

Who is this and what are they doing?

Photo by Rupert Morgan



Bill Fleming's DANMARK. Bill is a former resident of San Diego but now calls the Boston areas home. Bill is an active member of the USS CONSTITUTION Ship Model Guild and is still a member of the SDSMG.

Photo by Bill Fleming



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Next meeting is Wednesday August 10th on the
STAR of INDIA 6:30 pm - Guild Birthday Party

Bring Food