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Guild meeting Report July, 2008

It does not appear that notes were taken at the July meeting.

Guild food list for the Birthday party August 13 th Weather permitting we will be on the upper deck of **SURPRISE**. We will start serving at 7 PM. If you did not sign-up and wish to attend, just bring a dish and a guest. The guild will also be supplying a few food trays including shrimp. We are expecting at least 35 members and guests.

Bill Grolz
Don Bienvenue
Alan Good
Chuck Seiler
Dave & Don
Bill Norris
Howard Griffus
Dutch Sachs
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Robert Hewitt
Tony Bunch
J. Wickman
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Chinese chicken salad
Soda
Meatballs ?
Buffalo chicken strips
Col. Sander's chicken
Lasagna
Oriental goodies
Col. Sander's chicken
Deviled eggs
Baked beans
Salad
Salmon ball appetizer
Cookies

Festival of Sail 2008 San Diego August 20 – 24

More than twenty tall ships and other fascinating vessels from around the world are scheduled to appear at the 2008 Festival of Sail hosted by the Maritime Museum of San Diego. The festival kicks off with a majestic parade of tall ships on San Diego Bay on Wednesday, August 20. Festival of Sail will stretch along Harbor Drive on the embarcadero in downtown San Diego. Ships from several different countries will give the festival an international flavor. Sure to be a favorite, the **United States Coast Guard's tall ship Eagle** will make her first visit to San Diego since 1999. The Eagle will be joined by other Class A tall ships: the **HMS Bounty** and the **Gloria** (from Columbia). Several tall ships will fight in cannon battles on San Diego Bay-Friday through Sunday. **Souvenir passports** are a visitor's ticket to board the ships. Stamped by each ship open for tours, passports become treasured keepsakes. Passport holders will also enjoy free entertainment. Visitors to the festival can sample marvelous food and drink and shop for one of-a-kind items among the hundreds of festival vendors.

San Diego Ship Modelers' Guild is affiliated with and supports the Maritime Museum of San Diego



SHOW & TELL JULY 2008



San Salvador

The **Dana/Wickman** and **Hollud/McPhail** San Salvador models again showed up at the meeting. Each ship had progressed. **Dave Dana** had completed the tops, using rigging line woven between the uprights, a task he called “time consuming.” He pronounced the **Dana/Wickman** model ready to think seriously about the rigging. **Ron Hollud** has finished the planking, railings, and turned his work back to **Bob McPhail** for the rigging. **Howard Griffus** did not bring his model, because it was just a “bunch of loose rigging.” To the great relief of the others

feeling the pressure of the August deadline for completing the models Howard did bring blocks, belaying pins, and deadeyes for all the models. Relief lasted until they saw how small these pieces were, and that there seemed to be few or no extras.

Vietnamese Junk – Grolz.

Bill Grolz brought his Vietnamese junk, a colorful model about ten inches long. In 1:50 scale, it is made mostly of stained and painted basswood. Built entirely from



scratch, Bill used his knowledge of Asian ship

building techniques on this model of a generic little cargo carrier that was used on rivers and coastal waters. Bill weathered the sails, including a prominent stain. For a good description of the unique features of the junk designs, last month’s Newsletter contained a good article that Bill found on-line.



Sovereign of The Seas –Norris

This 1:76 scale model is Bill Norris’ “well-bashed” Sergal kit of the first 100 gun ship-of-the-line. She was launched in 1637 and paraded the seas until 1694 when she burned at the dock during a refit in 1694. Some of her salvaged timber went into Nelson’s famous flagship, *Victory*. Bill is trying hard not to make his behemoth model of the *Sovereign of the Seas* a “work of a lifetime.” He has been working on her for two years, about 700 hours. The upper hull is planked cherry, the mid hull is mahogany, and the hull below the water-line will be planked in boxwood. The completed beautiful deck is hand laid and pegged holly. The detail photo shows the intricate stairway and grills.





Hjortspring boat – Dave Yotter

Dave Yotter is making the Hjortdspring boat for the Museum’s “Evolution of the Ship” exhibit. The nearly 50 foot original was dredged up out of a peat bog on Als Island, Denmark. Swords, shards, shields, shells filled the hull. Historians believe that it was a 4th century B.C. “war canoe” that had met its fate when it became the sacrifice of a defeated party and was discarded in a swamp. A full size replica has been made, and this formed the prototype for Dave’s 1:64 scale model. He has finished the rough shaping of the bottom plank. Stem and stern blocks are roughly shaped and fit over station

forms. He is starting to shape the planks next to the bottom planks. The planks are of pau marpham wood and will be sewed together.

Agamemnon Scale 1”=40 ft.

By Robert Hewitt

The sixty-four gun third-rate **Agamemnon** model is to be a waterline diorama. It will be shown bearing down on **Ca Ira**. Last month’s newsletter has a painting by Geoff Hunt which was the inspiration for the model. Even though the model is to be a waterline, a full hull is made. The lower hull to the waterline is made of five lifts of pear wood. The wales are .025 “thick layers of ebony. The gun decks at first were made of boxwood. Unfortunately the boxwood split when the gun ports were being cut out. The current gun decks are made of holly and each gun port was cut on a Priac table saw.



The model is made in pieces. The port and starboard halves and the gun decks are all located with 1/16” stainless steel dowels. The photo shows a nickel propping up the model. The plan is from the book “Nelson’s Ships” by Peter Goodwin. A quarter is to the right of the picture.

Festival of Sail 2008 Model Shop Volunteer List			Bring a model Be prepared to talk with the public
Day/ Date	0730-1230	1230-1630 (4:30PM)	1630-2030 (8:30PM)
Wednesday August 20	Bill Grolz Howard Griffus	Robert Hewitt Bill Grolz	1 2
Thursday August 21	Ron Hollod Robert McPhail	Robert Hewitt Robert McPhail	John Sauvajot Charles Seiler
Friday August 22	Ron Hollod Howard Griffus	Bill Grolz John McShefferty	Bill Grolz 2
Saturday August 23	Chari Wessel 2	Bill Grolz William Norris	Bill Grolz William Norris
Sunday August 24	Chari Wessel Howard Griffus	Robert Hewitt William Norris	

Model shop volunteers for the Festival of Sail can pick up their passports, goodie bag and tee shirts prior to entering the model shop at the volunteer check-in booth. The booth is located in front of Anthony’s restaurant. You will not be allowed into the area without a passport.

Del Mar Fair 2008



**First Place and winner of San Diego Maritime Museums best ship prize
Dr Bicazi's HMS Bounty**



Second Place – Gus Agustin's



**Third Place – Joe Bompensiero's
Bremmen Cog**



**Fourth Place - Joe Bompensiero's Jefferson
Davis**

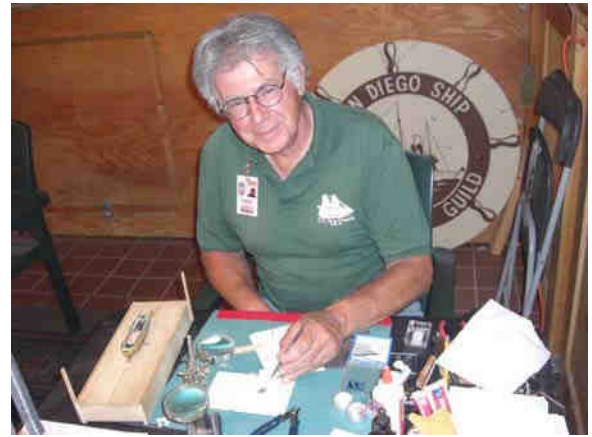


Honorable mention – Ron Renders





Ron Render demononstrating “how its done” to Del Mar Fair goers

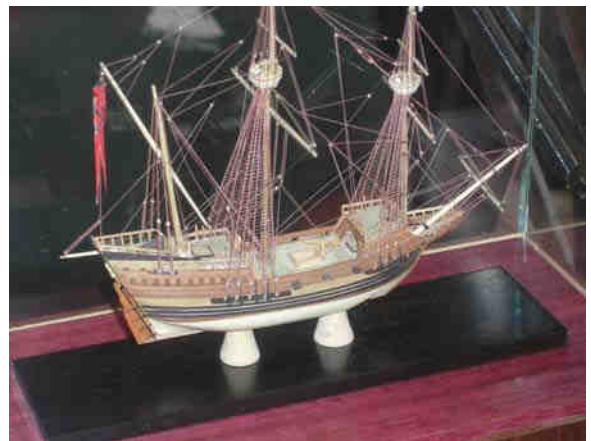


Robert “Don’t call me Bob” Hewitt showing off something that, as usual, no one else but he can see



Robert Hewitt explainging how he got to busy and forgot to send in his Del Mar Design in Wood entry form for his San Salvador model, which he exhibited from the booth anyway.

The missing entry, Robert Hewitt’s San Salvador model.





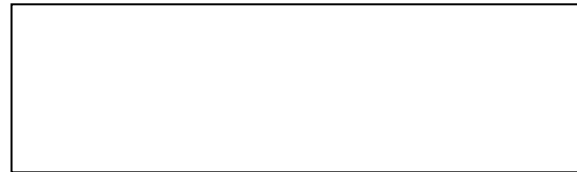
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**Next Meeting will be Wednesday August 13, 2008
aboard the Berkeley at 7:00 pm on the Main Deck**



Festival of Sail August 20-24, 2008