



San Diego¹ Ship Modelers' Guild

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Guild Meeting Report: 13 June 2011

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Chuck Seiler opened the meeting since Bill Grolz was not present. There was one guest. The purser, Ron Hollod, gave his report. The balance as of May 31, 2011 was \$<redacted>. It should be noted that \$<redacted> for the vacuum cleaner system was paid for on May 25. It should be delivered the last part of June.

The San Diego County Fair is being held June 10 through July 4. The Museum again sponsored the competition for best wood ship model. Dave Dana won the grand prize of \$500 for a model of SAN SALVADOR.

The USS SAN DIEGO project was discussed. There was a tour of USS SAN DIEGO. Six members took the tour. Work is continuing on the model. Howard Griffus asked for more volunteers to assist in the project. If you would like more information, you can contact him at <redacted>.

The Museum will hold a Festival of Sail on September 2 - 5. Volunteers are requested. If you would like to volunteer, the application has to be in by July 12. The volunteer coordinator contact information is jloman@sdmaritime.org or 619-234-9153 X135. The model shop also has a need for volunteers. Sign up will be available at the August meeting.

The annual party will be held on August 8 (Monday). This year will be the 40th anniversary of the Guild. Details for the party will be discussed at the July meeting. As usual, all guild members and their guests are invited to this annual event.

At this month's meeting, there was a very good discussion about finishing wood models. Topics discussed included: paints, sealers, stains, and rigging preservation. Future demonstrations/discussions will include: paint spraying, rope making, lathe use, and decorative ship railings.

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SHOW AND TELL

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CHARLES W. MORGAN Royce Privett

Royce Privett no longer calls his model the Charles W. Morgan. He said his new name for it is unprintable. Something like #%XX#&*! The model is beautiful and carefully built with exacting detail. Difficulties apparently arose when stringing rigging around parts already set in place. Since last shown, this whaler that was responsible for destroying more whales than any other whaling ship in history was last shown in March. Since then Royce has set the main and mizzen masts, installed shrouds on fore, main and mizzen masts. Back stays, Maritongale as well as bowsprit and jib boom shrouds are placed and rigged. Bowsprit netting and foot ropes complete. The spanker boom and spanker gaff boom fully rigged.



HANNAH Don Dressel

The 78 ton fishing schooner Hannah was purchased by George Washington, becoming one of the first ships in the U.S. Navy. After the addition of four cannon, she sailed as a warship for the first time on September 5, 1775. Don Dressel's scratch built model is under construction. Framed and partially planked and decked, with his usual attention to authenticity and detail.



FLY Mike Lonnecker

The British Navy in the 1700s sailed three classes of sloops named Fly of two or three masts and varying brig and ship styles of rigging. Mike Lonnecker has just begun his model using a few parts from the Bob Hunt Kingfisher kit, and the majority will be scratch built. The model is constructed as closely as possible to the methods of the actual ship using David Antscher's 4 volume book set as a guide. Antscher's book describes building a Swan class ship rigged sloop from 1767-1780 and original plans from the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich England.



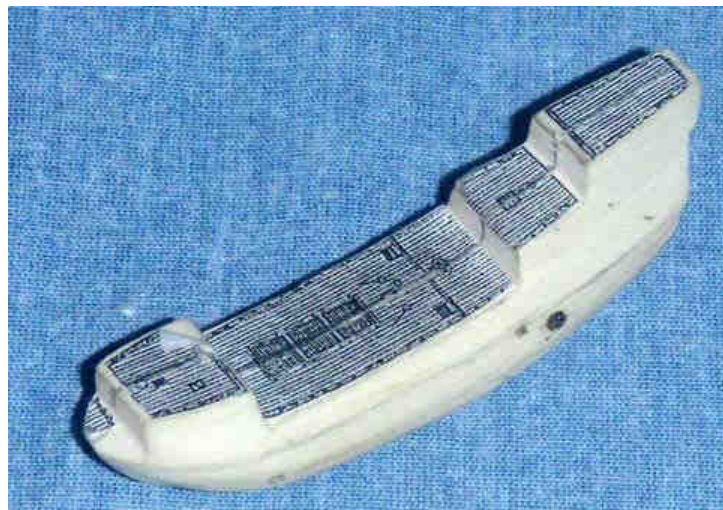
MAYFLOWER Robert Hewitt

Scale: 1 inch = 40 feet. Scratch built.

After seeing Don Bienvenue's model and plans of the Mayflower, I decided to build the model in miniature. Don was kind enough to give me a reduced set to 1/32" scale and a full-sized set. After running the 1/32" copy, Don decided to give me a full size copy, so I could read it. I reduced the copy 20% further to give me my usual scale of 1"=40 feet. I also needed to have a project for the Fair and the Wooden Boat Show. I ordered a piece of holly 3/8"x 2"x 24" from Jeff at the Hobby Mill. The wood arrived 3days later.

I cut two blanks from the piece and doweled them together using 1/16" stainless steel dowels. The plans were marked "original" in red and many copies were made. I cut out two profile pictures of the ship and glued them to each side of the blank. The bottom of the ship cutout was set in line with the bottom of the wood blocks. Using the band saw in our model shop, I cut the profile with about 1/32" border on all areas except the bottom of the ship.

The plans have a good set of line drawings along with bulkhead drawings. I chose the line drawings and made cut-outs of each section. I shaped the hull from the center out and the bottom up. When I was close to the shape, I glued cutouts of the deck to the model. The two halves of holly are used as the centerline of the ship. I proceeded to finish the shape as shown.



CONOVER'S TIPS

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Laminate, laminate, laminate. Are you working on part with tricky curves such as head rails or deck beams or complex moldings? Glue several thin strips together over a form sawed to the proper shape. When the glue dries the exact shape of the form will be retained; including any screw-ups you made in shaping the form. This tip also works on plastics as well. It is good to seal the finished form with lacquer or bees wax to prevent undesired sticking.

SEAFARING WORDS IN EVERYDAY SPEECH

Part Brass Rags . . . (a falling-out between friends)

In the days of wooden sailing ships, sailors shared personal cleaning gear with special shipboard buddies. If they had a falling out, not an unusual event within the confines of a hot, cramped ship, they no longer shared therags and other gear necessary to polish brass and metal trim. They had literally parted brass rags.



First Place: *San Salvador*, by Dave Dana



First Place: *Egyptian Royal Barge* by Jon Sauvajot

SAN DIEGO COUNTY FAIR



Pakanstani Fishing Boat by Robert Hewitt



Gunboat Cairo by Robert Hewitt



John Wickman's Flying Fish



Gary Seaton's *Bluenose*



John McShefferty's HMS *Halifax*



Bombasiro's frigate



Gary Seaton's *Bluenose*



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The next meeting will be
Wednesday, 13 July 2011
aboard the *Berkeley* at 7:00pm



Amazing Grace, Irving Johnson, and Spirit of Dana Point seen from Californian.