



# San Diego<sup>1</sup> Ship Modelers' Guild

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



## **Guild Meeting Report: 11 December 2012**

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The Guild master, Robert Riddoch, (using our Public Address system) welcomed members and guests to the annual holiday party which was held in addition to the regular monthly meeting. This event took place in BERKLEY. In addition to the several food platters, other refreshments, and general good cheer; there was a raffle of several gift cards. There were no regular reports from the purser, newsletter editor, or museum liaison. It was noted that there was an expense of \$400 for the party and gift cards.

The Community Build Project team had eight people present at their last meeting. At this meeting, there was a silver solder demonstration. The next meeting is scheduled for 12 January.

John Sanford and Bill Norris volunteered to conduct the survey of museum ship models as noted in the November newsletter.

Elections of guild officers and annual dues renewal were discussed. Nominations of officers will be held in February and dues are requested at the January meeting.

USS IOWA is now open for visitors in San Pedro. There is also a maritime museum and all members are encouraged to visit these attractions.

Everyone is reminded about the next San Diego County Fair. The museum will again sponsor cash awards for best models. Models need to be ready for submission by May if you plan to enter one.

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by Bob Wright  
& Russ Merrill*

# SHOW & TELL

Photos by Bill Grolz





# SDSMG COMMUNITY BUILD

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7 in attendance: 12/8/12

Mike Lonnecker, Lee Green, Jon Sanford, Gary Seaton, Manny Burciaga. Bob Riddoch, Chuck Sieler

Models present were in various stages of construction. Some great ideas were discussed.



while soldering. The demonstration was followed by hands on practice by members of the group. Thanks for the Great work Mike.



Type of glues used to plank was discussed. CA and White Carpenters Glue seem to be the preference when it comes to planking. All agreed that it was also essential to bend the plank prior to gluing. Basswood bends very easily after being soaked for just a few minutes in water while other woods such as Boxwood, Cherry, and Swiss Pear tend to be more difficult.

Joining the fleet this month was Lee Green's Armed Virginia Sloop. What was interesting is that Lee's AVS and the Longboats are the same scale.

The highlight of the day was a great Silver Solder demonstration provided by Mike Lonnecker. Mike discussed types of solder, tools needed to silver solder, and the safe and proper procedure required

There are 2 kits still available if you would like to participate. Please give Bob Riddoch a call at (619) 243-9810 if interested.

Our next get together is scheduled for 12 January at 1030 am. Until then, work at your own pace and have fun.

You can also follow us at Model Ship World using the following link:

<http://www.modelshipworld.com/phpBB2/viewforum.php?f=75>

## Treating Rigging or Mind Your Own Beeswax!

The following comes from Seaways Subscriber List.

### **Jean Therrien asks:**

Why and how do you use bees wax on rigging?  
Should I use bees wax or Antiquax original wax  
polish, and why wax. Secondly how do you apply it?

### **Mike Graff responds:**

#### **Why use beeswax:**

- It coats and protects the thread
- It is nonvolatile and will stay on the thread a LONG time
- It tends to slightly darken and enrich the thread color
- It knocks down and keeps down thread fuzz and frizz
- It slightly stiffens the thread
- The process of waxing works the thread to reduce its stretchiness work out curl introduced by spooling or coiling the thread work out some of the twist in the thread
- It makes the thread just a bit tacky and easier to work with
- Snugged down knots on well waxed thread tend to stay tied and resist working loose.

#### **How to apply beeswax:**

- Pull the thread across the wax cake 2-3 times while holding one end and then the other to load wax on the thread surface
- Slowly draw the thread across a lighted (and therefore hot) light bulb - the goal is to melt the wax so it soaks into the thread
- Pull the thread across the wax cake again, 2-3 times in each direction, giving it a small turn before each pass
- Heavy thread will need a little extra wax while light/thin thread will be fine with a bit less wax
- IF the light bulb step leaves wax on the bulb, THEN you're putting too much wax on the thread in the first step
- IF the light bulb step generates smoke THEN you're either moving too slowly or the bulb is too powerful (50-60 watt bulbs are just right) or both.



## DANGER



## WILL ROBINSON!!!

Why We Should Be Wary While  
Shipmodeling  
By Chuck Seiler

Remember the old *Lost in Space* TV show where the robot would warn little Will whenever danger came out of nowhere? I sure would like to have something to warn ME of unexpected danger. Our hobby has unexpected dangers aplenty. Most people use appropriate safety gear when working with power tools; saws, drills, etc. ..fewer than should, however. Some of the adhesives and finishes we use are quite toxic and must be used in a well ventilated area. Similarly, spray painting and machine sanding could cause respiratory hazards. Even the woods we use can be toxic, particularly the exotic ones. Ingestion or inhalation of these wood products could cause illness or worse. Use care when building that masterpiece. Think safety!!

I anticipate a 'rebuttal article' from Mike Lonnecker next month on "Why you should NOT use bee's wax."





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## Notes on the October Meeting

The October meeting was devoted to members models. A list of Models present follows:

<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Builder</u>	<u>Type and means of Construction</u>
Fletcher	Bob Crawford	Destroyer - scratch/solid
USS Crackett (PG-88)	A.J. Neubauer	Patrol boat - Dumas Kit
Emma C. Berry	Bill Kelly-Flemming	POF Schooner - Sterling Kit
Essex	Bill Kelly-Flemming	Solid hull - Model Shipways Kit
Watches (Plans)	Doug McFarland	To be POF
Duke	Lew Harmeling	Tug - Carved hull/RC steam
Fair American	Egon Muehlner	Brig - M.S. solid hulled kit
Lake Freighter	Roy Wilson	Freighter- R/C scratch
Gaff Cutter	George Baggette	POF Scratch
Missouri	Bill Vecera Sr.	POF Sterling Kit
Miss Fit	Bill Vecera III	Dumas SK-20 Kit
Monterey Fisherman	Bill Benson	Scratch
Scipis	Chuck Hill	Aripecola Kit

A great deal of information was exchanged and a number of problems dealt with and hopefully solve.

## Notes on the November Meeting

The November meeting will consist in part of an auction. If you have any tools, kits, books, or other items that you no longer need and feel that others may want them, bring them to this months meeting. If you will set a price that you would like to receive (you do not have to donate the proceeds to the club) any money above the asking price will go to the club kitty.

Vic Crosby will be explaining ships in the bottle techniques as the main feature.

## Notes on the December Meeting

Due to conflicting commitments of the Maritime Museum, the Star of India and the Berkeley will not be available the third friday of December. It has been suggested that our Christmas Party be advanced one week to Friday, December 11. We will be making a final decision at this months meeting, but to be on the safe side, set aside this date.

## Elections of Officers

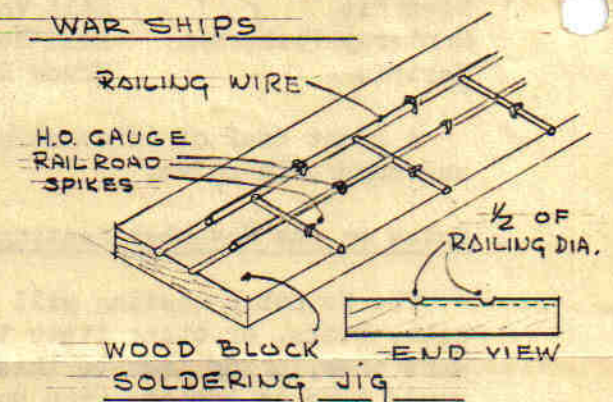
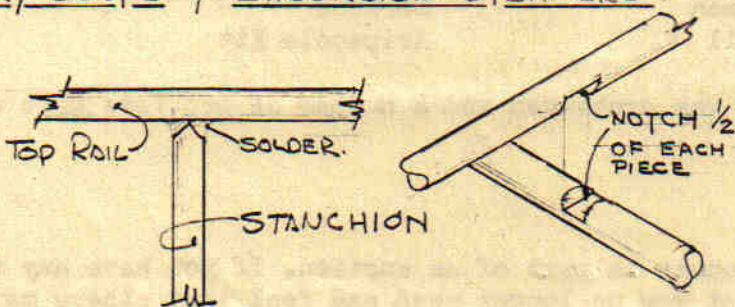
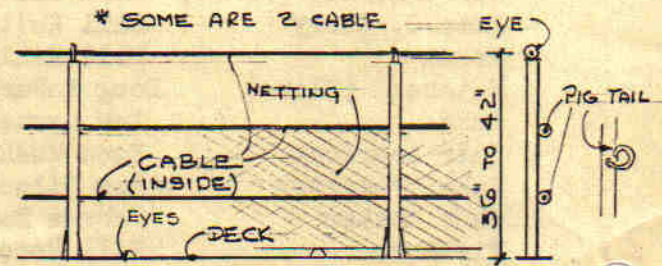
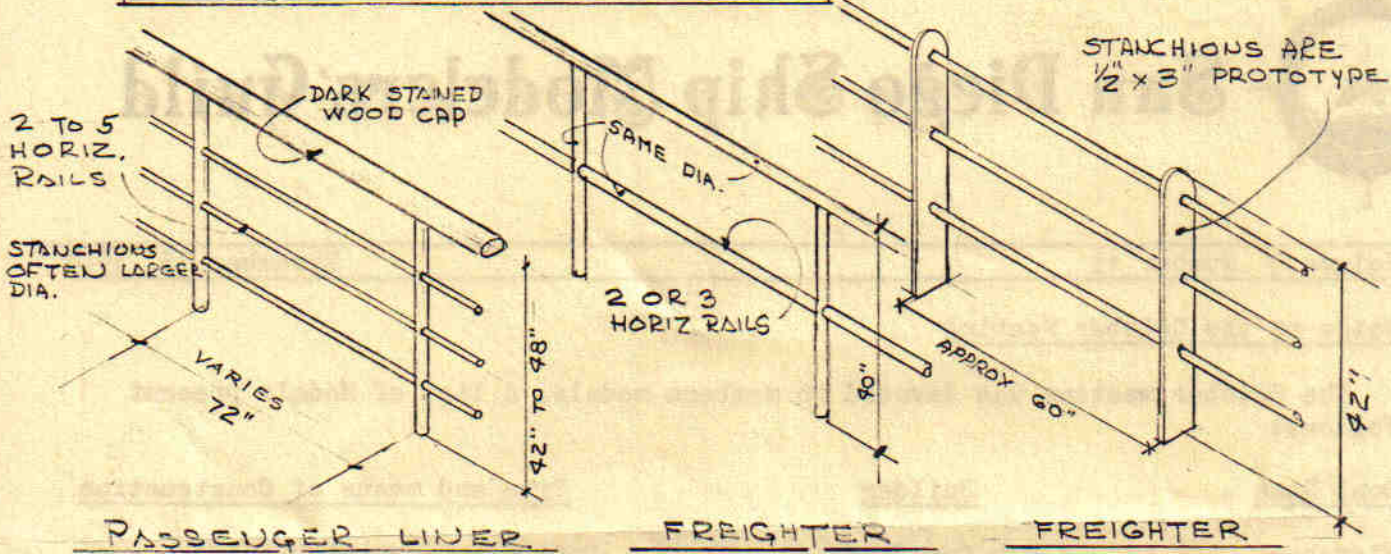
Nominations for President will be accepted at this months meeting so that ballots may be mailed with the January newsletter along with membership renewals. A decision on a new newsletter editor will also be made at this time.



# SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD

## SCRATCHBUILDING RAILINGS

BY R.T. NILSON  
11/81



### JOINTS OR CONNECTIONS

ABOVE RAILING DRAWINGS ARE TYPICAL - ALWAYS REFER TO YOUR PLAN AND ANY PHOTOGRAPHS THAT ARE AVAILABLE. DIAMETER OF STANCHIONS AND HORIZ. RAILINGS ARE FROM 1" TO 3". DEPENDING ON YOUR SCALE, RAILINGS CAN BE COAT HANGER WIRE TO THE SMALLEST MUSIC WIRE (GUITAR STRINGS). WIRE MESH ON ABOVE RAILINGS CAN BE SCREENING OR TULLE (TOOL) ASK THE WIFE ABOUT TULLE. NEEDLE FILES OR MOTO-TOOL CAN BE USED TO NOTCH WIRE (MOTO-TOOL ON BRASS ONLY). FOR WIRE SIZE IN THOUSANDTHS LOOK TO YOUR SCALE LISTED BELOW

SCALE:

$1/92 = 1/16 = 1.0" = .0625$	$1/96 = 1/8 = 1.0" = .125$	$1/64 = 3/16 = 1.0" = .1875$	$1/48 = 1/4 = 1.0" = .250$	$1/32 = 3/8 = 1.0" = .375$	$1/24 = 1/2 = 1.0" = .500$
1" = .0035	1" = .010	1" = .0156	1" = .020	1" = .0312	1" = .040
2" = .007	2" = .020	2" = .0312	2" = .040	2" = .0625	2" = .080
3" = .0156	3" = .030	3" = .0469	3" = .062	3" = .0938	3" = .125

# GUILD MASTER'S CORNER

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I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope you all had a safe and prosperous Holiday Season.

As we head into 2013, there are a lot of items on our plate as a Guild. Elections are just around the corner, the County Fair is a few months away, the model ship survey is ongoing at the museum, and our Inaugural Community Build is in full swing.

One of the items we are looking to expand on is the growth of our Newsletter. Coming next month there will be a "Sell, Swap, Trade" section and we will continue to give you a blast from the past with old Newsletters. We are also looking for contributors for "Tips and Tricks" as well as any article that you might see fit for the group. We would also like to see more hands on demonstrations during meetings. Maybe you're an expert at coiling rope or seizing a block, we would love for you to share your knowledge with the group.

We are also looking to bring more plastic and paper modelers back to the group. Please pass the word at your local Hobby Shop about us. I have posted flyers in the local shops around San Diego but maybe you know of a bulletin board we can post to that will attract attention.

I look forward to some great modeling in 2013 and hope to see you all on Wednesday the 9th for our January meeting.

We have a few items to auction so bring some cash.

Bob Riddoch





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The next meeting will be  
Wednesday, 9 January 2013  
aboard the *Berkeley* at 6:00pm.



*Californian.*