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Established in 1972

by

Bob Wright and Russ  
Merrill

## San Diego County Fair Issue-Part 2

By the time this edition hits the streets, we will be mere days from the final days of this year's. I was hoping to have tales of chocolate cover bacon and marathon wise-waxation, but I barely have the minutes from last month. However, I have a ton of photos; last meeting, award winning models and the 'mystery piece'. More pictures, less talk. How can that be bad?.

### MINUTES OF 11 JUNE 2014 MEETING

Guildmaster **Riddoch** opened the meeting at 1812; the delayed start due to Guildmaster also acting as model photographer. Twenty members were in attendance, with 4 guests.

Editor's Report: **Chuck Seiler** reminded members to let him know if they did not receive a newsletter (either snailmail or email). Inputs are requested no later than **TWO WEEKS** prior to next meeting. He discussed "bonus newsletters" and asked if member thought this was a benefit or if they just clogged people's inbox. The consensus was that these are good...keep them coming. Chuck also discussed Fair handouts.

Purser Report: **Gary Seaton** reported the balance as of 1 June was \$<redacted>

Fair Report: The Fair is in progress. No problems to report. No issues to discuss. **Bob Riddoch** announced the winners for the "Scale Models" division.

- Mike Lonnecker** (18th Century Longboat) 1<sup>st</sup> place,
- Robert Hewitt** (Schooner Sir Edward Hawke) 2<sup>nd</sup> place,
- Robert Riddoch** (18th Century Longboat) 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Gary Seaton** (18th Century Longboat) 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Mike's Longboat also took the "Museum Grande Prize"

The following models got Honorable Mention:

**Robert Hewitt** (Sir Edward Hawke-different scale), **Howard Griffus** (Whaling Ship), **Jon Sanford** (Armed Launch), **Chuck Seiler** (Gunboat PHILADELPHIA).

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

<http://sdshipmodelersguild.org/>

**Robert Riddoch** read a thank you note from the museum for the guild's \$500 donation.

Museum liaison **Dr. Kevin Sheehan** discussed the museum models of 1/1200 scale warships (to be auctioned off) and also congratulated Mike for taking the Museum Grande Prize.

The "community build" and a new project was discussed. The EMMA C. BERRY is a possible choice. **Mike Lonnecker** has a few ideas he wants to discuss at the next CB meeting.

Webmaster **Barry Rishel** discussed the guild website. The first email was received. He is also looking into getting a "counter" for the website.

It was voted on by members present that the current meeting hours of 6 PM to 8 PM will remain for the summer.

The Nautical Research Guild annual conference was discussed. It will be held in St. Louis during the third weekend in October.

A coffee-less coffee break, a spirited auction and Show/Tell followed.



BOOTY TABLE- The spoils of conquest amassed on a table awaiting the Grande Auction

Photo by Bob Riddoch

# SHOW AND TELL

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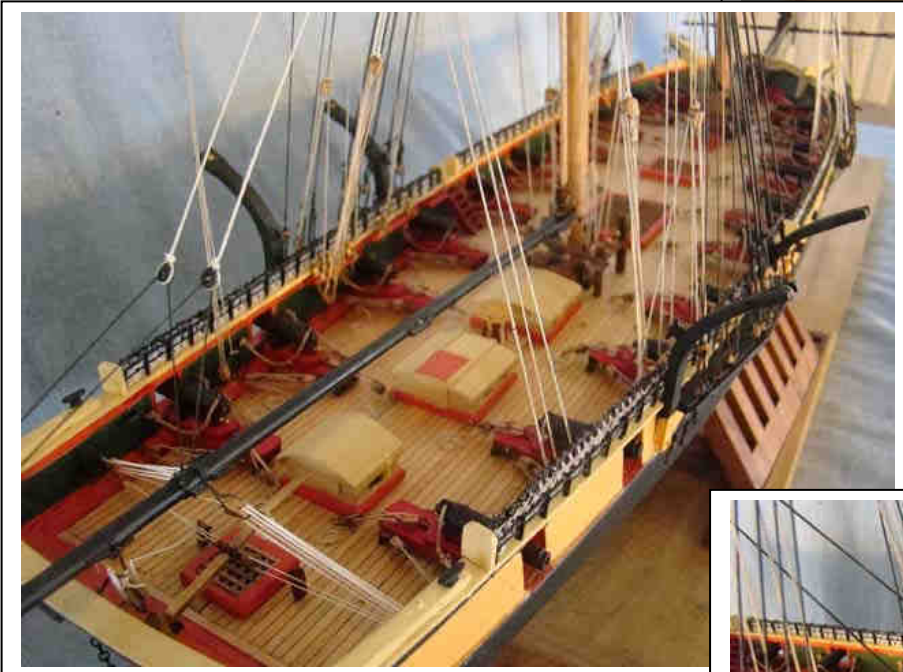
**Royce Privett**

Scale: 3/16"=1'

Circa: 1813

Model Shipways kit

Royce continues to make progress. Since bringing the model last month, the following items have been completed: Sprintsail yard and associated braces have been rigged, braces for all yards on fore and main masts have been installed, topgallant backstays have been installed



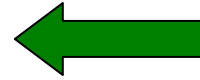


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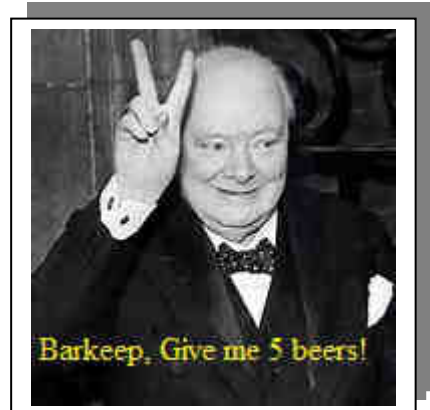


**Don Dressel's HANNAH**

Sorry Don, if you gave me a write up, I am unable to locate. We will just have to wait until the SMA newsletter arrives.



A Roman legionnaire and his four buddies walk into a bar...wait, stop me if you've heard this.

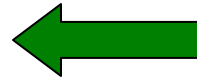


Too late!

Show and Tell-Continued



**John Carter's SURPRISE.** He just finished installing the copper plates. Hopefully we will see it at a meeting and hear more about it.



**Bob Riddoch** continues to work on his 1/72 scale model of Higaki Kaisen manufactured by Woody Joe in Japan. Bob is currently “planking” to model.



Bob has been very impressed by the quality of the kit and even though the instructions are in Japanese, the photos make it very easy to follow. With the help of a friend in Japan and Mr. **Clare Hess** from San Francisco, important steps have been translated such as where NOT to glue.

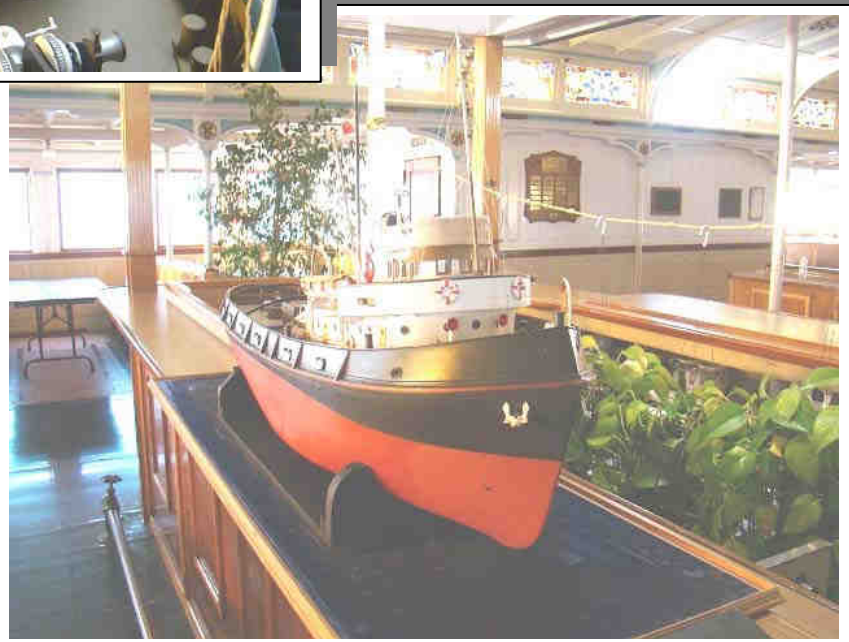
Bob plans to complete the model in time to show at the 40<sup>th</sup> Rope Exhibition next spring in Tokyo.

Show and Tell-Continued

Guest **Arron Beech** brought his model of the rescue tug **SEA HORSE S.D.**, trying to find out some information about it. It was built from scratch in 1948 and appraised by former Guild member **Bill Benson** for \$3800.00. The model was previously owned by Arron's stepfather, **Al Strecker**.



The model is a 'super scale' super powered radio controlled tug boat, made from wood and styrene.





## SHOW AND TELL- Continued

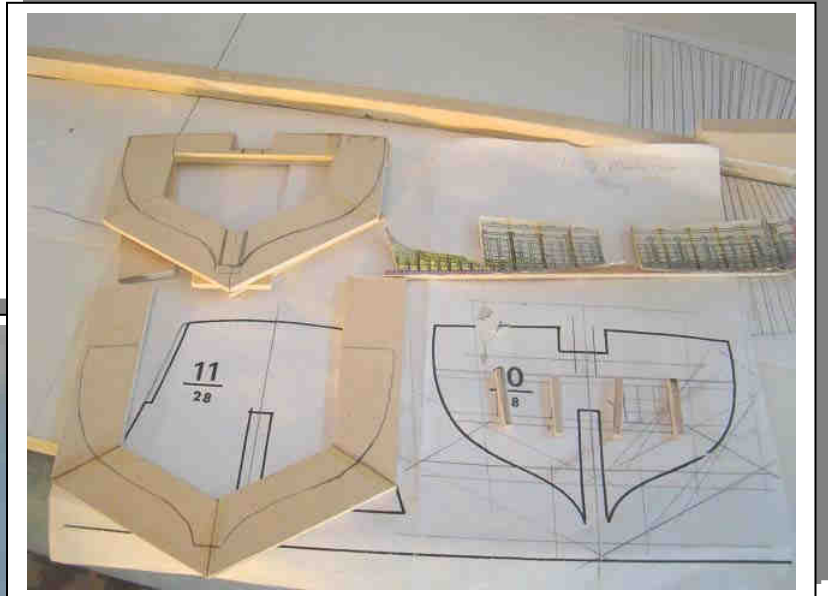
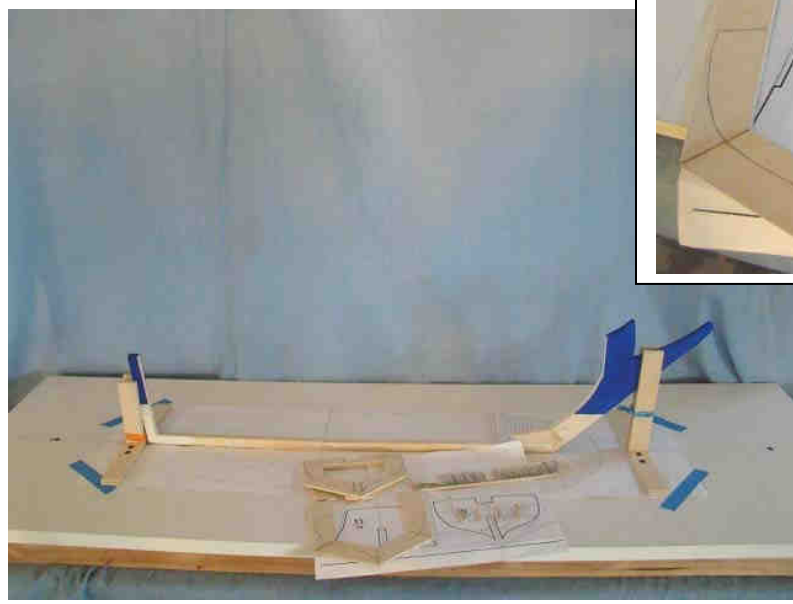
Yacht MARY

By **Brian Davies**

Scale: 3/8"=1' 1:32

Circa: 1600s

Scratch built from Mamoli plans



Brian is scratch building this from Mamoli plans, using basswood. The ship will be built with cant and hawse frames in admiralty fashion (plank on frame).

MARY was given to King Charles II as a present from the Dutch when he ascended the throne in the mid 1600s

Sadly, the MARY was wrecked in 1675 off the Skurry Islands in Ireland. Mary was 60 feet in length, with a single mast. She was the first yacht for England. Charles would go on to make many more.

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## COMMUNITY BUILD GROUP

The build group was attended by Gary Seaton, Lee Green and Mike Lonnecker. At least 2 of our regulars were working the Fair leading to the light attendance.

Discussion was continued from last month on Gary's bollard timbers and patterns for his Naiad. These are extremely complicated and difficult to visualize as they are tapered in one plane, curved and tapered in two other planes and cut at a critical angle on a mating end. Gary is proceeding with their profiling.

The next topic of discussion was our next project that we want to start in the fall. A suggestion was made that instead of going with a kit and repeating skills that the group has already demonstrated that we research and build our own model. The project could be anything we pick from a stove to a ship of the line. This project could include research of the item, making of drawings and then build the item as individuals or as a group. A project like this could certainly raise everyone's skill level which is the charter of the group.

The group is still undecided as to the next project and is open to suggestions from anyone. Let us hear from you.

Mike Lonnecker

# THE FAIR



Opening day. **Bill Grolz** (left) and **Bill Norris** set up a block and line demo for the public to see.



Block and Line demo as well as "hull construction" demo. In the booth, **Bob McPhail** and **Chari Wessel** work on projects and prepare to amaze the crowd.



Other woodworking projects. Can I give you a hand with that? I gotta get me one of those 3 legged chairs



Santa and one of his elves work at the Scroll Saw Booth. Santa may or may not be a peace-nik. The Fair had a 60s theme.



Elf wanna-be's **Bill Grolz** (left) and **Mike Lonnecker** work the booth.



Birdies. Animal wood carvings





Email newsletter recipients are encouraged to expand the photos to see greater details in the following pics.

The Winner's Circle. **Mike Lonnecker's** 18<sup>th</sup> century Longboat (left) took **First Place** in the "class 8" scale Model category. It also took the Maritime Museum Prize.

**Bob Riddoch's** 18<sup>th</sup> Century Longboat (center) took **Third Place**.

**Gary Seaton's** 18<sup>th</sup> Century Longboat (right) took **Fourth Place**.





**Robert Hewitt's**  
Sir Edward Hawke  
(Scale 1"=20')  
*Second Place*

**Robert Hewitt's**  
Sir Edward Hawke  
(Scale 1"=40')  
*Honorable Mention*



More wooden wildlife  
(Same wildlife-different  
angle.)





**Howard Griffus'**  
Whaling Ship VIOLA.  
*Honorable Mention*





**Jon Sanford's**  
**ARMED LAUNCH**  
*Honorable Mention*





**Ruppert Morgan's**  
NOAH's ARK  
*Honorable Mention*



The Mystery Piece.

Is it a fish? Is it a can  
opener?







**Chuck Seiler's**  
Continental Gunboat  
PHILADELPHIA  
*Honorable Mention*





# Guild Master's Corner

Greetings all,

Well, another Fair season come and gone. I want to take a minute and thank everyone who participated. It truly is a team effort, from set-up to take down. I also want to congratulate all of the modelers who had entries in this year's Fair. We had a total of eight (or 9) models entered with all entries winning a prize. Next year should be even better and bigger.

There is still much discussion on what to do for our next Community Build Project. There are some great ideas floating around and we would like to get started in the fall with whatever is chosen. If you have an idea for a project, please let us know.

Lately the Show and Tell portion of our monthly meeting has been a little sparse. I would like to see what everyone is working on so please bring a model, a tool, a book, or anything model ship related to the July meeting.

Finally, it looks like it is going to be a hot summer. I would like to remind everyone to stay hydrated, use sun block, and clean up that sawdust.

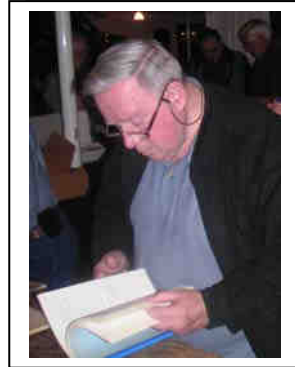
Our next Guild Meeting is on 9 July at 6:00pm onboard the steam ferry Berkeley. Please bring a Show and Tell item. Our next Community Build meeting will be held on Saturday, 12 July at 10:30am at **Mike Lonnecker's** house.

Bob Riddoch

*Bob Riddoch*

## FIDDLER'S GREEN

It is my sad duty to report that former Purser and longtime Guild member, **Ron Hollod**, passed away on 15 December 2013.



While Ron passed back in December, we just now learned of it. Perhaps it is fitting that the news comes to us as the County Fair draws to a close. For many many years Ron had been a mainstay of the Fair, routinely manning the booth ten or more days. He was also on the Fair planning/liason team for several years. Ron participated in other high profile Guild projects such as the Trafalgar project and the San Salvador Model project. In 2004, when **Dick Strange** stepped down as Purser, Ron agreed to take on the duties of Purser 'temporarily, until a permanent one could be found'. Nine years later....

Ron retired from the US Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel. While he may have like airplanes, he had the good sense to migrate to ships, joining the SD Ship Modelers Guild. Ron ceased active participation in the Guild in September 2013 when he moved to Pine Grove, CA to live with his daughter. He remained a Guild member.



Farewell old friend, you are missed!!!

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Next meeting is  
**WEDNESDAY**  
09 JULY 2014 on the Berkeley.  
5:30 PM- Social.  
6:00PM Meeting  
*Bring a model*

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COMMUNITY BUILD

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