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Established in 1972 by
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JANUARY MEETING HAS MOVED TO TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015

This month's Guild meeting was moved from Wednesday to Tuesday 13 January due to scheduling conflict. Meeting start time is 6PM (1800) with pre-meeting socializing starting at 5:30PM. Much of this meeting will be taken up with discussions on Guild direction and future meeting options. Please make plans to attend.

DUES ARE DUE

January brings the requirement for dues. Dues are \$20 for existing members. Purser **Gary Seaton** will accept dues in person at the meeting. Also, checks can be sent to the Guild via the Museum at the below address:

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild
c/o Maritime Museum of San Diego
1492 N. Harbor Drive
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GUILD CO-FOUNDER PASSES AWAY

I am sad to report that Guild co-founder and long time member **Bob Wright** passed away on 26 December 2014. While not as active as in the past, Bob still attended occasional meetings and often contributed to the newsletter.

Bob spoke to me several times over the past few years regarding his thoughts on the Guild. He was proud of the fact the Guild had lasted as long as it has and he was happy that the Guild was as vibrant as it is. Bob's story on how the Guild was founded was published in a previous newsletter. Bob will be missed.



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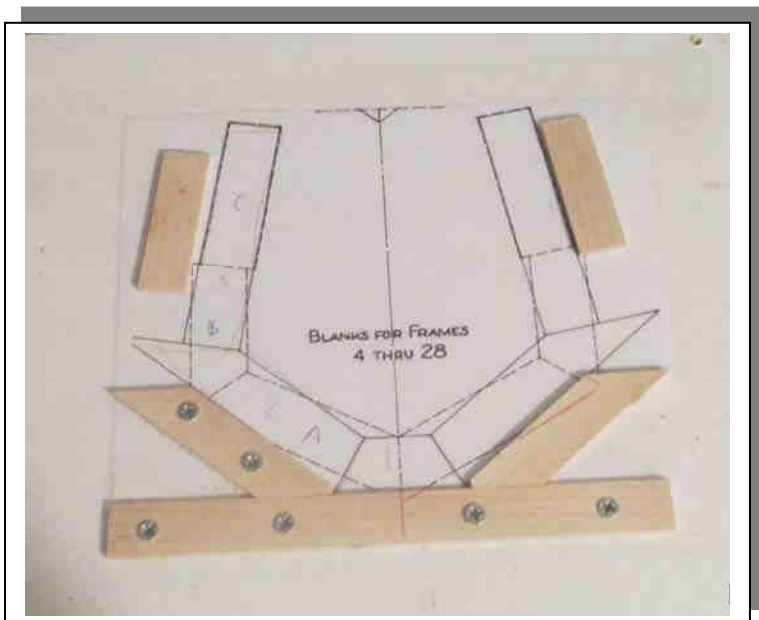
DECEMBER COMMUNITY BUILD MEETING

In attendance at the December Community Build meeting were Jay MacMaster, Chuck Seiler, Gary Seaton and Mike Lonnecker.

Chuck brought his secret box that contains his next project. But he wouldn't tell us what the ship name was. He has started the kit but is seriously kitbashing it. We also discussed the making of nail heads for his model of the Philadelphia. He had several samples. The group and Chuck liked the hole filled with putty and stained.

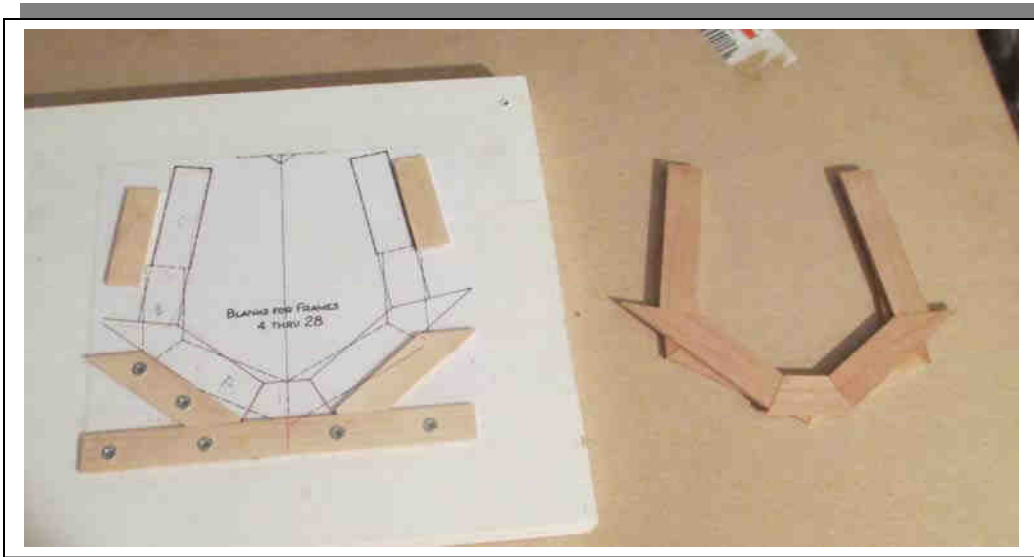


Chuck's mystery model will require a number (to be determined) of frames in the Hahn style. The above jig helps create the various pieces, consistently, to make the frame blanks. By putting the wood in and cutting along the board edge you get consistent piece length and correct angles. Hahn shows this made with the slot cut out of the board, but Chuck did not have any success with that method.

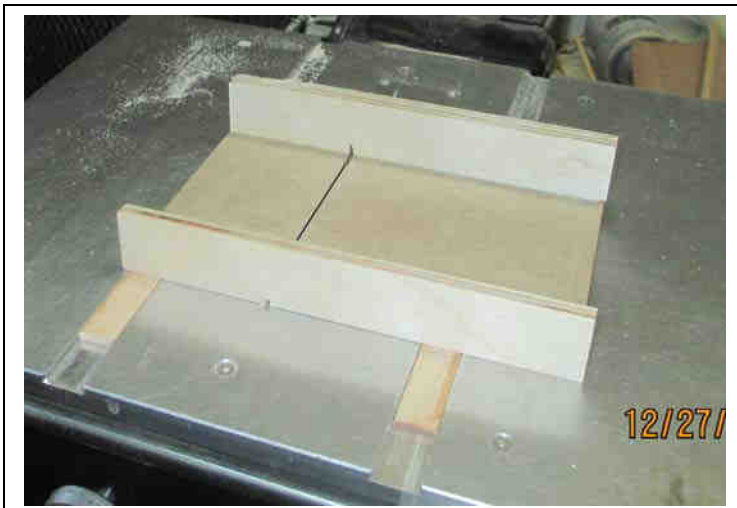


At left is the template to make the frame blanks. You can see the individual pieces of the frame, which is eventually built in two layers. This jig is used to ensure the first layer is built correctly, without the pieces getting out of alignment.

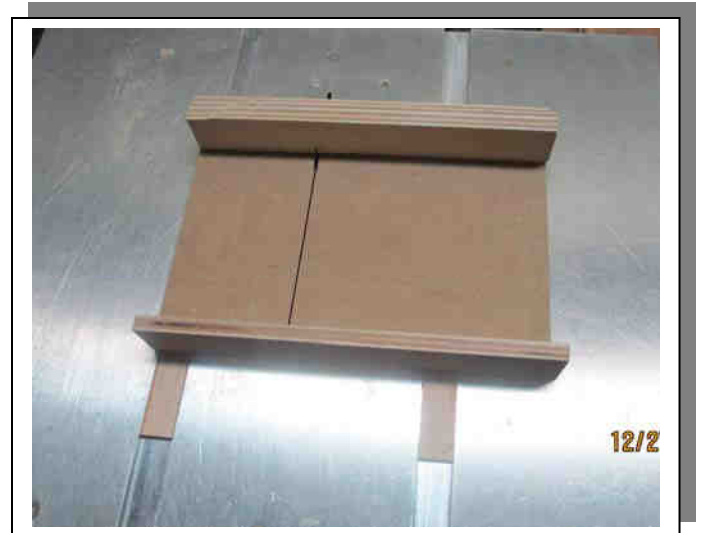
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Template and resulting frame blank.



BONUS PICS: Chuck was also working on a cross-cut sled for use on his Byrnes Saw. This was made based on info provided at Model Ship World website.

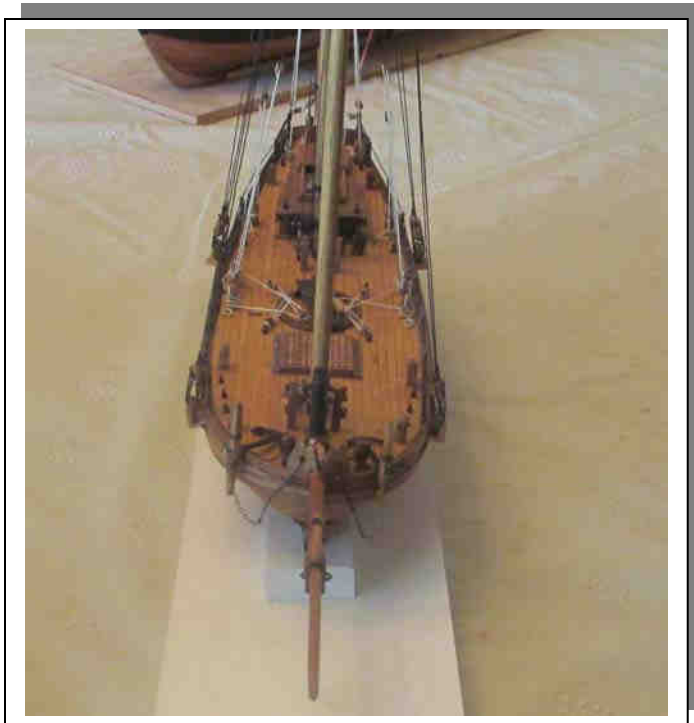


This allows for a good square-end cut on stock that may not be perfectly straight by allowing you to hold the stock against the bed, using the cut line as a guide, with downward pressure.



Gary brought in his Ranger. He is well along with the rigging. We discussed terminations of some of the lines.

COMMUNITY BUILD-Continued



Bow-on view of Gary Seaton's RANGER



Jay Mac Master and SYREN

Jay had his Syren at the meeting and showed his installation of some of the decking. The waterway is next and we talked about its' installation.



Jay Mac Master's SYREN

COMMUNITY BUILD-Continued

Mike showed his FLY. He had little progress to report.



Mike Lonnecker's fully framed HMS FLY

Top view of FLY showing some of the deck beams and knees.



The next Community Build meeting will be at Mike Lonnecker's house at 10:30 Sat Jan. 10th. Jay MacMaster will be taking over the leadership of this group.



Dr, Ray Ashley was going to bring his 12"=1' scale model of SAN SALVADOR to the Community Build but Jim Davis was using the trailer.



Seriously though.....

SAN SALVADOR appears to be about done and ready to move. It sure seems like just yesterday we were making the models and the actual build was just a dream on the horizon. Wow! Time flies.



Part of one of the SAN SALVADOR mast assemblies.

San Salvador photos by John Wickman



EDITOR'S SANDBOX

Time for Renaissance?

It has been a rough couple months for the Guild, at least from where I sit. In November we reported the passing of former Guild member and Purser **Richard Strange**. December's newsletter featured the news that Guildmaster **Bob Riddoch** was, on short notice, stepping down as GM and would be moving to the east coast. (See letter from Bob at right.) The ink was barely dry on the newsletter when we received word that the December meeting was cancelled due to a schedule conflict. Shortly after Christmas I received word, and reported to you, that Guild co-founder and long time member **Bob Wright** had passed away. Right on the heels of that, Guildmaster **Mike Lonnecker** reported another schedule conflict, necessitating a meeting date change, with more on the horizon.

I don't know how you perceive this, but I feel like I am caught in an avalanche. **Bob Riddoch** and **Mike Lonnecker** had already been trying to energize the Guild with ideas; both in conjunction with the general meeting and with the Community Build. With Bob's sudden departure, Mike is left to pull the load on his own...mostly because it seems nobody else seems to care. Meanwhile he is also trying to help energize the NRG. A person can only do so much.

Mike is going to address some issue during the January meeting, so bring your thoughts and be ready to get involved. We need a new First Mate. We need to discuss our "plan B" for when the BERKELEY is scheduled for other activities. ...and we need to look at where the Guild will be going in the months to come. We seem to be stagnating. On page 1 I mentioned how **Bob Wright** was very proud of the Guild and was happy with what it has become. Is that a false front and are we in reality on the verge of collapse? I sure would hate for that to be the case. Are we still a valued affiliate of the Museum or are we a nuisance to be dealt with. Hopefully the former.

On another note, I have been having issues with sending mass email. When I attempted to send the news about **Bob Wright**, my 'sending' timed out and it never cleared my outbox, despite several attempts. Apparently it DID clear the outbox because it was reported by some that they received 7 copies. At this point, I don't know who is getting what. That is why, in the email announcing the change of meeting dates, I asked everyone to answer me back. I need to figure out who is getting my emails and who isn't. Only then can I find the solution. For those that answered, many thanks. For those that did not...

Dues are due and elections are right around the corner.



Chuck Seiler



LETTER FROM BOB RIDDOCH

All,

First of all I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope 2015 finds you and your families healthy and happy.

Secondly, I want to apologize for my sudden departure. In November my life was turned upside down when Letty and I suddenly had to move back east to take care of my mother. I had been trying to fix everything from a distance but that was no longer an option and I had used all my personal vacation time.

A year or so ago my mother was bitten by a deer tick and contracted Lyme Disease which seriously affects all parts of the body including the brain. It also tends to remain dormant and attack without warning. I was her only option so I made the decision to quit my job, move all my stuff and drive 2 cars to the Boston area. We are still trying to get settled in.

I hate the fact that we had to leave so many friends and the life we had built in San Diego but to me, family always comes first.

On a positive note, the Guild will now have a member in the thick of things here back east. I plan on attending and joining the Constitution Guild on Tuesday the 7th of January and I will also be attending events in April down in Mystic which is only about a one hour drive for me. I also hope to see many of you at the NRG Conference in Mystic this fall. I am working on putting together a shop and will keep you all updated via the Newsletter.

I know that I leave the Guild in good hands and I will be sending a box to Mike soon with some Guild property.

Please feel free to contact me anytime for anything via email: <redacted> or call me at <redacted>

My new address is:

<redacted>



FROM THE HELM

Happy New year to all.

As you saw in a separate email our meeting place, the Berkeley, is not available at our regularly scheduled time and date. I have moved the meeting to the preceding Tuesday Jan. 13th 2015 at 6:00PM. I have tried to find a meeting place close by that would maintain our current schedule, but without success. The one that was available was way too expensive.

I want to address the scheduling issue, as we have three more dates that the Berkeley is not available with the possibility of more to follow, at the next meeting. I also want to address the 6:00PM start time as I know this makes it very hard for those that work to make the meeting. It is possible for the meeting to return to a 7:PM start time if we are willing to pay for a museum security guard to stay late. The cost is \$20.00 per hour with a three hour minimum or in our case \$60.00 per meeting. The three meetings in the summer would have no charge as the museum is open late. This is a total cost of just under \$<redacted>. We might have to tighten our belts a little, but I believe it is within our budget.

As you can see we have some very important issues to discuss and decide on at the next meeting. I encourage all to attend. If for some reason you can not, please email me your proxy/opinion prior to the meeting and I will include your vote and make sure your opinion is tallied/heard. My email address is <redacted>

The NRG is about to start its WEBINAR program. I have mentioned this before. If you are interested please let me know. More about this at the meeting.

The museum has some cases available:

The plexi lid measures 31"x 31" x 18" high. It was used for the deck work tool display at San Salvador site. Flat base comes with it.

The plexi lid measures 36"x 12" x 14" high. It was used for a display of navigational devices at San Salvador site. Standing base comes with it.

Contact Maggie: 619-234-9153 ex110, exhibits@sdmaritime.org.

Contact info above if you are interested.

The museum has been contacted about a model owned by a private individual that needs some repair. The owner thinks the repairs are minor and would like them done at his home. If interested contact Fred Nock at Alfrednock@gmail.com

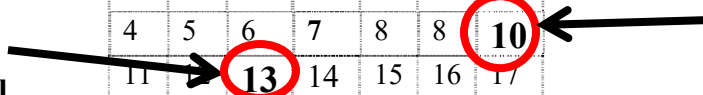
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Next meeting is
TUESDAY
13 JANUARY 2014
5:30 PM- Social.
5:30 PM Officer's Council
6:00PM Meeting
Bring a model

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@ Mike Lonnecker's

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