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MINUTES OF 12 JULY 2016 GUILD MEETING

Guild Master **Pete Jaquith** opened the meeting on board the Steam Ferry *BERKELEY*. Seventeen (17) guild members were in attendance and two (2) visitors, **Ryan Beauchamp** and **Kevin Comito**, joined the meeting. **Ryan** and **Kevin** were visitors at the San Diego County Fair booth and expressed their strong interest in ship modeling, especially WWII era ships. **Welcome Aboard! Bob Kyle** spoke of his interest in modeling and displayed a half hull model of the 40-foot center board sloop *Nymph* designed by Edward Burgess and built in the 1880's. **Bob** told how this was a predecessor of the East coast class sloops and that he was also working on a half hull model of the Burgess designed keel sloop *Papoose*. Ed. Note: A July 31, 1887 article in the New York Times reports on the 12th annual Corinthian Yacht Club regatta in which "Burgess's wonder, the new keel sloop *Papoose*, beat the fast yachts *Magic* and *Ramona* (by) over one hour in a 15-mile race, one of the worst defeats on record."

The guild party will be held during the AUGUST meeting. After discussion, it was voted on to have a "pot luck". Howard Griffus agreed to provide food and refreshments for the party. He was authorized \$125 for expenses by vote of the attending members.

Editor's Report: As noted in the email sending; with apologies to the membership, this edition of the newsletter is abbreviated in the interest of getting it out to the membership prior to the August meeting as the editor was taken up in a family matter for the past six weeks that absorbed his full attention. At the July meeting, Editor **Guy Lawrie** again noted that the newsletter welcomes submissions and articles from members. **Pete Jaquith, Mike Lonnecker, and Chuck Seiler** have all provided additional input with historical articles and pictures that will be used in future newsletters and updates to the guild website. As we look to include the modeling and interests of other guild members in upcoming newsletters, Guy Lawrie or other Guild Officers may contact you for your input.

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Web Coordinator Report: Guy Lawrie reported steadily increasing month to month activity on the site with 524 total visits in May. Google and Bing are the search engines used most to find us though 13% of the searches were linked from the NRG website. Website visits originating from Germany, Beijing, and London accounted for almost 20% of the site visits with domestic visits primarily from Northern California.

Purser's Report: Gary Seaton reported a positive guild balance as of 1 July. During a discussion about the loss of John McDermott, it was proposed and authorized by attending member vote that flowers and a card should be sent to his wife. Upon further discussion, it was voted on unanimously to follow this procedure in the future with the purser providing up to \$50.00 per occasion.

Presentations Report: Jon Sanford reported there are no future presentations currently scheduled. However, Jon reported planning is in progress for future meetings including a presentation focused on **Bill Norris'** model of *SOVERIEGN OF THE SEAS*. Your ideas are welcome!

Maritime Museum Collection Manager Kevin Sheehan, PhD is unable to attend though the upcoming **Festival of Sail** this September 2-4 and a call for volunteers to man the model shop aboard the *Berkeley* was discussed.

San Diego County Fair final report: Bill Grolz reported there was lots of enthusiasm for model kits given to young people. The set up of the booth was unsatisfactory since no one who signed up to help was present. **Bill Grolz** had to perform this task by himself. Take down of the booth was done rather quickly but the volunteers had to wait over four hours for dollies to move the booth parts to the transport site. The guild's supply of catalogs was given away to fair booth visitors and everyone is requested to start saving their old catalogs for next year. Model winners included: Bill Norris, Mike Lonnecker, Richard Gross, Jay MacMaster, and Robert Hewitt. **Log onto the guild's website for pictures of models and fair activity!**

New Business: Mike Lonnecker reported that planning for the NRG conference scheduled in San Diego October 6-8 is ongoing and **STRONGLY** urged members to register, especially for any additional program such as the day sail aboard *CALIFORNIAN*. (Ed note: registration is now online at www.thenrg.org From the "Home" page, click "NRG Events", then click "NRG 2016 Annual Conference in San Diego".) Mike reported that model and vender rooms will be open to the public. If a person submits a model the person does not need to pay for the conference.

Scuttlebutt and the Presentation Program will be suspended this edition.

Next meeting is

9 August 2016

5:30 PM- Social

5:30 Officer's Meeting

6:00 PM Meeting

Bring a Model!

Bring a Tale, Taller the Better!

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From the Helm

By Guild Master
Pete Jaquith

A short note to the membership,

I have long enjoyed my association with the San Diego Ship Model Guild and the willing assistance of master builders in developing my ship modeling skills. However, at this point I find that a combination of personal and business needs prevent me from contributing the time and energy required to effectively execute the position of SDSMG Guild Master.

As a result, I therefore find that at this time I must step down from the position of SDSMG Guild Master.

As some may be aware, I have been unable to pursue my ship modeling projects since returning to work in 2012. I hope to return to modeling in the future, but that option is not available to me at the present time. As time permits, I hope to attend selected meetings.

I wish the very best to the Guild and my many friends there,

Pete Jaquith

Guild Master

Show and Tell

(not so much tell in this edition but pictures are worth a thousand words)



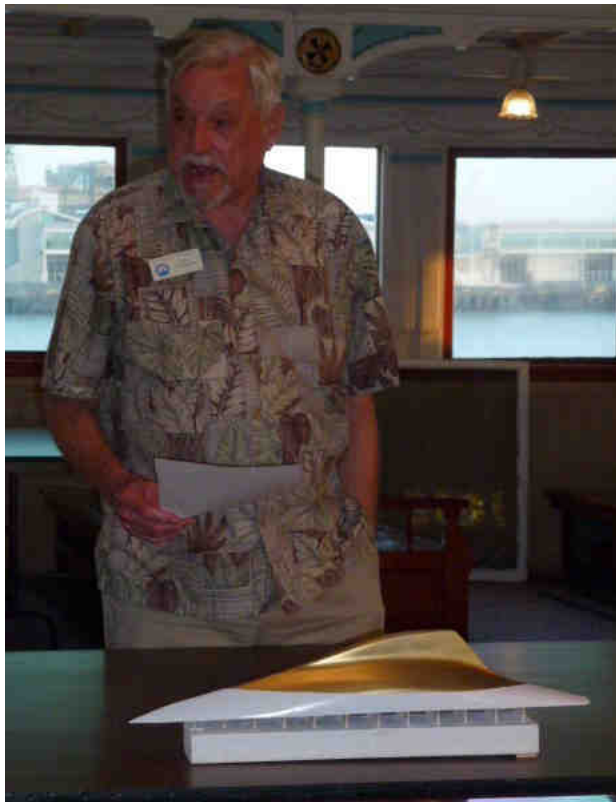
Bob Kyle speaks about building his half hull model of the 40 foot sloop *Nymph* as briefly discussed in the page 1 minutes. Scratch built, note the poplar and walnut construction with the cherry waterline.



Jon Sauvajot presents his WWII diorama, D-Day June 6, 1944—Omaha Beach. Here, Jon is speaking about his building process of the diorama. Jon then related some of his remarkable story as a youngster living in Normandy caught up in the events of that time. His story with pictures of the diorama is discussed further in the Presentation Program section of the July 2016 newsletter.

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***RAINBOW*, America's Cup Defender 1934 by John Wickman**

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Kit, Midwest Products Co., Inc.

John Wickman discusses his build of the *Rainbow* and offers the following commentary. The *RAINBOW* was a 12 meter (39.2') "J" class yacht, beam 6.4 meters (21') with a 65' mast of riveted aluminum and steel. Main boom could be curved to improve sail performance, and she carried 7,555 square feet of sail (excluding the spinnaker). She was challenged by the British "*Endeavour*" who won the first 2 races, then lost the next 4, and the challenge. The "*RAINBOW's*" skipper was Mr. Harold S. Vanderbilt, so I assume funding was no problem. The *RAINBOW* was scrapped in 1940.

The America's Cup was first sponsored by the Royal Yacht Squadron in 1851. The course was

from the south coast of England around the Isle of Mann, and of course won by the Yacht *AMERICA*, a replica of which is usually moored along side the Berkeley. *RAINBOW* was the 15th defender of the CUP. The USA successfully defended the cup until 1983 when Australia won, then USA, followed by New Zealand win 1995, defended in 2000, 2003, then Switzerland in 2007 & 2010, and then USA's *ORACLE* in 2013.

The plans are at points confusing, but very detailed in most aspects. This was a new experience for in attempting to produce a highly polished hull' The kit called to use *Hobbypoxy Formula #2 Epoxy Resin* which I could not find. I ended up using *MINWAX High Performance Wood Filler*, that use an Epoxy base. The working time was only about 5 minutes, but the result was fairly good in producing a fill material that sanded smooth. The water line I used the blue edging tape, which was removed immediately after spraying paint to prevent weeping of the paint under the tape.



**Isaac Wills presents his
ongoing modeling projects
as Bill Grolz and Mike
Lonnecker look on**

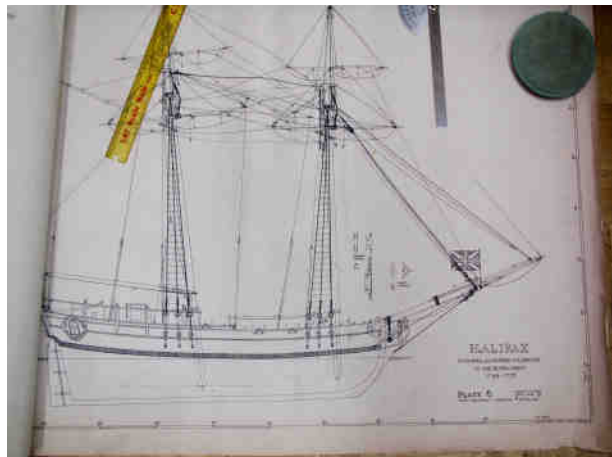
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Show and Tell continued -

HMS Halifax, Square Topsail Schooner

By Don Dressel

Don Dressel discusses his model of the schooner, *Halifax* as guild members look on. Some assembly required!



Don reported that he is in the process of trying to mast and rig the HALIFAX prior to the NRG Conference in San Diego so that he can bring a completed model (one of several). Don talked about the fact that he had turned all the spars and the main mast did tax the capability (capacity) of the Sherline Lathe - he has the long bed lathe which worked - the short one would not have worked. He also talked about the disparity of the plans supplied by Harold Hahn (see the photo attached of the ONLY plan for the masting and rigging). Therefore, he had to resort to research to try and determine the correct sizes of some of the items. The books were:

The Fore and Aft Rig in America by E.P. Morris

The Colonial Schooner 1763-1775 by harlod Hahn

The Schooner its Design and Development from 1600 to Present by David R. MacGregor

The Global Schooner Origins, Development, Design and Construction 1695-1845 by Karl Heinz Marquardt

Historic Ship Models by Wolfram zu Mondfeld