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BATTLESHIP, the modern equivalent of, and the name derived from, the older sailing ship of the line in battle. In general terms it is taken to refer to capital ships of a navy subsequent to the transition from wood to iron, and later steel, as the material of which they were built.

Oxford Companion to Ships & the Sea

MARCH MEETING, MARCH 18, 1983

We'll muster again on the Orlop Deck of the STAR OF INDIA. Our program will be "Problem Night." Bring your models and your modeling problems. One of the benefits of the Guild is a chance to learn from each other. Master Fraas and Mate Nilson inform us that we have a few items of business to take care of (see last Log inside). We will also finalize our plans for the Static Contest.

SOME BIG WEEKS AHEAD

- * Salute to the 12's and the America's Cup
- * NEW JERSEY comes to San Diego
- * Our Annual Static Contest

Details on these events inside, plus . . .

Log of February Meeting
"From the Crow's Nest"
Our youngest Modeler of the Month
1983 Roster
"Boat Talk"

LOG OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Our new Guild Master called us to order and briefly explained how he hoped to conduct meetings. Several announcements were made. *** John Woodard will be entering the hospital soon and will be out of action for several weeks. A card was passed around for greetings. *** Bill Benson sent word that a client is looking for a riverboat model. *** A reminder was issued to 'Re-up' memberships. *** Who was interested in ESSEX class carriers? *** The FUN HIKE CENTER at 4689 Convoy has free metal, bolt together racks from crates, free for the asking. They are located across from West Coast Hobbies.

A sign-up form for frequencies was passed around so we can have a list of who is on what frequency and to help people in the future to select frequencies.

The assembled members approved the institution of a Junior Achievement Award to recognize superior achievement and potential in a junior modeler. This will be voted on annually at the January meeting. The recipient will receive a one year membership in the Guild, a paid one year membership on the Maritime Museum, and a suitable framed certificate. Dave Manly (our featured Modeler this Month) was voted our first honoree. This action was followed by a decision to have a junior membership for \$1 a year for modelers up to 18 years old.

Under New Business, a proposal was made to compile a group(s) picture for our newsletter. We will begin taking pictures of groups of 15-20 or so in front of the STAR in April. *** Roy Nilson also presented an idea for a club bulletin board and for a door prize drawing each meeting. *** An idea for name tags was presented for discussion. Everyone said they would wear one, and the idea was referred to our next meeting. *** Requests for Modeler of the Month nominations were also solicited.

For Show and Tell, Vic Crosby demonstrated some examples of how to use copper wire for miniature models.

The highlight of the evening was a special presentation by Eric Speth, Chief Mate of the PRIDE OF BALTIMORE. Eric shared some slides of their trip so far, answered technical questions about the ship, and had us all enthralled with his knowledge and with the PRIDE by evening's end.

MODELS PRESENT (information as supplied by modelers)

Vic Crosby - Tuna Clipper in a bottle, 4 3/16" long.

Albert (who) Lheureux - ST PAUL (CA 73), 1/8" heavy cruiser which is 7' 1/4" long.

It is a scratch built, fiberglass hull, R/C, and has just been started.

Fred Fraas - S.S. UNITED VICTORY, a WWII VC-3, scale 1/16" to the foot for 29"

overall. This 60% complete model is a solid hull, scratch built display model.

Fred Fraas - S.S. ESSO TRENTON, WWII tanker, in same scale as S.S. UNITED VICTORY, 35" long, but only the hull is done.

Roy Nilson - LONG BEACH, a tug in 5/16"=1' scale for a 31" length. It is a scratch built, solid hull model for R/C. It is 2/3 done with a new deck house being built with styrene.

John McDermott - USS SAN DIEGO, light cruiser in 1/6"=1' for a 32" overall length.

A scratch built static model that is 50% complete.

Bill Kelly-Fleming - HURRICANE BIRD, a Baltimore trading brigantine of 1854. In an unknown miniature scale, this was his first wooden model from twelve years ago.

STATIC DISPLAY CONTEST

Our fourth annual Static Display Model Contest will be held aboard the ferry BERKELEY on Saturday, April 2. Entry fees have been set at a \$2.50 per entry or collection. Models need to be on board by 0900 on Saturday. The rules are posted below.

Bill Fenson is in charge of the contest and needs volunteers to take watches both Saturday and Sunday. Those who wish can keep their models on display through Sunday. We will have more details on our needs and on the contest at our meeting on Friday.

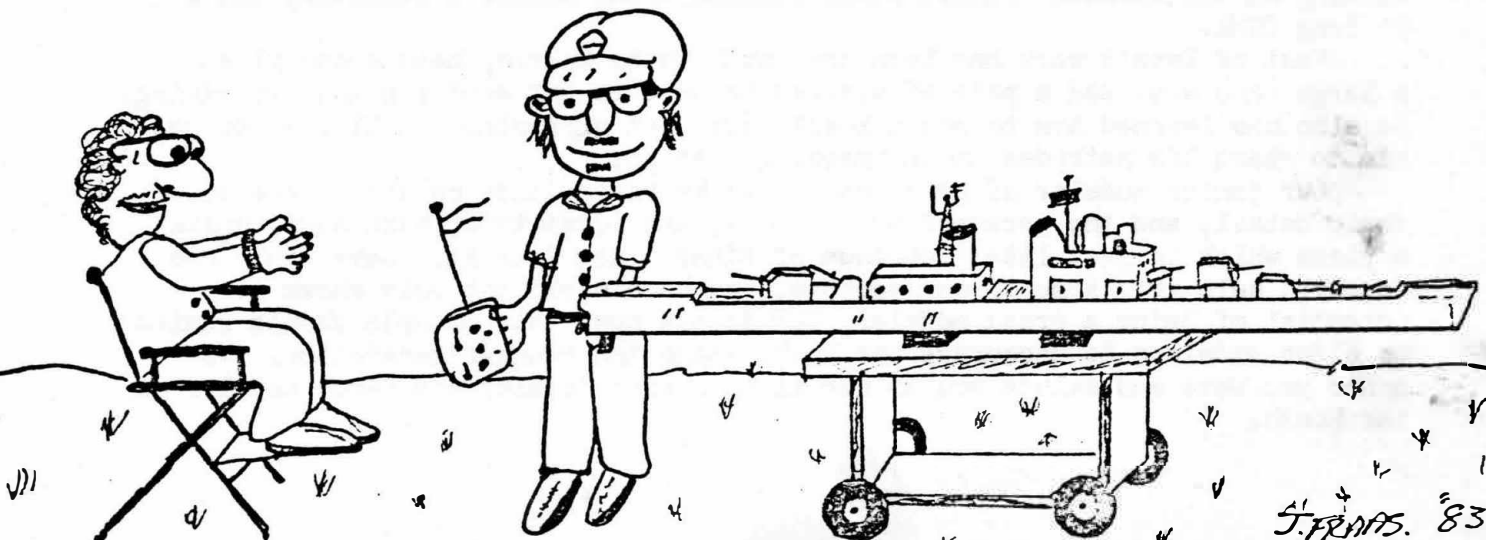
CONDUCT OF STATIC DISPLAY COMPETITION

1. Static Display only. Models which have the ability to operate may be entered, but they will be judged on the static display criteria only.
2. The competition will take place aboard the BERKELEY at the Maritime Museum.
3. Awards will be given for the first 3 places in the following categories:
 - Over all
 - Sail
 - Power (merchant, civil, pleasure)
 - Power (Naval)
 - Plastic
4. Judges will be selected by the Guild competition committee. Judges shall not have entries in the competition.
5. The competition will be open to all comers.
6. Judging will be based on the following major criteria:
 - Documentation
 - Accuracy of scale
 - Finish and appearance

With the exception of Documentation, the judging criteria is felt to be self explanatory. Documentation, however, covers a multitude of sins, and very well could be the determining factor in consideration for top awards. Of course, the ideal documentation would consist of the original lines for the prototype, the ships history from conception to scrap, original drawings for ships equipment, and photos/pictures etc. depicting the prototype. The ideal is impossible. Most ships of historical nature existed before photography, the drawings have been destroyed, or are for numerous reasons unobtainable, and history may be limited to one liners in books on a larger subject. Since ideal is impossible in the vast majority of models, the judging will be based on the best available documentation which can range from simply kit plans and drawings to the above described ideal.

BOAT TALK.

Yes, Albert, "PRIDE OF POWAY" has a nice ring to it, but who's gonna believe it was a WWII Heavy Cruiser?"



MODELER OF THE MONTH

** DAVE MANLY **

by Bill Kelly-Fleming

At our February meeting it was decided to institute an annual Junior Achievement Award to recognize superior achievement and potential in ship modeling by a junior modeler. Our first well deserving recipient is a 17 year old modeler who has been modeling since he was 5 years. His entry in our last regatta was of the upcoming visitor to San Diego, the battleship NEW JERSEY. Our special modeler for the month of March is Dave Manly.

When Dave was but a lad of five he saw a box with a car on it and wanted it. His mom explained that this particular car had to be put together. Not to be deterred, he said he still wanted the car and would build it. The model was purchased, and with mom's help, he built it to begin a modeling hobby that has already reached into hundreds, perhaps a thousand models. These have included some cars and army vehicles, planes, trains, and ships. At the young age of 9, he began concentrating on planes, and moved on to trains and their related models at about 12. By now he had graduated from just plastic to building some of the model railroad items in balsa.

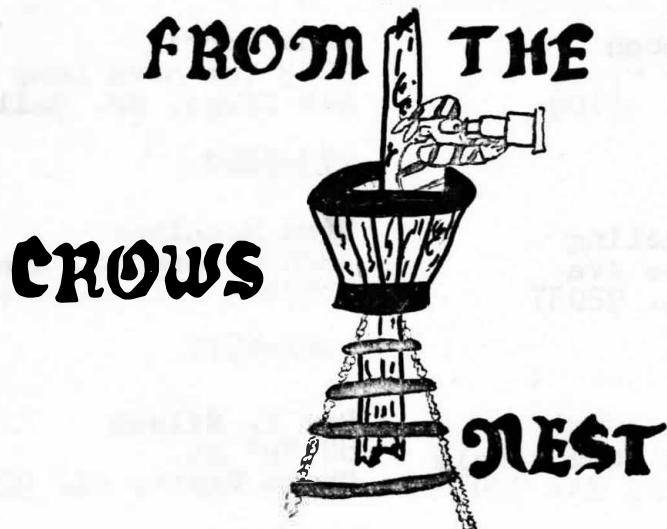
When Dave reached the ripe old age of 13, he began building ship models in earnest, often putting motors in them. These included an Essex class YORKTOWN by Lindberg in which he put in a hager deck compltet with planes with folded wings. He saw someone with a balsa kit and ran out and got the Sterling kit of the MISSOURI which he equiped with R/C. He later began to convert this model to a 1/8" heavv cruiser.

He has worked on several other models including a 1/16" YAMATO and 1/16" SARATOGA. By now we have all heard of or seen his 9' long NEW JERSEY, which he has since sold, and at last report could be seen in the window of West Coast Hobbies. Most of his ship models have been R/C and of the WWII Pacific conflict. He is working on a 1:350 static model of the YAMATO, and what he calls his most exciting project to date, a 1/8" scale, 9' long YAMATO. This current effort will call for 200 pounds of ballast, including four 12V-20 amp hour batteries amd four 6V motors. He should be able to run for a while on those! He started the larger YAMATO on his 17th birthday, October 8th. At the regatta he heard of plans for a commercial YAMATO hull, so he decided he had to get his built before it came out!

With the proceeds from his NEW JERSEY he purchased the LONG BEACH that Beetch Harris started, the only exception to his WWII era vessels. At least is is completed enough that he can get it in the water while finishing it and working on the YAMATO. Future plans include a SAN DIEGO, a SARATOGA, and a 9' long IOWA.

Most of Dave's work has been done with Xacto knives, needlenose plier, a large hand saw, and a pair of sissors he uses to cut anything and everything. He also has learned how to mould small parts out of resin. We'll have to get him to share his methodes at an upcoming meeting.

Our junior modeler of honor says that he has settled on ships because of their detail, and the personality, history, and identity of each ship, unlike a plane which is just like thousands of others just like it. Dave Manly has received help from some of our members, and he himself not only shows the potential of being a great modeler, but is one now. His example should remind us older modelers to encourage our hobby among the younger generation. We honor you Dave and salute you as our first Junior Modeler and March Modeler of the Month.



Aye Mates, a large ship is on our horizon. It matches the silhouette on the front of our newsletter, and is due to be in our fair port on April 1-3. Joining the ranks of recent visitors from Baltimore and Buckingham Palace, this leviathan hails from Long Beach and is named for the state of NEW JERSEY. With a big "62" on her bow, she will be berthed at North Island. Unfortunately for you battleship buffs, if you do not already have tickets to visit her, this newsletter will arrive too late to help you out.

Your logkeeper reports a lot of activity about. We've got our contest coming up (article elsewhere), on April the 2nd (that's Easter weekend). On

Saturday the 26th of March around midday will be the be the race of the 12's. From my lookout, I see FREEDOM and the new LIBERTY working out with SPIRIT OF AMERICA on the sidelines. While FREEDOM was out hauled, I spied Dennis Conner having a lot of fun sailing close by RENDEZVOUS and up the Shelter Island Channel with her tow boats on pursuit! I have an unconfirmed report that this year's CREW CLASSIC on Mission Bay is to be April 2.

Our newsletter has a temporary different appearance this month. With John out of action, we are without the services of Essex Corp for word processing and printing. My spouse, Aurora Selenian, helped with the typing thankfully, as I had a few curves thrown to me at work this week and I wasn't sure how I was going to get this out. John reports that the surgery went well, and that recovery, while slow is coming along fine. We all hope to see him out and around soon.

We've resumed our Modeler of the Month feature, which took a back seat while I've weathered some stormy seas the past few months. Now that I'm almost back on an even keel, I hope to get together some other articles I've been working on.

In my spy-glass I've up another rumor on the horizon. There is a possibility that the CALIFORNIAN will be built right here in San Diego. If so, it will be built the same way the PRIDE OF BALTIMORE was, in the open so the public can watch its progress.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 19-20 STAR OF INDIA Auxillary Rummage Sale
- 26 Salute to the 12 Meters, racing between the STAR and Tom Ham's

APRIL

- Sails bent onto STAR
- 1-3 NEW JERSEY in Port
- 2 Static Ship Model Contest aboard the BERKELEY

SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS' GUILD
March 1983

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*	Meetings:	3rd Friday of each month, 8:00 pm aboard the Bard <u>STAR OF</u>		*
*		<u>INDIA</u> , on the Orlop Deck.		*
*	Membership:	Dues for Members of the San Diego Maritime Museum and		*
*		anyone living outside San Diego County- \$7.50. Non-Museum		*
*		Members - \$15.00. After July 31, 1982 dues are 1/2 for the		*
*		remainder of the year.		*
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