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АБВГДЕЁЖЗИЙКЛ

Yes, it's Russian! What does it mean?...I don't know, but if you come to the next meeting you can ask Bob Wright, as he tells us by words and slides about his recent trip to the USSR (CCCP).

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Your editor was there in 1944 aboard the Liberty Ship Andrew Turnbull. Spent my 17 th birthday at the White sea port of Molotovsk. We unloaded GMC army type 10 wheelers, locomotive steam generators (5 foot gauge), jeeps, track, food etc. The Russian workers told us that all of this material was built in Moscow and we were only transporting it for them. The jeeps, we were told, were built in the Ural Mountains. Things haven't changed, the mis-information continues with a question put to Bob by the young lady tourist guide...why did America wait till 3 weeks before the end of WW 2 to enter the war! What was Bob's answer?...find out on Sept. 19 th, 8:00 PM.

Another sad note to pass on....John Woodard left us on Aug. 12 th. John was a past Guild Master and Ret Navy 3dr who gave talks on the operation of steam. John also made lost wax castings of some of the best ship fittings I have ever seen.

Working plans are being drawn for approval for work benches and cabinets in the model shop on the Berkeley. I received a letter from Bob Crawford, the Curator of Models, which appears on the last page of the Newsletter.

Did you know, Balsa wood is considered a hard wood.

WELCOME ABOARD!

New members

Our Guild is now 104 members strong, so lets welcome aboard ...Douglas BIELER, Walter JACOBSEN, Lewis Johnson, (Lew was #100), John KIRK, Norman WHIAIT and Leonard WINE. Have you noticed the Stars bow is two feet higher than the stern on meeting nights. With all the new members we may have to meet amidships to keep our balance.

John Sanford Woodard

Memorial services for John Sanford Woodard, 48, of Point Loma, will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow in St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Merkley Mitchell Mortuary is in charge. He died Tuesday in a hospital of cancer.

Mr. Woodard, a native of Washington, D.C., lived in the county 46 years. He was a 1960 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

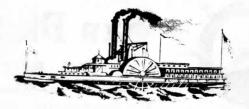
Survivors include his wife, Raquel, a daughter, Melissa, and his mother, Marion Nixon, both of San Diego; and a brother, William of Palos Verdes. The family suggested donations to UNICEF or the American Cancer Society.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Browne







LOG OF THE AUGUST 1986 MEETING

Guildmaster Doug McFarland opened the meeting by calling on Bill Kelly-Fleming to offer a prayer for John Woodard, past Guild Master. John had passed away earlier in the week after a long bout with cancer. His memorial service earlier this afternoon was attended by several of our members. The membership approved a \$50 donation to the Cancer Society in memory of John.

A welcome was extended to eight first-timers: John Kirk, Walt Jacobson, Douglas Bieler, Daniel and Carol Ann LePage, Nancy and Norman Hiatt, and Len Wine.

Logkeeper Kelly-Fleming read portions of correspondence from PRIDE OF BALTIMORE, INC., and Bill Dodge who wrote of a small group of modelers forming a a group in the Inland Empire (Riverside/San Bernadino).

New business included a discussion on a frequency roster update and encouragement for operators to fly frequency flags.

Bob Crawford gave an update on the model shop and solicited interested members to staff the shop on Satyrdays. About nine people showed an interest. The Model Shop could be a club house for the Guild and it currently serves as a depository for our files and catalogues. Also needed are modelers interested in working on restorations. Bob is also looking for 1)someone qualified to do appraisals in San Diego or is there enough need to bring someone down form L.A.; 2)access to plans for a museum model of the U.S.S. WASP; 3)person or persons interested in working on three models of the Euterpe a)on building ways, b)early sailing days; c)as cannery ship.

One of Bruce Jamieson's 727 models was brought forth. Reports are it takes about 25-30 hours to build these paper models and minor corrections are needed in the instructions.

SHOW AND TELL:

Doug Smay - Operating fin stabilizers for his N.S. SAVANAH (1/96 scale).

Doug McFarland - HOTSPUR with all foremast yards now complete.

Bill Kelly-Fleming - SAN DIEGO PILOT, 1:64 scale scratch, 98% complete.

Model being built for museum. PILOT was built in 1914 by Rask of San Diego.

AFTER THE MEETING, WE SIGNED ON OUR 100th MEMBER!

WANT ADS

Need a steam engine for a 25" tugboat. Contact Wes Magnuson /redacted/

FOR SALE

- 1. Miller Air Compressor and air brush kit, hardly used, \$45.
- 2. 12 Meter hull, mast, and boom. 6' long and high. From Dennis Connor's family. \$200.

Concact Bill Kelly-Fleming /redacted/

WANTED

Modelers to work on restorations and repairs. Especially needed is someone to do minimal repairs on a small FLYING CLOUD model. Call Bill Kelly-Fleming (/redacted/) or Bob Crawford (/redacted/) if interested.

Volunteer modelers needed to repair models donated to the museum. These could be done by our docent corps on Saturdays. Again talk to Bob or Bill.

MODEL SHOP - SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS:

There seems to be enough interest to staff the Museum Model Shop on Saturday afternoons. Nine people signed up at our last meeting and others are still welcome. You can work on your own model or repair one of the models donated to the museum. Bob

Crawford will set up a training session for ship modeler docents in the near future and then make out a "watch list" for those interested. This is a great opportunity to use the shop and meet a lot of interesting people while sharing our hobby. Contact Bob if you'd like to join up. (/redacted/).



Er, what was that wake which separated the seafarers from the landlubbers at our last meeting? Quick investigation revealed it was the LUCILLE (ex - AMERICAN ENTERPRISE) returning to port. After numerous complaints around the bay, the captain informs me he is now cutting back to lessen the disturbance..

I was privilaged to ride on the LUCILLE on August 30 while performing a wedding. She goes 23 knots which does get a little bumpy, especially on the way back. I at least enjoyed the trip. A few weeks ago the S.S. CATALINA broke from her mooring and now is safely docked in the inner harbor of Ensenada.

Cruise ship season is about to return, so here is a list of those scheduled to call here:

AZURE SEAS

SOCIETY EXPLORER

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PACIFIC PRINCESS

STAR DANCER

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SUN PRINCESS

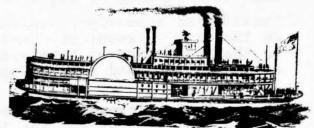
My scheduling did not work out for me to attend the Nautical Research Guild's meetin in Boston, but my 24 hours there will enable me to join the meeting of th CONSTITUTION Modeler's Guild on October 7. I'll take our Guild's greetings.

I have recently received quite a packet from Sea Heritage Foundation pushing membership. They have several great deals going, and are a good source of nautical lore. See me for a sample.

THIS MONTH'S TRIVA QUESTION

What do these five persons have in common?

JAMES BUCHANAN EADS LOUIS JOLLIET JAQUES MARQUETTE HENRY MILLER SHREVE MARK TWAIN



Answer:

All were the inaugural inductees of the new National Rivers Hall of Fame in Dubuque, Iowa. EADS was a pioneer in river engineering and maritime salvage techinques.

JOLLIET and MARQUETTE discovered and explored the Mississippi River in 1673.

SHREVE designed and built the first western style steamboat TWAIN was the great steam boat pilot and writer.

The installation ceremonies were held May 3, 1986. A members form appears elsewhere in the issue.

Thanks to the USS Constitution Model Shipwright Guild of New England for the information printed below.

Here's a wood finishing tip for those of you like myself that prefer to finish their models in a natural wood finish. If excess glue squeezes out over that portion of wood which is to be stained or otherwise finished, immediately remove the excess glue with a Q-tip or other absorbing material such as damp chamois, small pieces of sponge, etc. Then scrub over the affected area with a barely damp toothbrush to remove glue from the wood pores. Secondly, if you intend to use any waterbased stains, it is necessary to raise the wood grain by dampening the area to be stained with hot water (not enough water of course to get into the seams and loosen up the glue joint)...and be sure to use only DISTILLED hot water. Most areas of the country have enough iron in the water to cause blue stains to appear in any wood containing tannic acid such as oak, walnut, cherry, etc. Do NOT use steel wool...use only fine sandpaper with very little pressure, almost a buffing stroke. waterbased aniline dyes are some of the easiest stains to apply without streaks or uneveness, it is important that you know this application tip. Do not use alcohol base analine dyes for general staining. They are for touching up and refinishing small areas due to the fact that they do not apply evenly over large areas. Thanks to Erich Bruegmann, Niles, MI, for this bit of research. PS...use only distilled water kept in plastic containers, not any which has been in a metal container!

I just received the 1987 catolog from THE WOODWORKERS' STORE full of tools, saw blades etc...best of all was the selection of hard woods and veneers which are very usefull in our model work.

Next month I will have info on a new magazine called SCALE WOOD CRAFT. It contains articles on ships as well as wood carving birds, small furnature, cannons and on and on. I subscribe and would nt miss an issue.

Speaking of subscriptions...Scale Ship Modeler is offering a 42% saving on the next 9 issues for just \$16.95. For any members who do not subscribe to the model mags, I have some blanks. My be the editors of the three mags will read this and send me some subscription forms.

Thanks to Lew Johnson for the Hagar cartoon on the front page. No I havn't run out of cartoons yet but I though you needed a change. Maybe Lheureux can build a radio control version of Hagar's raft.

A standing request newsletter items...any members, new or old may send me nautical news, model hints, want ads or items for sale...I'm waiting.

A little humor is good for the soul, so read the following from a church paper.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon.

A bean supper will be held Saturday evening in the church basement. Music will follow.

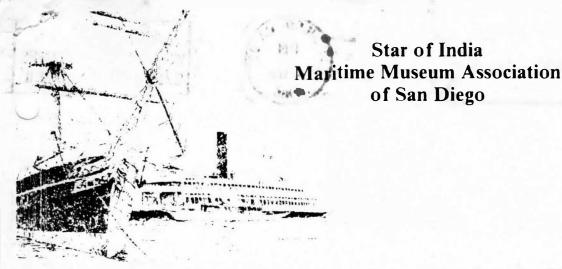


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Gentlemen,

I was pleased with the sign-up at the last Guild meeting for the Maritime Museum Model Shop/Ship Model Guild Docent program. It was a good start.

If those of you who have signed up or are interested in manning the Model shop aboard the Berkeley on an occasional Saturday afternoon, please attend our introdution meeting, Saturday September 20, 1986 at 1:00 PM. We will assign dates and hours for manning the shop and have a look at the Museum operation so that each of you can answer most visitors questions.

If you have any questions or comments please contact me at the Museum (/redacted/) during business hours or at home (/redacted/) any other time. See you Saturday

Sincerly,

Bob Crawford Curator of Models

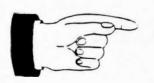
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3 rd Friday of each month, 8;00 P.M. aboard the bark STAR OF INDIA on the

Orlop Deck.

MEMBERSHIP:

Dues are \$10.00 yearly. After July the dues are $\frac{1}{2}$ for the rest of the year. We highly encourage all to join the S.D. Maritime Museum.



MEETINGS:

