

San Diego Ship Modelers Guild

SAN DIEGO, CA 92020

UP COMING RECATTAS

FRIDAY- August 18th is meeting night.

If you are unable to bring a model for show and tell; (after all this is what we are all about)— Just before you leave your work shop, give it a once over if you can't bring the whole model, bring parts of it or even the blue print, we all enjoy seeing what our fellow Quild members are into. How many of us are building the same probl-model? How many of you want to know a better way or short out? Who's done -what before, now that I'm stuck on it—today?

Remember last years swap meet? Would you be interested in another one this year? Lets kick it around at the meeting.....

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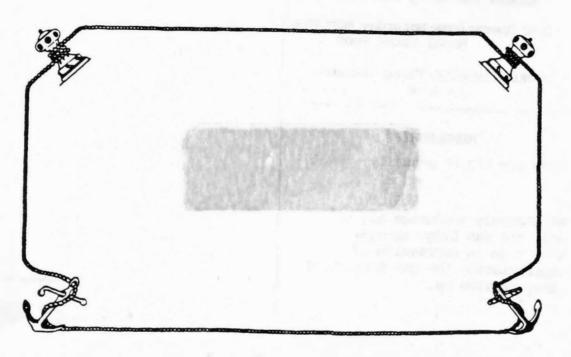
A. TASK FORCE 96
September 3, 1989
at Cerritos National Park
For information write:
Task Force 96
5866 Orange Ave. #3
Long Beach, CA 9080

B. 1989 Colden Cate Scale
Community— Sept. 16-17,1989
9:00 AM
Spreckle Lake,
Colden Cate Park, San Francisco
For información contact
H.L. Davall
27775 Melbourne Ave.
Hayword, CA 94544
PH. (415) 785-3195
10:00am to 2:00pm PST

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SAN DIEGO SHIP MODELERS GUILD OFFICERS FOR 1989

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

MEETINGS—Third Friday of month 7:30 PM social 8:00 PM meeting

STATIC WORKSHOP-Every other
Tues. 7:00 to 9:00PM
aboard the ferry Berkeley

R/C Operations-Saturday mornings
Model Yacht Pond

ANNUAL RECATTA-Third weekend in June

MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$10.00 annually

We strongly encourage all to join the San Diego Maritime Museum as an expression of appreciation for the facilities they provide us.

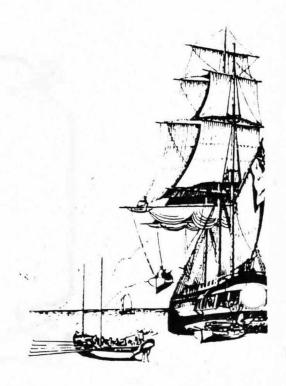
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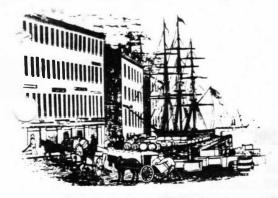
In 1898 a scruppling author named Morgan Robertson corrected a rovel about a fabulous Atlantic liner, far larger than any that had ever been built. Robertson loaded his ship with rich and complacent people and then wreded it one cold April night on an incherg. This somehow showed the futility of everything, and in fact, the book was called Futility when it appeared that year, published by the firm of M.F. Mansfield.

Fourteen years later a British shipping company named the White Star Line built a steemer remerkably like the one in Robertson's novel. The new liner was 66,000 tons displacement: Robertson's was 70,000 tons. The real ship was 882.5 feet long; the fictional one was 800 feet. Both vessels were triple screw and could make 24-25 knots. Both could carry about 3000 people, and both had enough lifebouts for only a fraction of this number. But, then, this didn't seem to matter because both were labeled "unsinkable."

On April 10,1912, the real ship left Southempton on her maiden voyage to New York. Her cargo included a priceless copy of the Ribsiyat of Other Kheyyam and a list of passengers collectively worth \$250 million dollars. On her way over she too struck an inches and went down on a cold April night.

Robertson called his ship the Titan; the White Star Line called its ship the Titanic.





NOIES FROM THE JULY MEETING

by Doug Stray

The July meeting was the annual Guild birthday party aboard the SIFR OF INDIA (birthday number 18 if memory serves!), and a good time was had by all. The weather cooperated perfectly and it was a beautiful night on the weather deck of the grand old ship. The city was ablaze with lights to port, the wind was a warm, gentle breeze, the moon left a path across the bay to starboard and there was plenty of good food, good drink and good fellowship. We missed those of you who were unable to make it.

Since there was no meeting in the usual sense there are no notes to pass along. However there have been a few other newsworthy events which have taken place in the past month. On Saturday, July 15th, the Maritime Museum and University Town Center (UTC) put on a display at the shapping center. Our Quild was represented by Drug McFarland, Bob Willis, Joe Bongersiero and Jay McMaster. Doug brought his models of Atlantis, Santa Maria, and Hotspur. Bob brought two tugs, one electric govered and one live stemer plus his model of Seguin. Joe brought his excellent model of the exact carrier Strumook Bay, and Jay brought his model of HMS Dolphin. All in all a rather impressive list of fine models from our Quild. Doug reports that there were lots of people on the mall on a typical busy Saturday and quite a lot of interest was shown in the models and the other nautical displays.

On a less happy note, it was learned that we are losing another one of our most stalwart members. Albert L'Haureux is moving to Secramento during the first week in August to pursue business opportunities there. A member of our club virtually since its fording Albert will be sorely missed. A list of his many projects and accomplishments would fill most of this newsletter. A few that come to mind include his fabulous model of U.S.S. MISBURI, BB-63 which is now on permerent display in the Maritime Museum, and his well known model of the "Love Boat" that twice took first place at our annual regatta as well a other regattas. Or how about Al's Viking ship that featured Viking rowers and chants? Then there was the PT hoat that flew around the model yacht basin laying down its own stoke screen! And Jules Verns' MILITIES, one of the earliest operating submerines to be seen at the model yacht basin. Then there was Al's

Rattlesnake, the first radio controlled, full-rigged ship to be seen at the pund. There were others of course, including Al's world war II heavy cruiser U.S.S. ST. PAIL, CA-73 which even now is being refurbished in order that it can serve as the operational center piece for a reunion of the crew to be held in Houston this coming October. In addition to the many fine models of his own, Al has been very generous in helping fellow Quild members with their projects. The most recent example of this being Bob Crawfords outstanding model of U.S.S. WASP,CVA-18, which is also on display in the Maritime Missouri.

We will miss his fine work and sound advice, his sense of humor and friendly smile, and of course his French Canadian accent. The pond will not be the same without you Albert! We wish you well. Smooth sailing and following sees! Come back and see us whenever you can.

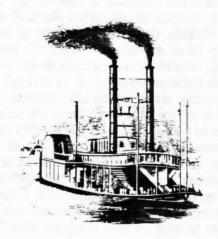
Doug McFarland organized as fairwell party for Albert and his wife Suzanne at the model yacht basin on Saturday, July 29. Mike Dory's wife baked a cake decreated with a sailing ship. There was punch and coffee and about 30 of Al's friends from the modeling community. The L'Heureux's have rented a house on the corner of Freon and Gloria streets in Sacramento (he has promised to send us the address). Al will be moving there right away, with Suzanne following in a few weeks when sale of their home in Poway has been completed.

As if that were not enough sad news, it has been learned that our resident cartonist, Roy Nilson is also planning to relocate in the not too distant future. Roy is considering buying about 50 acres of land in Arizona, near the small town of Berson. The property is at an elevation where the heat is not too bad. It already has two houses and a barn on it and is bordered on one side by a river. There aren't many hubby stops in the area according to Roy, and most of the ones that are there cater mostly to make train buffs, but he figures with the river, his mail order contacts and about 60 munds of Bondo he should be alright! Roy hasn't closed the deal yet so there may still be time to talk him out of it. He did sound pretty determined when I spoke to him however, so it looks like we may have to add his name to that of Bill Kelly Jr. and Albert L'Heureux on the list of old standby members that we have lost in the past two years.

For those of you who may have missed, it the International Plastic Modelers Scriety held its annual meeting and competition at the Town and Country Hotel in Mission Valley over the weekend of July 22 & 23. There were entries in several fields including ships, planes, cars, military vehicles (tanks, etc.) and military figures (people and horses, etc.). The number of entries was very impressive and the4 level of detail was in some cases absolutely mind-hoppeling. Judges went around with tiny flashlights and magnifying glasses in order not to miss anything! If you ever have an opportunity to see one of these shows it is well worth the time and the \$3.00 to do so.

Some of you may soon be receiving information in the mail pertaining to a new nautical magazine which will begin publication in January, 1990. I received a request last Pebruary from the magazines publisher, Jim Raines for a copy of our clubs mailing list so that pronotional materials could be sent to all members. Farlier this month(July) I received additional information about the magazine, which I am passing along to Mike for inclusion in this issue of the reveletter if space permits. For anyone interested I will have additional copies of this material, including subscription rates at the August meeting. The following synopsis of the magazines objectives is taken from their flyer.

"SPANS is a himonthly publication directed to the model shipwright, marine historian, and anyone interested in historic ships and crafts. It gives ample contractin details, ship plans, protographs, histories and thorough research on ships and crafts significant to American maritime history. These include early exploration vessels, freighters, whalers, tugs, down easters, junks, naval ships and crafts, river boats, California clippers, ferries, island craft, classic boats and yachts, fishing boats, lumber schooners, etc."



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Applying decals is easy and with a little practice, you can get professional results. You'll need a few simple hotby tools including a shallow bowl for water, sharp knife blades and hardle, straight edge ruler, tweezers, small paint brush, paper towel and decal setting solution.

Most menufacturers have specific instructions for applying their decals so be sure to read them first! To avoid damage, work on only one side of the model at a time and let the decals dry for several hours before working on the other side.

For lest appearance, decals must be triumed as close to the lettering as possible. Use the straight edge ruler to guide your knife while outting.

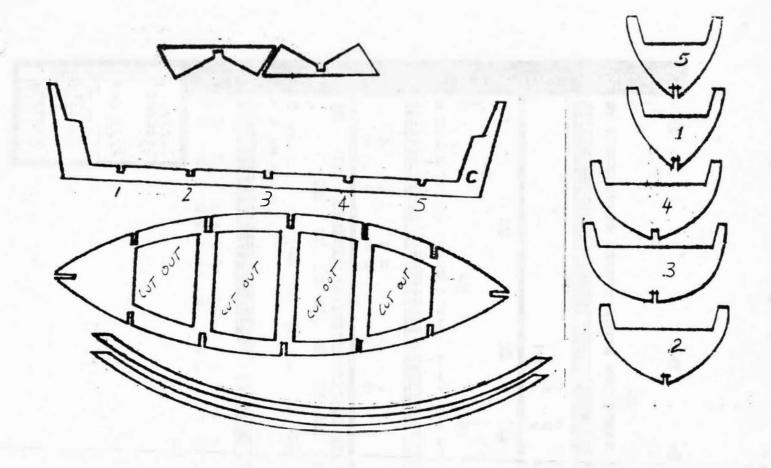
The adhesive which holds the decal on the model is activated by water. (Follow the menufacturer's instructions for scaking the decals.) When the decal slides easily from the backing paper, it's ready to apply. Most sets include a diagram showing the correct placement of the lettering on the prototype or model.

Wet the surface where the decal is to be place and slide the decal into position. Make sure it's straight and gently remove the excess water with the paper towel. If you accidently move the decal, put a few drops of water on it and reposition.

Let the decal dry for a few minutes, then cover the surface with decal setting solution. This softens the film so it grips the surface and stretches over details.

DO NOT TOUCH the decal while the solution is working. The decal film will wrinkle, but it will flatten out as the setting solution dries. When completely dry, you may notice tiny bubbles or white spots, especially near rivets, hinges or other details. These are pockets of air where the decal did not adhere. Cently slit the bubble with a sharp knife and apply some setting solution to eliminate them.

After the decals have dried for 24 hours, gently wash any excess adhesive off the model. A final coat of dull varnish, such as Hobsoo DDV, Testors Dull Coat or Floquil Flat Finish should be sprayed on the model to hide the film and protect the decals. Those left-over decals will be handy for other models. Store them in a cool, dry place.



SOMETHING FROM THE CALLEY

Here's scrething for you brombli lovers, a quick and easy casserole.

HUILLI CASSFRUE

Serves 6 to 8

op onions, drapped

6 tablesprons butter or margerine

1 10 cz. pky frozen brombli, chaped

1 10 cz. can cream of mushroom soup

18 oz. jar Cheez Whiz

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Saute onions in butter. Add broomli and simmer until tender. Add remaining ingredients and heat until smooth. Pour into casserole dish and bake hour at 350 degrees or until coust forms on top.

