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## Party Time!!!



September saw our Guild anniversary celebration (actually, the *anniversary* is in August, but Jon isn't), and nearly two dozen revelers sat to break bread (pizza, really) with their fellows. We were also graced by the presence of member wives Sema, Kelly, Mary Ann, and Eileen. A delicious repast from Filippi's Pizza, a commemorative cake for the occasion, fine company, and a live presentation from Don



Dressel rounded out a pleasant *soiree* aboard the *Berkeley*. Extensive photo coverage of the event may be found further on, but this issue is also agape at the prospect of a first-of-its-kind from Guild Master Guy! Turn the page to see what it is...



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It's our first *illustrated* "From the Quarterdeck" from Guy!

## From the Quarterdeck by the Guild Master

Greetings, Guild! October brings out the fall season with ghosts and the Powder Monkey sneaking about, but this modeler is drawn to the tale of Tam O'Shanter's pursuit of a young, pretty witch named Nannie who wears only a skimpy cutty sark. Tam narrowly escapes by the tail of his mare Maggie. Here's a photo of **Howard Griffus'** own *Cutty Sark*, the hand-carved figurehead depicting Nannie grasping ole Maggie's tail.



## Jon Sanford "Swizzles"



The September meeting brought a unique "swizzle stick challenge" from Purser **Jon Sanford** to the assembled members: Jon returned from a cruise with several wooden cocktail swizzle sticks that resemble a certain nautical implement, and he believes there are endless creative possibilities in hand. Being judgmental by nature, Jon is prepared to evaluate entries from Guild members in a special contest and will award prizes at the November meeting.

## Talk the Plank

October's meeting will feature a continuation of an open discussion about planking and other ship building challenges led by **Don Dressel**. An effort is underway to add some voice amplification to the discussion so, bring your models and expertise to the meeting and chime in! Show & Tell will also be conducted at the meeting so bring a project for that, too! Until then:

**Be well in calm seas with a fair wind,**

**Guy Lawrie**

## The Meeting of September 13, 2022

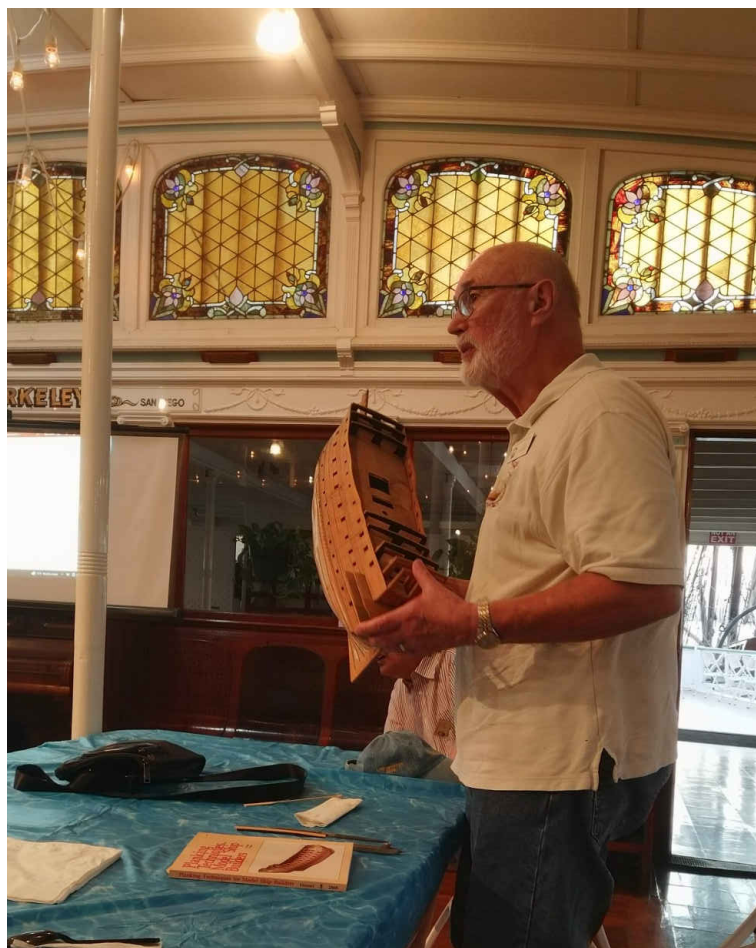
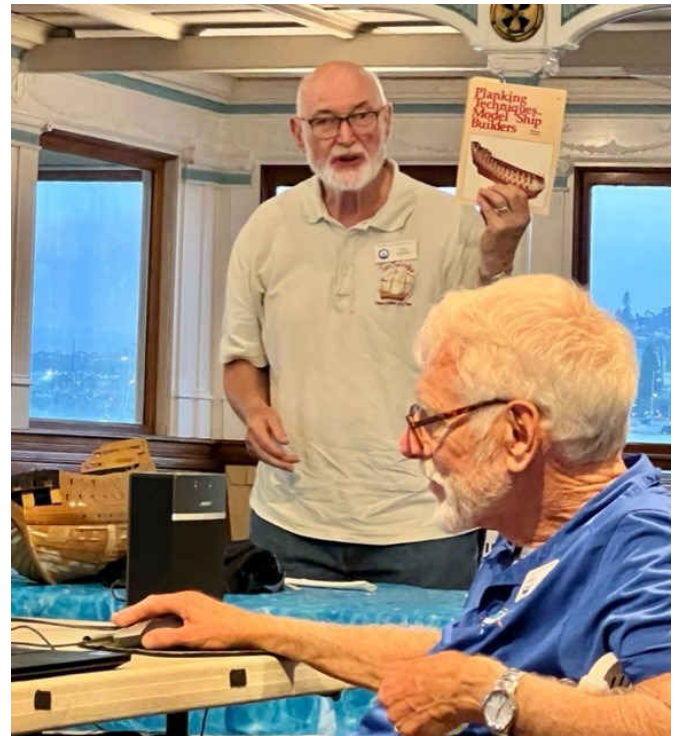
This month's meeting was a special celebratory session observing the Guild's fifty-first anniversary. Members **Art Arroyo, Don Bienvenue, Bob Costa, Kent Cross, Frank Dengler, Don Dressel, Tom Hairston, Guy Lawrie, Chuck Seiler, James Pitt, Alex Roel, Jon Sanford, Chris Sullivan, John Walsh, Doug Yumoto,** and Powder Monkey **Karl Zingheim** arrived for the celebrations, as well as ship modeler **Steve Miller**. Due to pizza, normal protocols about Guild business and model project sharing were set aside for the sake of merriment, but some subjects that transcended the consumption of pizza and salad appeared: Jon Sanford returned from his travels in Europe with a handful of interesting cocktail stir sticks that resembled oars in miniature. Seeing creative potential in these sticks, Jon kindly distributed them and posed a challenge for artistic excellence in rendering said swizzlers into attractive *objets d'art*. The judging of the results will occur in the November session, and we hope to hear more about the conditions of the contest at next month's meeting. In a previous meeting, a discussion was held about resorting to alternative locations for times when conditions around the Maritime Museum were not conducive to accommodating the membership, and the matter of where a geographic "center of gravity" existed, based on where each individual member lived. Kent followed through on this interesting notion and determined that, if members living outside the county were taken into account, the center of gravity is actually in Riverside county! Adjusting for the majority of members who reside in San Diego county, the center is closer to the Tierrasanta/Serra Mesa region. This provides some interesting food for thought—thanks, Kent! The gathering then moved to a presentation by Don Dressel on his techniques for planking a framed model.

















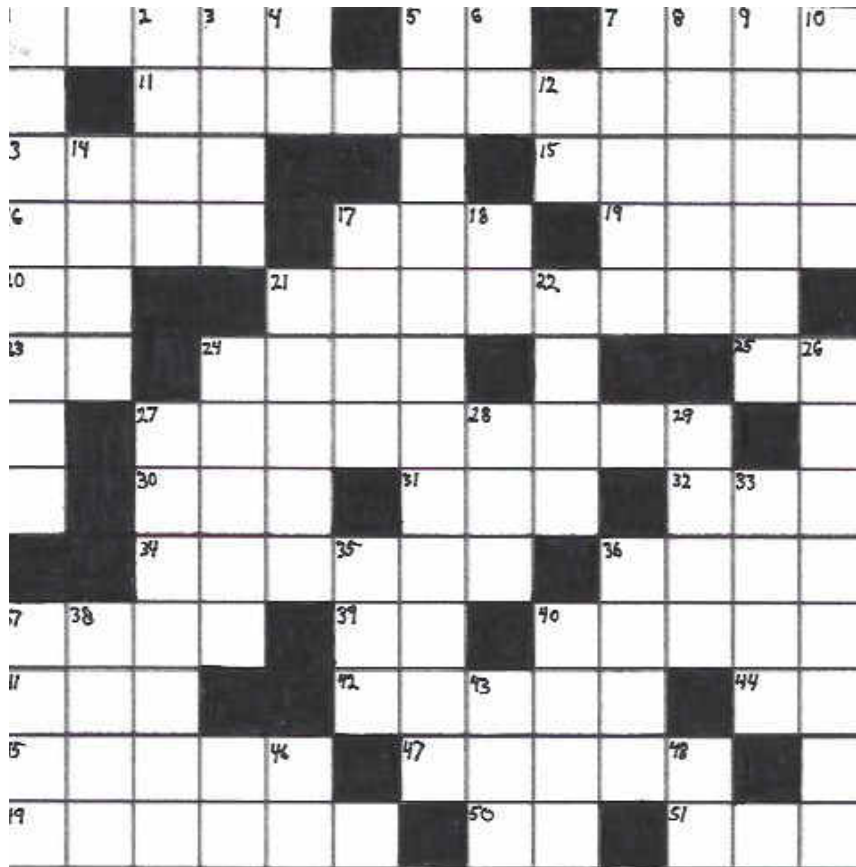
## **“A disordered desk is a sign of a \_\_\_mind.”**

Guild Master Guy popped by Chez Pitt and snagged this pic of James' workbench. A man of boundless creative talent, James is actually working on all these projects simultaneously!

Thanks, Guy!



# This Month's SDSMG Crossword



## Across

1. Old and smelly
5. Deuce to Caesar
7. They're big on bowling in Cardiff (abrev.)
11. First of the long hull Essexes
13. The Big Easy to a hipster
15. False
16. Entertaining drawing (slang)
17. Gender
19. "Yep" to Marcel
20. Alphabetical 5th & 26th
21. What flew from early carrier decks
23. Pertaining to (abrev.)
24. Early escort carrier
25. Diesel boat designer
27. Our first large carrier
30. Quaint town in heart of tulip region

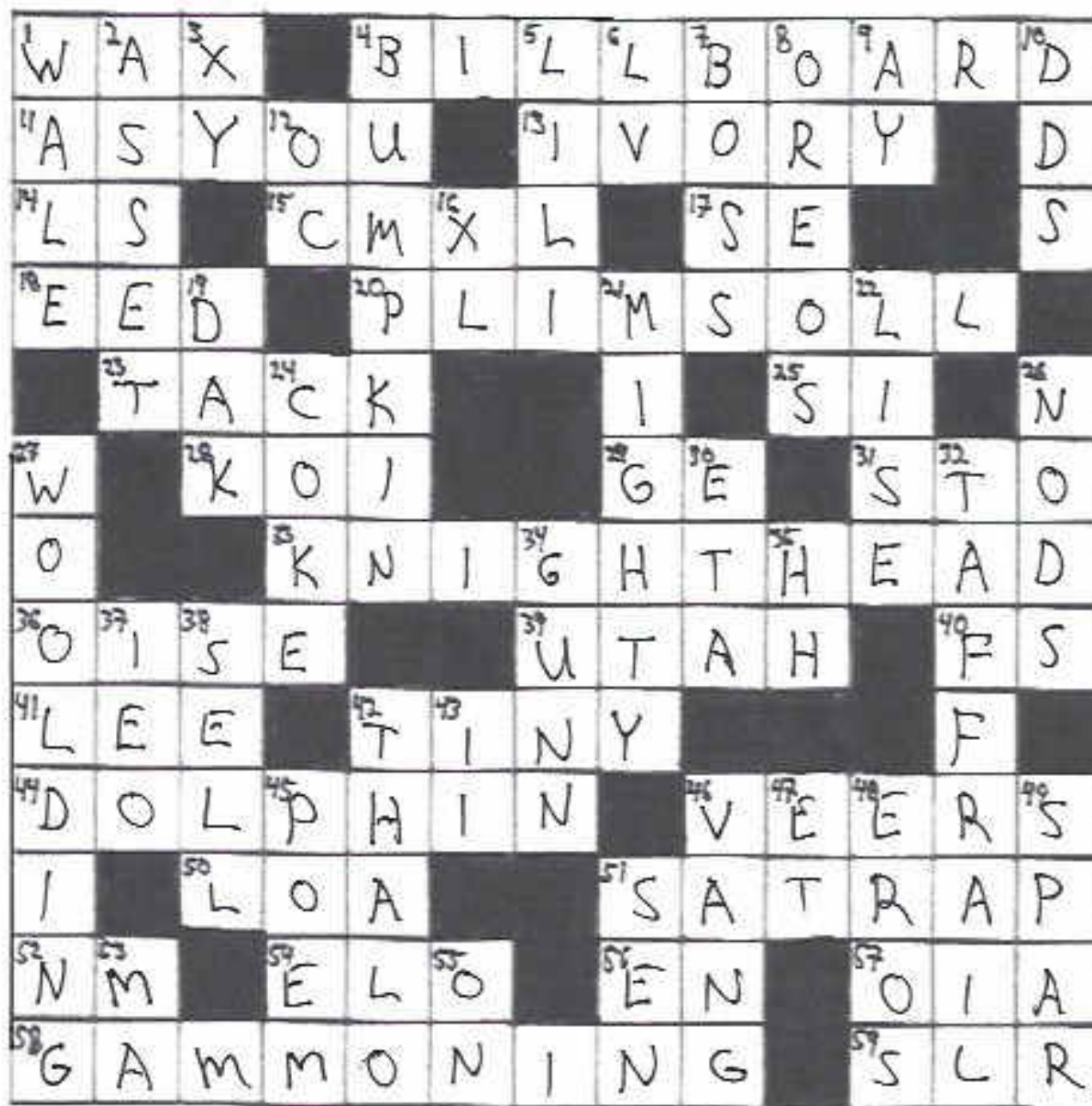
31. Pouty or down in text
32. Old-fashioned D&D play
34. Where eagles roost (pl)
36. DC thinktank name
37. Atlantic CVE
39. Recipient of several CVEs (abrev.)
40. Last of the light carriers
41. Majority user of CVEs
42. Fate of all CVLs & CVEs
44. *The Pacific* co-producer Tony \_\_\_\_
45. Cartoonish onomopia
47. First of most CVs ever
49. First from the keep up
50. Extended play (abrev.)
51. Dweller in Langley, VA

## Down

1. Pres. Ford's WWII posting
2. New name for Midway
3. Earthenware fare
4. Elite boater's org.
5. Leading CVL
6. Origin of Altair IV monsters
7. Quaint Scottish coastal town
8. Class of early CVE
9. Mental venture (two words)
10. Solo carrier
14. Gradually emit fluid
17. Virtual assistant
18. Next up from L
21. Last CV to see combat in WWII
22. Late model CVE
24. Gave up or transferred
26. Oldest CV to survive WWII
27. Hillbilly edification
28. Apollo 1 leader
29. Greenhorn
33. Heavy sports sphere
35. Record label
36. Prominent headland
37. Cooing
38. "Heat of the Moment" group
40. Members in a playbill
43. Record label
46. 2nd largest isle (abrev.)
47. Makers of bulbs and jets (abrev.)
48. Ninety to Cicero



## Last Month's Puzzle







## BUILD LOG (CONTINUED)

The *Amerigo Vespucci* joined the Italian Navy in 1931, and survived World War II intact. As a leading example of an oceangoing tall ship, she is a frequent participant in tall ship gatherings in ports around the world. In this capacity, Don visited the *Vespucci* twenty years ago when the tall ships massed in San Diego. Although of steel construction, there is an excellent assortment of beautifully crafted woodwork throughout, according to Don. Due to the kit's complexity, Don opted to start with sub-assemblies, such as boats and fittings. He also elected to pre-paint the hull halves before joining them.



## BUILD LOG (CONTINUED)



The kit is replete with small boats, eleven in all, of various types. Don decided to get them all assembled first.



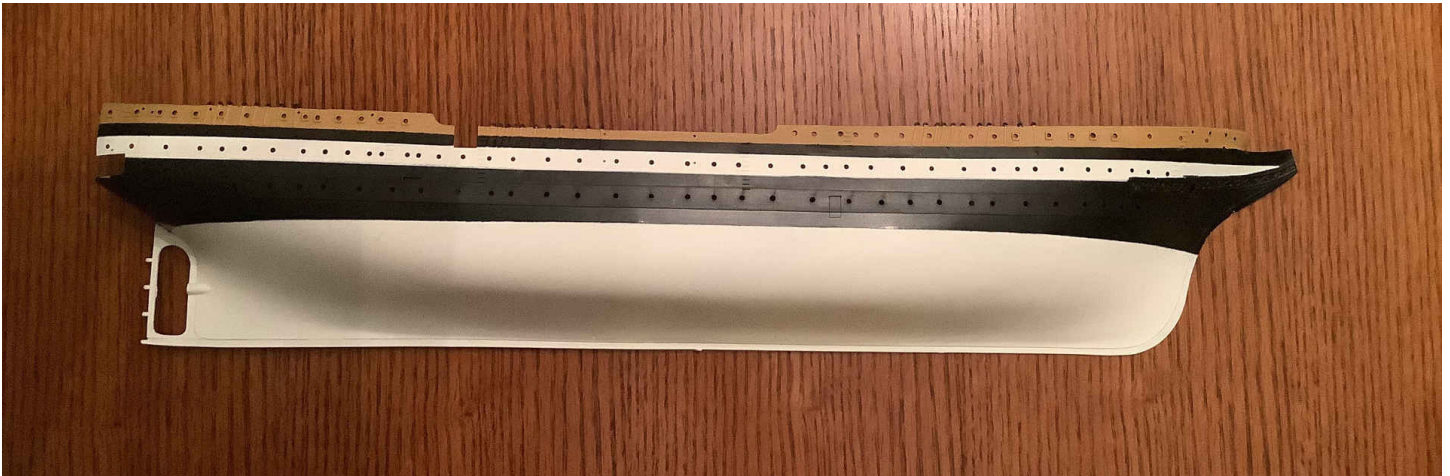


## BUILD LOG (CONTINUED)



Don then moved on to some of fittings, including a knightshead, five rails, saluting batteries, and anchors.

## **BUILD LOG (CONTINUED)**



The Vespucci has a straightforward paint scheme, so Don applied the three-tone colors even before the hull halves are joined.

Next month, Don will demonstrate how to render wood decks from plastic!