

THE SCUTTLEBUTT



The Canberra Model Shipwrights Society Quarterly Newsletter

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OBJECTIVES

To foster and maintain interest in building and constructing scale Model ships, boats, associated fittings, gear, equipment, armaments and relevant items and structures and the pursuit of excellence in this field.

Scuttlebutt \SKUHT-I-buht\, *noun*:

1. A drinking fountain on a ship.
2. A cask on a ship that contains the day's supply of drinking water.
3. Gossip; rumor.

Scuttlebutt in nautical terminology is a water fountain or water cask on a ship.

Water for immediate consumption on a sailing ship was conventionally stored in a scuttled butt: a butt (cask or small barrel) which had been scuttled by making a hole in it so the water could be withdrawn. Since Sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became slang for gossip or rumors.

The modern equivalent is the office water cooler, also a source of refreshment and gossip.

President's Message

I have been overseas since mid April, soaking up the sun in Europe and the UK (well, someone has to do its!). For the last couple of weeks we have been enjoying the UK summer which should at least get us ready for winter at home!

Unfortunately, due to the lack both of facilities and my computer skills I am unable to produce anything on the Maritime Museums visited, but will amend this in the next Newsletter.

In Yokohama I was able to visit the NYK museum and also take a look at the Hikawa Maru, a vintage cargo passenger vessel permanently moored there and which I have long wished to see.

In the UK, HM Dockyard at Chatham was obviously a priority and I was certainly not disappointed. The Rope Walk alone was worth the visit.

A side trip to Maldon on our way north provided a spectacular display of sailing barges, most of which were still in operation.

Part of our trip to Italy included Genoa to visit both the Maritime Museum and the Aquarium, both of which were spectacular.

Last but by no means least was the Maritime Museum in Lisbon, a must see for anyone visiting that part of the world.

I will provide an article with photos for the next edition. I have to say that I am looking forward to getting home, the shed has lain idle for too long and Expo is fast approaching.

I hope you are all using the winter months to advantage and we will see some new additions at Expo!

Finally my thanks to the Committee for keeping things ticking over and I look forward to catching up on home ground in the near future.

Best wishes

Bob Evans

President



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Meetings

The Society will meet until further notice, at the **Hellenic Club, Matilda St. Woden** on the third **Tuesday** of each month (except December and January) commencing at 7.30 pm.

Visitors are welcome.

Society Webpage

CMSS members are encouraged to visit our website at <http://www.canberramodelshipwrights.org.au>.

Instructions for using this website are on the site itself where members will need to register.

The webmaster will help you in any way possible.

We seek content for the website – everything from photographs of your models through interesting web-links and chat sites. I

f you haven't use the website lately, have a look now. CMSS is using email a lot more for communicating with members. That doesn't mean we have forgotten those who do not have access to a computer.

You may find it an advantage to ask a friends or relative to be the email recipient for club information. Otherwise we will mail you all relevant material or call you if really important.

Editors Note

This is the first newsletter following the Annual General Meeting in April. This means that 2015-2016 membership fees are now due. As mentioned further on the next page.

The December newsletter will only be sent to current financial members.

You will notice the new committee members for 2015-2016 listed on this page. Thanks to all those who have stepped forward for the committee. Without a committee there is no Society.

You may have noticed that this new letter is a bit late and I must apologise as I have had some personal issues recently which should all be behind me now.

Thanks to all that have contributed to this newsletter. Keep it coming.

The classified section continues. So if you have anything for sale, swap or wanted to buy then let me know for the next issue.

I have also included a calendar of events on the back page. So put it on the fridge so that you want miss anything.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter as much as I have producing it.

Joe Allen

Editor



2015-2016 Membership Fees Due

Members are hereby given notice that the **Annual General meeting** of the Society was held at the **Hellenic Club, Matilda St. Woden** on **Tuesday 121 April 2015** and therefore all members are reminded that membership subscriptions for 2015-2016 were due 1 April 2015.

In accordance with the CMSS Constitution “ The Committee may terminate the membership of a member if that member fails to pay any sum due to the Society, whether as a subscription or otherwise, within three months of the amount becoming due.”

Current annual fees are in \$A:

- Local members \$30
- Local member couples \$45
- Country members \$15
- Country member couples \$22.50

Fees may be paid via cheque made Payable to the Canberra Model Shipwrights Society Inc and sent to the Treasurer PO Box 158, Fyshwick ACT 2609, in person by cash or by direct deposit details which are:

Bank:	Beyond Bank
BSB:	805-022
Account Name:	Canberra Model Shipwrights Society
Account Number:	03452396

Connect & Participate Expo

The Society had a display at the **Connect & Participate Expo** held at the **Old Bus Depot Markets** in Kingston on the 28 March 2015. The expo is an opportunity for people to discover how they can enjoy **Canberra’s diverse, vibrant social groups and clubs.**

The CMSS display attracted a lot of attention throughout the day and it was a good to meet the local people.

I was amazed on how many diverse clubs and groups there are here in Canberra that I had never heard of. I even met the Star Wars Troop members. See the photos below.



VLAMING HEAD LIGHTHOUSE - By Max Fitton

It seems that lighthouses all occupy some of the best views available. Vlaming Head Lighthouse is no exception. It is situated in a dominating position on the tallest hill before reaching the divide of the Cape Range National Park, near Exmouth.



View to the South



View to the North

The Vlaming lighthouse ceased operation in 1967, but its light still shines brightly but from a VLF (Very Low Frequency) pylon in the Naval Communications base at Pt Murat on the North West Cape. In 1907 the SS Mildurah was carrying a cargo of cattle from the Cambridge Gulf to Fremantle when it cut the corner of the North West Cape and sank very close to shore. No human lives were lost but no **cattle survived**. **Seven crew members set out for Onslow in a ship's boat and were rescued by the SS Burrumbeet**. At a subsequent Commission of Enquiry hearing it was decided to add the need for a lighthouse to be built at Vlaming Head (in addition *nter alia* to the lighthouse at Cape Leveque). It took some time because of the lack of port facilities close by and it was not completed until 1912. The light first came into operation on 10 December of that year.

The official story is that there was a cyclone brewing and as a result the ship struck a reef. Believe what you will.

The tower is about 20m high and about 5m in diameter at the base. The walls are made of cement

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VLAMING HEAD LIGHTHOUSE - Continued

and stones and rendered inside and out. The lantern was built in Birmingham UK and was fuelled by kerosene. On a clear night it was visible about 35 Km.



The starkness of the tower can be seen from the close up:



In the same location is an old radar tower:

This was developed during the Second World War to service the needs of the US Navy and the RAAF. In 1953 it was largely destroyed by a cyclone as were the lighthouse keepers' cottages. The keepers restored their cottages but the radar tower deteriorated to such an extent that a replica was constructed and installed in February 2001.

Apart from things nautical the Cape Range National Park is a delightful area and for those who venture over to the west is well worth the visit.

A Fisherman's Memorial - Port Denison WA- By Max Fitton

Port Denison is a small fishing port supporting the livelihood of Cray fishermen. It is situated about 70 Km South of Geraldton and 370 Km north of Perth.

It has a well protected harbour and contains a fishing co-op, that unlike similar operations on the east coast does not sell to the public – that is the Australian public. Overseas countries are virtually the sole recipients of this catch.



I always thought that ships' captains never took shortcuts but for the second time this trip a vessel, the brigantine Leander did so. Under the command of captain R Johnston the ship left Fremantle on 11 November 1853, bound for Singapore via Champion Bay and turned too early for its run into Geraldton Harbour and struck the Leander reef.

The obelisk was built in 1869 as an aid to navigation.

Travel is wonderful as there is always something new to learn wherever one goes.

Mount Rogers School Presentation

In April the CMSS made a presentation to the Mount Rogers School to thank them for their continued support with providing a venue for the CMSS annual model expo.

The President, Bob Evans, Secretary, Ray Osmotherly and new Treasurer, Peter Hateley were on hand to make the presentation to the school assembly. They presented the school with some Meccano sets and some books.



West Australian Chapter — By Max Fitton

First working meeting

The first working meeting of the WA Chapter was held at my workshop on 24 June 2015 at 11 am. Present were L to R Prospective member - Harold Burton, John Rice, Jeff Zecchin and me.



As can be seen from the photo we were all nicely relaxed just about to participate in a sausage sizzle.

I reported on the inaugural meeting when the Chapter got off the ground. This current meeting was the first of what we hope will be the forerunner of many more technical and social meetings to come.

Initially it was agreed that Douglas Gordon would lead a discussion on the building of ships rails but sadly Douglas had to pull out and I substituted for him and talked about hull and deck planking and gave a demonstration of how to do the necessary measurements using the plank width plotting board. I also gave out a copy of the board, taken, of course, from the excellent details in the Workshop Notes. I have recently been in touch with George Crossan during which time we discussed the way he does his planking. Fortunately he sent me a disk showing his method so I used the data for leading the discussion crediting him with the method.

This was followed by a discussion of how to do the deck planking including a demonstration of how to use **thread (from Spotlight) for caulking. I showed the 'four interval' method starting from the centre line of the deck** and joggling some of the planks into the margin plank.

During these discussions a question was raised about bending the hull planks to shape for fitting to a vessel with a bluff bow. I have an electric tool, similar to a soldering iron that I first saw demonstrated by Michael Pearson at a regular monthly meeting in Canberra some years ago now. .

At about 1 pm we adjourned as Judges might say *sine dei* for a sausage sizzle. The date of the next meeting cannot yet be determined because Harold has to undergo some major back surgery and John also has some minor surgery, both within the next month or so. When a suitable date has been decided John will lead a **discussion on the building of a 'bread and butter' hull.**

In principal, the practicalities for the Chapter were reiterated – we would accept one more member, which would allow us each to give one talk per annum and have one social outing to celebrate Xmas or some other suitable occasion.

John and I are both looking forward to catching up with you all at Expo2015.

Max Fitton

Miss Fishers Murders — by Ray Osmotherly

This is a little bit of interest provided by Ray if you missed the email.

“On Friday night (19 June 2015) if you were watching "Miss Fisher's Murders" on ABC TV you would have seen a beautiful steam launch in one of the scenes. In case you didn't recognize it or missed the name on the launch, it was the S.L. "ENA".

At one of our meetings some time ago Joe Allen spoke about the "ENA" and its colourful history . It was a pleasant surprise to see this wonderful boat featured in this episode of the popular Miss Fisher's Murders series.

The ENA was built in 1900 at Berry's Bay, Sydney for Thomas Dibbs one of Australia's richest men, at a cost of £5800 pounds.

She was part of the social life of the wealthy, high society set of Sydney. She has had various names since launching : "ENA", HMAS "Sleuth" & "Aurore"

During World War I she was purchased by The Royal Australian Navy for 1000 pounds and commissioned in 1917 as HMAS "Sleuth" and used as an auxiliary patrol vessel around the Torres Strait and Thursday Island during the first World War.

Later she was used as a training ship tender in Sydney.

In 1933 she was sold by the RAN for £1350 pounds and was used by the new owner to transport apples from Tasmania to the mainland. Shortly after, she was impounded by creditors and laid up.

In 1940 she was sold to the Roche brothers and renamed "Aurore" and used for trawling and scallop fishing.

The steam engine was replaced by a diesel engine in 1945 She was sold again in 1974.

In 1981 "Aurore" sank in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel after hitting an unidentified object. The vessel was raised by businessman Pat Burke and stockbroker Rene Rivkin and restored to her former glory and the diesel engine replaced by an 80 horsepower steam engine. She resumed operation in 1986 under her original name of "ENA".

During 1987 and 1988 she circumnavigated Australia and was in W.A. for the 1987 Americas Cup

She returned to Sydney for private charter cruises but was again seized by creditors.

She was sold to new owners in 1991 and relocated to Melbourne and sold once more in May 2015.

If you would like to see "ENA" playing her part in "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries" Google "Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries series 3 episode 7" and then click on the top possibility (" Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries, Game Set and Murder") You will get a picture of Miss Fisher with a tennis racket - click on the arrow and the video will start.

Miss Fishers Murders — Continued

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Adjust the slide at the bottom of the picture to "28 minutes" to watch the "ENA" sequence -unless you want to watch the whole of this quirky episode. (Don't watch the whole episode if you are uncomfortable with spiders !)"

Below are some photos of the ENA.



If you are interested, there is a nice wooden model of the ENA at the below web address.

https://ehive.com/account/4907/object/507843/Model_of_yacht_SY_Ena_wood

Classifieds

I have included a new Classifieds section for members who have items for sale.

FOR SALE

Kit for sale of the 1880 Cargo Schooner FANNIE A. GORHAM. The kit is from Blue Jacket with a scale of 1/8" = 1'. The model overall length is 24.5 " Height: 15.5 "

The kit is complete and comes with:

- Pre-carved bass wood hull, some laser cut parts
- Cast Britannia metal fittings
- Full size plans
- Everything you need except tools, paint and glue

Asking \$120. O.N.O

Contact Joe Allen on M:0424 191 307 or Email: joeby1963@bigpond..com



FOR SALE

I have come along to your wonderful exhibitions for a few years (on and off) and really enjoyed them.

I am a crafty person and thought, what fun...bought a fairly top of the line kit and made a small start but I have to finally cave in and admit that I will not finish it.

Harvey..1847 Baltimore Clipper 1:50 scale.

I don't want to see it go to waste though and wondered if any of your members would like to purchase it, I can deliver it to Page and it can be picked up from there or I can negotiate delivery to the Northside /Civic area.

All the pieces are there and I only made a start on the base itself, never got to any of the planking.

I enclose a photo as I realise that your members will all know what this is worth and I am happy to accept any reasonable offer, and can negotiate that so I wont set a price on it and I realise that its not an unused box.

Kind regards

Leonie Bell

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(failed modeller, though I did complete one when I was 14!!)

I do heaps of other craft and art though so would like to see this go to a good home, its sat around long enough.



Funny Trivia About Brass Monkey

Back before missiles, it was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on war ships.

But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The best storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem, how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called a Monkey. But if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.

And all this time, you thought that was a vulgar expression, didn't you?



Upcoming Events

The following exhibitions and displays are programmed for CMSS. See the event calendar on the back page which you can stick on your fridge:

- Malkara Special School 1st/2nd August 2015
- Our Expo 19th/20th September 2015
- Wagga Wagga 31st October/1st November 2015

Note: there is a change to the date for Wagga Wagga above is different to the calendar.

In addition details for the Sydney Model Expo, 29th/30th August 2015 are detailed on the next page.

To make these displays feasible members (who have not yet indicated they will be attending or have models to display) please email Peter Hateley at hpeter@iinet.net.au who will co-ordinate these displays.

Sydney Model Shipbuilders Club - Expo 2015

On behalf of the Sydney Model Shipbuilders Club I would like to formally invite your members to exhibit their models at EXPO 2015.

The exhibition will be held at the Georges River 16ft Sailing Club, Sanoni Avenue Sandringham on Saturday 29th August and Sunday 30th August, opening from 10.00am each day. Exhibitors will be able to arrive after 8:00am on the Saturday and the exhibition will close at 4:00pm on Sunday.

There will be awards for different class of models.

Ryan San Pedro CEO of Hobbico has agreed to be part of our judging committee on Sunday and Kevin Sumpston CEO of the Australian National Museum will be our guest on Saturday.

Our club members generally build static models of period ships.

We have found that co-exhibiting with other clubs shows the public the wide range of ship modeling practice and creates a more interesting experience for all.

Last year we co-exhibited with Canberra Model Ship Society members and the MMCNSW Club, which proved a great success. So we hope this year you can join us in this enterprise.

The exhibition space is excellent with views over the Georges River. There is easy access for the models and security at night. The club has good dining facilities and a smaller café and we will arrange a group booking for a Saturday night dinner in the restaurant.

If it is a calm day we might be able to sail some of the radio control models.

Attached is an Exhibitor Registration Form that we would like you to distribute to your members. The venue is a generous space but I would appreciate an early response so that I can assess whether we can fit all the models in. I can then confirm the entries. The deadline for registration is July 19th, 2015.

Best wishes and good modelling.

Michael Bennett

Exhibition Coordinator



EXPO 2015

Hosted By - Sydney Model Shipbuilders Club Inc EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM

Georges River 16ft Sailing Club - Sanoni Ave. Sandringham
6:00pm Saturday Dinner at the Club

10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday 29th August
10:00am - 4:00pm Sunday 30th August

Exhibitor's Club:	<input type="text"/>	
Exhibitor's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Phone: <input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text"/>	Mobile: <input type="text"/>
Ship Model Name:	<input type="text"/>	Scale: <input type="text"/>
Kit Manufacturer:	<input type="text"/>	Scratch Built: <input type="text"/>
Approx Length:	<input type="text"/>	
Ship History: (1 Sentence)	<input type="text"/>	

An information Card will be made to be displayed with each model.

Organiser to fill in: Model No.

Please Return Form by 19th July 2015:

Email to Michael Bennett: mjbennett@ozemail.com.au
Mob: 0411 545 770

Snail Mail: 879 New South Head Road
Rose Bay
NSW 2029

2015 Canberra Model Shipwrights Society



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Meetings / Events

- Feb 17:** CMSS members meeting
- Feb 27/28:** Canberra Show
- Mar 1:** Canberra Show
- Mar 14/15:** Bermagui Sea Side Fair
- Mar 17:** CMSS members meeting
- Mar 28:** Connect & Participate Expo
- Apr 21:** CMSS members meeting
- Apr 21:** CMSS Annual General Meeting
- May 2/3:** Illawarra Plastic Model Show
- May 19:** CMSS members meeting
- Jun 16:** CMSS members meeting
- Jul 21:** CMSS members meeting
- Aug 1/2:** Malkara
- Aug 18:** CMSS members meeting
- Sep 15:** CMSS members meeting
- Sep 19/20:** CMSS EXPO 2015
- Oct: (TBA)** Queanbeyan River Festival
- Oct 20:** CMSS members meeting
- Nov 7/8:** Wagga Wagga Model Rail Show
- Nov 17:** CMSS members meeting
- Nov (TBA)** Sydney Model Boat Club
- Nov 21/22:** Scale ACT Model Show

Members meeting
 CMSS Members attending event
 CMSS not officially attending - individuals are welcome to attend