

South Bay Model Shipwrights

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The Foghorn

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 **Happy Halloween!!** 



Shiver me Timbers! Where's my Foghorn?!
The Oceans after Climate Change! See what Atmospheric Acidification does to your sails?!





Future Course Headings...

- **Saturday afternoon, November 13, 3PM-5PM:** Prez **Jim Rhetta** has dunnit! He has miraculously scheduled a new in-person meeting of the SBMS for **Saturday afternoon, November 13, 3PM-5PM** at the new venue of:

The Game Kastle
1350 Coleman Ave.
Santa Clara, CA 95050 (Fig. 1 and 2)
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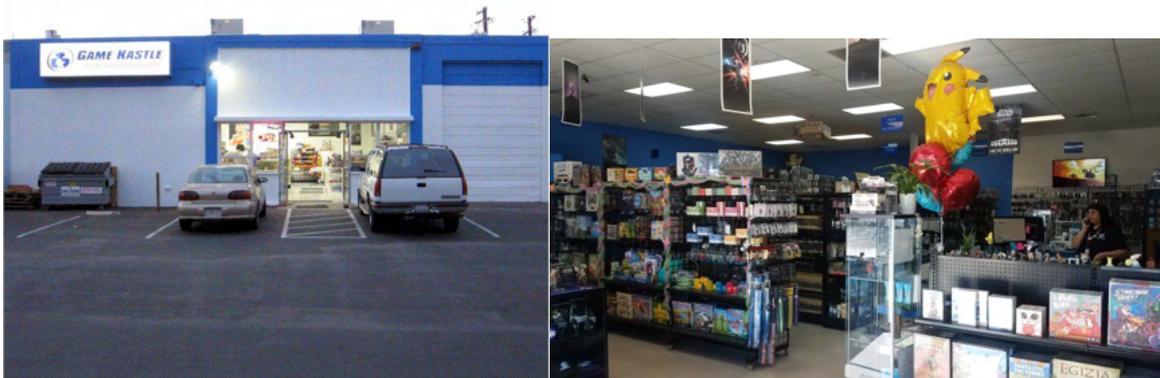


Fig. 1 Outside and inside of **The Game Kastle** in Santa Clara.



Fig. 2. In the back, Our Meeting (Dungeon) Room. Wonder if we can request chains and manacles for those who are into that kind of thing?! Well, it was Halloween Sunday!

This location is near the **San Jose Mineta Airport** so is near those members who are living in the south bay consistent with our club name. I will also bring the club slide projector and a portable screen. **This resumption of in-person meetings does raise some issues which we need to decide on as a club.**

1) Time of In-Person meetings: Is the 3 PM -5 PM time schedule workable for all of us? One alternative is to have our meeting 1 PM-3PM so we could perhaps start the meeting with lunch of a pizza or sandwiches depending on what eateries are in the area.

An earlier time would also enable everyone to drive there and return in the daytime no matter the season which could be safer for all of us. The Day Light Savings time switch back one hour is November 7 after which we will end up driving home in the dark during the winter if we end the meeting at 5PM.

2) In-person vs. Zoom meetings: Also, the resumption of in-person meetings brings up the question of whether we should have in-person meetings alternate with Zoom virtual meetings every two weeks so we can have the benefits of both kinds of meetings?

3) Car Pooling to In-Person meetings: Perhaps we can form regional car-pooling groups to get to the in-person meetings efficiently.

4) COVID precautions: Finally, I am going to assume that **COVID restrictions are requested by Game Kastle so bringing a mask would be helpful and protective of everyone.** Full COVID vaccination is likely not a requirement, but is helpful. Bringing your vaccine certification, if you have one, could be also helpful.

So bring your favorite project or other show and tell to this meeting and let's celebrate the good old days again and see how it goes?! Remember, no fighting allowed!

- **Museums are starting to open!**

Great News! I see the museums are starting to open and have been doing so for the past few months! **For the most part, masks are required and being fully vaccinated is helpful.** To see what museums are open, I recommend checking their websites and/or calling. Check the museum list in the included **SBMS Resource Guide** for contact information.

• **Saturday, December 11, 2021, 4 PM, PST, *Lost at Sea: Art Recovered from Shipwrecks. Virtual online tour at the Asian Art Museum.***

This exhibit on Asian art recovered from two shipwrecks that originated in Vietnam was on display at the **Asian Art Museum** in San Francisco early last year, but had to close prematurely due to the COVID pandemic. The museum has now scheduled a virtual online tour of these artifacts on **Saturday, December 11 at 4 PM** (Fig. 1)



Fig. 1. Vietnamese artifacts recovered from a shipwreck.

One of the wrecks is from a trading vessel that sank in the 15th century off Vietnam's **Hoi An** coast with a cargo of more than 250,000 ceramic objects made for export.

The other is from a French steamer that sank off the coast of Somalia in 1877 loaded with sculptures from a ruined temple of the Cham Culture of central Vietnam which thrived from the 5th to 15th Century AD.

Online admission is \$5, and tickets can be purchased at:

<https://calendar.asianart.org/event/exhibition-excursions-lost-at-sea-art-recovered-from-shipwrecks/>

•**Saturday, March 26, 2022 9AM-5PM IPMS Silicon Valley Classic VII.**

Oh, my goodness, already 2022! Pretty soon we will be sailing around in space ships rather than sea ships. And it's already been happening this year if you've seen the news!

In any case, the **IPMS Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** will be making another attempt to hold their annual **Silicon Valley Classic** scale modeling convention in San Jose next year on **Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9AM-5PM**. As in the past, it will be held at:

Silicon Valley Classic VII
Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expw.
San Jose, CA

Aside from looking at the fine craftsmanship of finished models on display there, much of the fun of this event is to look at what various vendors are offering with new kits. They are always so good at tempting us into our version of sin and debauchery (Fig. 2)!



Fig. 2. Left-Jacob Cohn and Clare Hess at the 2019 IPMS Silicon Valley Classic convention. Right-Model builders being tempted into our version of sin and debauchery by model vendors at the *USS Hornet* during a recent IPMS model-making convention.

Also, while the convention is mostly about plastic modeling, models made from other materials such as wood and paper, etc. are greatly welcomed. The organizers have always explicitly said they want to diversify the kinds of models they attract.

Admission will be \$5 and the SBMS will have a display table there where we can talk with attendees about our hobby and put our work on

display. Volunteers will be needed to staff our table. And with the falling COVID infection rate, particularly in the Bay Area, things should look promising that this convention could actually happen this time. **Most likely, masks will be required. Full vaccination is not likely required, but bringing your vaccination certification, if you have one, will be a good idea.**