

*South Bay Model Shipwrights*

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# *The Foghorn*

*November 2022*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*



Fig. 1. Model of *Mayflower* from an Amati kit (Ages of Sail). One of many such kits. Other brands include Billing Boat, Artesania Latina, Constructo, Mamoli, and Model Shipways in wood. Revell and Trumpeter offer kits in plastic which make for a good beginner's first ship model.





## *Future Course Headings...*

- **Next SBMS meetings for December: In-Person mtg. Saturday, December 10, 2PM-4PM; In-person Holiday Party, Chef Chu's restaurant, Los Altos Wednesday, December 14, 6 PM.** Our next monthly in-person meeting will be **Saturday, December 10, from 2 PM-4 PM** as usual at:

**The Game Kastle  
1350 Coleman Ave.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050  
Phone: (408) 243-4263**

Then, we will resume our annual **SBMS Holiday Party** for the first time since December, 2019. This event has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 14, 6 PM**. Unfortunately, our favorite room at the Duke of Edinburgh restaurant in Cupertino is not available. Otherwise, the DOE tends to be unacceptably noisy in other parts of the restaurant.

After some consideration during our November 10 meeting, we have decided to return to **Chef Chu's Chinese Restaurant** in **Los Altos** where we used to have dinner before our meetings when they were held in the Los Altos Public Library. This restaurant is much less rowdy than the DOE and other bar-type restaurants.

**Chef Chu's** is located at the **corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Rd. in Los Altos** (Fig. 2).



Fig. 2. Front of Chef Chu's Chinese Restaurant.

Please let me know at [lum40@comcast.net](mailto:lum40@comcast.net) as to whether you intend to come and how many other guests you would like to bring. That way, I have an idea how many to include in our reservation. Family members and interested friends are most welcome. We hope you can make it for what should be a joyous resumption of another fun SBMS activity along with faaabulous food!

- **Friday, December 2 Thursday, December 8 to Sunday, December 11. Sale of Unbuilt Model Kit**

**Stash in Cupertino.** We have learned that a large stash of unbuilt mostly plastic model kits once belonging to a now deceased owner is coming up for sale at a house in Cupertino. There is also a large collection of military history books. The address of the house is:

**10832 W. Estates Drive  
Cupertino, CA**

The dates and times of the sale are:

Friday Dec. 2, 10:00AM - 5:00PM.  
Thurs. Dec. 8, 10:00AM - 5:00PM.  
Friday Dec. 9, 10:00AM - 5:00PM.  
Sat. Dec. 10, 10:00AM - 5:00PM.  
Sunday Dec. 11, 10:00AM - 5:00PM.

While most of the kits are of plastic models, there is a sizable collection of ship model kits in both wood and plastic (Fig. 3).



Fig. 3. Photos of some of the ship model kits for sale in Cupertino.

There are 1/200 scale kits of ***Bismarck***, ***HMS Hood*** and ***USS Arizona*** along with photoetch detail sets. There is also a very large

collection of plastic armor models and some plastic aircraft models. I hope you will take this opportunity to look through this collection and see if there are any that you want. What a great opportunity just before the Christmas Holidays!

• **Possible Visit to the Home of Dr. Arnold Kriegstein in Mill Valley to see their Admiralty Board Ship Model Collection, Saturday, February 11, 2023.** Many of us have gone to the home of Dr. Arnold Kriegstein to gawk at his world-famous collection of antique Admiralty Board ship models. The last time this was done was when the NRG had their annual convention in San Mateo, CA in 2011. This time, Clare Hess is arranging a tour of the Mill Valley collection, hopefully on **Saturday, February 11, 2023**. So, save the date for what is one of the most extraordinary tour experiences for ship modelers! Stay tuned for more news on this!

These models have been collected by twin brothers, Drs. Arnold and Henry Kriegstein throughout their lives. While Arnold lives in Mill Valley, CA, Henry lives in Massachusetts. About half the collection is in Mill Valley while the other half is in Massachusetts.

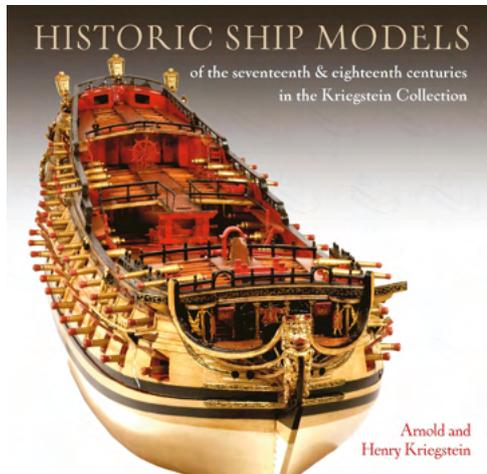


Fig. 4. Cover of **Historic Ship Models** by the Kriegstein brothers. (Naval Institute Press)

Fortunately, the Kriegsteins have provided a really first-class preview of this collection in a book with superb photographs titled “**Historic Ship Models**” published by the Naval Institute Press (2021) (Fig. 4) and available from online booksellers.

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the book. Two prior editions were published by Seawatch books in 2007 and 2010.

They also have other items in their collection not listed in their book.

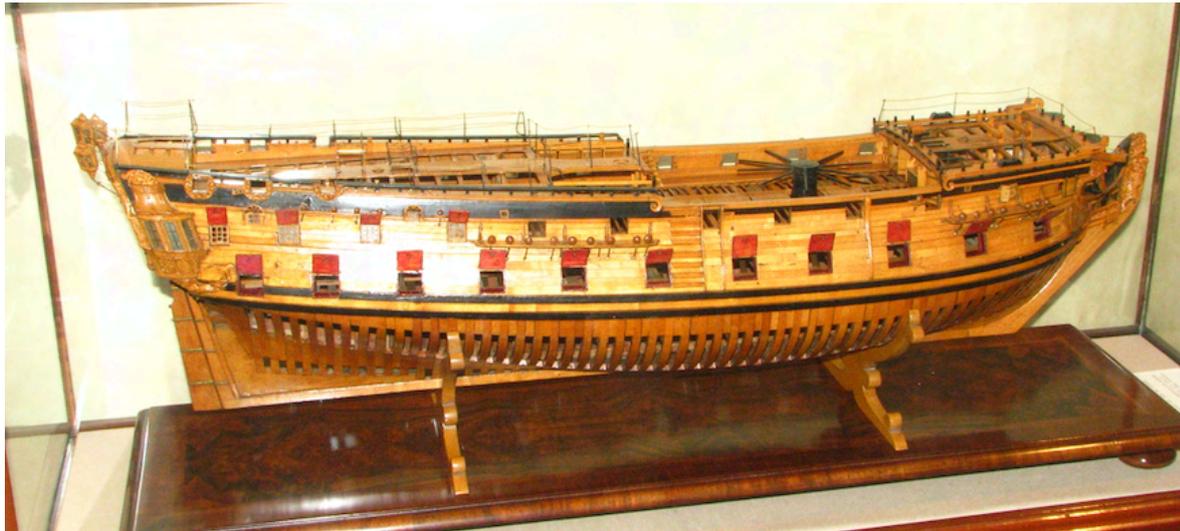


Fig. 5. Admiralty model of *HMS Diamond* (1708) in the Kriegstein house.



## *Maritime Matters of the Month*

### • **Disreputable Ship Model Companies to Avoid.**



Fig. 6. From Model Ship World.

Here is an issue I was not even aware of until Clare Hess informed me of it a few months ago. There is apparently a whole group of ship model kit manufacturers originating mostly from mainland China who are selling kits based on pirated intellectual property. **Chuck Passaro** of the **Syren Ship Model Co.** has posted a comprehensive list of these model companies on the **Model Ship World forum** at:

<https://modelshipworld.com/topic/181-banned-kit-manufacturers-on-msw-pirated-kits-prohibited/#comment-1322>

and **admonishing consumers not to purchase these kits.** Furthermore, models from these companies are now banned from mention on the **Model Ship World forum**, the **Nautical Research Journal**, and anywhere on **Nautical Research Guild** publications. Some of these kits are often posted on eBay. Below is a copy of this list. Make sure to buy only from reputable sellers and check against this list before buying! We need to support our honest manufacturers and shun the pirates!

<b>CF</b>	<b>LHQK</b>	<b>Snail Model</b>
<b>CN</b>	<b>Master</b>	<b>Unicorn Model</b>
<b>Crown</b>	<b>Microcosm</b>	<b>WN</b>
<b>DryDock Models and parts (Canada) selling for companies that pirate.</b>	<b>Modelship Dockyard (China)</b>	<b>Woodenkit (Russian MFG)</b>
<b>DUJIAOSHOU</b>	<b>Moxing</b>	<b>XinFeng</b>
<b>4H Model</b>	<b>RealTS</b>	<b>YQ (YaunQing)</b>
<b>Huasong</b>	<b>SC</b>	<b>YengFan</b>
<b>Jaocdoen</b>	<b>Shi Cheng</b>	<b>ZHL</b>
<b>JD Model</b>	<b>shi hai</b>	

There is also an alternative ship modeling forum to Model Ship World called **Ships of Scale**.

<https://shipsofscale.com/sosforums/>

**Dr. Toni Levine** of the **NRG** says it originates in Canada and has many posts from builders of kits from the above banned manufacturers. While many posts on this site may be perfectly legitimate, any questions about kits mentioned from the above manufacturers or seem “fishy” and out of the mainstream should be directed to Chuck Passaro of Syren Ship Model Co. at: [cpassaro123@gmail.com](mailto:cpassaro123@gmail.com), **most especially before buying anything!**



## *Methods to Our Maritime Madness*

- **Another Restoration of a model of the Schooner *Emma C. Berry* built from a Sterling kit.** Some will recall an account in the **June 2022 Foghorn** of the final stages of the restoration of a model for a client of the schooner version of the ***Emma C. Berry*** built from an old **Sterling** kit. Here are pictures of the final product of that effort along with pictures of Clare Hess, Jacob Cohn, and Jim Rhetta (Fig. 7) who participated in the restoration effort.



Fig. 7. Clare Hess, Jacob Cohn, and Jim Rhetta who did a terrific job restoring an old model of the schooner version of the ***Emma C. Berry*** built from a Sterling kit.

Well, it turns out that another such model from another owner has also undergone restoration by Massachusetts ship model builder, **Tom Luria** and described on YouTube. Here are the two videos on his restoration efforts. It offers a view of how he addressed his challenges and restoration efforts. It makes a good comparison with ours which allows us to learn about different approaches to model restoration.

### **Emma C. Berry: Redefining a Ship Model, Part One**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8L2Z7Hesgx0&t=413s>

### **Emma C. Berry: Redefining a Ship Model, Part Two**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EByEmPnLMA&t=4s>

Mr. Luria's restoration efforts were guided by the owner's desire to restore the model to the ship's 1936 appearance as close as possible as based on copious historical information provided. So, Mr. Luria was able to pursue a more comprehensive restoration (Fig. 8). The SBMS's restoration was somewhat more superficial which sufficiently satisfied the client's needs.



Fig. 8. Detailed view of the fo'c'sle area of **Mr. Tom Luria's** restoration of an *Emma C. Berry* model (Tom Luria)



## *Under Construction at the Model Shipyard*



Fig. 9. George Sloup showing the rigging plan of his model of the *Papegojan*. He is starting to rig the model and now has the mizzen mast installed. Beautiful workmanship!



Fig. 10. Clare Hess has finished his model of the American galley gunboat named *Arrow*. It is built from an Amati kit available from **Ages of Sail**. Although the *Arrow* is a fictitious name, oared boats such as these were used during the Battle of Lake Champlain, September 11, 1814. Clare made the sails from scratch.



Fig. 11. Clare Hess now starting the OcCre model of *HMS Terror*, used by Sir John A. Franklin and his crew in 1845 to search for the Northwest Passage.



Fig. 12. German **Zeppelin P Class Airship** model of WW 1 in 1/350 scale from Takom kit being built by Jacob Cohn.



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Send in your 2022 Club Membership with attached renewal form! Submit a \$20 check made out to South Bay Model Shipwrights and mail to Jacob Cohn, 726 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Redwood City, CA 94063. Welcome Aboard!

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