



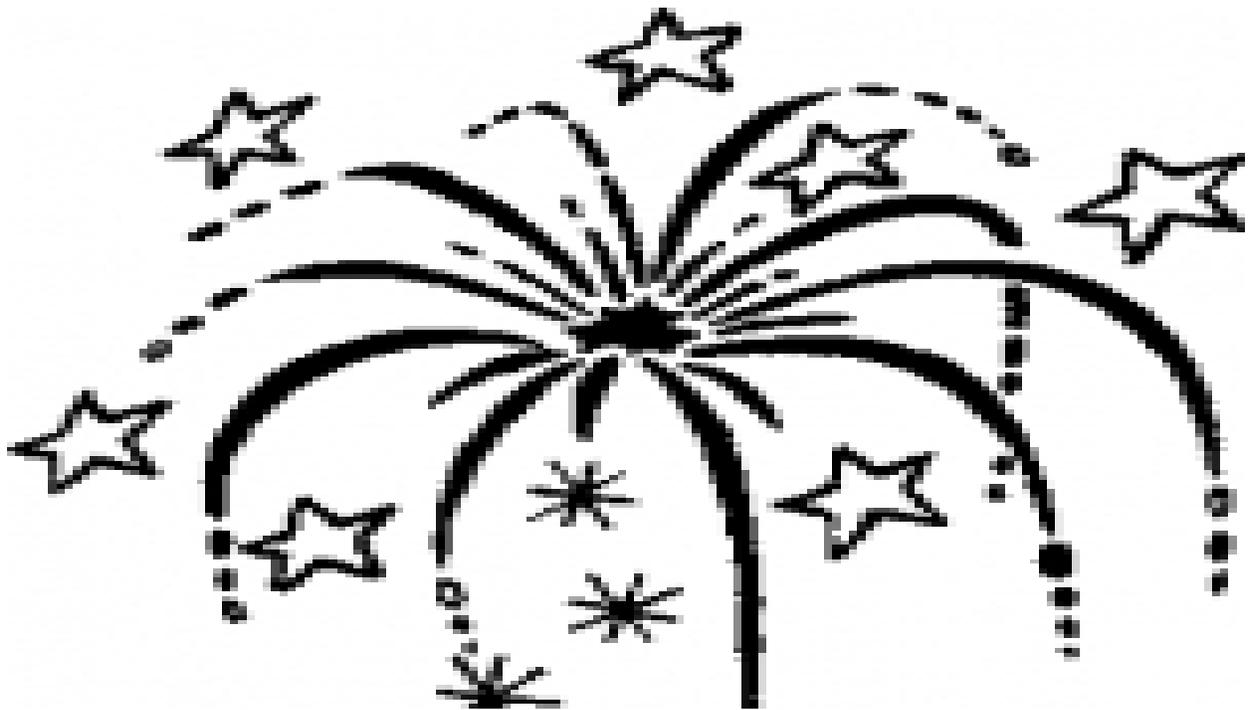
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**HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY
ASMS**

EDITORS NOTE:

As the new editor for the ASMS newsletter, I feel somewhat inadequate to live up to the quality of my predecessors, however, I will give it my very best. I wish to thank Neil Lund for his 10 or so years as editor, and for all his help in getting me started. I also want to call on all of you for help with ideas for articles and other items that you might want to see in future issues. Sooo, let's get started!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ASMS. The year 2014 represents 30 years of continuous activity for our society, and I believe that at one time , we were one of the largest (if not the largest) inland ship modeling clubs in the world. To help celebrate our 30th birthday, I contacted our founder and original captain, Bob Cook to share his vision of ASMS and some of his thoughts and comments. Much love and thanks to Bob for the following!

COMMENTS FROM BOB COOK

Good luck with the Bulletin.
Thanks for the offer to send a few thoughts.

I well remember the first time we started putting together the "Newsletter" back in 1984, and it sort of developed a mind of its own! LOL!

I had hoped to get out to Edmonton in March to celebrate the 30th Anniversary with the members of ASMS, but had to have my right hip replaced in February, so that put an end to any traveling for about 3 months! I had mentioned it to Lorne, and asked that he keep it quiet, so it would be a surprise, but unfortunately, it just didn't come to fruition.

Back in January of 1984, we had a rather informal gathering of people who I had contacted in various ways to generate some interest in putting together a group of like-minded ship modellers. We posted notices in the local hobby shops, bookstores, and elsewhere in hopes that people would respond. As the day came closer for the meeting, other people started getting involved in contacting fellow modellers. It was starting to appear that we may have kicked up some interest! That first evening meeting took place at my office on Calgary Trail South, and little did we realize then where all of this ASMS business would take us. Unfortunately, I don't seem to have the records of who attended that meeting, but maybe someone there might still have them in the "archives"? I certainly remember a few of those attendees, but I can't remember everyone, so I won't get specific in order not to offend those whose names I might forget to list.

As the months went along, we saw more and more people getting involved, and before we knew it we had jumped to about 30 paid members. This included people living in the greater Edmonton area, as well as those living in other provinces and countries. Hobby shops and other enterprises were always interested, which made good business sense for them.

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COMMENTS FROM BOB COOK

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We had one of our first public displays at Capilano Mall's Annual Model Show on March 24, 1984 in Edmonton. This was a resounding success, and as we did more of these "shows" around Edmonton, it had a strong bearing on increasing the awareness of what the Alberta Ship Model Society was all about.....to promote ship modeling, of course! LOL!

We held many displays at Heritage Mall, and I was sort of sad to read (and see in the demolition photos on the Internet) that it has been torn down.

When we started to develop the printed newsletter, our mailings per month went to each paid member. In fairly short order we were mailing over 30 newsletters! We were doing the copying, collating, stapling, and sticking on mailing labels in my office on Whyte Ave. Luckily, there were always some members who came by to help with that! It was starting to become quite an undertaking.

By 1986, the membership had increased to over 100 individuals and hobby shops. We had devoted members like Jack Swanson who would frequently drive over from Winnipeg to attend meetings and displays. Art Spicer had moved to B.C, but it wasn't unusual to see him return for some of the meetings and help with some of our "showings" to the public. There were many people like Jack and Art who took an avid interest in the Society. As with any organization, our greatest strength always came from the members!! Everyone was always willing to help in one way or another, and that included many of the spouses! ASMS certainly had a diversity of members with backgrounds in just about all fields.

One of my greatest recollections was when my mentor and friend Bob Lightley visited us in Edmonton in 1985. Scottie Dayton was traveling with Bob and helping him visit people around North America. Some of you may remember that Scottie was the Editor of "Ships in Scale". Our "Show and Tell" that evening was most eventful, and Bob was good enough to say a few words during our meeting. (editors note: Bob Lightley hailed from South Africa)

There are two things which have stayed with me all these years when it comes to ASMS. One is the wonderful people Florence and I had the pleasure and privilege of getting to know while we lived in Edmonton, The other is knowing that you folks have carried on the ASMS tradition all these 30 years through thick and thin, and you are all to be commended for your efforts!!

Here's hoping that the Alberta Ship Model Society will have MANY more years to continue promoting ship modeling and helping those who enjoy it so much.

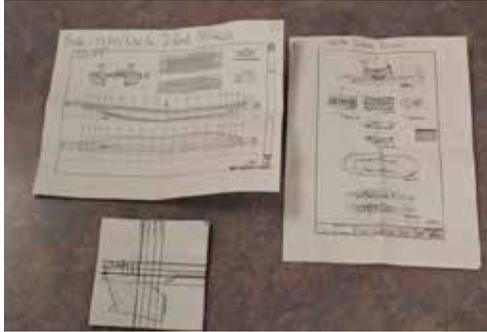
Please be sure to let all the members know that our door is always open here at Cape Breton. I love showing off my ship modeling shop and our surroundings here at Lake Ainslie.

Our personal best to everyone!!
Kindest Regards,
Bob and Florence

ON THE WAYS:

Alex:

Alex has started building his BC Ferry models. He started with the catamaran *North Island Princess* first and he talked about how he built a jig for the hulls. The jig is constructed in such a way that he can move the internal pieces from one hull to create a mirror image for the other side.



- Plans for the catamaran hulls

Michael:

Michael has returned to the ASMS after about a 30 year hiatus. Michael brought in his model of a Bristol Pilot Cutter that is scratch built in 1/8 scale. When finished the model will be over 8' tall, approximately 7' long, and 18" beam. the real boat is 42' long. His intent is to load it up with over 100 lbs. of rock for ballast and free sail it. He also brought in a cart for hauling it around and to aid in launching of the craft. Michael mentioned as well, that he has plans to build a 1/8 scale launch to replicate "Floss & Skip Jack", (names of friends boats at the lake)



Model of Bristol Pilot Cutter



Hand built custom cart with model

Derek;

Derek did not work on the *USS Constellation* over the summer, but did manage to complete some of his home improvement projects.

Neil Lund:

Neil reported that he is not actively modeling and is looking forward to a break from K&S.

Robert:

Robert is still 'picking away' at his Billings model of the *Norske Love*. He is trying to do a little bit of work on it each day.



View of *Norske Love* from the stern



View of *Norske Love* from the bow

Jeff Chorney:

Jeff remembers the last time he attended an ASMS meeting was about 23 or 24 years ago. At that time he worked on a model with Russ M who taught him "the right way" of doing things. He is presently working on Preussen Ship in a Bottle. When he mentioned this, all members in attendance immediately offered to help drain the bottle!

Alan:

Alan is presently working on the *Mauratania*, and in the spirit of our 30th anniversary, and as one of the founding members of ASMS, he managed to share some stories of the good old days and the beginning of this organization,

Lorne:

Lorne is also one of our founding members and can recall being part of the executive for the first five -seven years. He is presently working on the *Mayflower*, an American Shipways model and has spent the summer reading through the manual that came with the kit. He also brought along some of the tools that he uses for rigging and talked a bit about each, His tool kit included, crochet hooks, dental picks, clamps, clothes pins, and alligator clips.

Tim:

Tim is not presently building any models, As the new editor for the Knots & Splices though, a discussion took place around ideas for articles for K & S, as well as how to attract new members and create interest in the hobby. Anyone with creative ideas or articles, or model reviews, just contact Tim. Please remember that articles don't need to be written up as publishing ready, just get a hold of Tim and he will do the work.

Patrick:

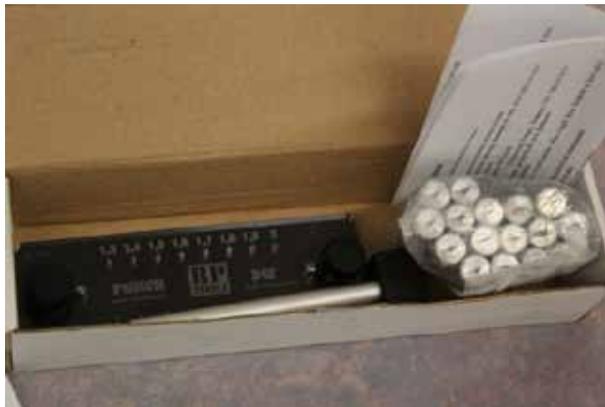
Patrick is presently working on the *HMS Roberts* Monitor by Trumpeter Models. He is doing research and looking for photo-etch detailing parts. He also brought in some books and a punch and die set that he picked up in Burnaby BC, while on holidays this summer.



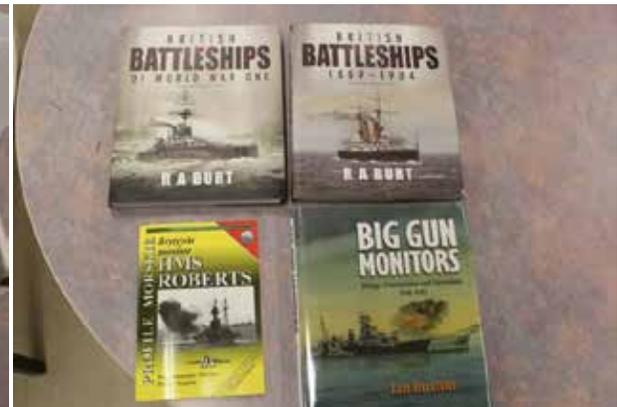
The model kit



1:350 scale brass guns for the model kit



Punch and die set



Reference books

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