

SAIL & SCALE

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Commodore's Corner: I would like to thank John Bishop for the great job he did organizing the Parade of Boats. Once again Tim Smalley played a big part in the planing, by heading up the media campaign. Andy Valentine was responsible for the door prizes we had this year. It takes many others to put this show on and it would not have been the same without the help of: Jim Smith, Dave Bros, Doug Pearson, George Pfeifer, Paul Olsen, Miki Kirihaara, Jeff McCabe, Terry Splettstoesz, Diego Gaston, Doug Campbell, Doug Person, Dick Walker, Fred Ferris, Gary Anderson, and all the rest of the participating club members.

This month, at the meeting, Dave Bros will be talking about the essential modeling tools and beyond.

Please bring your boat projects to the meeting to share with the club.

Dale

Pre: Thanks to Tim Smalley, media coverage prior to the Parade was extensive. See page 3 for details.

Parade: Our Parade of Boats on June 11th came off without a hitch. The poor weather forecast made earlier in the week did not materialize, and we had a beautiful, sunny day for the event. 60 members brought out 150 boats (we can't seem to break that 150 mark without counting the Builder's Table). We also managed to sign up 18 new members, pushing our roster to over 120.

Newly signed-up members, Bob Glass, Doug Hendrix, Peter Larson and Don Rasmussen won the "new member" door prizes from Midwest Products, while Ron Bongard took home the "Participants" first place prize selection of a *Boss 272* kit. The choice of the first place winner was expected to be Midwest's new *Steam Launch* and *Steam Engine*, but Ron actually won last year's door prize which was, of all things... a Midwest Launch and Steam Engine!! As a result, Warren Freeman managed to cop the new launch and engine. Third choice went to Chad Splettstoesz...a Kyosho *Atlantio 600* kit. I lost count after almost fifty prizes were distributed which indicates that well over half of the participants took home something more than they came with.

It was nice to see several of the items awarded by "Lady Luck" to our younger members. In addition to Chad, Tyler Armstrong, Donald Stephens and A.J. LaVenture each snagged one of the door prizes.

Support: Numerous businesses helped us out by providing the prizes mentioned above. The club would like to gratefully acknowledge the following donors:

Midwest Products Co.
Great Planes Model Distributors
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Du-Bro Products
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Gougeon Bros. (West System)
Chuck E Cheese's (at Centennial Lakes)
McDonald's (at Centennial Lakes)

Coming Right Up: We will hold our annual Handicap Boating session on this coming Thursday evening, July 13th, between 6:30 and 7:30PM. Please bring a boat, sail or power, which you will feel free to allow our guests to use...under your supervision. There are seldom more than six or eight participants, so, if we have a reasonable turnout, you will only be sharing your boat for a fraction of the hour time period.

Please help us out with this once a year "give back" to the city for all that they do for the club!

Woodies: The Whitefish Chain Antique & Classic Wood Boat Rendezvous will take place throughout the day on Saturday, July 22nd, at Moonlight Bay Restaurant just north of Crosslake, MN.

Roster: An updated membership list is enclosed. If you note any errors, please advise me.

Jim

Membership Meeting, 6/20/00: Commodore called meeting to order at 7:00PM. 36 members and guests in attendance. Commodore handed out Parade door prizes to those winners present. Review of Parade: New "snow" fence at skipper's area worked very well. Several spectators expressed desire that more boats be on the water at all times. It appears that the half-hour change over period results in very few boats on the pond on the hour and half-hour. Several members commented on the unusual amount of radio interference. This was probably the result of "packing" so many transmitters in a confined space. We may attempt to operate some boats from the middle or south end of the pond in the future. We definitely need

signage indicating "no strollers" and "no dogs" posted at all entrances to the Centrum. Security was improved...no damage reported. Discussed the possibility of displaying "overflow" boats under the overhang, outside the Centrum. Discussed the unclaimed door prizes from the Parade. Decision was made to notify all remaining winners via the July newsletter and advise them that prizes unclaimed at the end of the July meeting would be raffled off to those in attendance. New members were asked to introduce themselves. D.Gaston announced a new July club event...the 1st Annual Steering Regatta. All powered boats are invited to give it a try, Sunday, July 23rd, at 3pm.

Show-n-Tell: Nothing on display

Jim

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
Jul.	13 th (Thur.)	Handicap Boating	Central Pond 6:30PM - 7:30PM
	18 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	22 nd (Sat.)	Whitefish Antique Boat Show	Crosslake, MN 10:00AM - 5:00PM
	23 rd (Sun.)	1 st Annual Steering Regatta	Central Pond 3:00PM - 6:00PM
	29 th , 30 th	U.S. One Meter Regionals	Deweese Park, Dayton, OH
Aug.	5 th (Sat.)	Wisconsin Maritime Museum Show	Manitowoc, WI 12:00PM - 9:00PM
	6 th (Sun.)	Wisconsin Maritime Museum Show	Manitowoc, WI 10:00AM - 4:00PM
	15 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
	19 th (Sat.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 10:00AM - 6:00PM
	20 th (Sun.)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	20 th (Sun.)	Lighthouse Night	Central Pond 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Sep.	16 th (Sat.)	St. Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St. Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
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Hits: In regard to the radio interference experienced at the Parade, and reported in the minutes above, I referred to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) Membership Manual. As you may be aware, the AMA is the agency responsible for the fact that we surface operators (cars, boats) have 30 channels reserved for our use on 75MHz.

When narrow band receivers are used, the AMA recommends that "all flight operations are encouraged to keep operating transmitters 10 to 20 feet apart". The same recommended separation applies to our "surface" radios, even disregarding the fact that many of us use older, wide band receivers.

In the "real" world, we boaters are too congenial to space ourselves "10 to 20 feet apart" during normal open boating operations...and the Parade crowding situation made the spacing advice almost impossible to adhere to in any event.

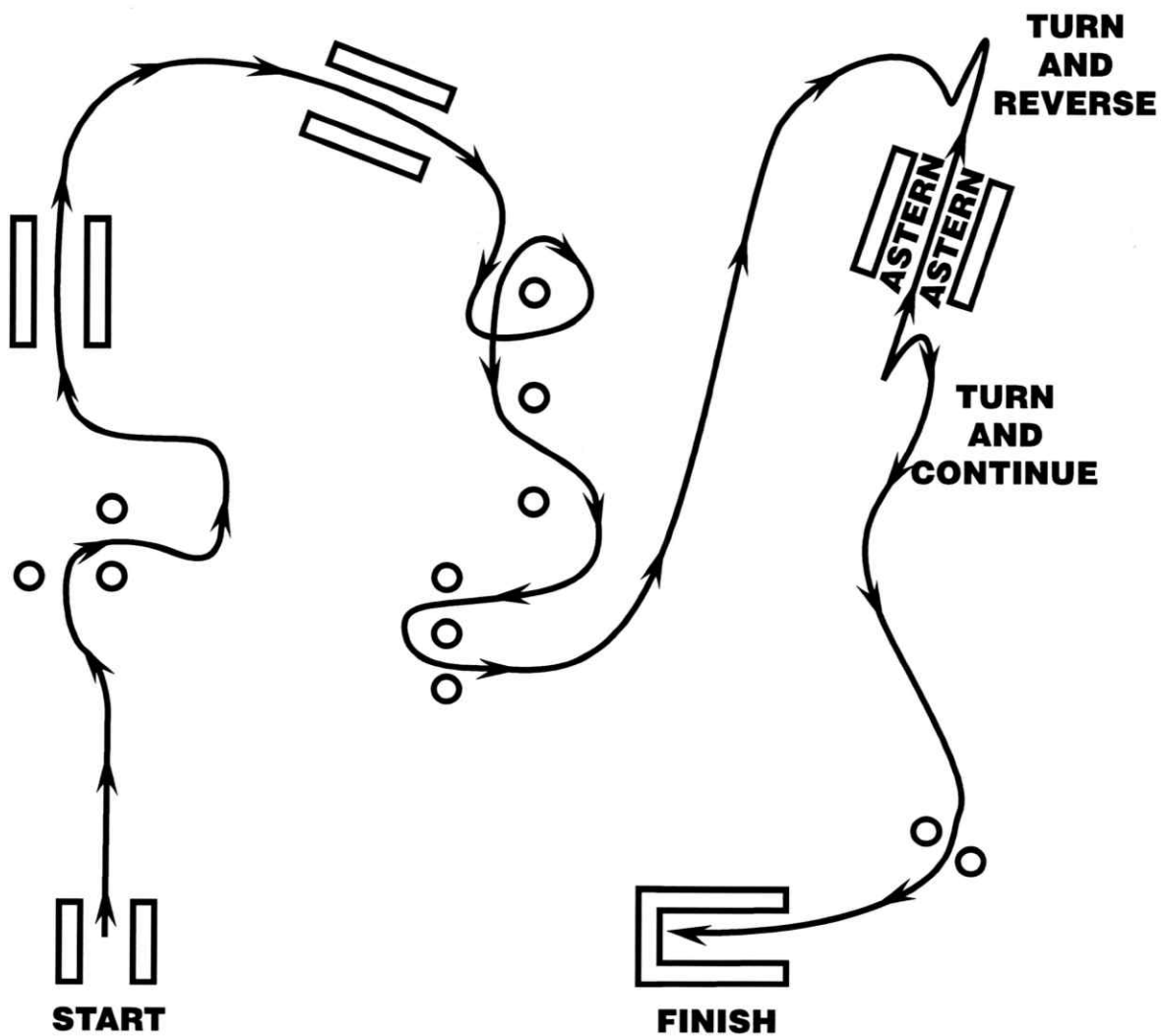
So, until tighter radios come along, it appears that the radio interference "hits" that we experience will continue...as the result of our own poor radio usage.

Ace?: I received a mailing dated June 13th that stated, "Unfortunately, unavoidable circumstances force us to close all Sky Hobby operations effective June 23rd, 2000". Since Ace had been affiliated with Sky Hobbies, I called Ace [REDACTED] to check on the future availability of the Nautical Commander radio. It is, and will continue to be available through your local dealer, or directly from Ace.

Sail Race(s): The U.S. One Meter, Region 4 Championship will be held over the weekend of July 29th and 30th at DeWeese Park in Dayton, OH. A Star-45 RCCR will be held concurrently. Entries must be received by July 26th. Contact: Donald Peacock, [REDACTED]

might be prudent at this late date. (513) 427-1000

COURSE MAP



Following is a list of the Media coverage that the club received regarding the Parade. In addition, some stations broadcast taped segments of last year's event which are not shown below.

Perk-olator: The channel 11, "Perk at Play" TV shoot on June 6th came off without a hitch. Even though the aired piece was more about "Perk" than about the club, John Bishop did manage to get in a quick mention of the Parade of Boats. 35 members took the time and made the effort to attend. We extend special thanks to the parents of our younger members for allowing them to attend.

The planned, "Little Eddie Fitzgerald" piece, notwithstanding, events demonstrated emphatically that "fast electrics" are much too dangerous to share the same water with "sail" and "scale".

As a result of the TV show, we received a call from representative of the Eden Prairie newspaper. They intend to cover the Parade, after the fact.

Morning Show: Channel 9's "Good Day Minnesota" shoot on June 8th was well attended too, considering the time of day (7AM !!). 16 members brought 1 (big!) ship, plus about 25 boats (and a frog and a duck) for the "live" broadcast. Club activities were broadcast six times during the two hour show for a total air time of about 17 minutes. Stephan Reynolds made a point to mention the Parade of Boats during each segment.

Once again, the "fast electric"- "slow boat" mix almost ended in disaster as Chad Spletstoeszer's mini tug was swamped by a suddenly, not so disabled speedboat, as he prepared to push it toward shore. Chad managed to get his boat within inches of his outstretched hand before it sank!

Our web site received over 400 "hits" within hours of the TV broadcast and our Commodore was inundated by telephone calls after the show. He'd be quite happy if someone else would kindly volunteer to field the calls, next year!

Sun: The Edina Sun Current newspaper carried preview of the Parade on page 1 of their June 7th edition along with a photograph and half page spread inside on page 3. The same article appeared on that newspaper's web page.

Strib: The Minneapolis Star/Tribune had an announcement of the Parade in the Friday, June 9th edition, in the *Free Time* section. A much larger, 15 column-inch article with photograph appeared in the *Arts & Entertainment* section on Sunday, 6/11.

Other: Two TV stations had cameras at the Parade, while at least one station aired stock footage from last year. I know that's true, since I received a wise remark from a friend regarding my "cool" hat. I wore the hat during last year's taping...but not this time!

Door Prizes: Several Parade participants have unclaimed door prizes. The last chance to obtain your prize will be at the July meeting. Be there to pick it up, or have a friend pick it up for you, or...it will be raffled off at the end of that meeting to those in

attendance. Each of the 14 participants listed below have a door prize waiting to be claimed:

Marty Baskerville	"Chip" Evans (2)
A.J.LaVenture	Larry Johnson
C.J.VanVoorhis	Max Norton
Jim Hughes	Don Smith
Ralph Peter	Frank Gisch
Bob Mielke	Kyle Blaha
Ron Esse	Bill Hull

Checkmate: M.J.Milano makes some very nice custom (bank) checks. Styles depicting submarines are available, as are checks displaying your model's picture or your picture, for that matter. The first 100 checks cost about \$ 9, which covers the setup charge. Subsequent and larger orders are a bit less spendy.

Being There: Corinne and I have been discussing a cruise on the Queen Elizabeth 2 (QE-2) for quite some time. We finally managed a four-day "Cruise to Nowhere" in the vicinity of New York harbor over the long July 4th weekend.

The trip combined the excellent service offered on a British liner with a front row seat for the arrival of the tall ships in New York harbor during OpSail 2000, and a great holiday fireworks display.

The tall ships were most impressive. It is amazing that so many nations, states, and even individual owners expend the time and resources to keep these ships operational. The U.S.C.G. barque "Eagle" lead the parade of over 50 tall ships past about three dozen warships from 25 nations, anchored in the harbor. Hundreds of additional vessels of all kinds joined in or just observed the fun. It was billed as "the largest gathering of seafaring vessels in maritime history" Of course, the Gen-Xer who dreamed up that line of copy must have been napping when "Dunkerque" and "D-Day" were covered in high school history class.

Although the Parade was scheduled to proceed from the Narrows to the George Washington Bridge and then to reverse course, only six vessels did so. The remainder turned at about 50th street, resulting in much disappointment amongst those viewers who had stationed themselves north of that point.

Our ship was anchored just off Brooklyn Heights, a mile or so north of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge. Several large fireworks barges were anchored in the vicinity of that bridge, which gave us an "up close and personal" view of that venue. Additional barges were on the Hudson at about 50th Street, while another half dozen or more were spaced out along the East river, north of the South Seaport Museum.

The fireworks were quite spectacular, being advertised as the largest ever, fireworks display in America!. 150 tons of explosives were distributed among 60,000 shells. There was an average of 2,000 shells per minute for a full 30 minutes of show time. Perhaps you saw the show on NBC-TV. Well! Let me tell ya! You just had to be there to get the full effect. The "rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air" over fort McHenry was tame by comparison.

My ears are still ringing!

Jim

July Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, July 18th
7:00 P.M.

(Board Members Available at 6:30)

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