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NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: Some of you may know me, some may know of me, some may not. To those who do, it will be nice to see you again next week at our first meeting of 2001. To those who "know of me" it wasn't me and/or it wasn't on purpose I swear! To those who may not, feel free to introduce yourself any time, I will attempt to do the same.

This year will be most interesting for me, as I get to lead a very large group of folks with common interests in R/C Boating. I think our club can continue to grow and offer good clean fun for everyone, members or non-members. Some may feel the club is getting too big, while some may feel it's not big enough. This is a common growing pain in any organization. What this will require is more active participation by fellow members in maintaining the values we hold dear to us while playing on the pond. As members of EMYC we are all responsible for upholding the values of proper conduct, and respect for each other's equipment. This year I see more growth for the club, which means each of us will have to provide more support to maintain a good look in the public's eye.

As the commodore for 2001 I will make an effort to maintain a regular presence on open boating nights, and perhaps by a slim chance I may have a scale craft to float in the middle pond. I look forward to seeing many of you again, and speaking with those of you whom I have not met.

Andy

Where the Heck??: The Centrum Building is now an ice-skating warming house. As a result, our winter meetings will be held in the Centennial Lakes maintenance garage (band room), until at least March.

For easiest access, drive to the north end of the lower parking lot and enter on the left end of the loading dock immediately north of the Audio King installation shop. The door is usually unlocked by about 6:30 PM.

New Year: Club Membership Renewals are due for 2001. If there is a red '01 on the mailing label of this newsletter, we have received your payment. If the '01 is missing, your membership has expired and you should forward your payment along with the enclosed renewal form. Don't forget your e-mail address. Thank You!!

RCHTA: The folks at the Radio Control Hobby Trade Association were impressed with the media coverage of our Parade of Boats again in Y2K. As a result, the club has received a check for \$500.

Thanks to Tim Smalley for editing the news tapes and to Jim Smith for completing the required forms and

forwarding everything to the Association. This is the fourth year running that we have received the maximum award. Thank you all for your efforts!

Incidentally, the RCHTA ads in recent issues of *Model Aviation* and *RC Modeler* are illustrated with a Parade of Boats photo featuring Kim Hershey intently operating her boat while George Merrill does a bit of dockside preparation on his tow boat.

Builder's Corner: The 'Warship Models Underway' web site, although essentially for warship modelers as the name implies, does have much of interest to all radio controlled boat builders.

Under the "How-To" button, see the following:

- "First Steps in Building a Ship Model"
- "Working in Fiberglass"
- "Installing a Deck"
- "Making Propellers from Scratch"
- "Making and Installing Propeller Shafts"
- "Making and Installing Motor Mounts"
- "Making a Battery Mount"

< <http://members.aol.com/wmunderway/> >

New Guys: We'd like to introduce ourselves: Phillip (dad) and Dan (son) Klein hail from tropical, southern Minnesota (Albert Lea). I am a long time modeler (about 50 years), mostly airplanes but some boats. My earliest boat was a *Lumba Lumba* that used an escapement for steering. That vessel went over the Dam here in Albert Lea and was destroyed.

It is a bitter cold day (-12°F) as I write this and I am doing what any self-respecting modeler would do. I am building the *Colin Archer* from the Billing kit. I should know better than to build a scale sailing ketch. It is about 52" long from bowsprit to rudder. I am working on this boat because the *Tito Neri* tug boat kit is much delayed from Hobby Lobby. They keep saying "soon" but it is already two months since I ordered it. If it's a really long winter, I may get both the *Colin* and *Tito* finished before spring.

Both Dan and I enjoy our boating sessions with the club, and meeting the club fellows and asking some counsel on construction tips. We attended the Dry Dock Party with members and wives. Perhaps I can offer some construction ideas in a future article.

Phillip Klein

Lighting: I think that it is important to note that since the Winter Solstice in December, hours of daylight in Minnesota have already increased by 17 minutes per day. Can open boating be far behind?

Fred Ferris

Membership Meeting, 11/21/00: Swap meet commenced at about 6:45 in the Centrum Building. 35 members

in attendance. Unfortunately, only a handful brought items to sell or swap. No club business transpired. *Jim*

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM	(90 days, and counting)
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM	" "
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM	" "
Jan.	16 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
Feb.	20 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
Mar.	20 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM

Stripping: With the winter building (and restoration) season upon us, perhaps the question of removing paint from Styrene, ABS or fiberglass hulls or structures has arisen.

Easy-Off Oven Cleaner works well without damaging most plastics. Use the full strength product, not the environmentally friendly version. And, do not use Easy-Off on items assembled with cyanoacrylate (CA) glue.

Automotive brake fluid is another choice, as is Castrol Super Clean (purple label) from the automotive section of your favorite store.

Whichever you choose, test it out on an inconspicuous area of your model to ascertain that the solvent doesn't "eat" your project.

Sticky: Pacer products has recently introduced Flex-Zap II. This cyanoacrylate adhesive is formulated to be solvent (see above) and moisture resistant and to withstand shock and vibration. It works well on fiberglass and cures clear.

Local Lad Makes Good!: The CR-914 Region 5 Championships were held by the Thin Air Model Yacht Club, a one year old, 50 member organization in Evergreen, Colorado, over the weekend of October 14-15th, 2000. Since the racing venue is at 7,200 feet above sea level, it is assuredly one of the "highest" sailboat races in the world.

Long time member, Tony Johnson, with boat number 077, placed 4th overall out of 21 boats, amassing a total score of only 35 points. Tony finished in first, second or third place in six of the twelve heats raced.

The top five finishers each received a 12" silver engraved plate with medallion.

Thanks to John Dodson for this information; Tony's too modest to have mentioned his success. Thanks to Chuck Winder for the photograph.

I'm sure that Tony would like to talk to you about the event but he is probably too busy trying to get those Colorado sailors to come to Minnetonka to do some real Minnesota sailing (Iceboats Ho!!!)

Congratulations, Tony!!



**Looks As If Tony's Gonna Be Second
Across The "Start" Line**

What's Up?: Aside from doing some planning for upcoming club events, there's not a lot on the agenda for this month's meeting. It would be a really good opportunity to bring your winter project to show-an'-tell. We have quite a few new members who could benefit from your expertise...and mistakes. And some of those new members can probably show us "experts" a thing or two!

Edina Model Yacht Club Income and Expenses 2000

Submitted By: G. Phillips, Nov. 27, 2000

Balance as of: 11/27/99 \$2,303.72

Income, 2000

Dues	\$2,580.00
Shirts, Hats, etc.	\$ 11.95
Radio Control Hobby Trade Assn. Award	\$ 500.00
Total	\$3,091.95

Income: 11/27/99 - 11/27/00 \$3,091.95

Previous Balance plus Income: \$5,395.67

Expenses, 2000

Print for Old Commodore Memorial	\$ 46.26
Web Site	\$ 100.00
Newsletter	\$ 238.80
Parade of Model Boats	\$ 402.00
Dry Dock Party	\$ 343.62
Retrieval Boat Propeller	\$1,200.46
Supplies (Fast Electric)	\$ 21.02
Shirts, (Old and New Commodores)	\$ 35.05
Misc. (Bank Charges)	\$ 66.00
Total	\$ 22.42
	\$2,475.63

Expenses: 11/27/99 - 11/27/00 \$2,475.63

Balance as of: 11/27/00 \$2,920.04

Renew Your Membership In The Edina Model Yacht Club

Membership levels: Youth: (under 18yrs) \$10 per calendar year; Adult: \$20 per calendar year

Renewal Application

Mail to: Edina Model Yacht Club, 7499 France Avenue South, Edina MN 55435
See your web site: www.emyc.org

Please Print

(Please make checks payable to: Edina Model Yacht Club)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ Youth _____ Adult _____

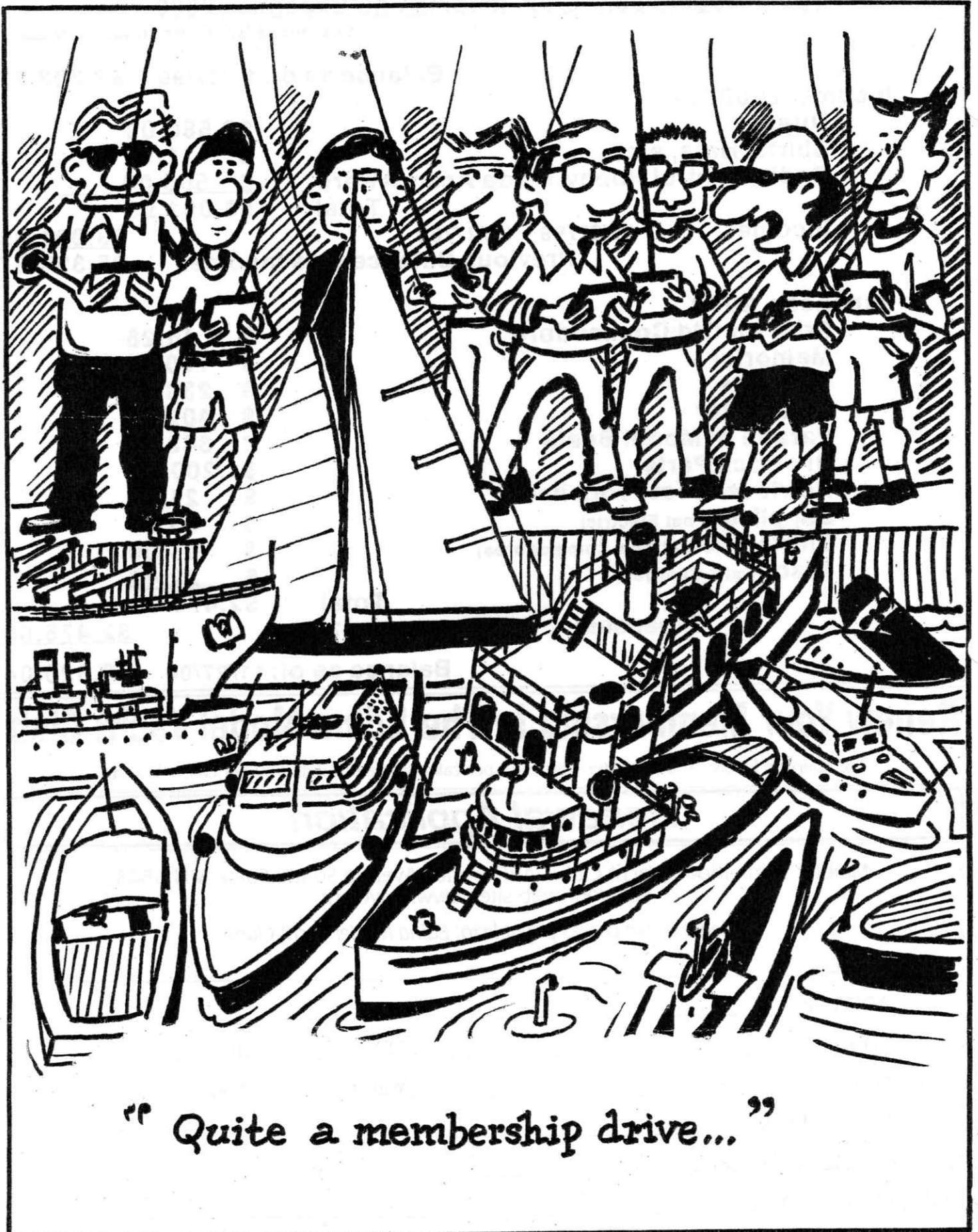
E-mail address _____

Type(s) of SailBoat Operated _____

Type(s) of Electric Boat _____

Radio(s) channel # and number of boats operated per channel:

(1) Channel ___ How Many ___ (2) Channel ___ How Many ___ (3) Channel ___ How Many ___ (4) Channel ___ How Many ___



“ Quite a membership drive...”

Strange Comments: The following are the remarks made by our new Commodore, Andy Valentine, to the assembled masses at the club Dry Dock Party in November. A word to the wise is sufficient. We'd better watch this guy like a hawk!

Navigating 2001

Subject: State of the dot org address

Introduction:

Thank you for your trust and the honor to serve as your Commodore for the coming year. Let me start by stating, "There will be no vote recount, by computer nor hand." There was no ballot for you to confuse your candidates, as I was the only nominee.

My goals for the coming year:

- 1) Increase spending to the point where we can operate in a deficit
- 2) Raise Annual dues for anyone over 65 and decrease them for the richest 1%.
- 3) Impound radios for frequency control and keep them in a Lock-Box.
- 4) Hold the 2001 Naviga Fast Electric Championship on the Central pond.
- 5) Collect and store FBI background checks on all members.
- 6) Run this club to please any and all special interest groups.
- 7) Change open boating days to Thursday, Sunday and Tuesday.
- 8) We have ended the year with a budget surplus of nearly 2,000 dollars. In my plan, I would invest 1,000 dollars in the Military, 2,500 dollars into Fast Electrics, 1.2 dollars into Sailing and 2.5 dollars into Scale.
- 9) Ban all slow moving tugs from the south pond; they are a hazard to our boats and wildlife!
- 10) Finally, as some of you are aware, a majority of members in our Fast Electric Group have been and will be Commodore of our organization. Thus, the club shall be renamed...Dale, Dan and Andy's racing club.

In Conclusion:

I will accept all soft money or bribes in exchange for my vote on key issues in the coming year. Make checks out to Andy Valentine, care of Kate Valentine and post them to [REDACTED]

When in doubt, make it a bigger check!

Thank you, and good night!

(*Sheesh!* After reading and then re-reading the speech...ballots or not, machine or not...I'm pretty sure that I want a recount anyway!! Ed.)

Edina Model Yacht Club

Response: Tom O'Dell, Commodore of the St. Louis Admirals, asked that I print his reply to Dick Edge's remarks in our Nov.'00 newsletter.

Certainly, Tom and the Admirals deserve no less.

Surely, our own Parade of Boats is also not without some faults. We can all use a bit of improvement. "Those who live in glass houses....."

Dec. 6, 2000

Dear Mr. Edge,

I read with much interest your letter in the Edina Model Yacht Club newsletter. As President, I take full responsibility for all problems, oversights and mistakes that happen at our Regatta. I also keep a list of these happenings. These items will if possible be corrected before the next Regatta.

I would like to apologize for all the problems you experienced except one.

Your point about name tags is well taken, and will be corrected.

Your point on your boat being moved is well taken. A new policy is in the works to correct this problem.

Your point on not enough tables is well taken, but we are at the mercy of Union Station who rents them for us to use. We try each year for more but they say it's not in their budget.

Your point on judging is well taken. We will exert more pressure on entrants to vote and do a better job on judging (possibly a "How to judge" sheet). The method of judging will remain in effect next year but we will certainly give more attention to it.

Your point on the integrity of our club is not acceptable to me. No one in our group is a trophy hunter and I don't believe that any vote was club biased. Some added information. We gave away 33 trophies, 17 of them went to non-members. You may have noticed that Bob Chapman, a club member got 2 of our large trophies. One was the Jim Merceil trophy which I alone am empowered to give. It is for what I think a model boater and club member should be. Bob is a great club member and proved himself by working for two years on his large Liberty Ship. In the three years we have been giving the Merceil trophy, two have been given to club members and one to a non club member.

The other award given to Bob was Skipper's Choice and I had no control over that.

The Best of Show was given to a modeler from Peoria, IL - he has since become a member of our club.

The \$10 entry fee which you mentioned goes for our expenses which includes our attendance plaque (cost approximately \$6) which most entrants want as well as our unique trophies. You were also saved \$18 in parking fees by our free passes.

After proof reading this letter I believe I am in error on one point which was the Skipper's Choice. It could have been club biased because of Bob's unrelenting work on finishing this boat after two year's work and then having a stroke and by-pass surgery at the same time. Yes, we may have all voted for him, but would you deny that the model itself deserved a trophy?

I want to thank you for your letter because we won't get any better unless someone points out our mistakes.

I would like for you to come back again next year and give us another chance.

Sincerely,

Tom O'Dell

St. Louis Admirals

January Newsletter

January Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, Jan. 16th
7:00 P.M.

Centennial Lakes
Garage (Band Room)

Commodore:
Vice Commodore
Vice Commodore
Vice Commodore
Vice Commodore
Treasurer

Andy Valentine
Fred Ferris
Paul Olsen
Tim Smalley
Terry Spletstoeszer
Gary Phillips



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Learning physics works best,
As any student knows,
and quickly takes place
When we drive in the snow.

My car standing on ice
Just doesn't want to go,
But when moving on ice
It doesn't want to slow.

I see a corner up ahead
And so I turn the wheel,
But my car keeps going straight
No matter how I feel.

There are laws in this world
That have to do with mass
That apply to us all...
From the rich to lower class.

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