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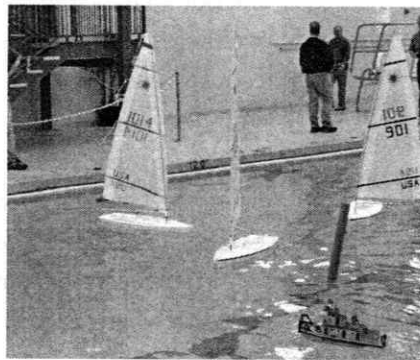
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FUN AT THE SAFARI ISLAND POOL AND ICEBOATING EVENT IN WACONIA



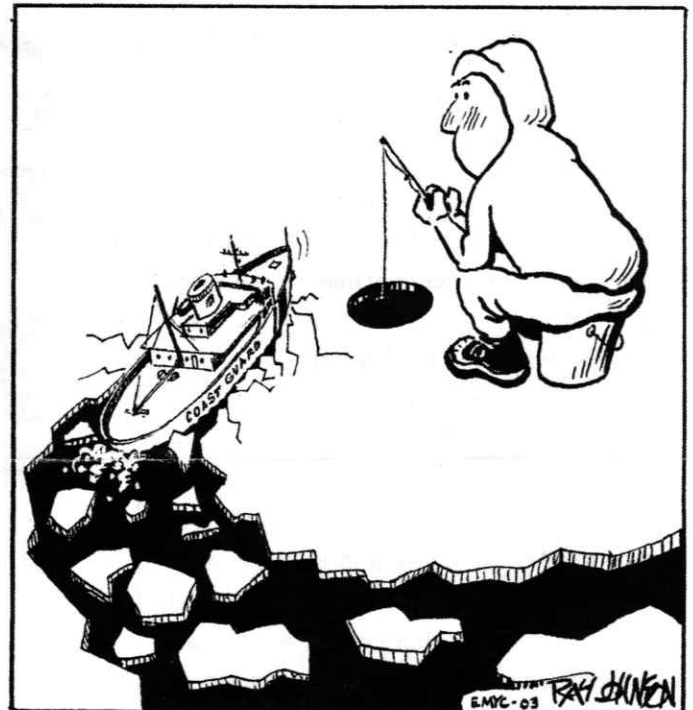
Club members had their share of fun at the Waconia event. Starting out at 11:00, iceboating was the attraction in the park nearby the Safari Island facility. See the article by Alex Raupp on page 2. Next on the agenda at 1:00 was the indoor pool activity featuring our scale, fast electric and sail boat members. About 15 of so members participated in activities. On the scale side, George Pfeifer brought his Minnehaha style scale steetcar boat,



Doug Campbell brought the German fireboat, Dan Proulx brought his German police boat, and Tim Smalley brought his submarines. The fast electric group entertained the crowd twice with mad dash races, and the Laser sailboat group of about 6 members or so



had fun on the pool because of the artificial wind provided by the facility. The club would like to thank the Safari Island people for letting us participate!



SCHEDULE OF CLUB EVENTS:

February 18 Tue. Club Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

I would like to remind all our members that have not yet renewed, that their 2002 membership expires on December 31st 2002. Membership levels are Youth \$10.00 and Adult \$20.00. I will be manning a membership table at the February meeting for your convenience. If you are a long time member and none of your information has changed I will still need at least your name on the renewal form. I hope you all join us for a fun new year.

- Dale Johnson

COMMODORE'S CORNER

The new year is already a month old, and we have had our first meeting of the year. So when is the ice going to go out, so that we can get down to some serious business? To be honest, I am not really ready to start yet. With one thing or another, I just have not had the time to get down to the dungeon this off-season. I have projects piled almost to the ceiling, and no time to start on any of them. I am amazed at how easily I can find the time to sail my boats, but I can never find the time to repair, or perform routine maintenance on them. I have come to the conclusion that what I really want is a totally maintenance free boat that I can sail without ever having to work on it. Ya I know. I am really weird, and just a little sick. This year is not getting off on the best foot. Our first meeting of the year and we got kicked out of the band room, by the band of all people. It seems that they had to rehearse for a rather hastily scheduled concert, one of those last minute things that could not be helped I guess. I would like to thank all of those members who attended the meeting for their patience and help with moving our operations out into the garage. I would also like to apologize to those members who brought their projects for show and tell, for losing control of the meeting there at the end. It's hard enough to get people to bring in their projects to share with the rest of us, with out the rest of us being so rude as to not let them talk. To help avoid this problem in the future, I am asking that members let me know ahead of time (before the meeting if possible) that they wish to talk about their projects, so that I might be able to better hold things together long enough to allow them their fair share of time. -Mike Ross

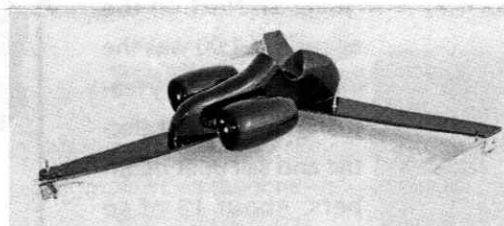
SAILING NEWS

Iceboating at Waconia

Saturday, February 1st was a great day for several reasons. Not only was it Chinese New Year, but we were invited to participate in Waconia's annual Winter Festival. The City of Waconia invited Tony Johnson to collect



some other R/C iceboaters together and give demonstrations on one of the city's outdoor ice rinks. With a total of about ten iceboats and twenty people, we all had a great time. Doug Campbell even brought an electric ducted fan model, which ran perfectly. Several of the models were from Tony and my company, several were scratchbuilt and one was a transformation from a land yacht kit. There was some interest from passers-by, but the spectator contingent was not as large as expected. As the wind picked up, the boats



started to move, and everyone got a chance to run one. These radio controlled iceboats really are a blast to run. They handle like real iceboats, so there are some differences between them

and sail boats. The two most significant differences relate to the wind. The first is that they tend to get into irons easier and once in irons, can't get out without a push or a significant wind shift. The second is that when overpowered, you must pull away from the wind to keep from tipping. This is due to the fact that if you are overpowered and tipping, pointing into the wind (as you do with a sailboat) will add more power to the sail so quickly that the boat will continue to spill. See you on the ice! -Alex Raupp

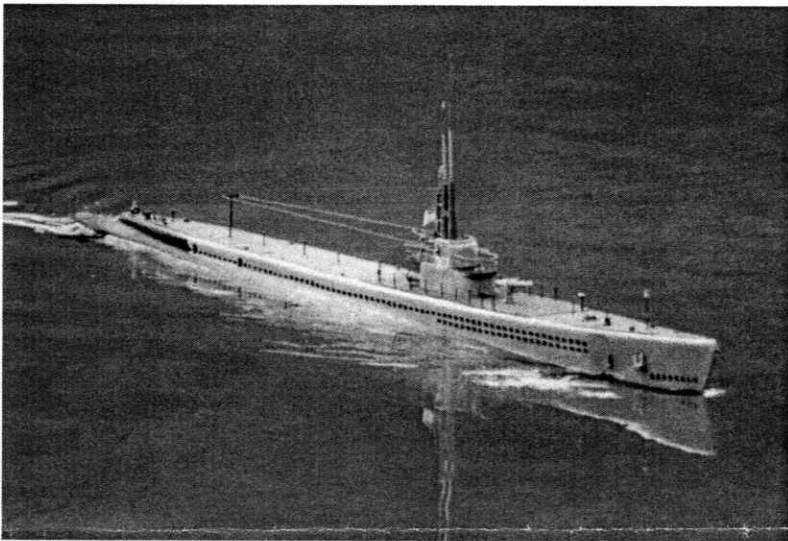
New Seawind AMYA Class

Soon after the Fairwind folks got their own AMYA class. A group of Seawind enthusiasts started a movement to organize a Seawind class. I have been following their efforts, and in just the last couple of months they have been able to get the Seawind recognized as an official proposed class. Those club members who own a Seawind, might want to check out the AMYA web site at www.amya.com for further information, and developments. -Mike Ross

SCALE NEWS

Come See the Subs!

Tim Smalley will give a presentation next meeting about RC submarines. Here is a photo of one of Tim's submarines. This is a fascinating aspect of radio control boating and should not be missed!



New Model Building Group Formed

The Society of Model Ship Builders of Minnesota had its first meeting on January 15, 2003 at 7pm in the Boat'art Gallery at 844 Grand Ave. in St. Paul. If you are a model builder, or are interested in learning model shipbuilding, come on down and join this group of craftsmen. The next meeting will be on February 19, 2003, 7pm. No reservation required. For information: E-mail Boat'art at: boat_art@msn.com. - Dale Johnson

Super Styrene

Midwest Products Co. has two new products - Super Styrene and Super Sheets. Included are over 200 items including strips, tubes, rods, square rods, H-beams, -beams, T-beams, channels, angles, triangles, hex rods, connectors and L-connectors. These items are sold in 13" lengths and are UV resistant. Super Sheets are 7.6" x 12.6" and include 36 unique sheet items and six different material types. You can download a "mini-catalog" at www.midwestproducts.com. These items are imported from the Netherlands by Midwest (which probably accounts for the unusual sizes), and should be available at local hobby shops. - Jim Smith

MEETING NOTES - JANUARY

Club Meeting Notes January 21, 2003.

Mike Ross introduced the new special interest leaders for the year; Andy Valentine - Fast Electric, Tom Weigel & Terry Mackey sailboat racing, and Tim Smalley, scale boating. A sign up sheet was available for those interested in specific groups. Dave Bros mentioned concerns about using part of the club treasury for funding groups. Discussion followed and decision remained to fund the groups this year and see how it will work. Members who have run events in the past said that for the most part, they have broken even on costs. Tim Smalley brought up a motion for the club to purchase a scanner that can read all the frequencies being used at the pond, which can be helpful in resolving radio conflicts. Members voted to purchase a scanner. Jeff McCabe mentioned that the club should try to advertise in the Park area, as he noticed there was no mention of the club on the bulletin boards. Dale Johnson said he would design and produce a poster of the club that the Park could use. Doug Person mentioned that the Park newsletter mentions the club. Tom Weigel mentioned about the club having a EMYC club "burgee" (flag) that the club could use at the Park or at events. Members could submit designs to Tom for ideas on the burgee. Andy Valentine did a presentation of the features of the EMYC website.

- Doug Campbell

NEW CLUB LOGO?

In regard to the meeting notes about a club burgee (flag), I suggest that the club should decide on a logo that will be used for all things, shirts, burgees, newsletters, stationary, etc. Members can still submit ideas to Tom Weigel, and then the club could vote on one. - Doug



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FEBRUARY MEETING:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 7:00 P.M.
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BANDROOM
- DIVE, DIVE, DIVE!

Ever wonder about RC submarines? Think they might be fun to try but you have a ton of questions - like how hard are they to build? How much do they cost? How deep can the radio signal carry? What happens if it doesn't come back up?!!

This month, EMYC member Tim Smalley, who has his own popular RC submarine website and is also associate editor for the international sub modelers' association magazine "The SubCommittee Report" will answer these questions and more. He will bring along several of his own submarine models and EMYC treasurer Gary Phillips will also bring along his nearly completed RC model submarine of the U.S.S. Albacore. Tim also says that the club's new scanner has arrived and he will bring it as a show and tell item.

ALSO, BRING YOUR BOAT TO THE MEETING!

Members ALWAYS want to see finished or unfinished projects! So please bring your boat to the meeting.

2003 COMMODORE AND BOARD MEMBERS

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