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EVENTS

Parade of Boats TV promo



Thanks to everyone who was able to haul themselves out of the rack, brave the rain and come down to the pond this morning to participate in the CH 9 live shot for their 7-9 AM news show. At one point I counted 21 club members there. That's pretty good for 06:45!

We decided it would be nice to be dry while we ran our boats, so we moved down to the band shell at the south end of the pond and it couldn't have worked out better!

The Fox 9 reporter, M.A. Roscoe, was a lot of fun, tried running a fast electric and teased us a bit about the "price of big boys toys" and "playing with Barbie and Ken", but it was all in good fun and she did a very nice promo for the Sunday Parade.



I have attached a couple of photos of the event. Maybe at some point we can get the whole batch up on EMYC.org. If you took any photos today, or of any club activities so far this year please email them to me or burn a CD and give them to me at the next club meeting. I am working on a slide show for the Drydock party! Thanks again to all who were able to pitch in!

- Tim Smalley

FEATURE

Boats from the Duluth Superior Harbor

By Pat Lapinski



In a year filled with economic uncertainty the venerable steamer Middletown is still plying the lakes with stone and taconite cargoes. The Middletown recently arrived at Silver Bay under the command of Captain Ted Olm to load pellets destined for the lakefront dock at Cleveland. The Middletown is visually distinctive, its highly raked bow forward and its tall, thin funnel aft make it easily recognized from a distance.

The 2003 season marks the 60th year of operation for the vessel, that is, at least for most of the vessel. The Middletown is like the proverbial cat with nine lives and is not quite the same ship today that it was when it first set sail in 1943. The Middletown was launched in 1942 as the Neshanic; a 448 foot long tanker. The Neshanic entered service the following year and was assigned to the Pacific war theater as a fueling vessel. On June 18, 1944 the Neshanic was struck by a 100 pound bomb dropped from a Japanese warplane, killing 3 crew members. The Neshanic was fortunate to receive only minor damage and following the war the vessel was sold to the Gulf Oil Company and renamed the Gulfoil.

The Gulfoil worked the east coast tanker trade for eleven uneventful years, which is a good thing for a tanker, before again courting disaster. In August 1958, underway in a heavy fog, the Gulfoil collided with another tanker. The accident proved deadly for a large number of the vessel's crew, and the Gulfoil was declared a total loss. Somehow, the vessel was resurrected from the scrapheap and given a new chance when the Pioneer Steamship Company of Cleveland purchased - *continued on page 2*

SCHEDULE OF CLUB EVENTS:

July 15 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Club Meeting Centennial Lakes Park
August 02 Saturday	All day	Region 4 Regatta Ann Arbor, MI
August 16 Saturday	9:00 am	Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous Treasure Island Casino, Red Wing, MN

COMMODORE'S CORNER

Well the clubs streak of perfect weather for the Parade of Boats finally came to an end this year. Even with the rain the crowds hung in there, and when the rain was coming down the hardest, they just moved indoors to view the boats on display. At times it got quite crowded in the Centrum building, but the crowds stuck it out and waited for the rain to stop. On the one hand we were fortunate, the rain was coming down the hardest at about the same time that the Fast Electrics were supposed to race. On the other hand, the rain did throw off our schedule a little, and as a result there was a couple of times that the pond was almost empty.

There were plenty of people around to watch the boats, just not too many boats in the water for them to see. The sale table seemed to have worked out rather well, and I hope that we will be able to continue to have such a table in the future. All-in-all I was left with the impression that the show was quite successful. I only hope that the members had as much fun, as our guests seemed to have had. First I would like to thank all of the members who made it out in the rain, early Friday morning for the Channel 9 News shot. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Tim Smalley, and Alix Raupp for their wonderful work as Masters of Ceremony. Additionally I would like to thank McDonalds for the free lunches. As well as Tom Shirley and the rest of the Centennial Lakes Park crew, for all of their help. Lastly I would like to thank all of the following people who donated to the drawing.

Airtronics Inc., Creations Unlimited Hobby, Dremel, Dumas Products Inc., Gougeon Bros., House of Balsa, Inc., Hub Hobby, K & S Engineering, Midwest Products Co., Inc., RAM Products, Revell-Monogram, Robart Squadron Signal Publications, Taubman Plans Service Intl, The Floating Drydock, Tower Hobbies, and Xuron Corporation.

All of their very generous contributions were very much appreciated. The economy has not been that great for the last few years, and the contributions that these people were able to make to our club is even more appreciated. As a side note; The "Modelers Squares" that I was handing out to the members who were able to make it out in the rain, so early Friday morning, were donated by Midwest Products. - *Mike*

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the remains of the Gulfoil. A new midbody was built and the vessel was adapted for use on the Great Lakes, arriving in 1961 as the Pioneer Challenger. The new life didn't change its old luck, and after only two weeks the vessel struck a submerged object on Lake Erie, severely damaging the bottom plating on the hull, sending the Pioneer Challenger to the shipyard at Superior.*

A year later the vessel was sold to Oglebay Norton and renamed the Middletown. Over the past forty years of operation on the Great Lakes the vessel has undergone several major upgrades to its engine room and cargo handling capability, yet the Middletown still continues to be dogged by its disastrous past. In 1986 two engineers were fatally injured in a fire aboard the vessel, making one wonder if the ship will ever shake its reputation. In spite of its past the present crew of the Middletown find it to be a wonderful ship to live and work on and are proud of its long history.



Str. Middletown loading at Silver Bay, May 2003

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SAIL NEWS

CR914 class Regatta on June 6-7

by Tony Johnson

Terry and I attended the Region four nationally sanctioned race for the CR914 class on June 6-7. Terry ended up in second place in some extreme sailing conditions. Me, started good then my program crashed. Here is the link to the Race report at Mid Missouri Model Sailing Club: http://www.m3sc.org/region4_report.htm

The race was well attended and represented a number of states

FAST ELECTRIC NEWS

The Sardine Classic in Mazomanie, WI

by Andy Valentine

Friday, June 27th Mark Anderson, Dan Proulx and I hit the road to crush our competitors in Mazomanie, Wisconsin at the 1st annual Sardine Classic hosted by the Madison Area Fast Electric Boat Club.



One thing became very clear to me, after pushing our clubs SPEC classes for 3-4 years many others have started to catch on and catch on quickly. We were no longer racing just each other, now we have to worry about outside competition. LS Mono, LS Hydro and LS

Offshore would all prove a challenge!

First up was LS Mono, my usually reliable Oval master had too many cob webs to shake up in morning testing. A few cut buoys along the way netted me a 3rd place finish. Mark ran an H2O of Dan's for the 1st time. It ran very well for such a heavy boat, proved solid enough to bring home 2nd place in points. Dan's Hopf mono was very fast, almost as unstable in someone's wake as it was fast in clean water. The non-race tested boat kept him out of points.

The second group was LS Hydro. Doug Campbell was unable to make the trip, so I was to sweep the competition with his custom Shovel Nose in LS Hydro. I nailed the starts, pulled a sizeable lead only to flip in some rather odd water conditions netting a DNF in two rounds and one first place finish in the final round. Mark had a good boat, but his Campbell shovel just didn't seem to have the lightning speed it had last year at our Spectacular. He was almost as disappointed as the manufacturer (*Oh well thats racing! - ed.*) was when he didn't make the podium and joined me thoughts of "why why why." Dan's Bandit hydro was on fire. The course being of regulation size, he set an unofficial record of 2:26! These boats are amazing to sum it up. In comparison to the other exotics that are run in FE these days I don't think you could come close to the "Bang for your Buck" ride in a Limited Spec Hydro.

Third grouping was LS Offshore. Call it my baby, the one I should have taken home. That's about all I can say other than I tied for second and lost a sizeable lead after 8 of 10 laps in the run off to a wet receiver. Mark had a shot at knocking the class winner off the podium in round 3. It was all he could do to run the cleanest race of his life and hold tight in lane 1 forcing the man on his back door to try an outside pass in the corner. A momentary lapse, and buried in the buoy near the end of the race took him out of the race and off the podium. Dan had lots of speed but his setup proved a little too loose for the water conditions that day and he just missed the podium by 25 points.

The Limited Spec classes would be run first in each round, followed by the open or modified boats. N2 or 6 cell mono proved challenging for all with the exception of Dan. If he had troubles in LS Offshore he had no troubles plowing through the competition in this what could be called "his" class. 3 perfect rounds, none close he walked to a first place finish. Mark finished his N2 boat just before the race as with LS Hydro. In both cases he seemed to have lost the blazing speed he had last year. Lesson learned? I just couldn't get it going in N2. After a dismal 1st round finish I made some adjustments that proved to be going in the right direction. In the third round when all looked good for a first tango in turn 2 ended my day. No damage to the boat, just another DNF for me. The other boat wasn't so lucky. Dan and Mark were both entered in P Sport Hydro and P Mono. P Sport Hydro is where Mark shined, and left the course director (a Nitro champion) in awe. Dan was also fast, for the



last heat he decided to match Mark's setup which proved a bad choice. Mark finished the day 1st with Dan knocking on his back door 100 points down. In P Mono Dan had the setup to beat. Unfortunate for him some bad luck on the water in the first round a blow over netted a DNF. Lucky for him with 5 boats entered, one boat in first there would be a run off with the remaining 4 to determine 2nd and 3rd. Dan had it nailed for 2nd, only to blow over and recover quickly to finish 2nd in the run off and grab 3rd place. Much fun was had regardless of the rain, and DNF history. While we just missed the Limited Spec High points trophy Dan did walk away with the overall High Points trophy. Combined we came home with 3-1st 3-2nd and 3-3rd place awards. We look forward to a rematch with some of the racers in Mazo come September 20th and our 2nd annual Spectacular!

2003 Edina Model Yacht Club Membership Directory

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JULY MEETING:

**TUESDAY, JULY 15 - 7:00 P.M.
IN THE BAND ROOM**

BRING YOUR BOAT TO THE MEETING!

Members ARE ALWAYS ENTERTAINED by seeing finished or unfinished nautical projects! So please bring your boat project to the meeting.

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