

Good meeting, and probably due to the fall colors it felt like the last membership meeting of the year (swap meet next month already!!). Here is what went on at the meeting:

- River Cruise Reflections - I set the date for one week later than previous years (the date we usually have this event was fully booked), and it seemed to get dark too soon. So next year we will set it up for a couple of weeks earlier.
- 1/2 Pond Races - We had mostly larger boats racing this year, which made lifting them around the floating bridge to the band shell to get into the south pond impractical. A great gathering of EC-12's, Newports, and the Mighty Mary in the International A Class. Then add a couple of ODOMs and it was very interesting racing. The larger boats are simply a special treat to watch and skipper. I think everyone the wanted to try sailing a larger boat got the opportunity. For the Mary it was the second time on the water after Paul Olsen's completing the rehabilitation/upgrading and it went very well. The boat sizes are approximately 50 pounds for the International A Class, 25 pounds for the EC-12 and Newports, and 8 pounds for the ODOMs. When the wind was lighter the lighter boats do have an edge it seemed to me, but even a slight pick-up in wind velocity starts favoring the larger boats. No substitute for sail area. Here are a couple of photos from the races that were on our facebook page. I included the set-up photo to help give a sense of the scale of the boats.





Things did get hairy at the bouys with the disparity in boat sizes and there were some collisions!!

- DragonFlite 95 Purchase Update - I have all the orders and am working through some fine tuning to the color choices. Once these are sorted out I will place the order.
- Positions on the Board and Commodore are open for next year. Let me know if you are interested in serving in these positions. The Club Board meets in the beginning of January, so let me know if you have anything in the club that you would like to change, add or modify, or anything else you would like the board to address. Suggestions and comments are very welcome.

Dry Dock Party Correction!!! I mistakenly included in the email before the October meeting the date of the Dry Dock Party - I read my calendar incorrectly. The correct date is still Saturday the 11th. The 11th is the date it has been since the beginning of the year so it is only this one notice that I got wrong. Famous Dave's is the caterer this year and we need to have an accurate count of attendees to make final arrangements with them. Todd and Julia will also be making name tags so we need the name of your guest that will be accompanying you. Let Julia know if you are attending and also the name of your guest by November 1st. This is very important so please let Julia know as soon as possible. You can email her at [REDACTED] or call her at [REDACTED].

We had a couple of great show and tell items. The first item highlights one of the great things about the club, which is the wealth of knowledge that is available. Kevin Waldo brought a kit that he is going to be working on this winter, but had an issue with the deterioration of the cast metal parts, which he threw out to the group in attendance for direction. Several great suggestions were made and I think we need to have Kevin report back next year on how the suggestions worked out. Kevin also was looking for direction with the appearance of different types of wood. I thought the responses to this item were especially impressive and will similarly need to be reported back to the group next year.



Second item came from one of the great model builders in the club, Curt Peterson. Curt wanted a runabout but did not have the time to put into a kit. His solution was to buy a ready-for-electronics boat off of ebay. The boat is typically sold for display only, but has been offered recently in a water ready condition by having been constructed with water proof glues and epoxy coating. The boat is the RC/water ready Amati Riva Aquarama. We have seen this boat before in the club but not in the water ready format. A gorgeous boat that is not quite built to exacting standards of measurements, it is never the less a stunning boat. The is the model version of what may be the most desireable full size wooden boat ever made, it was made for the then head of Lamborguini automobile company, and one example was constructed with twin V-12 Lambogini motors. Curt had fitted the twin rudders and was working on locating the holes for the twin propeller shafts. Curt will need to show us all how this boat comes out and how it runs when it is completed. This could be a popular way to achieve that display worthy wood speed boat you always wanted!



The presentation was by Richard Dahlquist on the Maker Faire the club attended in the Grand Stand Building on the State Fair Grounds in June. Richard did a great job of capturing the great number of creative and interesting exhibitors that attended this show. Over 6,000 people came to see the the displays and it was by far the best interest and exposure that the Club has had at any event. All that were there representing the club are anxious to be at this event next year. A lot of fun to be a presenter and to wander around seeing all the displays and hands-on activities.

Coming Up

Dry Dock Party - Saturday, November 11th, social hour and appetizers from 5:30 to 6:30, dinner at 6:30 with program. (Please let Julia know you are planning to be there - see above)

Swap Meet - Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00 pm. Bring your items for sale or to just pass on to someone that needs something you have that is going unused. Paul Olsen will be bringing several kits he is trying to find homes for and I will be helping him make a list of the kits which I will send out ahead of the swap meet. Always interesting to see what will show up!!!

I hope to see you at the Dry Dock Party and the Swap Meet!

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