

August and September Newsletter

SPECIAL DOUBLE NEWSLETTER ISSUE!!!

July's newsletter was a bit late due to employment overload and that has not abated so here is the first "Special Double Newsletter Issue"! Lots going on in August and September so let's get started:

The August meeting saw four new members: Ed Janiga, a longtime friend of Terry and myself; Jim Pennoyer, a friend of Tim Crain; and Oskar and Amy Colon. Ed used to office in one of the Centennial Lakes office buildings and usually stopped by to say hello and enjoy our club events in past years. Being a handy guy with various hobbies it came natural to him to try his hand at building his own boat. Jim has acquired two Fairwinds so far, the first coming at the Swap Meet last year, and then the one covered below. Oskar and Amy's boat has been covered in previous emails and they are now enjoying full membership.

Also we discussed Light House Night #1, which could not have been better in any way. Just one of the all-time great nights on the pond and then throw in the band concert and fireworks. Here is what you get when you combine all these things:



Top right to left: David Petrich, Rick Luther and Bill Lundholm.

Bottom: action in the skippers area.



Top: Admirer with John DeBore's RC Shark.

Bottom: Scene at the pond.



FIREWORKS!!!

(Photos by John Bishop and are available at <https://pixelmagic.smugmug.com/Lighthouse-Night-2018/>. Additional photos by Todd Moen available at <https://todd-moen.smugmug.com>)

Finally John Bishop displayed and spoke about putting graphic appliques on his boat and highly recommended Callie Graphics for providing the appliques. Callie Graphics had been recommended several times in the past and John is just the latest satisfied customer.

August also saw 4 new boats on the water, and each one was a sailboat.



Top: I finally got my DragonFlight 95 assembled. I chose the pink hull stickers mostly because in the order that the club placed no one else wanted the color so I got it by default. After completing the rudder shaft and the mast bunk sealing upgrades - on went the pink hull stickers. Wow, they were a bit loud so there was no going back to being subtle with the colors so I did the rigging with some very bright turquoise line I had purchased at Fleet Farm after Paul Olsen tipped me off that FF was a great place to get fish line for rigging. That line was a bit heavy (thick) so the boom sheets were the much thinner bright yellow line that came with the boat. Now throw in the orange stripes and black trim on the sails and you have a colorful boat! Really turned out great and a lot of fun to sail.

Bottom previous page: One of the donated DragonForce 65 boats that are being fostered by Larry Wheeler. Larry is trying his hand at making his own sails and reports some minor improvements needed but really, a nice job.



Top: Jim Pennoyer's refreshed Fairwind navigating through the weeds on the pond. Jim needed all the deck fittings and asked for help at the August meeting. Mike Ross responded and the boat pictured is the result. Really nice job.

Bottom on the left: A Fairwind donated to the Club and adopted by Tim Crain. Already in pristine condition minor upgrades and spit and polish later and another classic is floating again!

Light House Night #2 was another delightful day on the water. Not quite the crowd that we had last year, but just a wonderful night on the water. Good attendance by club members saw a lot of boats on the water. The skipper area was flagged off and in retrospect that was a mistake. There was little seating available alongside the pond and that probably did not help spectators to stay and watch. Also, without all the other events and things going on at Light House Night #1 LHN#2 is really a chance for us to be informal with the spectators and share our hobby with someone sitting next to us. We will not use the flags to cordon off the area next year.

September's meeting was back to non-summer hours and was typical of the meetings this year. Bill Uhl had reported to me that he was working on another boat and offered to bring it to the meeting for show and tell. That is all I had scheduled but, a lot of other boats and items showed up!!



Here is Bill's boat in progress. I love Bill's boats. They are some of my favorites in the club. Built from scratch, using only photos for a guide they are beautiful in their simplicity and ruggedness, not to mention they are fitted with a motor and propeller that are vastly oversized - what's not to like? How rugged are Bill's boats? Todd proves the point every time the Minion boat is on the water by authentically piloting the boat as if the Minions are actually running the boat! It is a beautiful thing to see how these boats can "take it". These boats are tough. Here is Bill to explain his latest boat: "I really do not need another tug but this one I could not resist. It is based upon a series of classic tugs still in use on the great lakes. Three are in use in Duluth as of 2014. See the attached video": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGE2CPFsnrQ>. Of the approximate 33 of the boats that were built in the 20's and 30's, three went to Duluth. Originally with steam power they were later converted to diesel.



Dick Walker presented his Baby Bootlegger model. Built in 1924 this was the high speed boat of the day and highly innovative. The boat has a rounded chime and stepped transom (not flat bottomed) and featured the propeller shaft supported by the rudder assembly. The boat is 99% scratch built of mahogany and is within about 1/32" of being true scale. The non-scratch 1% is the running lights and propeller that were purchased. This model won the Bold Cup twice at the Manitowoc model boat show, and lost out on a third win on a change in the rules technicality. The real boat was powered by a WW I Hispano-Susa airplane engine. The boat was discovered in storage and restored and now resides in Nisswa Minnesota as reported earlier this year by Richard Dahlquist that it came out for the Gull Lake chain boat show this year. Marvelous model by Dick.



Here is Jim Pennoyer's Fairwind, same as in the on-the-water picture above. A former Larry Johnson boat this Fairwind 900 is looking really great and should inspire all of us that have Fairwinds to get them on the water once in a while. Notice the really nice stand and traveling cart Jim made for the boat. I especially liked his stand and was thinking that it would make a really nice replacement for the terrible DragonFlite 95 stands that like to blow over at the slightest gust of wind. Jim is willing to make up a stand for whoever is interested. Price TBD. Let Jim know if you are interested.



Next up was Tim Crain's "Rusty" under construction. Always interesting/inspiring to see boats in the process, and many, many thanks to Tim for sharing a lot of his boats at meetings this year. I love the variety of boats that Tim works on.





Kevin Waldo has been getting into photography of his boats and brought three framed pictures. To get the photo angle correct he lays on the concrete, looking like a beached whale (his words not mine), but the resulting photos demonstrate it is worth it. Members at the meeting especially liked the cabin cruiser on the far left and suggested that it would make a good photo for the Parade poster next year. There was a unanimous approval of this suggestion so we may have just had the earliest decision for a poster boat ever.

Current announcements:

- From a friend John Bishop who is getting lead free from Star and Tribune type setting material. A rare opportunity to get lead which is very hard to come by free of charge. Let John know if you are interested: [REDACTED]
- Update on the 2 pond races included in the previous email notice. Races will be held on Saturday, October 6th, with Sunday the 7th the alternate date if Saturday weather is not favorable. Gary Tschautscher is heading this up this year and responds to a question of sailing a Fairwind in the races:

A question came up about racing Fairwind(s). My apology that I wasn't more specific, this event is all about **EVERYBODY HAVING FUN!**

We will accommodate all (if it floats) sailboats for racing - Bring your Sailboat and have fun!

Different class sailboats can/will be combined in a race, so everybody gets a chance to race. The only exception will be that the Big Boats i.e. EC12, Newport, SB, Mighty Mary, will race by themselves. We had mixed classes of smaller boats with the Big Boats and that created too many challenges - Too much of a chance to damage the boats.

So get your sailboats all shiny and ready to join the fun.

Reminder!

Please post what boats you are planning to bring, so we can plan ahead.

See you at the Pond.

Gary

If you are not in the ODOM or DF 95 groups contact Gary at:

[REDACTED]. Also I would like to add that David Petrich ran one of his powered boats along with the sailboats through two ponds last year so you are free to bring your power boats to the races as it is pretty easy to keep clear of the sailboats that run at the mercy of the wind. This really is a fun end of the year event so make a point of coming down to participate with a boat or help is always needed to record race results or other race related assistance.

- Time of the year to set up the various club positions for next year. Up for filling are the Commodore position, board members and Newsletter Editor. Let me know if you are interested in serving in any of these positions. New people bring fresh ideas to the club and that keeps the club vibrant. We all have a lot going on in our lives but it becomes a few in the club to be more active than the usual member for the benefit of the club. A huge thank you for the many that have served various positions in the club in the past and currently. Please consider doing just a bit more in 2019. See me if you have any questions about the positions available, and especially if you would like to volunteer.

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