

June Newsletter

I have waited for events to be completed in the oh-so-busy month of June before putting this newsletter together so here is what has been going on:

Learning Exchange

Janet Clark came to the ponds with her group of challenged adults way back on May 31st, and they had a great time. There are other activities for the group around the park besides watching and running the boats, but for a few, running a boat is a highlight of their visit. I had my trusty plastic off-the-shelf Atlantic tug boat for her people to run and as per usual there was a handful that wanted a shot at being skipper, and a couple that wanted to run it time after time. We were down to just one boat as Bill Ulh had brought his tug too but it nearly sank to the bottom before he could get it back to shore! Seems that when Bill was cleaning his garage this winter the tug fell off a shelf 6 feet to the concrete floor and the damage was more extensive than thought. Could have happened, and similar occurrence has probably happened, to all of us. As a seasoned builder I am sure Bill will have the boat repaired quickly but it left us with only my boat for sharing. I contacted Janet after the event and she assured me that everyone that wanted to run a boat was able to do so, which was good news as the people that do want to be skipper really enjoy it.

Maker Faire

This year we were only at the Saturday event and though it was a very cool, overcast, and sometimes rain sprinkled day, there were over 4,000 people that attended. We had a lot of people stop by our display which this year included a projection of Todd's video presentations over the past several years. Lots of people stopped to watch the videos and recognized Centennial Lakes park. Here is Todd at our display area (top photo) and John DeBore, one of the other exhibitors, with his swimming under water, lighted RC fish (bottom photo):



I have invited John DeBore to the Light House Night events as I think his Pike would be a big hit with the crowds we get.

Parade of Boats

What an event!!!! Probably the best in many, many years. Perfect day, huge crowd, an excellent selection of boats both on display and on the water (if a little short of boats on display). Don, one of the park workers who has been at the park and many Parades in the past, said this was the largest crowd he has seen! Lots of members participating to make this event happen:



Some photos from the Parade, Jerry Jones and Captain Jack with admirers:



As an indicator of how busy it was all day at 1:00 I was talking with Captain Jack and he had run out of the chocolate coins and other trinkets he hands out to kids, and was feeling like a bit of a rest from all the attention kids and adults were giving him.

Crowd and inside photos:



White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show

A great show this year again, and most importantly without the intense heat, wind and rain of the past couple of years. Here is our display area and some of the boats on display:





A big thanks to Kevin Waldo, Vern Bolleson, Todd and Julia Moen, David Petrich and Richard Dahlquist for helping out at this event.

DragonFlight 95's on the water

During the month of June the DragonFlight 95 group has been getting organized at the Center Pond on Thursday evening during the farmers market, making Thursday evening very busy at the center pond. Occasionally an ODOM shows up to sail with the DF 95's too, and it is soon apparent that the DF 95 and the ODOM are well matched with the difference being mainly the skill of the skipper. Here is some of the center pond action:



Top picture, left to right: John Lindholm (yellow shirt), Robb Bergh (maroon shirt), Terry Mackey (grey shirt), Fred Appell (blue shirt orange cap).

Last item just came up. I was contacted by Kari Raasch who manages the 601 Carlson Towers building in the northwest corner of I 494 and I 394; if you have driven out that way you see the twin tower buildings with the round “porthole” windows. Kari also works with the Centennial Lakes buildings around the south pond and you may recall they did a tenants lunch a few years ago where we ran some boats during their outdoor luncheon. At the 601 building they are doing an ice cream event for the tenants on Thursday, July 12th, from 1:30 - 3:00 and she was wondering if we would run some of our boats for this event. I met Keri there and scoped out the pond and I thought it was very interesting. From the Carlson Building terrace on the back side of the building:



Notice the long concrete wall and in the top picture, lower right is a canal of sorts that would also allow launching from a level closer to the water. Also notice the short dock

middle right on the lower picture. There is a canoe rack with canoes we can use to set buoys or retrieve boats. The water looked weed free. Short notice on this event so please let me know early next week if you are interested.

Schedule

Here is the schedule for the events the rest of this year:

- July
 - 17th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (8:00)
- August
 - 12th, Sunday - Light House Night w/Sousa Band
 - 21st, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (8:00)
- September
 - 8th and 9th, Saturday and Sunday Centennial Lakes Art Festival
 - 8th, Saturday, Lighthouse Night
 - 18th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)
- October
 - 16th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)
 - 2 and 3 Pond Races - to be determined
- November
 - 10th, Saturday - Dry Dock Party
 - 20th, Tuesday - Swap Meet

Enjoy your summer!! See you at the ponds!

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