

May Newsletter

The boating season is officially opened and we have recently experienced some of the nicest weather of the year. Many people came down with their boats to the ponds before the membership meeting and everyone was sorry that the meetings had not shifted to the 8:00 start summer schedule as it was a shame to leave the ponds. Many new boats were on the water and were brought to the meeting for show and tell. Here are Tom and Kevin Waldo with a Larry Johnson boat and Charlie supervising the traffic on the water:



At the meeting we discussed several of the upcoming events as June is really booked for our attendance away from the ponds. But even before the June events Bill Lundholm got a belated invitation for our attendance at the Solar Regatta at Riley Lake in Chaska, to be held this Saturday, May 19th. We had attended this event in 2015 and similar to other off-site events the event itself is a lot of fun so that our participation is the icing on the cake. Bill says that powered boats are the best to bring and the rc boats are run during the lunch hour from noon to 1:00. You can just show up at the lake with your boat. The event takes place on the east side of the lake. Here is the location map:



Another May event that is on the calendar (that I forgot to mention at the meeting) is the yearly visit by Janet Clark's Learning Exchange at the center pond. Janet's clients are challenged adults and have really enjoyed their visits to the pond in the past to watch and try out running the boats. Janet always sends an appreciative letter to the club after each event telling of the great time her people had at the pond and the park. So if you have a boat you don't mind letting novices run on the water please come down Thursday, May 31st at 7:00 pm. They have other things planned at the park so many of Janet's people go to other areas but there are always a few diehards that stay to run the boats. A rewarding event.

On to June! The first event the Maker Faire at the State Fair Grandstand Building, on Saturday, June 2nd. There is an option of attending the school kids-only day on Friday, June 1st, but last year the kids were so bent on getting out of school that we had very little interest at our location so we are planning on doing the open-to-the-public Saturday event only. Last year there were 6,000 people that attended and we had a

great number of people stop by to see the boats. Set up is Saturday morning from 7:30 to 9:00am, and the show runs from 10:00am to 6:00 pm. We are getting three free tickets and I purchased 2 low cost tickets for a total of 5 tickets to be given out to club members. Others need to pay their way into the show at regular ticket prices. If you paid last year let me know and you will get one of the five tickets.

Next up is the Parade of Boats, Sunday June 10th. Here is the fantastic poster for the event that was prepared by John Bishop:



**Edina Model Yacht Club
2018 Parade of Model Boats**

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Sunday June 10th 11 AM-4 PM
Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave South, Edina, MN 55435
Come see over 100 radio controlled electric, steam, and wind powered models. Club members will be on hand to display, run, and answer questions about model boating. Captain Jack, of Captain Jack Entertainment is back again by popular demand!

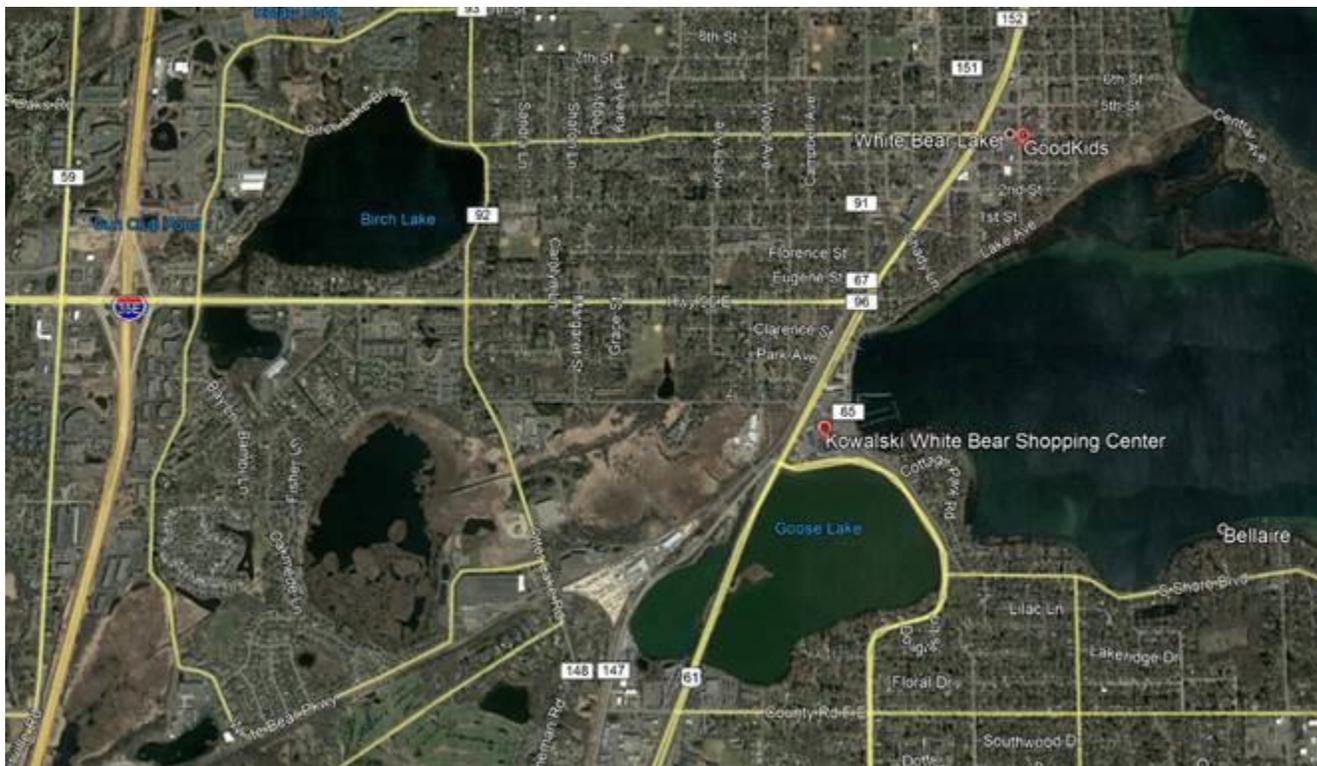


The boat featured in the poster was built by Dick Walker and enhanced by John Bishop. We have extra posters at 11"x17" and smaller flyer sizes with the parade on one side and light house night poster on the back side for you to use to hand out or other distribution and display. Let me know if you can use some of the hand out/display materials and I will see that they get to you. New and again items at this year's parade are an area set up with boats for sale and an area to feature the Larry Johnson collection. If you have a boat you would like to put up for sale you can make up your own sheet with price, features and contact information, or we will have a short form for you to fill out at the show. If you have a boat that you purchased from Larry Johnson please consider bringing it to display in the dedicated area. The consensus at the meeting is that we are going to have a lot of boats on display this year so if you can help out with the set up please stop by early - say around 8-9:00 to help out. Coffee, cold drinks and bakery will be provided. Todd will make up display

plaques for your boat if you contact him with the boat information at [REDACTED].

Then we squeak in the next membership meeting on Tuesday, June 19th, starting time is 8:00pm for the beginning of summer meeting hours.

Then the last June event is the White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show, which takes place at the (Kowalski) White Bear Lake shopping center on the southwest side of the lake. That puts it here:



Let me know by next meeting if you would like to attend. We have the members that have attended in the past already going, except for Dick Walker who has another year with a lame excuse to not be at the show, this time of being out of the country. We will really miss having Dick with us as he is talking to people a mile a minute all day long and does a great job of engaging people in conversation. This is yet another really fun event to attend, and each year has been punctuated by a significant rain storm to make it an event not to forget! Really, this is a fun event in which to participate so consider coming this year.

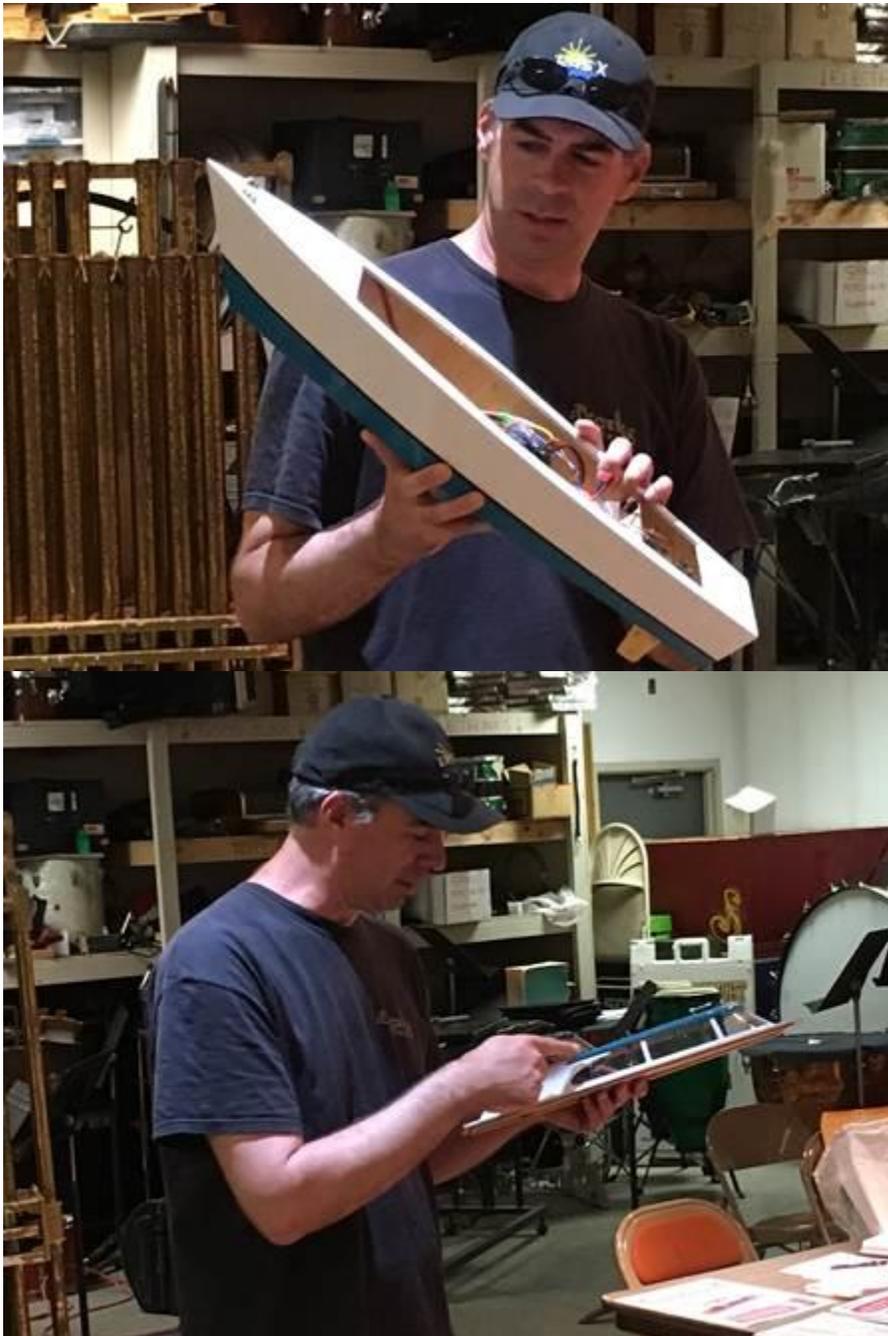
Finally we got to Show and Tell, and this was really a great display of boats that had just been on the water. First to displayer was David Petrich. He displayed the top of a V-8 engine he had fabricate and would make available to anyone that would like to add this bit of detail to the top of an electric motor. Here is a similar motor top on one of his boats:



If I remember correctly this boat had a brushless motor, really, really ran smooth, fast and quiet on the water. Next David displayed his Larry Johnson boat that was an all plastic and apparently a boat that was powered but never intended to be radio controlled. Power up the radio, set the rudder and let it go. Undaunted, David went with the full motor and speed controller setup, and the motor has a very pleasant growl to it when running on the water. Be sure to look hard at the pictures of Tim Crain and Curt Peterson at the display table and notice that this boat has a fisher person in the back, with a monofilament line off the stern. When David was running this boat on Sunday, the line, which has a red top to a glue bottle on the end, was dragging in the water and the fish were going nuts trying to eat that little red stopper! David is always eager to make something out of nothing and this was a prime example of most people not thinking the boat was worthy of upgrades, but David turned it into a fun boat. Here is the “unworthy” boat:



Brian Avery had two of his boats on the water and at the meeting. The first was a reportedly beginners boat kit that per Brian was supposed to be not too difficult to build, until he got to installing the windows.



The ingenuity Brian used to form the wrap around window demonstrated he is not a beginning builder, though he is of boats. The second boat was smaller and ran a brushless motor, and ran super sweet on the water. Unfortunately I missed getting a picture with Brian, but you can see it on the table with Tim below. Brian is proving that you can build a modest boat kit and end up with a very good looking boat that is also a great runner.

So here is Tim Crain, with yet another boat from Larry Johnson, and as is typical of Tim's boats, a common boat with a different twist. A motorized row boat that needed finishing, and Tim turned it into a stunning model. Several detailed accessories were included with the model, and Tim indicates you will see this one on the for sale table at the parade. Really a nice model and very fun boat!



Boats left to right on the table: Brian's larger "beginners" boat, Curt's "display" boat, Tim's motorized row boat, Brian's smaller sweet running boat, John Bishop's poster boat, and the back end of David's all-plastic fishing boat.

Curt Peterson showed off his completed runabout that he had brought in progress to a previous meeting. The boat has been sold for years as a display model only as the inside was not coated to withstand an on-the-water environment. Well some smart person at the company determined they could sell even more models if they coated the inside of the boat with epoxy, so coat it they did, to the tune of a quarter of an inch thick! "Slathered" is how Curt described it. Also, as described at the previous meeting, installing the rudder mechanicals in the rear of the boat proved to be quite a challenge with tweezers and other long reach fine instruments being involved. It is also a relatively heavy boat, but LiPo powered with a programmable speed controller turned down to the minimum and believe me it is plenty fast on the water. Stable too....until you try to turn it at high speed, at which point you need to back off the throttle to get it through the turn, then power up again. A function of the shape of the hull that may be more suited to display than running on the water the boat can be thrown/rotated a bit sideways in a high speed turn when the forward part of the hull bites into the water. Still it is a very handsome boat, runs exceptionally well with a slight adjustment to speed in turns, and one that I would be very happy to own,

display, and run. A very impressive retrofitting of all running gear. Here is Curt talking about his boat:



All I can say is get ready for June, there are several events to participate in, and especially plan on bringing your boats to the Parade to make this the best Parade of Boats in many years. See you soon at the ponds!!!

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