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November Swap Meet and Other News

Here we are at the end of the year again. Weird year weather wise, and the door slammed shut on the boating season about 3 weeks early due to the cold snap and ice on the ponds. But before that the Dry Dock Party was very nicely put on. Thanks to Terry Bertelsen, Julia Moen, Todd Moen, Larry Wheeler, Paul and Pat Olsen, and Famous Dave's! We had about 50 people at the party and I would like to see more members taking advantage of a very nice way to wind down the season. If you have any comments on how to change, improve or anything at all about the party, I would love to hear from you. All comments are important and much appreciated. We are always looking to improve your enjoyment of the club events so please let me know any thoughts that you have. A new, and impromptu, item in the program at the party was the presentation of the DragonFlite 95 as the "Boat of the Year". I decided that I just could not let it pass due to the impact this boat has had on the club and clubs all across the world. I have heard how the Fairwind was such an important boat at the beginning of the club and of other boats too, but this boat is clearly a phenomenon and deserved recognition. A total of 16 were ordered through the club and we had to wait for our order to be filled due to the huge demand. The distributor for North America typically had shipments coming through customs and all boats already spoken for, which went on for months. What was maybe most interesting is that several of the people that purchased these boats were not really wanting to like them, myself included. Many of us have plenty of boats and the ODOM is such a nice boat that I think we were all a bit protective of the ODOM's status within the club and in racing in general, and not wanting to share that connection and affection. But I personally heard three people (myself included again) making comments how nicely made and sailing this boat is, and that it deservedly has a place in the racing and pleasure areas of rc sailboating. The different boats being actively sailed has really increased in the past 2-3 years so that there is a place for all of them. They each have their own characteristics and sail differently, and the club is better off for the great diversity that is becoming the norm for our events.

Next up was the swap meet - which was different as they all are, and a few boats did exchange hands:



So, what is next? The sail/racing group is meeting this winter the first Thursdays of the month, at 11:30 am, at the Shanty Town bar and restaurant to plan for the 2019 season. This is being organized through the ODOM and DF 95 google groups so let me know if you would like to be part of the planning for next year.

And finally, planning is underway for the meeting of the Club Board on Saturday, January 5th at 10:00 am at the home of Paul Olsen. Let me know if there is something that you would like the board to take a look at for 2019, or better, you can attend as the meeting is open to all members. If you would like to attend please let me know so we can help Paul and Pat plan for the correct number of people. Here is the list of club representatives that are invited to be part of the meeting:

Commodore: John Bertelsen

Board Members (Directors): Paul Olsen, Tim Crain, Jim Pennoyer, Gary Tschautscher

Treasurer: Larry Wheeler

Secretary: Open

Newsletter: Open

Special Interests: Tony Johnson - Sail Boating
Dave Petrich - Fast Electrics and Website
Kevin Waldo - Scale Modeling
Richard Dahlquist - Facebook
Terry Bertelsen, Julia Moen - Dry Dock Party

I hope you have a very happy, safe, and healthy Holiday Season!!! See you in 2019!!

John Bertelsen

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