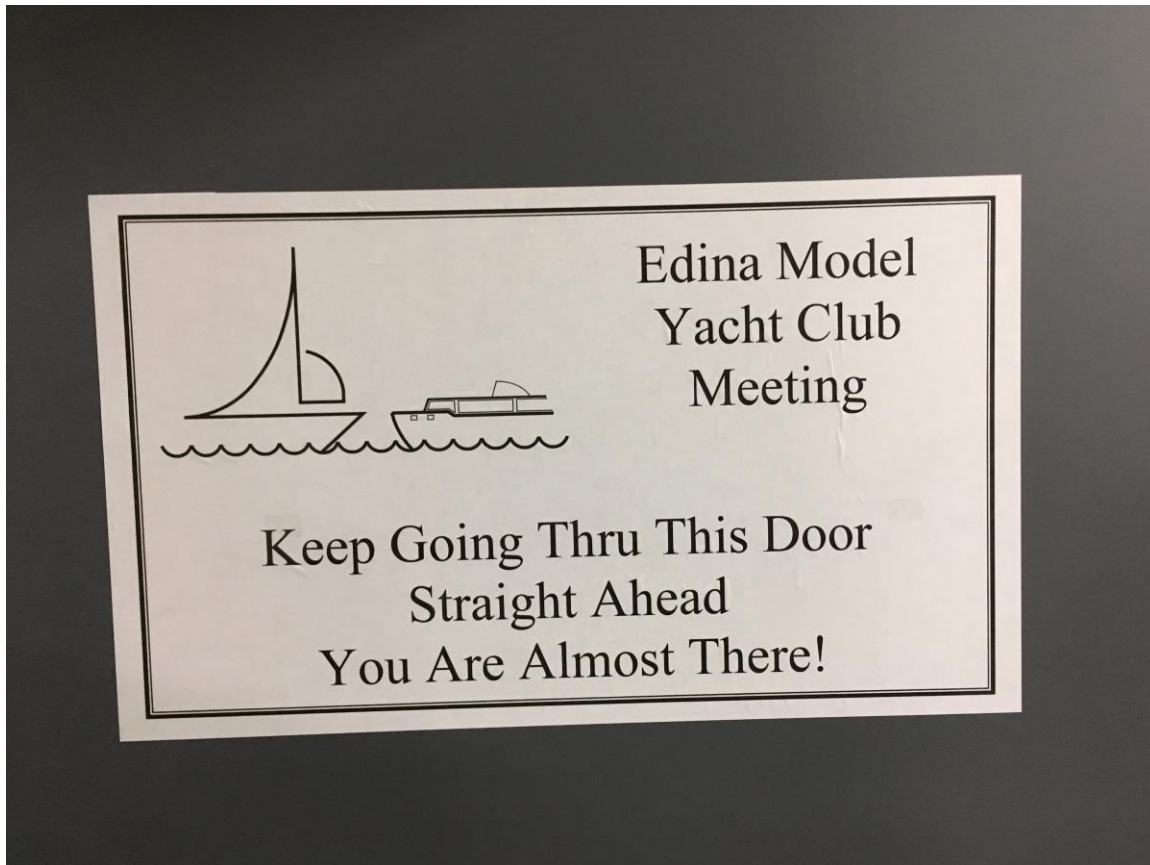




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## February Membership Meeting and Other News

Cold day in February for the members meeting and we had a small turnout. Too bad because we had a very special boat brought in for show and tell. First news was when you are going to the meeting room, the door from the truck dock has a new magnetic sign to let you know you are on the right path:



Pretty slick I would say! (Maybe because I banged this one out myself so the price was right).

Next, and first on the agenda, Jim Pennoyer brought the hats we ordered and had just come in the day of the meeting. Several were purchased and there are still plenty available. Price is \$12 each.



Very nicely done, the logo came out nice and crisp and the hats have mesh on the back side. A quality hat for all purposes.

The schedule for the year is also revised, and the updated version is attached to the newsletter. I am sorry to say that the Maker Faire was canceled for this year and possibly for the future. It was a very fun event to attend and last year we had an outstanding display that was just perfect. Weather, however, was really terrible last year and that caused the numbers of people attending to be significantly less than previous years. The cost of the show was underwritten by Leonardo's Basement and they apparently could not continue to cover the difference in cost between renting the space and the admission fees. They really put on a first class event so it is a shame that we cannot plan on attending in the years to come. The other revision is I had the incorrect date for the October meeting, now in the schedule it is the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is the third Thursday.

Show and tell started with Kevin Waldo jumping out of his skin to show off his new "action" figures. Svengoolie behind the wheel of Kevin's Chris Craft boat, pulling Batman on water skis! Svengoolie being the host of the campy spooky movie show on television issued a limited edition doll which Kevin jumped on with both feet! (You know what I mean) Then the limited edition, episode specific, issue of Batman where

there was a surf-off challenge by the Joker so that Batman has his swimming trunks on. Check it out:



Batman's cape will stick straight out behind him for proper effect when being towed by Svengoolie.

Next David Petrich just can't help himself from coming up with another clever idea to keep things interesting at the ponds. This time it started with a puppet head and custom body. The propulsion unit is yet to be installed and careful balancing of buoyant forces will have to be made to have just the head riding out of the water:



Absolutely just cannot wait to see this thing on/in the water! Might even be some mouth action going on. Just leave it to David.

A surprise late appearance at the meeting, Jim Mckie brought a model ship that was built by Harvey Jurik, born 1930. Harvey was in the theater arts as a costume designer, set designer, director and professor. The model was fascinating and so complete in its authenticity that after the meeting everyone came up to see it and had a difficult time walking away as everywhere you looked there was a new detail. For instance, the lines are really wires painted white. Jim acquired the boat in one of those friend of a friend ways and is looking for a place where the model can be on display. Delicate as it is we have in a request to put it on display at the Parade of Boats if it has not already found a permanent home. A special thanks to Jim for bring this to the meeting for all to see.





A final item relating to the replacement of the Pelican boat - also known as the most diabolical craft ever floated on the water. I had mentioned that I had seen our Pelican along with a similar boat at West Marine, just across I-394 from Ridgedale. Jim Pennoyer was at West Marine and took this picture:



Price on the boat is \$699, but the top boat has cosmetic damage and a sales person indicated they would be willing to make us a great deal on it. You can contact Jim at [mgadriven@yahoo.com](mailto:mgadriven@yahoo.com) for additional information. Looks like it would be a lot more stable than the current boat. We can discuss this at the March member meeting and the next meeting of the sailboat racers at Shanty Town on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am.

That is the news for now. Keep working on your projects and be sure to bring them into the next members meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to share with everyone.

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