

## October Newsletter

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As the rest of the year goes October was a mess weather-wise so there was limited action on the water, anywhere. Our last membership meeting was the opposite, continuing in the pattern for just about all the meetings this year of several interesting boats presented for show and tell. We started the meeting with a wrap up of items under discussion from previous meetings:

- There is a lot of interest in the season opener breakfast brunch. My wife Terry is going to put together a proposal for the club to consider at the first meetings in 2020. Many people have talked to me about this new event and I think it is going to prove to be very popular. We have April 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, reserved for the brunch.
- Discussion of the sale of boats and other modeling items seems to have settled on keeping the 2019 Swap Meet (Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm) as we have done it in the past, in the maintenance shop building where we have our meetings. The number of boats that will be for sale is looking to be a big number so we will likely have to move out into the shop area and set up more tables than are available in the band practice room. Tables are available in the back portion of the maintenance building.
- The club's 2020 poster will include the spring sale of boats and which will be on public display in the park bulletin boards and at Hub Hobby. We plan on incorporating that spring sale into the afternoon of the breakfast brunch since we have the building reserved all day.
- Pond races are not quite off the board but planning has generally changed to opportune weather days for general sailing. Most coordination is taking place through the ODOM and DF 95 forums. Let me know if you would like to be part of the impromptu scheduling for these late season events.

Some new items coming up:

- This winter we need to clean up and refurbish the Pelican boat so we can get it up for sale next spring. I think it just needs a scrub out at the washing bay in the maintenance building and the wood seating boards removed and revarnished. Looking for volunteers, let me know if you are willing to help.
- We have a lot of old modeling magazines stored in the cage area. Some are in the enclosed cabinet but many are in boxes stored out in the open. As we know, it is filthy out in the shop area so not only does

there not appear to be interest in these older magazines, the storage is less than ideal. I am going to propose that we toss the magazines out unless someone wants to adopt them and determine how to make them useful to the club. This will be a topic at the January meeting. If there are no supporters for these old issues they just have to go.

- There are a lot of items from Al Bickford's shop that are coming up for sale at the swap meet. I have been through all the boxes and there are a lot of items I have no clue on how to price them for purchase. I am going to set November 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, at 9:00 am as the time for people to come down to the cage and help go through Al's items and put prices on them. Please help out by coming down to go through the many boxes of tools, parts and other things. If we get a few people we can set up tables to spread things out and it should not take too long. Yes, this is the same day as the Dry Dock Party but it is the weekend before the Swap Meet so timing is good.
- The Dry Dock party is the next event: Saturday, November 16, 5:30-6:30 social hour, 6:30-7:30 dinner, 7:30 is the program. The program is again this year a brief summary of the year 2019 in the EMYC so that you have a background for the incredible slide presentation by Todd Moen. Catering is Famous Daves, who did an excellent job last year. We have to know by **Saturday, November 2nd** if you plan to attend the party. Send my wife Terry an email (tjbertelsen@q.com) with your name and your guest's name for the head count, and so that Todd can make up name tags, or give Terry a call at [REDACTED].

Show and tell:

Ed Janiga is a new member this year and has been bitten by the boat building bug in a big way (say that fast three times)! This meeting he brought his Fairwind and Victory Tug. The Fairwind was an older Fred Ferris boat (obtained through Paul Olsen). I just happened to be at the pond for the maiden voyage. It nearly sank. Ed was a little disappointed and asked what he should do. I said to take it back to Paul - of course!!! Paul worked his magic by not just repairing the leaking hull but replacing the rudder and other upgrades. Ed then put on the paint and hull stripes - looks beautiful!!



Cleaned up the sails and what a nice restoration! My favorite type of project. The boat is quite striking in appearance, the photo does not do it justice.

Ed also had a few questions about his under construction Victory Tug, first being how to get the name of the boat on the transom - Callie Graphics in Arizona ([www.callie-graphics.com](http://www.callie-graphics.com)); and second painting the hull versus staining the hull top trim timing. That is, which to do first. There was not a clear consensus from the group on how Ed should proceed with that timing issue. For the boat see the photo of Tim Crain below.

Tim Crain brought yet another boat (three actually), the under construction boat is the Calypso:



That is the Calypso in the foreground and Ed's Victory Tug just above it in the photo.

Then another interesting boat that Tim is becoming famous for, this time a New Bedford Whaleboat. Complicated hull construction that is not evident from the apparent simple look and small size:



Also comes with tiny copper nails that may not make it into the final build, and a book for construction:



Last, is a sailboat hull that Tim rescued from the cage. Tim is wondering what this boat is so he can complete the build in the correct way. Post Script: I sent Tony Johnson the photos of the hull and Tony replied with the following information:

Tim the hull that you are restoring is in an American Model Yachting Association (AMYA) sanctioned class called Marblehead. The 50/800 in the label is another way to refer to the Marblehead class and refers to the class as being 50 inches long and 800 square inches of sail area. The class originated in Marblehead, MA at Red's pond in the early 1900s or possibly earlier. It is still an active class in many parts of the country but only a few are found in the local area. There was more to the message as Tony's knowledge of RC sailboats is extensive. Tony is another of the tremendous resources that we have available in the club.



The final presentation was by Ken Goewey, and is a beautiful Brooklyn Tug. Ken has a lot of plans for this boat including an elaborate lighting scheme.



Ken promises to bring this boat back with progress reports. So far it is looking excellent!!

I was contacted by Dave Rollin about a boat that was about to be destroyed. Don't know Dave? Maybe because he lives in Duluth!! But, you probably met Dave if you participated in the ODOM nationals. Even though he is a bit distant he was here for both days of the nationals and is a dedicated club member. Here is Dave and myself with the Pea Pod sailboat:



The boat comes with the Summer 2010 issue of Model Yachting magazine that features the Pea Pod class. In the photo Dave and I are in an old red brick school building on London Road in Duluth. Before the last major economic down turn in 2008 this was a thriving pipe organ design/build/repair facility where David was a full time employee. Since that time the business has tapered off but Dave continues on a part time basis to fulfill his passion for working on these instruments. To that end he had to learn AutoCAD to support the work. Here is a sample of the drawings Dave has prepared:



Dave is eyeing retirement and might move to the Twin Cities to be closer to the club and be better able to participate in the club events. Lets hope that happens.

In the spirit of the beginning of the holiday season, John Bishop has a formidable Halloween display every other year. The display is shared with a friend in St. Paul on the off year. I have seen this display and it is one of the best in the Cities! His neighbors are also in on it so if you can make it on Halloween it is a lot of fun. Better, assistance is welcome so get in touch with John if you would like to help with the setting up [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. You can email John at Here is the club invitation:





Hope to see you at the up-coming end of year events!

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