

## February Newsletter

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The news this month from the membership meeting was almost all about the upcoming Breakfast Brunch and Public Sale. There were a few other items of discussion and a very nice group of boats for show and tell. Here is the news:

New Treasurer The transition to Julia Moen as the new Treasurer was completed by meeting with the bank to give Julia authorization to manage the income and expenses of the club. Julia also takes over tracking and managing the membership responsibilities. Larry Wheeler did a tremendous job with these tasks for many years and his excellent work is very much appreciated. The club has a great number of activities and it takes a lot of people willing to give of their time to make the club so successful. A very big thank you to everyone that participates and goes the extra mile for the many events throughout the year.

Hub Stickers We have discussed that Hub Hobby is more than willing to put a sticker on their model boat kits that indicate the Edina Model Yacht Club is willing to give advice during the model building process. Tim Crain put together the words for the sticker as was included in last month's newsletter. Tim is willing to be one of the persons available to provide advice, but he is the only one so far. Once again I am looking for people that would be willing to respond to questions during the building process. You should indicate which part(s) of the process you would be available for. Without additional people we will not have adequate support to proceed with the stickers. As a reminder, Hub is always looking for someone who is willing to do work on their customers' boats. Hub will do the work themselves, as it is part of servicing their customers, but Hub would prefer not to. Customers are charged a fee by Hub for their services, so you would also be able to charge for your work.

Breakfast Brunch and Public Boat Sale Lots of discussion on these two items. I will preface the discussion by introducing a poster created by Richard Dahlquist for the sale:

## EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB'S SPRING BOATHOUSE CLEANUP



**FREE  
ADMISSION**

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**Saturday April 4th 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM**

**Centennial Lakes Park, Hughes Pavilion,  
7499 France Ave. So., Edina MN**

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And one more for the sale and brunch:

**EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB'S  
SPRING BOATHOUSE CLEANUP  
& ICE OUT SEASON KICKOFF**



\$5.00 Breakfast brunch for members and their guests  
served from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon

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I think Richard did a bang-up job on the posters. There was a lively discussion concerning what to title the brunch. Suggestions presented were: Sailwind Breakfast, Spring Sailwind Breakfast, Ice Out, Open Dock, Spring Thaw, Sails Out, Back on the Water, Open Water, Spring Splash and Wet Dock. In light of the posters Richard created I would like to add to the list "Spring Boathouse Brunch". We can finalize the name at the next meeting so pick your favorite and let me know ahead of time if you cannot be at the March meeting in person. Also let me know quickly if you have any suggestions for the posters. I plan on getting the sale poster to Centennial Lakes for posting very soon.

For the brunch, the menu has been finalized:

- Breakfast egg bake
- Cheesy hash browns
- Bacon
- Juice selections
- Fresh fruit
- Coffee
- Pastries and donuts

This is not a public event but is for members and their family and guests, and will be held in the north end of the Hughes Pavilion. The charge is \$5.00 per person and will run from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. This allows for two hours between the brunch and sale to finish getting set up.

The Public Sale will be held in the south end of the Hughes Pavilion from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. You can bring your items to sell at any time before 2:00. Bring anything you want to sell or give away from boats, kits, building materials tools, anything. Everything needs to have an information sheet. Here is a sample:

# FOR SALE

## ITEM DESCRIPTION

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PRICE \_\_\_\_\_

FOR SALE BY \_\_\_\_\_

Obviously you need to indicate what is for sale, what you want for it, and who to contact. You can make your own information sheet or we will have these at the sale. If you have something for sale you need to be there in person or have someone that will represent your items. Note that the poster indicates one-on-one introduction to RC boating will be available, which I think we can all do for our particular interests, or you can grab one of the other club members to help out if someone asks you for an introduction but you don't feel you would be the best to tell them about whatever they are interested in. There will be items for sale by the club as well as individuals and Julia will have cash on hand to deal with cash payments for club items or membership. You will need to handle payments on your own items. We will also be setting up to display the year-end videos and have on hand membership forms and the "What's it all about" brochures. Be sure to wear your name tag at the sale to identify yourself as a member of the club.

We really need to get the word out and we have identified posting the poster at Centennial Lakes, marine stores, facebook, craigs list, and notice in the Minneapolis paper. Let me know if you have any other suggestions. Posters will be printed at 8 ½" x 11" so they are a not too big size. We will also need committed volunteers to pull this off. There are a lot of items in the storage cage that need to be brought down and an information sale sheet created. We really need to get started before the brunch as this is the first event so we will be making up some of this as we go and help will be important. Please let me know if you will help out! We hope to make this an annual event!

Show and Tell



Three boats showed up with a nice mix of a great pond story, in the process and help needed.

First up was Mike Corbett and his under construction canoe.



An entertaining presenter, Mike brought one of his various home-built forms he uses for these canoes. Mike has brought several of his forms to previous meetings. As Mike explained, his canoes keep getting bigger to the goal of making a full size boat! This one is not a kit, but made from scratch. Cedar strips were cut from deck balustrades as the only source of knot free cedar wood that he could find. The cut strips are 1/4" x 3/32" and larger than they "should" be as this boat will be made from 40 strips instead of 80 strips which is standard in the commercial kits and for the real boats. They are a bit thicker relative to the width of the strip than the 80 piece assemblies because on the curved surfaces the cross section width of the strips creates a longer chord length and also means more wood thickness at the edge of the strips must be sanded/trimmed off to achieve a smooth curved surface. Sanding off more means you have to start with more.

Next up was Clif Brittan, a new member, who was looking for help with some assembly of his one meter Soling that did not seem to be going as it should. Help was offered up and we think Clif will be able to finish his build.



Final presenter was Tim Crain with his tug boat.





Great story with this boat, and like many of them, it involves something sinking.

Tim finished up this tug, which is modeled after the tug on display at Canal Park in Duluth, and used lead shot to balance out the fore-aft and side to side pitch to get the boat to ride in the water evenly and to get the waterline where he wanted it. The shot was then secured in place by pouring in epoxy. Fast forward to Tim's granddaughter running the boat on the center pond ..... a little too fast ..... such that water is coming over the bow ..... and the boat is taking on a decided downward attitude. Relieving his granddaughter of the controls Tim valiantly turns the boat towards shore in an effort to effect a rescue, but it doesn't quite make it. First up, literally, is one of the side bumper tires, followed by the above deck cabin structure. The remainder of the boat was rescued off of the bottom of the pond and surprisingly the electronics were nearly 100% intact and functional. The lesson learned, explains Tim, is that he neglected to take into account the additional weight from the epoxy resin. In the lower photo, you can see in the darker mass above the drive shaft, holes that have been drilled into the epoxy and lead shot in an attempt to relieve some of the weight added by the epoxy. Another of Tim's very nice boats back on the water and another shared learning experience in boat building.

Thanks to everyone that brought in a boat to share their experiences.

Next on the calendar of events is the March membership meeting on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Just two and a half weeks after that meeting is the brunch and sale, so the year starts to pick up speed. Will we be on the water for the brunch and sale? Moderate temperatures last year and this winter might just provide for an early ice out!

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