November Newsletter and Swap Meet

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Weather has to start the beginning of the newsletter again! Last month it was the shut down after a snow storm and cold weather hit hard, then the wonderful first week in November week-long warm up! There were racing events scheduled all week long plus one day of combined racing and the big boats:



Top to bottom: Mighty Mary, International A Class (6 foot hull, 8 foot mast, 55 pounds) - John Bertelsen; J Class (8 foot hull, 9 foot mast, 80 pounds) - Kevin Kavaney; 10 Rater (5 foot hull, 7 foot mast, 18 pounds) - Joe Steele; Soling 50 (50 inch hull, 5 foot mast, 17 pounds) - Bill Coppage. These are magnificent boats that if you have not seen them you really should. We hope to get them out on the water several more times in 2021 than we did this year. Kevin and I both tried to get our boats on the water one last time after these photos, this time with Kevin's Wheeler, but we both experienced mechanical failure and they never saw the water. The Wheeler is a spectacular boat (7 foot hull, 7 foot mast, 30 pounds) and stinking fast! It was a very windy day and these bigger boats really are entertaining in big winds - heeled way over and monster wakes. There are quite a few other "big boats" in the club so be sure to come see them when we have the next event.





Kevin and his Wheeler:



(hint - the J boat is even bigger!! You have to see these boats some time.)

Whose boat was this?

Aaron Richardson from the Queen City Scale Model Boaters Club in Cincinnati contacted the club to get background on a boat he purchased from a person in Minnesota. The boat had Centennial Lakes as the home port and Aaron is looking for any information on the boat:





Let me know if you have information on this boat so I can pass it along to Aaron.

<u>In Memoriam</u>

We lost two wonderful members of the club recently.

Ken Goewey Passed away October 17th:



This photo ran in the July newsletter. Here is Ken with the almost completed Al Bickford/Jim Pennoyer cargo boat, the electronic marvel. Ken was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in 2019 and had a goal to complete the ship before his time. And complete it he did in grand style with updated electronics and new Spektrum iX 12 radio - all 12 channels needed. Ken was a diligent helper for the club by volunteering to help at many tasks including refinishing the seats on the Pelican boat. Ken maintained his great attitude and I doubt that I was not the only one that did not know he had significant health issues. Ken's enthusiasm and building expertise will be greatly missed; he was a great person to have a part of our club.

<u>Cloy Westley</u>

Don and Cloy battled her Alzheimer's for several years and Cloy ultimately lost that battle at the beginning of November. She was one of our members that helped out behind the scenes. Julia Moen recalls that Cloy was such a good friend, helping out with the banquet and was at the ponds frequently. Cloy's participation points out how the club is different things to different people. There are several spouses that provide tremendous services to the club and enjoy being with other members and enjoy being at the fantastic venue of Centennial Lakes. You don't need to be a skipper to enjoy the club. Cloy was a valued member and friend to the club and has been, and will be very much missed.

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Big News on the Swap Meet!!!

We have been given permission to hold the Swap Meet in person at the Maintenance Garage as usual-ish. Of course we want to wear masks and keep ourselves spaced out. This is really good news as I had an excellent response for items for sale so there will be boats, kits, equipment and supplies for sale. Depending on the interest we may have to limit the number of people in the building to around 10 but plan on being there to take a look at what is for sale. As this is a last minute go-ahead there are some items for sale that may not be available at the Swap Meet:

Ken Goewey Container Boat. Contact me on this boat. The price is negotiable but looking for \$1,500, an absolutely spectacular boat.





This boat has been featured several times in the newsletter and is an electronic marvel! Ken had the boat on the water several times and it runs perfectly. A very, heavy, solid boat with a wake that is formidable. The boat comes with a Spektrum iX 12 radio, which is an \$800 radio, and you will need all those channels to fully enjoy this boat. This is one of the all-time great boats ever to be in the club and has a rich history. A once in a lifetime opportunity to pick up a boat like this that may never happen again. If you are interested don't hesitate to call me before the swap meet that you would like to purchase this boat.

Steve Laskowski may or may not be at the Swap Meet. Here is what he has:

"If anyone is interested in scale castings for model ships I have literally thousands. (Dad bought out the stock of a hobby store at least 40 years ago) if there is interest check out the pix. There are too many to photograph at this time so interested persons can contact me by email."





Bill Uhl: his gorgeous sailboat needs a new home. This boat sails wonderfully and would also make a fantastic static display. The boat is available for a donation to the club. Contact Bill



The swap meet will be Tuesday, November 17th, at the Centennial Lakes Maintenance shop building just outside our cage storage area and meeting room as usual. Arrive at 6:00 pm or so if you are bringing any items for sale and to help set up. The meet will officially start at 7:00 pm and will be coordinated by Gary Tschautscher.

Zoom Meeting

Last newsletter included a request that we look into doing the monthly club meetings with zoom, and I indicated that we needed positive feedback to consider doing that. Tom Johnson responded quickly that "It would be great to do zoom meetings. I have a paid membership with zoom and would be happy to help in any way that you need, host or help. It would be free for everyone to join meetings and participate". Unfortunately that was the only response. So please continue to consider whether you would like zoom meetings and let me know. We will discuss it at the board meeting in January.

Meanwhile Joe Steele and I will be the featured speakers at the November Northern Lights Sailing Club, Dorothy Zimmermann is setting this up. Joe will be talking about his experience racing full size sailboats (Joe is a J 24 national champion) and how RC sail racing compares and complements full size racing, and I will be promoting the club. The zoom meeting is taking place in my garage at the same time as the swap meet so I appreciate Gary T. taking over that coordination.

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season! Regardless of what happens/has happened this year, we have family and friends and beautiful environments to enjoy our hobby. Best Wishes to everyone!

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