



Here we are, deep into summer and there is a lot going on! Edina has not given any indication of when we might get together in person so here we go with another combination e-newsletter and membership meeting.

- Old News: not much really, but I am happy to report that the interest in the general EMYC forum has been very good! Just letting people know you are going to the ponds or if you are curious if anyone will be there has been the typical use the forum is getting. It has been successful enough, and seeing how it is getting used, I would like to propose that for all the infrequent special interest boat activities, or any other infrequent activity within the club, we all use the EMYC forum. The exception would be the ODOM forum as this forum sees a high volume of messages during the summer as their racing activity is quite high. Adding this to the general forum would create a too large volume of emails. But say the fast electric owners want to have a day at the south pond, or say the large sailboat owners are planning a day at the south pond, I am sure there are members that would like to come see the boats as spectators. I am going to encourage you to join the EMYC forum to keep informed on what is going on the water. Contact Gary Tschautscher at xxxxxxxxxx and let him know you would like to be included in the EMYC forum.
- New News: I noticed that Captain David Robb posted a comment on our Facebook account, so I contacted David to see how he and Linda are doing. Here is an excerpt of the email I received from David:

Linda and I sincerely miss the ponds and the great camaraderie that goes with it. Lighthouse night was always our favorite. What a special night. TN is a wonderful state to live in. Here in Northwest TN our little town is not unlike Andy Griffith's Mayberry; quiet, easy going, extremely friendly and virtually no Covid although we abide by the rules so as not to infect anyone else. It is a wonderful place to live. Having built a house down here, I am more of a farmer than a sailor lately but am renewing my Ship Master's license for another 5 years. I doubt I will be wheeling any boats much but I can proudly say at the age of 82 (just celebrated my 77th), I will have had a 20 year career in the Merchant Marine after the age of 62. Thanks for the hail and here's a Great Lakes Master Horn Salute to you and the club. One Long and 2 Short Blasts!
- Captain David Robb and Miss Linda.

We all miss David and Linda, and the great stories David told about being a real ship's captain.

I have had a lot of contacts from members working on their boats, getting on the water and having boats for sale.

Boats for Sale

Bob Lundberg in Duluth is needing to quickly reduce his boat collection. The January newsletter included the Nebula, which is still available, and he has added 3 more boats. They all look very tempting to renovate and get on the water. Here is the note from Bob:

There 4 boats in various stages of readiness.

1. Tug - aprox. 4' in length, this was originally built around 1972, it is partially "restored" with 5ch Spektrum radio, 12v belt drive motor, 40 amp ESC.



2. Tug - This is an Ambroid kit from the 70s, needs tlc Pitman motor.



3. Chinese Junk - the Big Boy 36" from June 69 RC Modeler, mostly done, motor installed, ready to be rigged.



4. The Motor Yacht Nabila, 50". This is from an estate sale and looks to be a commercially made model (french). Most of the electronics are Graupner. With Graupner radio system.



The Goodies.

There are way too many items to list individually. Batteries, NI-CAD, NIMH, LIPO, SLA, chargers,

40 amp Esc, Pitman motors and gearing, misc motors, brushed and brushless. A few Glynn Guest

plans and 3+ yrs of Model Boats Magazine

If anyone would like to re-home these please give me a call. Delivery can be arranged. I would prefer to make this a "lot" re-home rather than piece by piece. I can send pics if that will help.

Bob Lundberg
Duluth

Joyce Warner (Wilt's wife) is looking to place Wilt's Soling One Meter with someone. Contact me and I can get you in touch with Joyce.



What we have been up to:

Due to Covid we don't see Vernon Bollesen very much, but that is not to say that he has not been very busy with his boats. Here are the updates and new projects that Vernon has been working on in his words:

There is a barge company and Cargill a few miles west of the 35W bridge and they push two wide and three long barges several times a day. I took the pictures of the containers from East River Rd in Fridley rail yard and scaled them to fit. This would make it 12 1/2 feet long. This is 10 feet long and that is long enough. Front ones are Coal, Rock and shipping containers.



(Note the car in the garage upper right - JB)

Next boat has been featured at several meetings and in past newsletters:

I tried it last Thur. It was just about impossible to steer. The main problem is that it is too slow. The paddle wheel goes about the right speed but it has to move a lot of water because of all the stuff under the boat to make it float and stay upright. I have some ideas but I will probably start over with a different boat.



You cannot say Vernon didn't give this a great effort with much perseverance! Still a very, very nice static model, quite a bit smaller than it appears in the photo and loaded with detail. A very fine model to put on display anywhere.

Paul's and Todd's Gravy boat had a very successful maiden voyage on the ponds:

Paul sets sail!



On the water!



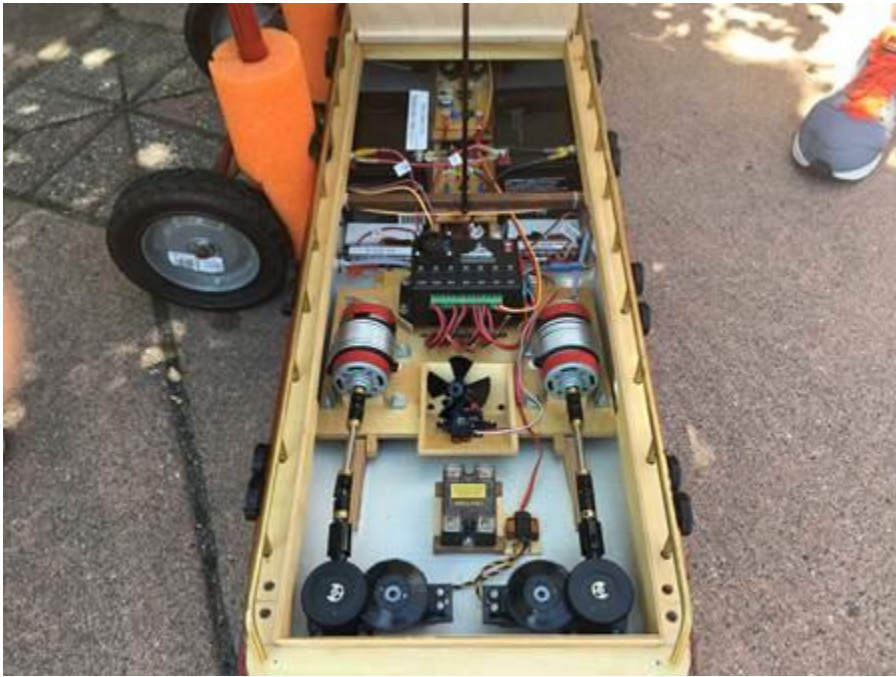
Just another example of Paul creating a design from scratch and it “sails” perfect from the first voyage. Time for the finishing touches!

More progress from Ken Goewey on the mega electronic Al Bickford boat. This time on the water, and what a maiden run it was. 65 pounds of pounding electric motors and wizardry! What a fabulous sound this boat made, and what a wake it sets! Unbelievable!



Ken looking mighty proud, and he should be!





This is one of the jaw dropping boats in the club. I am so glad Ken has been able to complete this build. Sure there are several modeling things to go, but the electronic achievement cannot be overstated. This boat was started and completed by very talented electronic craftsmen. Well done to all that have been involved with this build. Ken purchased a Spektrum iX12 radio to cope with all the channels this boat runs - that is just one more component of this boat that is impressive.

Tony Johnson has been in contact with a club in Iowa that has been featuring CR 914's. I spoke with the club and they are wanting to purchase any CR 914's we have. I will be selling the one that I have and there are two in the cage that I will be working with the Iowa club to purchase. There was also a third, orange, CR 914 in the cage that is no

longer there. If you have the boat and have plans on doing something with it that is fine, but if you would be ok with including it with the package deal to Iowa please get in touch with me. This is a good opportunity for the club to place some boats and to help out another club.

Help needed and provided:

Larry Covin has been getting his boats out of storage and into the sunlight again this summer. Last newsletter included Larry's SeaWind that Tim Crain was bringing back to life. Larry also had a Soling One Meter that needed some re-rigging, electronic replacements and finally a new radio. I took care of the hand work and Larry took care of the radio. Larry reports on the EMYC forum that the boat is now sailing great! Take a look at this great older classic Soling:



John Kosa has an older Fairwind that is still in the box and unassembled! John is not able to put this together anymore and is looking for someone to do the complete assembly. He has the complete kit and the sails but the boat will need electronics. You can contact John directly at: xxxxxxxxxxxx. If you can do the assembly but can't get to it for a while, that is ok too, just let him know. He is wanting to pay for this service and would greatly appreciate anyone that can take this on for him. There has been a resurgence in the interest in Fairwinds and it would be great to get one more on the water, much less one that has just been newly assembled!

Other diversions:

The second of three summer RC airplane events in Owatonna was just a couple of weeks ago, and as most events this year the number of airplanes was a bit lower than normal. But there was still a great number of sail planes there and it was a great time watching these graceful craft. A real different experience and just wonderful. Here is a sample:

Kevin's tow plane



One of the 7 meter sail planes





The final event of the three is the Military Fly-in, to be held August 6-8. Here is the website: www.namfiflyin.com. This will be a reduced size event this year, but it will be well worth your time if you can make it down.

We are not yet done with July and you can see it has been a very busy month. See you at the ponds!!

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