

## EMYC January Newsletter

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Big changes at the EMYC for 2021! At the board meeting it was decided to start doing zoom membership meetings with the January meeting, and by now that meeting is history. For this initial meeting, and to help get more than one person knowledgeable in hosting the meeting, three of us met in our usual meeting room at the maintenance garage at Centennial Lakes. Tom Johnson used his zoom account to get us set up and logged into his zoom account, and had his laptop on hand to connect to the City's wifi system. Tim Crain was learning the ropes and I was there to provide chatter and to see how a cell phone could be used to video the details of two boats I brought along for show and tell. Things started out a bit bumpy but we soon figured out how to eliminate feedback and I eventually learned how to set up a cell phone to use the normal camera lens for videos and see the same image on the screen. Unfortunately I didn't figure it out until I finished the presentation and instead used the selfie lens (on the same side as the screen) while viewing the thumbnail image on Tom's laptop to see what image the camera was capturing. I was told we had 13 people at one time and I know of at least two others that tried to log into the meeting but were unsuccessful. For a first time experience the meeting was highly successful and all feedback I received was positive! But we would love to have comments on how to improve the zoom experience. Because I was several feet away from Tom's laptop (to maintain distancing plus we wore masks per City requirements), and I was talking loudly through a mask, I started losing my voice as the meeting progressed - just part of the learning curve. Thanks for everyone's patience as we had some dead time to sort several items out. Just about everyone that logged into the meeting got in on the conversations and in addition to my presentation we had three others that went very well from each person's own location. I was especially pleased to see more than one member logged in that I know would not have been able to attend the meeting under normal circumstances. That was one of the primary reasons we wanted to initiate zoom meetings so I was very happy to see that goal was achieved. We will continue hosting the zoom meetings from Centennial Lakes until we are comfortable with the operation and then we can decide to do the meetings completely from home. When gathering restrictions due to Covid are finally gone we will have to discuss holding traditional meetings at Centennial Lakes so people can attend in person, but still zooming. More on the presentations following.

### Board Meeting

The board and other club representatives met on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> in the Maintenance Garage meeting room. The primary discussion was about zoom meetings but we also discussed several other items:

- Treasurer's report: Julia Moen was not able to attend but provided a summary of our financial activities. We started with a balance of \$1,255 in our checking

account, and finished the year with \$3,318. Income was from two sources: membership dues provided \$1,120 and income from sale of boats donated to the club was \$1,105. Expenses were light due to no Parade of Boats, no Dry Dock Party, with only \$147 for our website and a \$14 bank service charge.

- Promotion: promoting the club will remain as in the past. Edina publications are sent to City residents and the park staff takes care of these notifications, Star Tribune is used for event notifications, our Facebook account, and the Parade of Boats poster that last year became a poster addressing all events (so that it can be left up on the bulletin board and other wise posted all season long). Since the Makers Fair is no longer being held and the White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show lost its organizer we are without an off-site event to promote the club. Tim Crain is going to investigate a boat show in Wayzata, and if you have any other suggestions please send them to me so we can investigate new opportunities.
- Website: David Petrich is one of the persons that works on the website and David is compiling an index of articles that were included in old newsletters. There is a wealth of still current knowledge included in those newsletters! All the old newsletters are available on the website and can be referenced at any time.
- Newsletter: The e-newsletter goes out to all club members and to many former members as well as other interested persons. Three paper copies of the newsletter also are mailed out to members that do not have internet access/ email addresses. As was done a few years ago the list of people the e-letter is sent to will be updated to remove those that don't wish to receive the newsletter. The policy has been that anyone can receive the e-version of the newsletter so that just indicating an interest to continue receiving the e-version will be sufficient. This will happen sometime this spring.
- Calendar of Events for 2021: All major events (Parade, two Light House Nights and the Dry Dock Party) are on the City's calendar, obviously pending Covid concerns. We can do nothing but play it by ear. Last year we discussed a season kick-off breakfast brunch in April which of course could not happen. It seems doubtful for this year also, however we also discussed doing a summer picnic on the patio outside the pavilion. This would be similar to the Dry Dock Party for member and guest, and not associated with the Parade. Probably not a complete meal but for right now something to think about.
- Other items of discussion:
  - Once again we need to go through the cage storage area as it is getting pretty full. We will need to have people who are modelers on hand to look at materials, parts, tools and a lot of other items, as well as others to determine what items are worth saving and what items can be tossed out. A notice for assistance will be sent out yet this winter.
  - The Pelican Boat seats were refinished by Ken Gowe and all that is left is to clean it up to get it ready for sale. A notice for assistance will be sent out yet this winter.
  - Due to the nice cushion of money in the bank we discussed extending 2020 dues through 2021. It was decided that we do not do that this year.

- Sale of boats: we continue to have a nice collection of boats for sale that were donated to the club. We will continue to have an area at the Parade set aside for boat sales.
- The fast electric forum will be eliminated as this activity in the club can be better addressed in the general EMYC forum.
- Encourage participation in the EMYC forum.
- Set up a voluntary membership list with (as desired to be included): member name, spouse name, photo, contact information, expertise, interests, willing to help others with activities/building/repairs/equipment. We would need someone to take this on.

### Zoom Meeting Presentations

I was first up with my two AquaCraft boats. It is really a shame this company is no longer in business as these are very nice boats. They both come with a slight overdose of white plastic that makes the appearance a little too plastic, and I always wanted to dress them both up a bit. I am not a scale modeler so this is a project that anyone can take on with just a bit of patience, some painters tape and some Testors paint. The trawler is an older model, this one called the Bluefin, later renamed the Bristol Bay:



Up at the bow, the 'T' vent stack got painted gray.



Amidships the floors got painted a slightly different tan/yellow than the deck, railings were painted gray or black, the stairs also got painted black, and the life boat was painted aluminum with a flat black boat stand below. A lot of taping, often very fussy painting, but the transformation was really big for an already nice looking boat.

Not as extensive was the slight touchup to the Atlantic Tug:



This boat got the same paint treatment to the life boat as the trawler but it still needed something to make it more interesting. I found some bright flat yellow in the box of paints and Voila!! The air intakes and vents provided just the touch needed. Too bad I can't show the before and after side by side for both boats because the change was really significant.

Vernon Bollesen was next with a discussion of the trials and tribulations with his latest Dumas kit of an 1800's paddle wheeler. The paddle was displayed and was completely assembled, but the mechanism to operate was providing the challenge. More on this boat to come in the future.

David Petrich next displayed two small size crafts built from scratch:

## Small Cabin Cruiser

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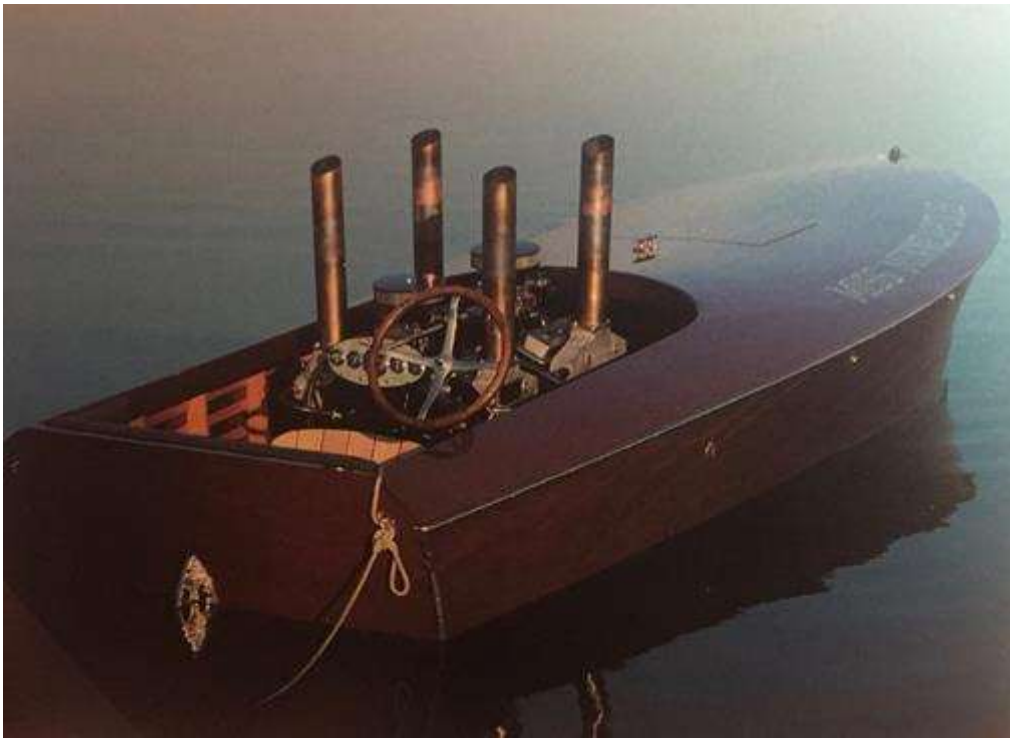
These boats are about as simple as you can get for an RC build. They would be perfect as a first time build. David carved his outboard motor from a block of balsa wood. These boats remind me of Brian Avery's small craft. Simply delightful to see, and they run very, very nicely. David has all the instructions and templates to construct your own.

Final presentation was by Rob Segal. He gave a very nice talk about his in-process model of the “Miss Minneapolis”, and then added additional background on another (full size) reproduction of the boat on the club’s Facebook site. Here are Rob’s words:

Current boat under construction:



A recent full scale reproduction, powered by a more modern v8, rather than the original straight 8:



Another photo of the recent reproduction under power, you can just see the top of the bow rudder breaking the surface of the water:

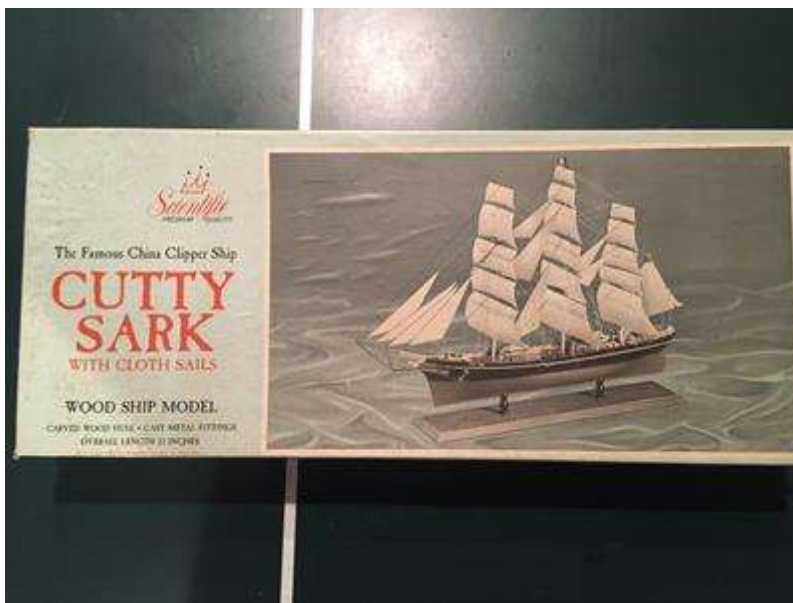


#### Other things going on

I have had many contacts so far this winter, and there are plenty of things going on with people that are new members and some not quite a member yet:



- Russ Sherman is retired and has seen the club at Centennial Lakes. He was referred to the club by Hub Hobby and is looking for a tug or cruiser type of a boat. He is a former RC airplane person so he knows he might need radio/receiver and charger. Do you have a boat that might be what he is looking for? You can get in touch with Russ at: randk6261@gmail.com.
- Steve Wendt has some model kits looking for a home:



Contact Steve at: wendts1975@my.uwstout.edu.

- Frank Patka reports he has had great success with getting sail numbers from: <https://www.beanbag.com/wjsails/proddetail.asp?prod=DF95AB>.
- The Dragon boats are increasing in number! New member Harvey Freeman has a DF 65 under construction, and new member Joe Lapp has a DF 95 under

construction.

- New member James Field is updating the electronics on his boat with help from Kevin Waldo.
- Dorothy Zimmermann's Northern Lights Sailing Club is offering a cruise onboard a Windjammer from August 30 to September 4<sup>th</sup> in Maine, and has extended an invitation to EMYC members.



Contact Dorothy if you would like more information: [dlz104@q.com](mailto:dlz104@q.com).

Not a bad start to the year I would say!! There is much more to come as you can see many things are in place so we just have to see how things go. One thing for certain is our ponds will continue to be a place we can go to enjoy our hobby and sport sailboat racing, so if you have not started your winter projects it is the perfect time to get going, and if you have your projects underway then the boating season is coming up and we can all look forward with anticipation to the coming year.

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