

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER

March 2023 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Cage cleanup!!

The club is incredibly fortunate to have storage space at the park for our “stuff”. It is in a working garage area and therefore it gets dirty over time and about every two years we need to give it a good clean up, throw out anything that has been sitting around too long, and make any repairs. The clean up crew:



(l to r) Mark Wolf, Dave Brinkman, David Petrich, Rod Sykora

Mark and Rod took on the cage cleanup while Dave, David and I took on the boat cleanup and the trailer wheels. Mark and Rod did an excellent job on the inside tasks and learned that we do have a good number of things in storage and make good use of the area at our disposal! The photo also shows the two boats that were displayed on the wall of the cage area, and formerly in the pavilion, that were brought down. If you have a notion that these boats should be cleaned up, updated, and put back on the water, they are easily accessible and can be taken to a home shop for refurbishing.

The boat was a straight forward clean up but the wheels on the trailer were another matter entirely and the challenge of this cage cleanup. At least two of the wheels constantly lose air and they all were looking pretty corroded. The two rears were on straight axels and the front on a pivot with a through bolt. The front was a piece of cake to remove, the rears anything but. The axels were well rusted and it looked like the end of the axels had been hammered on and had mushroomed out. Neither wheel would budge off the axel. A file was taken to the two axels to remove the mushroomed metal and the heavy rust, and with much filing and pounding both wheels were finally removed. There has been three wheels in storage that looked like they should fit the trailer, but they proved to be for 1/2 inch diameter axels whereas the axels were actually 5/8" diameter. New wheels were procured and are now on the trailer.

A job very well done by all, and the help was very much appreciated!

Adopt a boat.....



New wheels!!!



At the Membership Meeting

Huge group! Spring is in the air, no denying it, no matter what the weather is doing we have spring winds and winter is on the way out! Just a few announcements/updates and lots of show and tell. Here we go, starting with the new members.



James Kloss



John Schermeister

James is an experienced modeler and rc boater and belongs to other clubs as well. John will be familiar to some of the older members as he previously was an EMYC member. Richard Dahlquist knows John well and passes on that John is an avid builder of RC boats and previously built muskets and participated in Civil War reenactments! Quite a few members maintain several hobby interests and we are very glad if one of them is RC boating.

We are trying to do a much better job of introducing new members to the club through the newsletter. If we missed you in the past please let us know so Richard Dahlquist can get a photo for inclusion in a future newsletter. We have been very happy with a

number of new members in the recent past and I am pretty sure we have miss someone.

Rob Segal has not received any indication of people committing to attending and displaying at the classic boat events. From last month's newsletter the events and dates are as follows:

- June 24th, Saturday, White Bear Lake
- July 8th, Saturday, Alexandria
- August 26th, Saturday, Gull Lake
- September 9th, Saturday, Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka

The Gull Lake show is on the national list of shows and some really special boats show up for this one, including the one and only Bootlegger which is locally owned. Contact Rob at to let him know which show(s) you will commit to attend.

And also from Rob, he is putting together the poster for this year and is looking for 6 photos illustrating different aspects of the club. Send your photos to him for consideration of adding to the poster. The sooner we can put this together the better. New posters are showing up on the Hub Hobby bulletin board already.

The Spring Breakfast is coming up quickly on Saturday, April 29th. This is not being catered this year and instead will be a casual coffee, juice, pastries, and donuts. We have to know by Saturday, April 15th if you will be attending so that we can proceed with preparations. Contact Terry Bertelsen at to let her know you (and guest if you like) will be attending, and also if you would be willing to help out. It always looks easy when you get there but there is a lot required to make these events come together.

Show and Tell

The best part of the meeting, and the basis for the gathering after the official meeting is over. First up was a comparison of stock versus modified.



These boats are the Atlantic Tug formerly offered by AquaCraft, now out of business. The boat on the left (in the right photo) was recently acquired by Dave Brinkman off eBay. The one on the right I purchased from former member Tom Johnson quite a few years ago. Mine is the first generation, Dave's the second, and there was also a third final version also. My upgrades were the subject of a previous show and tell and included painting many of the white plastic accessories/features on the boat a different color. Both boats are handsome boats on their own, but removing some of the white plastic gives the boat a more authentic appearance (in my opinion). See if you can notice the differences. I did this presentation by covering my boat for a "big reveal!" but honestly it was not the big oh-wow reveal that I thought it might be simply because the original boat is so good looking. My latest upgrade was to change the black line that holds the tire bumpers to the side of the hull to a brown line, which you will have to trust me, it was a nice change, but not noticeable above because that was already changed in Dave's second addition. The lights came with a separate 2-AA battery pack and it was not sufficient to light all the lights, and the ones that were lit were very dim. I saw this same boat on the water at a Light House Night and the lights were noticeably brighter so I don't know if something deteriorated or if something else was going on. I also have the companion AquaCraft boat, Bluefin - later renamed Bristol Bay, which is a fishing trawler and the lights were similarly dim. The solution was to install a 4-AA battery pack and bypass one of the holders so only 3-AA's are in series. This works really well on both boats! The lights now are maybe just a bit too bright though. In the gathering after the meeting John Bishop said that a voltage regulator would be the trick so that I could dial up the intensity that I needed, and he would help! So one more upgrade to go!

Next up was Mark Wolf who is just getting back into his Dynamic Models tug.



Mark promises to bring the boat back as progress is being made. With several larger boats under construction it may really transform our presence on the water when these boats are completed.

David Petrich brought his latest fast electric boat he is working on. David also belongs to the Twin City Model Boat Club which specializes in fast boats of all kinds on a pond by the Black Dog plant in Burnsville, on the south side of the Minnesota River. David gave a lot of good information on the assembly of this boat, which is a total custom built of David's, and like true customs some of the components are things already on hand in the shop. These are NASCAR boats so to speak as they only run in one direction so that rudder and other stability measures are located with that in mind. One of the interesting features of this boat is that the motor is mounted on the left side of the hull, so the propeller is also on the left side of the transom - not centered as per usual. David expects the top speed to be in the 30 mph category.



Tim Kowalik brought his larger computer printed ship to the meeting. This boat has been to show and tell before but this winter Tim gave it a major upgrade.



Better seen in these two photos:



That's right, a wooden deck! What a beautiful upgrade! Completely built from scratch and it is a one piece custom fit!! From the high tech looking boat that it clearly is, the deck moves it way up on the scale of also looking very classy!! Whew! Just beautiful! The boat is also fully lighted, the guns move up/down and rotate, and all squirt water! Yes, of course there is sound and more features. Spectacular boat! The stand is also specially designed to display the boat (that part is inside the carrier), and to get the boat to and from the pond on wheels; plus the wheels have two positions to also facilitate bringing other items to the pond with the boat. Honestly, we could do a special show of just the stands and contraptions people have fabricated to get boats to and from the ponds and to display them.

John Bishop brought some special fittings to the meeting to see if someone could help him with identifying the plating on these pieces:



These are far from ordinary hardware. The flange fits around the shaft of a propeller (airplane), and the bolts are special grade (also notice the drilling to permit safety wiring). John picked these up on line, but retail price for the bolts alone are in the \$400- \$500 price range. All very special hardware. If you have any information on the plating these have could you drop John a note at?

All evening I was thinking there was something that I was forgetting (quite the usual feeling these days), and it did come to light after the meeting when Glenn Davis showed me several RC boat magazines that prominently featured the EMYC. Glenn will bring them back for the next meeting and I will also include some of the pages in the April newsletter.

Market Place

Dorothy Zimmermann's son, Jim, was an avid modeler and classic car buff. The final items from his shop are available for a donation purchase and there are quite a few nice items looking for new homes. First up are car care items from Griots Garage and Meguiar's, a lot of buffing compounds and pads, plus other detailing products. Members of the EMYC belong to four different car clubs (Triumph, Miata, BMW and MG) and if you think you can place these products in your club that is fine.





Then there are quite a few very nice items to add to your shop supplies and tools.





There are a lot of items in the photos so if you would like a closer look shoot me an email and I will send the photos to you directly. If you are starting a shop or would like to add special equipment there are definitely items of interest in this offering. This is a lot of stuff for us to store until the swap meet so we may have to do a mini swap meet yet this spring. I will let everyone know if that happens.

For Sale: My DF 65 was sold to John Cooke several Swap Meets ago. John has some physical limitations that prevent him from operating the boat so he very generously donated the boat back to the club. I had painted the hull and it still looks great!



Complete with the owner's manual and the original radio (lower-right in the photo in a plastic bag) it looks ready to go. Contact me if you are interested. Price \$200 obo.

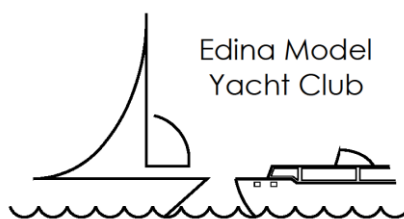
Finally, the membership list is updated and I am coordinating it with the email group that I developed to send out the newsletters and other club-wide information/notices. I noticed that there were several members from 2022 that were not in the email group so I apologize to them that my group was out of sync with the membership. The group list has been updated and everyone should be getting the newsletter now. A reminder that all newsletters are available on the club website, so you can always go there for the archives and to get current information such as the membership application form and the calendar of events, both available for printing and your records.

Coming up:

- Membership meeting, Tuesday evening, 7:00 pm, April 18th
- Spring coffee and pastries, Saturday, 10:00 am, Hughes Pavilion, April 29th

Right now we don't have sufficient interest to do the spring coffee and pastries so if you are interested it is very important that you contact Terry Bertelsen at. I will let everyone know at the next meeting April 18th if this is going ahead or not.

John Bertelsen
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