



October 2023 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

October slips into November all too easy, but fall weather and colors are a welcome seasonal change from summer. We look to take the last advantage of outdoor activities and start to look towards winter projects. To that end there are several items of interest in this newsletter. Just when you think things are winding down some new items pop up! Let's get started.

At the meeting

The Mt. Washington paddle boat was presented at the last meeting and newsletter, donated to the club by the Bullards. The Chris Craft that they also donated quickly found a home with Dave Petrich, and the Mt. Washington received a lot of interest but still available. The boat needs very minor repair and is missing the pulley on the motor shaft to turn the paddles, and that is it. Someone that is interested in completing the build has an excellent opportunity to pick up a really nice, and unusual, boat. If not sold before the swap meet it will be presented for sale and I can't imagine it not finding a home at that time. Contact me to be connected with this very fine boat.

Also in the September meeting I mentioned that the Wayzata Library was looking for us to fill their display case to promote model ship building and RC boating in general. We still need someone to fill that request so let me know if you can help out. I mentioned to the person at the library that boats under construction get a lot of interest in the show and tell part of our club meetings and she agreed that those boats would make a great part of the display. There is no particular timing on this but it seems that a display during the winter would be good timing.

Dave Brinkman saw on Facebook that a person had picked up a "fleet" of rental RC tugboats made by the Vac-U-Tug company. Here is a picture of the purchased fleet on Facebook and one that we have seen on the water at Centennial Lakes during light house night #1 and at the parade of boats with the - also available - tow behind plastic ducky:



Searching on line the company appears to be out of business but not dissuaded, Dave got in touch with Phil Pace, the man who is Vac-u-tug. Due to health issues he has not done much with the tug business but he is excited if we are interested in some boats of our own. The idea is to have a couple of boats or so to loan out to kids to run on the ponds. Save the anxiety of letting them run our own boats, these are perfect learner, no experience type boats. More information coming and they will be discussed at the board meeting this winter. A very interesting way to get back into the loaner type boat business for the club.

Dave proved to be red-hot with boats-by-others this month and had also been in contact with a person who was selling some model boats from an estate. Dave saw the boats and says the boats appear to be nicely made, some were Dumas models, and that none had any running gear. Boats were located in Rural Isanti. Some boats have been sold but here are some remaining at the time he saw them:



Show and Tell

We started out with Tim Kowalik's progress on his Barrel Back that he showed us in August:



The sides are now on the boat and are made of mahogany. Next up is the installation of running gear and electrics. Always interesting to see the kits coming together. But Tim is not done with computer printing and showed two new items he developed:



On the left are hollow sanding blocks that he developed for sanding the sides of his Barrel Back smooth. Lots of complex curves and ins and outs, the blocks can be used with multiple different curves surfaces. Other devices for sanding curved surfaces offered from the group were foam noodles and electric sanders with pressure sensitive adhesive sheets.

On the right is a stand for Spectrum radios offered for \$15. I am sure Tim could adapt his design for other radios too.

Next Kevin Waldo showed a boat originally owned by Dick Walker, sold to Todd Formico, who was unable to get the lights functioning. Kevin explained the difficulty

he was having, and the steps he has taken so far to diagnose the problem. There was plenty of lively discussion and advice, and eventually we called a temporary stop to the discussion to be started again after the meeting was adjourned. Remember there are two meetings at the membership meeting. The formal meeting, and the one that takes place after this meeting is concluded. The second meeting takes almost as much time as the formal meeting, just depends on what boats are on the display table.



During the formal meeting....



During the second meeting....

Lastly, my favorite kind of boat, David Petrich presented the makeover of a 42 foot Chris Craft Corvette, refurbished for Dave Brinkman. I love makeovers. This boat was gathering oils and dust on top of a kitchen cabinet. Everything had to be redone: carpeting and wall paper came out, windows replaced, running gear replaced, new paint - goes without saying! Accessories re-created too. All interior wood framing and sheeting/boards looked like the kit had just been built!





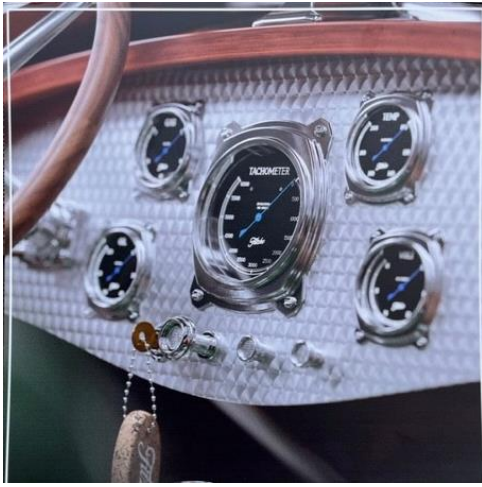
How sweet is that?! I love this particular model. It has a very nice size. Dave had it running on the ponds before the meeting and it ran flawlessly! This is truly a rescue project and one that Dave B. can very proudly add to his expanding fleet. Very nicely done indeed! It reminded me that Dick Walker had this same model that he built and displayed at the White Bear Lake Classic Boat Show. Always loved that boat. Dick eventually sold it to Joe Steele, and I think it is with a small tear in his eye that Dick remembers doing that. Maybe the one you always wish you never sold?

Seen by Members Elsewhere

Got an interesting set of photos from John Bishop of someone he came across at Autoplex.



From John: "He told me he's going to use new LS3 engines, basically Corvette engines. I believe he said hull length is 23'. Mahogany for wood. Price around \$300,000."



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Your Final Chance This Year!

Over a couple of beers many things can happen and many plans made. So it goes that Gary Tschautscher and Kevin Kavaney said Friday (October 20th) looks like the last chance this year and what a shame if we don't get the big boats on Lake Calhoun this year! So out went the word and four of us showed up for an incredible day of fall sailing. Let Gary tell you about the event:

“If one could order a perfect fall day, yesterday was that day. Comfortable temperature, blue clear skies, great sailboats and great people to hang out with. John, Kevin, Tom and myself had a wonderful day sailing our big boats. Plenty of people walked around lake and stopped by talking with us. Several members of the Sailplane Club stopped by as well. Kevin had a chance getting his J-Boat “wet”, what a great boat!!! Attached are some pictures of the day!! Something to look at and enjoy, once the “white stuff” starts flying again. Thanks to everybody for participating and stopping by.”



The two organizers, Gary and Kevin with Kevin's J boat



(l-r) spectator, Tom Weigel, John Bertelsen, Gary Tschautscher, flying club member, Kevin Kavaney, Heike Tschautscher



Putting the Newport in the water



Newport and Mighty Mary

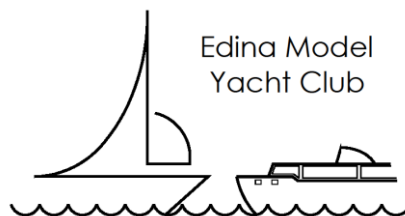
The J boat is simply spectacular. That thing has SAILS, a lot of sail, it sails really easy and in light winds too, and is ***fast*** despite being 85 pounds. We had a lot of people stopping by all day long to see the boats, take pictures of the boats, take pictures of their kids and the boats, lots of pictures! A very special day on the water. We always say we have to do this more often.....

Coming up

- Swap Meet: Saturday, November 11th, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, Hughes Pavilion. Set up starts at 9:00 (i.e. - bring your stuff to set up to sell). Several items are coming down from the cage storage so some help ahead of time at 9:00 would be nice.
- Dry Dock Party: Saturday, November 18th, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Hughes Pavilion. Set up starts about 11:00 and some help is always appreciated. Very important that you get your name on the list of those planning to attend, along with the name of a spouse/guest/friend: contact Terry at by Wednesday, November 8th.
- Three pond race? Continues to look to be awfully tough this year with all the floating debris, but keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned for more information.

Winding down the year for the last two scheduled items, with hopes that 1, 2, or 3 pond races will be held, but no matter what we are coming up to the end of the 2023 season. I hope you can take advantage of the final events of the year.

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