



September 2023 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

All season long we have had a variety of activities going on and I hope you took advantage of at least one of them. The club becomes so much more interesting when you are able to participate and get to know the other members better. If you are unable then I hope this newsletter helps at least a little bit to feel more of a connection to the people in the club and the activities. I think the newsletter is very important to the overall atmosphere of the club and I would love to hear from you if you have suggestions for other things we can include in the newsletter or change what is included. Let's start now with things that have happened since the last newsletter.

Boat Shows!!

Specifically the classic boat shows that we have been doing this year, four exactly. Since the last meeting we have been to two of the most significant shows in the state, Gull Lake and Lake Minnetonka. Rob Segal coordinates all the shows that we do and I was talking to Rob at the Minnetonka show about how each show is so different and the group of people that come to the shows is equally different. White Bear Lake is the most laid back in that all the boats are on a trailer (except the recent shows have had a boat on the water too). The Alexandria show gets more serious and if you take the time to visit the local Legacy of the Lakes Museum (and you really should, it would make a great winter day trip. This is Lee Anderson's collection), you are really getting into the "up north" flavor of the state.

Our first year at the Gull Lake show was just spectacular. This is the premier location in the state for lake people and lake culture, and the show does not disappoint. I previewed the show last month by mentioning two local men with disposable funds to enjoy to the maximum/fullest the classic boat scene, John Allen and Lee Anderson. Some of their collection of boats are at the show but their boats are not considered in the judging of boats at the show. In all there are about 70 slips at Bar Harbor and I would say that 55 - 60 were in use for the show. If you were a participant in the show on Saturday you could partake of the luncheon on Friday and enjoy a ride in one of the classic boats. I was with friends that live in the area and had not seen them for many years so the club was represented by Rob Segal and Kevin Waldo. And they got a "ride" all right, not just any ride though:



The ride was 2 ½ hours around Gull Lake and in a 30 foot, triple cockpit Hacker Craft. A “ride” indeed! Spectacular boat to say the least. The boat is for sale too at \$232,000. Motor is a 440 ci marine engine and the motor as well as the ride was just smooooooth. The boat was with a man who was representing the boat owner in the sale. Feeling sorry for me that I missed out on the ride Kevin arranged for me to get a short ride at the close of the show, for which I am very grateful!

Here is our set up in the grass off of the easterly parking lot:



Not a prominent location this year but we still had a good amount of traffic all day long. Here is a general overlook of the show from our location:



And here is what the docks looked like pretty much all day long:



The boats at the show were for the most part of the highly collectable category. Here are some of my favorites at the show:



The last two previous photos are of the engine bays in two of the Baby Gar (Wood) boats with V-12 engines. These are the Holy Grail of classic boats, and there are eight of them left. One is owned by John Allen, and four are owned by Lee Anderson. Four of the eight in the world were at this show. Interestingly all four boats had engines by different companies.

Now look closely at this photo of Dick Walker at the show:



Remember the boats to the immediate left and right of Dick's hand, and the second boat to the right of his hand. More on these boats coming up.

Next year this show will be a national show with 150 boats expected! Even better, we have been invited back and the show coordinator has indicated that they want to find us a better spot where we can launch our boats for demonstrations. I was talking with one of the boat exhibitors who told me that next year the parking will be in a field next to Highway 371 and attendees will be shuttle bused in. Can't wait! Great show!

Only two weeks later we were at the Lake Minnetonka show at Lord Fletchers. Second year now that we have done this show and was a great way to wrap up the Classic Boat season. Back in the same spot as last year, which was just great! You had to walk by us to get to the docks or to enter the patio eating area. Traffic was terrific! Here is our set up at the show this year:



Remember the boat in the corner with the yellow roof. More on that boat later. That is Rob Segal talking to club member Chris O'Conner. Chris is a member of the Owatonna RC Airplane club and was at the large scale fly in that I have been encouraging you to go see. More on Chris later.

I was standing under our tent, in the back, behind Dick Walker, and watching as he was describing to a nicely dressed man how he prepares and runs his steam engine boat. The man had a smile on his face and was thoroughly enjoying the demonstration. Then he stepped back a bit and a couple moved up to the table where Dick started up his dialog again. The man continued to watch and was enjoying the conversation. He then moved off towards the docks and continued to smile and look back so I walked out to talk to him and said "That is Dick, he is 94 years old (I don't actually know how old Dick is) and he can do that all day long (which he can and does at our shows!)". The man said "this is wonderful, just wonderful! Have you considered coming to the show in Nisswa"? I replied that "we were there for the first time this year, and are thrilled to have been invited back for the national show next year!" The man responded that he didn't see us and said he was apparently busy with the show, then put out his hand and asked my name, then said "I am John Allen". Okay.... I just met the big guy! Imagine that, a man worth billions and used to making things happen asking me if we would consider coming to the show in Nisswa. What a nice man! Later I heard from Dick Walker that one of John Allen's employees had been to our tent and saw that Dick had a model of the Baby Bootlegger G5, and told John about the model. John stopped by to see it and talked to Dick about it, and gave Dick an open invitation to come see his boat collection which contains the real Baby Bootlegger! Again, how very nice of him to give the invitation! This was the second boat to the right of Dick's hand in the Gull Lake photo. What a great way to wrap up the classic boat season!

But there were two more surprises at this show. If you have been to the Parade of Boats or the classic shows where Dick Walker is representing his model boats, you have seen his Scandinavian boat models. These were the two models on either side of Dick's hand in the Gull Lake photo. A very versatile hull that can be finished off in many ways. A boat from the other side of the world we will never see, right? Wrong!!



That's right, there was one at this boat show! I never thought I would see a real one in person and yet there it was! What a thrill!

Now think back a couple of newsletters where I was describing my co-worker Bob saying that based on my stories about people in the EMYC that we have the most interesting people in our club. Meet Chris O'Conner, again, this time in his own restored classic Shepard:



Beautiful boat! Chris has restored full sized boats previously and described his helping to get a classic boat show going at Lake Tahoe years ago. The first show had 9 boats - of which Chris had restored seven! That is right, seven! I told Chris he was over the top! Just amazing what talent there is within the club!

Looking for volunteers

We have been contacted by the Wayzata library to see if we could put together an exhibit for their library on RC boating. The library overlooks Lake Minnetonka and they thought we would be a good fit. This is what they are looking for: “John, The theme is to show a pastime and get people to use books to get involved in the exhibit topic. Books (3-5) that can be checked out at the library also go into the exhibit. The signage really could be just identifying the club or it could be more descriptive”. The display is in a locked case and would run for about 6 weeks, whenever we would like to do it. Here is the case to provide a sense of scale:



It wouldn't take much to fill the case up and I know there would be help to create some small boards with descriptions. Let me know if you have an interest in working on this project. I think it would be fun, educational and great promotion for the club.

At the meeting

We discussed the two classic boat shows and I did a short slide presentation of the two shows. All of us that participated in the shows had our own stories to share.

We also talked about the remaining two events for the year, Swap Meet on Saturday, November 11th, and the Dry Dock Party on Saturday, November 18th. Both events are day-time events as per last year, and there will be additional information coming. But now is the time to think about what you want to bring to the swap meet and get these items ready for sale.

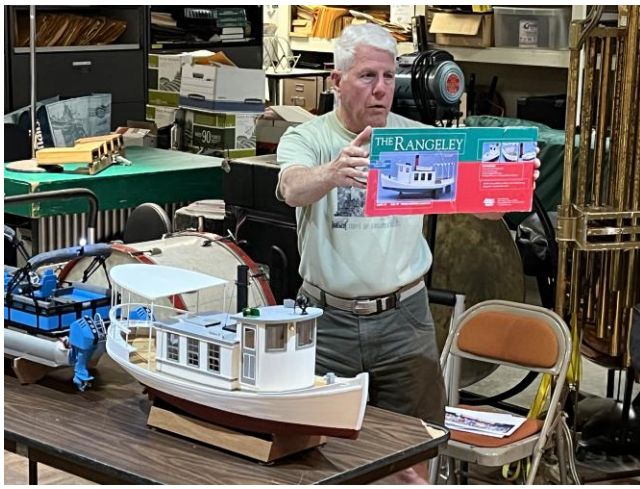
Show and Tell

I lead off with two boats that were very generously donated to the club by Bob and Gerry Bullard from Inver Grove Heights. Bob had passed away and as his wife Gerry described he never had a hobby that he didn't jump into with both feet, or maybe fully immersed is better. Golf, RC airplane (kits) and lastly RC boats all got great attention. There were a total of 5 boats that Bob built and Terry and I saw the two that were donated plus one more at the house, which clearly indicated that Bob excelled at whatever he put his mind to. The two donated boats were the Chris Craft pointed out in one of the photos of the Lake Minnetonka show previously, and then the gorgeous Mt. Washington.



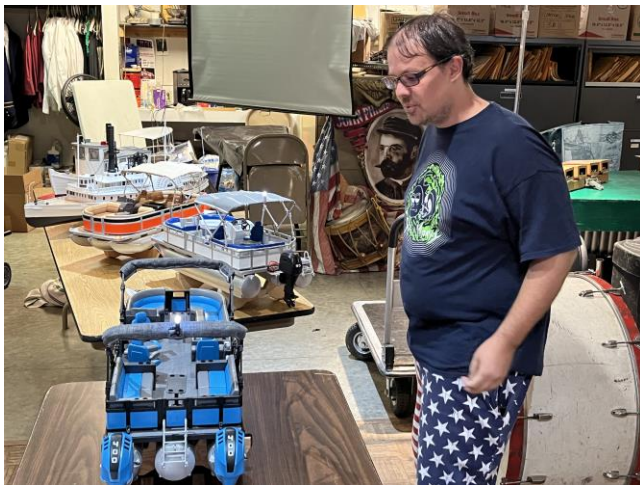
You might know that club member Vern Grimes also has this Mt. Washington boat in his fleet. Currently the Chris Craft is being gone over by David Petrich and will be ready for sale soon. The Mt. Washington is in need of some (very) minor repair and completion, but just like the Chris Craft boat it looks in absolutely pristine condition. These boats are a very nice donation to the club! Let me know if you are interested in adding one of these boats to your fleet. Both boats will be at the swap meet if they are not already sold.

Next it was very nice to see Tim Crain again, especially so since he brought yet another boat he has been working on called "The Rangeley".



Of course there are modifications to the plans, such as the row boat (right photo in the foreground). Per the kit this boat is to be placed on top of the grey roof above the cabin. In reality there is no provision on the boat to climb up to access the boat, much less a way to lower the boat onto the water from the roof location. So the boat will be simply towed behind. Then there is that the hull is plastic, but in the spirit of realism Tim planked over the supplied hull. A work in progress that we will be seeing again.

Last presenter is the final presentation of the now-in-production pontoon boat creation by Ryan Butler. We have been following the development of this boat all summer:



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The card says “Coming Soon!”, but really it is already here. Final updates since the last meeting are slightly larger pontoons and some other detailing on the pontoons to make the boat ride in the water more realistically. The boat was displayed in three models and two different sizes. The smaller size (16”) takes about 100 hours to print, and the larger boats take 200 hours. The detail is simply amazing and designed (boy is it ever designed) for easy assembly with minimal glue. Lots of the parts snap together and many parts are the same regardless of the size of model chosen. Plus the flexibility of design is just amazing. Do you want 1, 2 or 3 motors, no problem! The awnings that are not deployed really are rolled up and under a cover as shown in the blue boat. They can be fully deployed. Doors operate and instruments are back lit. This is the only model of a pontoon boat that anyone could think of so completely unique?

Looking for help

Got a contact through the website from John Iden who is looking to join the club and purchased a DF 95 boat to be his first boat. He says he is looking for help to complete the assembly of the boat, and it appears that the rigging is giving him the problems. This is for next year sailing so it is a project you could complete for John this winter. Would you be willing to do that for him? Get in touch with me and I will give you John’s contact information.

For Sale

More boats are looking for new homes. Last month it was Burt Fishers two DF 95’s, and adding to those this month are Dave Geovannini with two EC 12’s. Dave has A and B sails and a launching rig for each boat. He is looking for \$1,100.00 for each boat.

Adam Koller is looking for new homes for his black on black (pretty cool boat) DF 95 and his EC 12. Amazing! The EC 12 is a tough boat to find much less have three pop up in our own back yard. If you are looking for a sailboat that is of the larger size and is attractive and fast, these boats are hard to beat. I know Kevin Kavaney and Gary Tschautscher both have one and they are excellent, excellent sailing boats! Also, Adam brought his DF 95 to some ODOM races and beat them all in at least one race, so it has excellent pedigree.

Let me know if you have an interest in any of these boats and I will put you in touch with the owners.

Dry Dock Slide Show

Todd is starting to work on the slide show for the Dry Dock Party so if you have photos you would like him to include put them on a thumb drive/memory stick for his use. You can catch up with him Sunday afternoon at the ponds or call him at to make connections.

Key Access to the Cage

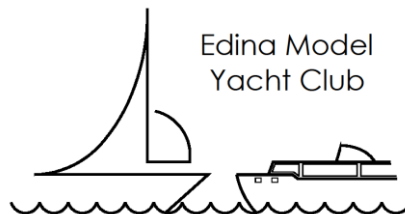
The club has two keys for access 1) to the garage and the storage cage and 2) to get into the meeting room. We have one set of keys and usually I have them but they are for anyone who needs to get access to the cage and or meeting room. You just need to let me know that you need them and they can be handed off for your purpose. For instance Rob Segal has had the keys for part of the summer as he coordinates all the offsite shows that we do and needs access to the cage to pick up and return the tent, tables and other things for the show set up. You may need the tri-hull boat for a purpose or other reasons to access the storage area. For the most part you can always ask any of the park people to get you into the building too. A recent change was made to the lock on the pedestrian door next to the big garage door off of the pond perimeter walk at the boat launch location. The key access no longer works and a card is needed, which the park staff all have. With our key we need to enter through the door in the truck dock area only. Also note that while we have the key to access the meeting room the park staff does not have that key and cannot get you into the room.

Coming up

- Tuesday, October 17th, 7:00 pm membership meeting.
- Three pond race? Going to be awfully tough this year with all the floating debris, but keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned for more information.

The season can take a deep breath now and relax after all the summer activities, but there is still plenty of time to get down to the ponds for some of the best boating of all year.

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