

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

April 2025 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Whew!!! Spring is tough!! Hints of warmer summer weather, and even some days of near summer weather, maiden voyages on the water, then crash back into cold temperatures and days and days of high winds, enough to get a person frustrated!! But help is on the way (along with real boating weather):

Our Spring Kick-off is just around the corner - **Saturday May 10th 10:00 a.m. - noon in the Hughes Pavilion.** Like last year, very casual with coffee, juice, pastries, and donuts. In order to proceed with preparations it's important to hear from everyone who plans to attend by **Monday May 5th**. Please contact Terry Bertelsen at or text her at to let her know you (and guest) will be attending. I hope the weather cooperates so we can enjoy some time on the water!

Membership Meeting

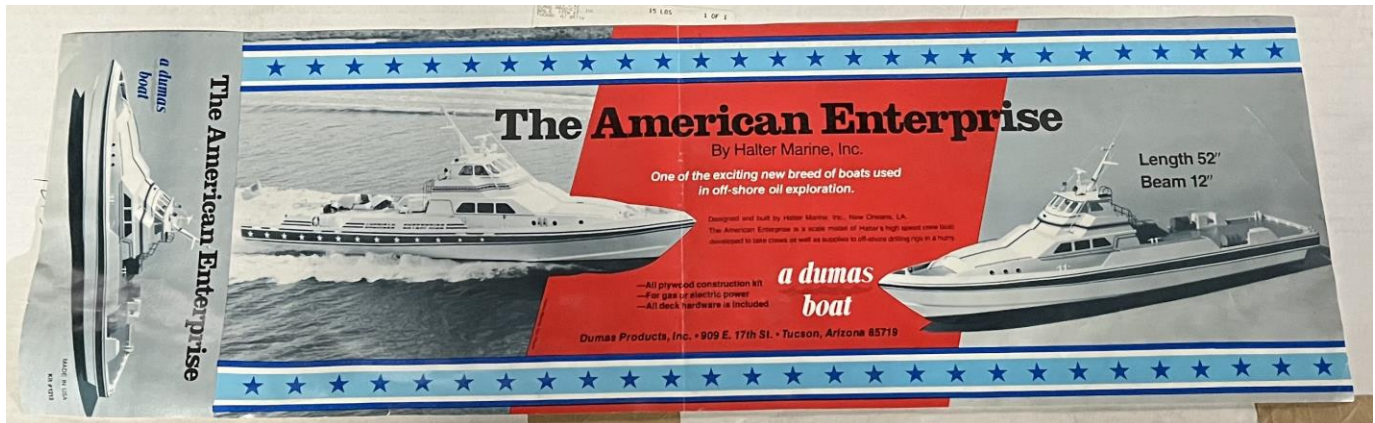
What a great meeting! Over half of the club in attendance! We covered the discussion items that were outlined in the meeting reminder and lots of show and tell.



- Kit building and introduction to RC boating seminars were decided to be scheduled after the Parade of Boats so that we can do signup sheets for the public at the Parade.
- Sailboat seminars. Gary Tschautscher has a very comprehensive outline of these seminar(s) underway. The thinking is that we can perhaps do these in the hour before the membership meetings in June through August when we have a later starting time. More information will be coming.
- Lots of discussion about the future of the pool that was provided for us at the Minneapolis Boat Show. We have already had requests from the Classic Boat show organizers for the White Bear Lake and Alexandria shows to set up the pool for their shows, however there are an awful lot of things to be sorted out before we can begin to determine if this is something that is even feasible at each (any) location. There are several issues involved with transportation of the pool, configuration, location at each event, pool filling and emptying, and even the repair of the current pool components. We are committed to the Boat Show for 2026, and as our model displays and the pool activity at the show was so well received by the show attendees the Boat Show organizers would love to see us at the show on an annual basis. There really is a lot to consider so we decided to take the time to evaluate the feasibility of setting up at the four Classic Boat shows while we are at each of the boat shows this year. Also with one year at the Minneapolis Boat Show under everyone's belt we can take the time at the 2026 show to determine how we might want to change that venue. Obviously the Minneapolis show is much, much easier for us to do than the remote locations in parking lots as the setup is relatively easy on a flat floor and the auditorium staff take care of filling and draining the pool for us. Looking at each remote location will make for interesting investigations all summer long.
- Several months back Jeff Dunbar offered to update an existing poster from past years with the current dates for our events at the park. That seemed like a long time ago so I wanted to see how Jeff felt about it now that we need to get the poster completed for posting. Jeff was still very enthusiastic and is all set to put the poster together. We will present the poster in the next newsletter.
- Last year at the Parade of Boats Tom McCarthy had a set up to promote his Museum of Lake Minnetonka and also displayed the magnificent Street Car model. Unanimously it was decided to invite Tom back again this year, and I think we can look forward to his participation in future parades.

Show and Tell

Having completed my volunteer task for the day on a weekend I had pre-decided to do a quick cleanup of the cage storage area. This can only be done by moving around all the items we have in storage and therefore evaluating if there are items we no longer need to keep. Usually this means they have been in storage a couple/few years and no interest has been shown. Of those items left after the purge we had two kits and two sailboats. The sailboats were the second of the former display models in the pavilion, a motorsailer Robbe kit that was featured in the February Newsletter, which went to a new home for refurbishment, and the second was the Bill Uhl sailboat that got a lot of interest and may have found a home. Here are the two very nice Dumas kits that are available for a donation to the club:



Take a look at the cage when you are in the maintenance building. It is looking very cleaned up and thankfully most of the items in storage are now in new homes or otherwise taken care of. A question - does anyone know what the nets in the slide-out drawers, under the table on the left as you enter, were used for? They look like volleyball or tennis nets.

Tim Crain started the presentations with a kit he is finishing for his friend Jim Pennoyer. Jim joined the club at about the same time as Tim did and the two were great friends and also belonged to the MG car club together. Jim had a beautiful MGA in stunning white. Jim was an exceptionally nice man and a very enthusiastic new member of the club, and took to model building with enormous energy. Very, very sadly Jim passed away unexpectedly and suddenly in 2019. Tim has been helping Jim's wife with finding homes for the boats and modeling tools that Jim had since then, and this was a model that Jim had not been able to finish. The kit is a Dumas kit of "The Rangeley" which was a Lake Maine steam ferry. The kit had a lot of plastic pieces, including the hull, and Tim decided to plank the hull and several other pieces to make it a much more realistic model. Several other adjustments to the model were made to make it more user friendly and serviceable, and lighting in part is by LED strips from the Micro Center computer store.



The maiden voyage will be upcoming with Jim's family.

Chris Haertl was back to show his Creole Queen paddleboat that is in progress.



The boat has been on the water and with the flat hull on a windy day Chris reports that it was definitely affected by the wind, actually it got blown about quite a bit, but it was working well. Maybe a boat for calmer days at the ponds. This should be interesting once this boat is completed as there is another paddleboat that has been featured in the newsletter previously and is completing restoration. The year of the paddle boat maybe? If you have one get it ready for a joint meeting on the water this summer!

Rob Segal brought his Riva Aquarama, a model of the real luxury Italian boat by Riva Marine, and designed by Carlo Riva. Two hundred and three were built from 1963 to 1971 which makes it a very popular boat in its class of exotic water craft. Rob reports that the build is a love-hate experience and while the wood pieces in the kit are very precisely laser cut, which works out well if everything else is that precise - which it isn't, and some splicing was required not that anyone will notice.



But it is coming along nicely and it was great to see it in progress!

Kevin Waldo brought his nearly (essentially) completed German Krick model that he brought into the February meeting under construction. I have to say that I am very pleased at what Kevin accomplished as in the February newsletter I suggested that Kevin might have jinxed himself by predicting a quick completion. Nothing of the sort happened thankfully!



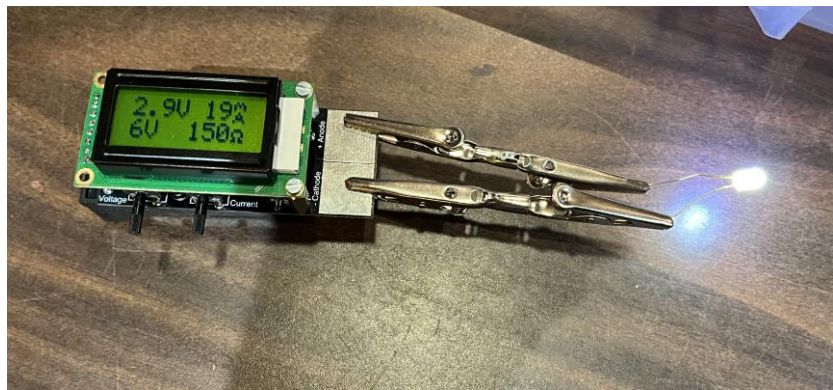
Kevin thought the model was coming up a bit plain so it was embellished with some parts from previous kits and some of his own custom fabrication. A very nice model and it greatly benefitted from Kevin's extra touches.

Jeff Dunbar brought his CR 914, which he is really making it his own interpretation. The CR 914 is a very handsome boat and boasts some nice rigging in addition to the very clean lines of the hull itself. Still a work in progress, wood decking has been added as Jeff saw it needing something special:



Coming along very nicely Jeff has really shown that his is a very good modeler and has an eye for aesthetics. The interior electronics are yet to be done and anyone that knows these models knows that the access hatch through the deck to get at the inner workings makes it a challenge.

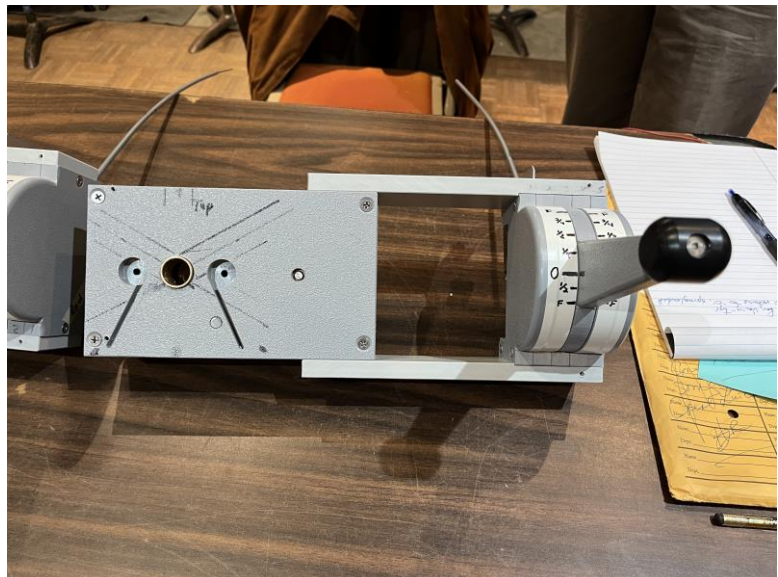
Mike Corbett brought a very interesting electronic device for adjusting the intensity of LED lighting.





Purchased for less than \$20 Mike had rigged up a demonstration to show how this LED Buddy by Velleman operates. It has a built in connection for a 9 volt battery below the display. The device operates by setting the milliamps of output, and therefore the brightness of the lighting, and holds that constant even if the input voltage varies. This is done by automatically adjusting the ohms of resistance. There are two stalks to turn on the bottom of the display. First the right stalk is turned to adjust the intensity/current flow shown in ma in the upper right of the display. Then the left stalk is turned to indicate the input voltage which is shown in the lower left of the display. As the voltage is changed the resistance shown in the lower right adjusts to keep the current the same. The voltage drop is shown in the upper left of the display. Very clever as most of these electronic devices are.

Last presenter was Richard Dahlquist who is yet another of the contributors to the Captains Stations for the Vac-u-tugs.



Based on his observations at the Minneapolis Boat Show where most of the Captain Station users walked away leaving the boats with the motors running and thus running down the batteries unnecessarily, Richard installed some springs on the throttle control to return the throttle to zero/neutral if not held in a position of forward or reverse motion. We will have to see if the users are able to control the throttle with the right hand to maintain a velocity and also steer with the left at the same time. Janet Clark's group was the first to use the stations last year and they will be the first to use it this year with this modification. Should be interesting.

Other Things

Hats are here! Quite a few were purchased at the meeting. Price is \$20.



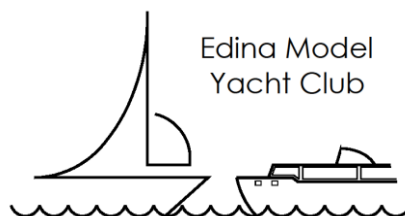
Reminders

- You can pay your 2025 dues by check in the mail, cash in person, or PayPal. Please remember when using PayPal you need to use the "friends and family" option otherwise a handling charge is deducted from your dues payment. The amount for the calendar year remains at \$40 for a family membership.
- I would still like to know if you would like to attend or participate in the upcoming seminars on the introduction to RC boating and/or overview of wood model kit building. Let me know if there is some aspect of building or RC boating in general you are particularly interested in and we will include it in the seminar.
- Got things for sale? Boats, tools, other? Send me a photo and description plus price and contact information and I will include it in a newsletter.

Coming Up

- Saturday, May 10th, 10:00 am, Spring Coffee and Rolls.
- Tuesday, May 20th, 7:00 pm, member meeting.
- Thursday, June 5th, 6:30 pm, Janet Clark and the Learning Exchange
- Sunday, June 8th, Parade of Boats

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