

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER

August 2026 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Legacy of the Lakes Museum

The month started out with a trip to the Legacy of the Lakes Museum where for the first time we set up the indoor pool, that we use at the Minneapolis Boat Show, outdoors. The occasion was the celebration of the museum's anniversary, having opened the doors in their current location in 2006, plus in the evening there was a catered BBQ dinner and blues concert. The venue for the pool simply could not have been better.



Under a semi-permanent marquee, on a patio of pavers, the pool looked so good, just like it was made for this application. Attendance during the day was very light, we believe due to a large conflicting event for middle school aged kids. But the evening BBQ and concert was very well attended and the caterer ran out of ribs quickly. You had to make do with pulled pork, not much of a hardship as the food was excellent! Rob Segal reported that with a garden hose it took about four and a half hours to fill the pool to eight inches. Thankfully, with the submersible pump Rob purchased it took only about an hour and a half to empty. We know now the location works just excellent for the pool and we believe that next year we will be setting it up again for the museum's family day in June. We always wondered if we could set it up outdoors and fill it with a garden hose, now we know!

Light House Night #1

Light House Night #1 was, as usual, very well attended, with our display of boats on the water, a car show, and the highlight Sousa Band torch light concert and fireworks display. A few years ago the car show was pretty much all Model A's, which was fine as the cars are beautiful from that era, but as the years have gone on the variety of cars has increased. This year, in addition to a hand full of model A's, there were:



This electric car - waiting to park



This 1928 Pontiac

These Packards



The Pontiac was just stunning, owned by a guy who works for the City of Edina, who purchased the car as a barn find. Amazingly, the only thing missing were two minor pieces of trim. However, the car is a metal skin on a wood frame and the wood was completely rotted, so it was years of restoration to remove the metal skin, replace all the wood, and reassemble. The car features a straight 6 cylinder engine that ran like a sewing machine. The owner said it was a happy engine up to about 40 mph.

Meanwhile, on the water, we had a good showing of boats, including the four Laser sailboats renovated, painted, and lighted by Ryan Butler (just gorgeous!):



The four sailboats were busy being run by the public all evening. And Todd was there with the latest, and another amazing Ryan creation, Snoopy's Sopwith Camel dog house:



Unfortunately, Woodstock along with his bird bath fell to the curse of the center pond and was relegated to Davey Jones's locker.

Back on shore, the captains' stations were set up and there were surprisingly few kids running the boats. I policed - literally - the stations all evening, and the kids were split into two groups. My wife, Terry, was just behind me most of the evening and at the end asked if I was ok. I said why, and she replied "because the boys were nuts! Climbing over each other to run the boats!" Boy, was that the truth. They pretty much were on one of the stations and I had to literally pull them off the second one as they tried to horn in on the kids at that station. Then there were the girls. Thank God for the girls.



These two girls did not come to the event together. The one on the left reminded me of one of our neighbors, an attractive, got-it-all-together person, and the one on the right was very pretty and dressed similar, very upscale for the park. Now in case you think I am getting weird, the photo was taken by Terry because she thought the exact same thing, and the two girls together were striking. The girl on the left did the best job of running the boats all night, and the girl on the right was struggling when left girl approached her and said "why don't we work together on this" to which the other girl agreed. There were just enough weeds in the pond that props became fouled several times. Tim Kowalik was busy all night with his rescue boat harassing other boats but also extremely busy retrieving boats stuck on the water

with fouled props. The Captains tugs were fouled many times. I cleaned the first few, then thought why not let the kids do it (you had to watch that someone didn't hit the throttle when the cleaning was happening). They loved it! But the girl on the left also took over getting the boat out of the water, then they both cleaned the prop, and she put it back. Those two were great!!

At the Meeting

Minor business news and straight to show and tell. It has been great to have Kirk Brust back in the club after a few years absence. Those older members of the club know Kirk through Paul Olsen's family, and that Kirk is a retired sign painter with amazing - and I mean amazing - model building abilities. Unfortunately, some of Kirk's model boats are quite large and difficult to transport, but you might have seen the Nautilus boat on display at the Parade. If you have not, perhaps he will bring it again and be sure to see it. This time we were fortunate to see one of Kirk's boats from the 90's that had just recently been taken out of moth balls and the paint freshened up. Kirk is expert - and I mean expert - at weathering techniques. Here the boat is on the water before the meeting:



Oh-my-gosh, it was beautiful!! Kirk had not had the time to fine tune the balance of the boat and it ran with a slight list. We encouraged him at the meeting to not remove the list as it ran and looked like the perfect derelict boat. When asked at the meeting about the weathering technique he said he uses oil paints in the tubes,

and just keeps applying it until it looks like enough. John Bishop sent his Sheer Madness boat over to Kirk's house for weathering. Here is Kirk at the meeting:



Next Tim Crain brought in a progress report on the boat and outboard he has been working on, this time to provide an update on the control system for steering the motor. A boat does not need to be large to present challenges in the build process:



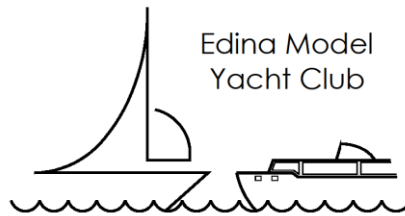
We also discussed the up-coming election of officers for the club of Commodore and Director. The vote is at the October meeting, and at the September meeting we need to know who is wanting to be considered for these positions. The number of Directors is adjustable by the Board, and we need to know if the position of Commodore is going to be covered. I have received a request from two persons who wish to be on the board in 2027. By the September meeting I need to know: 1) If you

are currently on the board, do you wish to continue, or will you be stepping down, 2) Any other persons that would like to be considered to be on the Board, 3) If you would like to be considered for the Commodore position. For all of these, please send me an email so I can keep a record.

Coming Up

- Saturday, August 29th, Gull Lake Classic Boat Show at Bar Harbor, Lake Shore (Nisswa).
- Saturday, September 12th, Lake Minnetonka Classic Boat Show, Lord Fletchers, Spring Park.
- Saturday, September 12th, Light House Night #2.

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