

# EMYC SCALE NEWS AND VIEWS

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**Newsletter:** No! This is not "the" EMYC news letter! However, I believe that scale builders need to have an outlet for their ideas. And, I thought I'd try to provide it. If you have any input or feedback, please give me a call, or drop me a note. When and if volume dictates, I'll write again!



**Parade of Boats:** As most of you are aware, we had good response to our request for prize donations to the Parade. Airtronics, Dumas, Futaba, Hobby Lobby, R/C Boat Modeler, RAM, and Robbe each responded favorably to my request for support. Doug Campbell spoke with Ed Hughey, and that contact resulted in the receipt of a Hughey gearbox as well. A kit from Midwest was found in the maintenance garage a day after the Parade. I decided that the best thing to do with it at that late date, was to build the kit and give it to Bill Bach as a small "thank you" for his continuing support during these past two years.

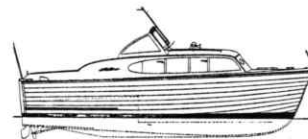


**Boat Count:** I came up with a tally of sixty boats at the Parade, just before the sailing commenced. More came and went throughout the day, so a true count was impossible. Scale was very well represented. We're starting to make waves, guys!



**Letters:** Shortly after the Parade, I received a note from Tom O'Dell of the St Louis club expressing his thanks for our hospitality. He also mentioned that he stopped in at Carr's hobbies in

Duluth (2009 West Superior Ave). Tom said "If you have not been there, you are missing some thing. It is almost like a museum". Sounds as if it's worth a visit. (maybe a little side trip from Bayfield next month, eh?). A second mailing from Tom contained a very nice videotape of the Parade. We should be able to view it at the July meeting.



**Bits and Pieces:** We now have the latest Robbe catalog in the club filing cabinet. Six hundred pages of interesting stuff. How about a receiver crystal extension, to make those frequency swaps a bit easier to handle? Or, a device that attaches to a servo to switch two separate circuits? Or, cloth US flags as small as 1/2 x 1 inch. (Jeff ?) It's a great book to page through while watching TV! Take it home on Tuesday, bring it back Thursday.



**Member's Ideas:** The next time you see Glenn Anderson at the pond, ask him to show you his "Captain Hook" method of launching and retrieving his sailboat. It is a neat, "why didn't I think of that" idea, and is easily adaptable to scale boats using a pair of hooks on a single handle.

- Paul Olsen found automotive windshield washer pumps at the Bloomington Ax-Man for five bucks. That's a must if you're going to install a fire monitor (water cannon) on your next project!

- Mike Trutwin has brought his newly made fiberglass over foam sailing hull to the pond. And, it is veery nice. Perhaps we can get him to give us a few pointers on how it's done!

**New Sights and Sounds:** Gary Phillips had his new Dumas Victory Tug operating in early July. It was a long way from being finished at that time, however that's one of the nice things about model boats. They don't have to be finished, before you sail 'em! It will probably be finished by meeting time, at the rate Gary works! Thanks to Gary's input, I now have Ax-Man speakers attached to my RAm steam audio unit. And, as a result of Doug Campbell's, Hughey donation, my Hartman tug has a new gearbox as well! So! A whole new sound there!



**Scale Supplies:** I recently received a couple of catalogs that may be of interest.

- Troy Waters is operating "Harbor Models", which is a Tug speciality shop at 17457 Appalachian St. Fountain Valley, CA 92708. Most of the brand name items are discounted 15%. His catalog is \$3.50. Ph. [REDACTED]
- J. Allen Mergens is operating "Coast Guard Models", specializing in, you guessed it, USCG boats and markings. His address is 110 Essex Rd. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007. Mergens is a CG veteran, and as such, is dedicated to preserving the history of the boats on which he served. There are enough hulls listed in his catalog to keep you busy for years. I obtained my catalog for a couple of stamps, but I'm sure a buck or two would certainly be appreciated! [REDACTED]



**Radios:** Gary Phillips, who took home the Airtronics gift certificate from the Parade, was advised by the folks at Airtronics, that he need not only select from their radios advertised for use on 75 mHz. Apparently, any Airtronics radio on 72 mHz can be converted to surface use!



**Railroad Tugs:** Are long and narrow. They are characterized by long deck houses. Since barges

are towed alongside, there is no need for towing space aft. There are usually no crew living accommodations. Pilohouses are high, for visibility, and frequently sport a fire monitor on the roof.



**Shows:** There are several boat shows scheduled in the area during the remaining summer months:

- July 30 thru Aug 8 US Coast Guard Festival Grand Haven, Michigan [REDACTED]
- Aug 14 Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Festival of Arts (170 boats, 30-90 years old) Hessel, Michigan [REDACTED]
- Aug 14-15 Wooden Boat Show (Minnetonka) Excelsior, Minnesota
- Sept. 25-26 R/C Model Boat 5th Regatta Downtown, at Union Station St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]



**Classifieds:** Jim Malone, Maple Grove, MN. [REDACTED] has two scale boats for sale:  
Sterling Cabin Cruiser (1950s) 44" long \$250  
Midwest Fire Boat (with old radio) 24" long \$150



**Decorations:** A typical decorative device on early tug boats was a gilded eagle atop the wheelhouse. The "Seguin" was unique in the use of a white rooster! (Dick ?)



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