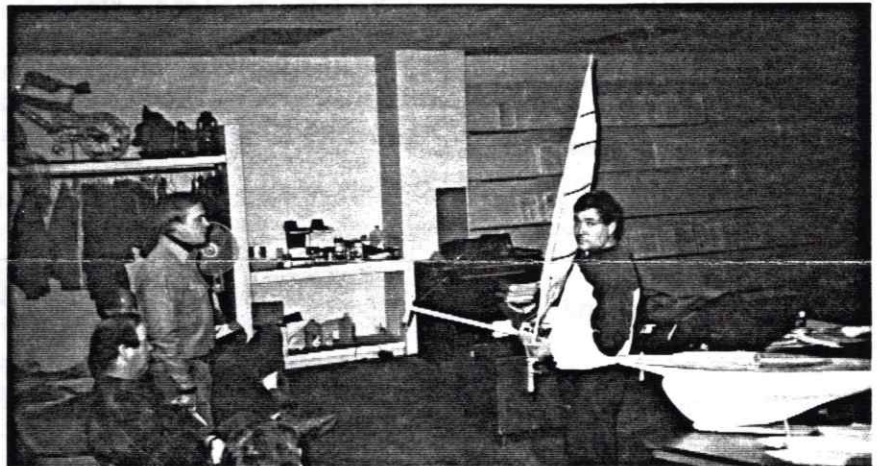


JANUARY'S MEETING

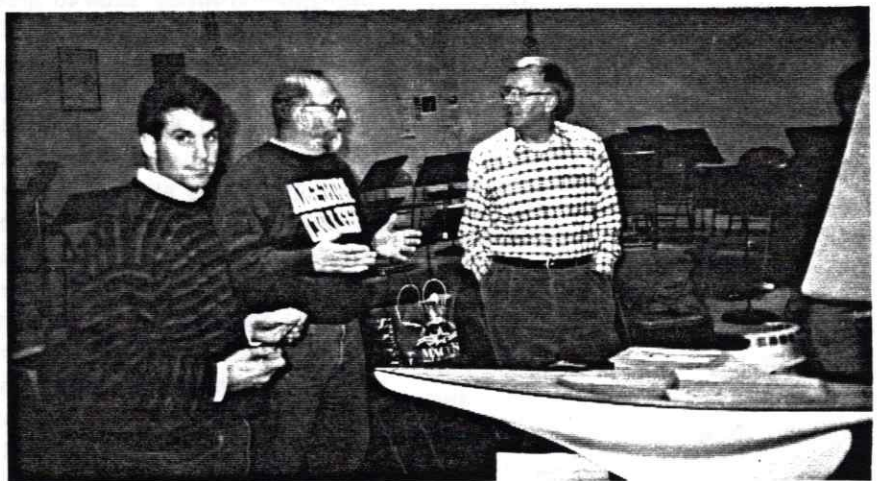
Thanks to those who braved the frigid temperatures and attended our January meeting. New board members and officers were announced along with some upcoming announcements on this year's race scheduling and events.

1993 Survey results about the club were given by Steve Rusk. (Your editor promises a detailed account in the next issue. A brief account is in this issue.)

Some interesting projects were in the show and tell part of the meeting, especially Tony Johnson's Radio Controlled iceboat (how appropriate for season). Could we have racing all year? Who knows?



Tony Johnson (standing left) explains the workings of his RC iceboat to the group. We wonder what Ralph Peter (holding the boat) is thinking?



John Bishop, Gary Phillips and Jim Smith (left to right) discuss more good stuff about RC boating.

COMMODORE'S LETTER

by Steve Rusk

I would like to thank the hardy members that braved the 28 degrees below zero to make it to the January meeting.

We announced the following election results:

Steve Rusk - Commodore

John Bishop - Vice Commodore
(appointed by the Board)

Ralph Peter - Vice Commodore/ Marketing

Jim Smith - Vice Commodore/ Scale

Lincoln Shea - Secretary/Treasurer

Tony Johnson - Rear Commodore

Doug Campbell - Newsletter Editor
(appointed by the Board)

With these officers and your help, 1994 can be a very good year.

The Board that you have elected has a very good mix of ideas and interests. The Board and appointed officers is 75% bigger than last year's group. I thank you for the added personnel, it will make things happen smoother and faster. As a member you will see vast improvement in the amount and timeliness in which information is distributed.

Every member should thank Doug Campbell for committing to publish the newsletter 12 times a year. This will allow the minutes of Board meeting, regular meetings, treasurer reports and other things to be regularly provided to the membership. Also you will see, Meeting notices, calendars, member lists, want ads and class news.

THE ONLY WAY THAT DOUG CAN DO ALL THIS IS IF WE (THAT'S YOU AND ME) PROVIDE HIM WITH ARTICLES AND INFORMATION. He is willing to help write some articles but he needs you to provide the ideas and facts.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!! Watch the newsletter for developments in club activities.

Please remember this Club is ours. It isn't Steve's or Joe's it's for everyone. The Board is trying to act in your best interest and make things happen. But we can't read your minds. Let us know if you like or don't like a program or event. It won't hurt anyone's feelings if you disagree with what we have done. We can only improve if we know you want change. With 55+ members we won't please everyone every time, but we must provide all interests in the club with some activities. Please ask us for more information if you feel we have left you in the dark. The Board is here for you the Club.

I have seen the Edina Model Yacht Club grow from an idea to group to an organization with 55+ members. But I think our greatest growth is still in front of us. We are the luckiest model yacht club that I know of, the lake that we sail at is maintained at a level that is unheard of in other parts of the country. Our North pond is rustic by comparison to the South pond, but some former clubs in the Metro boated in real mud holes that you needed waders to launch a boat. The city of Edina has and continues to provide the support of space, equipment and facilities that have allowed us to grow as fast as we have.

The membership has very high expectations of what should be provided to the members, and I have no argument with those expectations. I just have a concern of how we can maintain the growth to provide the level of service and accessibility and frequency of events that the members are asking for.

With our growth, and demands on the use of the pond, a serious point needs to be addressed by the EMYC how many activities can we support before we are spread too thin? As I look to other metro areas I see multiple clubs that combine to form racing circuits. The Seattle area has 6 clubs with total membership of 150+ and races 11 months of the year. They support only two classes of boats the EC-12M and the Marblehead. They have a total 46 local races that averages 4.18 races per month and .7 races per club per month or 7.6 races per club a year. They only have Saturday and Sunday races and no scheduled free sailing. They let the members call each other and set up match races to practice and tune the boats.

I present these facts to you and ask, can The EMYC support a full race program for 3 sailing classes, plus regattas, three nights of free sailing each week, scale activities, meetings, newsletter and events without spreading ourselves too thin? I feel that all the things listed are important and needed for a healthy sailing community. But I come to the conclusion that we the members of the EMYC need to develop more resources to allow us to have all the activities listed above and if the EMYC doesn't develop other satellite clubs in the metro and surrounding

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communities such as St. Cloud, Hudson, Rochester etc. will we find ourselves spread too thin and have factions within the EMYC fighting for resources?

What happens with 100 members trying to use the water way at the park? If we have 100 members, does channel conflict shut down half the club on any given night of sailing?

This is the year we need to start developing these Clubs if we are to continue our growth and have full programs for everyone in the years to come. What do you think? I would like to hear your opinions. Do you know of good ponds near us or on the other side of town that we could develop? We could easily set some buoys in several lakes and get some interest going elsewhere. ✧

EMYC MARKETING

by Ralph Peter
VICE COMMODORE - Publicity

This year, I have taken the responsibility for marketing and publicizing the EMYC. I provided the board of directors with a planning outline and an overview of the marketing strategy. As the details are finalized and approved by the board, they will be reported in the newsletter so all members are informed of the progress and success of the marketing plans.

The intent of the marketing campaign is to increase the EMYC membership. Since the beginning of the club 2 years ago, with about a dozen members, the club has grown to its current level of 55 members. Each year about 15 member have dropped out, so we need to be actively recruiting new members to maintain a high membership level. Furthermore, new members bring an enthusiasm needed to continue the club's programs. Also, many of our new members bring special skills that certainly enriched the entire club.

In concept, the marketing program includes displays at local business of a club poster and special event flyers. A banner will be displayed at the park on all weekly and special club events. Contacts will be made with the local print, radio, and television media to promote special events, such as the annual boat show. For example, the television contacts will attempt to get air time on the afternoon show GOOD COMPANY, and the KSTP, WCCO, and KARE 11 weather programs. An EMYC information packet is being prepared that will be mailed to prospective new members. A mentoring program will be started to assist new members in meeting the rest of the club and ensure they have all of the club's information and to answer their questions.

The spring edition of *US BOAT and SHIP MODELER* magazine has the article of the EMYC that was written by Ron Schroeder, one of our members. Only subscribers have this issue and we have already been contacted by people interested in the club, and there could be many more once the issue hits the news stands.

Admittedly this article is short on specifics, but be assured they are being developed.

In closing I want to encourage everyone to submit any ideas and comments on how the club should be marketed. Thanks for your help.



CALENDAR

February 15, 7:00 P.M.

EMYC Meeting
Centennial Lakes Band Room

February 25

Deadlines for Articles, Classifieds,
Ads for the March Newsletter
Mail to:

Doug Campbell



March 7, 1:30 to 3:00

Lecture on Minnesota Shipwrecks
Penn Lake Library
88th and Penn Avenue
FREE Admission

March 9, 6:30 P.M.

EMYC Board Meeting
Location to be Announced

March 15, 7:00 P.M.

EMYC Meeting
Centennial Lakes Band Room

April 1

Deadlines for Articles, Classifieds,
Ads for the April Newsletter

(Preliminary)

May 1, 5:00 P.M.

Free Sailing at the South Pond
6:30 P.M. - Club Racer Race

MEMBER NOTES

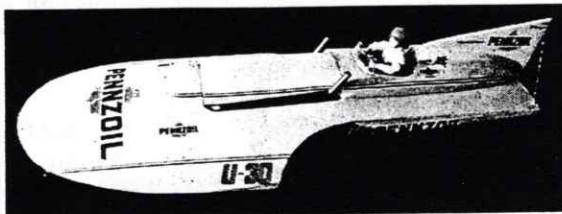
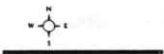
The Following people have been recently published in one way or the other in national hobby publications.

First, and most importantly, the EMYC wishes to congratulate Ron Schroeder for his article in the Latest Issue of *US Boat and Ship Modeler* - Especially since it's about the club! This article may do us a great deal of good in attracting new members this year. (I wish I had the issue at the time of this newsletter printing.) I've already received a call out of the blue from a guy in St. Paul who read the article and wants to join the club. Looks like he's going to attend this month's meeting.

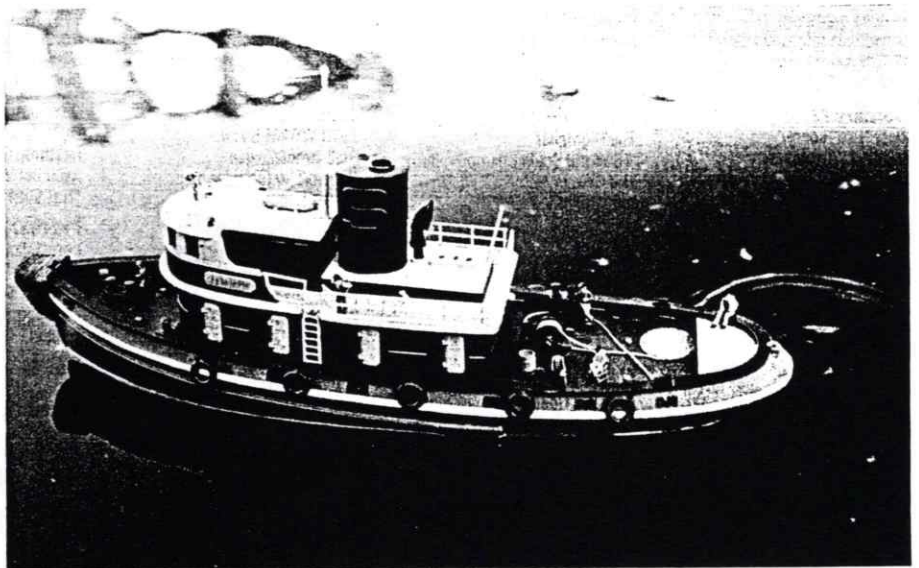
Also, congratulations to Jim Smith who has 3 photos of his Lindbergh Tug and his scratch-built *Lil Toot* 20 inch tug published in the November Issue of *Flying Models Magazine*.

Finally, if you don't mind, I'll congratulate myself for getting a picture of that yellow hydroplane in the Skipper's Projects section of the February Issue of *Radio Control Boat Modeler*.

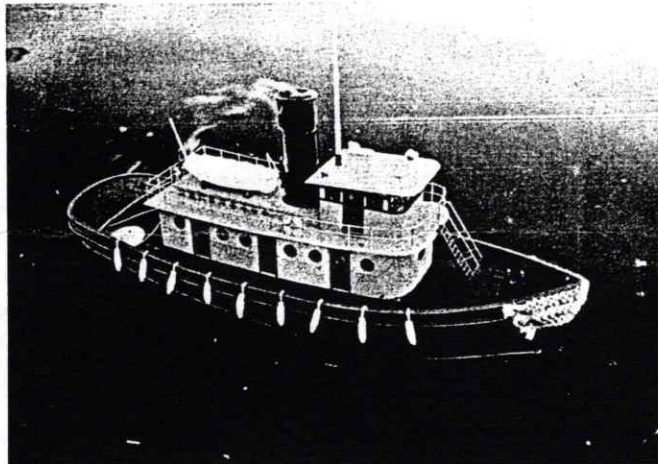
I also want to publish anyone's photo's in our newsletter, please call me or send me your photo's.



Doug Campbell's Hydroplane in Radio Control Boat Modeler



Jim Smith's Lindbergh tug goes to show you what can be done with this little R/C model. The smoke you see (above left) comes from a 5-volt model train smoke



PHOTOGRAPHY: BILL MICHAELS

Jim Smith's *Lil Toot* is another of his tugboat handiwork. This one was scratchbuilt from the main deck up and is based on Hartman RC's 20-inch long fiberglass hull.

Jim Smith's Photos in Flying Models

FROM STRING TO ZING!

Doug Campbell of West St. Paul, MN, converted an old, mahogany, Dumas, 24-inch, Thriftway Too *tether-line* kit into this very successful electric-powered hydroplane. Powered by a single, direct-drive Trinity motor and turning an Octura 435 prop, the boat was a success the first time at the pond. A Hughey Boats speed controller and hardware are used along with a 7-cell SCR battery pack.

PARTIAL 1993 SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the survey taken in the Fall of 1993 are now available for publication. With a lack of time to do it proper justice for this issue, including some of your comments about the club, I've decided to do a comprehensive publishing of results in the March issue. I hope you will bear with me until then. For now, I wanted to at least report on the results of some of the questions relating to how well the club did in 1993. The questions on the survey are here along with a general percentage of your ratings. So, here we go:

1. Overall, how would you rate the 1993 EMYC year?
**Neutral 11% - Good 62%
Great 27%**
2. How would you rate free sailing overall?
**Neutral 11% - Good 63%
Great - 28%**
3. Did you like the free sailing schedule?
No 6% - Yes 94%
4. How would you rate meetings overall?
**Poor 5% - Neutral 30%
Good 53% - Great 12%**
5. Should next years schedule have more or less meetings?
Same 72% - More 28%
6. How would you rate racing overall?
**Poor 6% - Neutral 12% -
Good 63% - Great 19%**

IMS SHOW

by Jim Smith

I was fortunate to be able to combine a visit with my daughter and her family, and a visit to the annual IMS hobby show in Pasadena in January. I beat the earthquake home by half a day! Unlike the Chicago show, there were no railroad items. Other than Dumas and a smattering of vacuum formed "fast electrics", there were also no boats! *Radio Controlled Models, Inc.* (RAM) were displaying their new RAM #64, 9 volt & 6 volt power source. It converts any boat system voltage of 10.8 to 18 volts to both 9 and 6 volts at one amp to supply receiver and lighting. \$14.95. *Riteco*, of Houston was showing their Hoop Pine Plywood. Imported from Australia, this stuff is available in 1.5mm (1/16") and 3mm thicknesses, and it is beautiful! A 3'x3' piece of the 1.5mm is \$14. A 3'x6' piece is \$20. I am going to place a bulk order for the larger size. Let me know if you are interested in a piece or two. It should run about \$19 per piece, including shipping.

IN FUTURE ISSUES:

Model Yacht Club Budget Report

Detailed Report on Club Survey

New Member Listings

Article on the History of Model Yacht Racing at Marblehead

Boat Class Reports

Racing Rules

Racing Results

New Classified Section
(send in if you want to buy or sell)

SWING RIGS

by Glenn Anderson

As some of you may remember, I spent most of my last summer sailing with a swing rig. I have never seen one and I made this from scratch - so I expected problems.

Swing Rigs are not used very much in the USA, but seem to be used mainly in Europe.

As I discovered, they do the job. As soon as I was around the mark on a downwind run, the rig is drawing, as compared to a conventional jib, which doesn't know what to do.

In moderate to heavy air, I had no troubles. It was the drifters that gave me problems. It seemed that when I wanted to let the main and jib out, they came in.

Making the slot narrower helped, but then I would backwind the main. I thought it might be friction in my mast and boom, so I put Teflon washers there, but that didn't solved the problem either.

I've done more reading about a "backwind swing rig", but I have no idea how it works.
Can someone help me?

CLASSIFIEDS

EC-12 Manual - Anyone interested in building an EC-12, contact me at home. I have a EC-12 Building Manual full of over 200 pages of text, instructions, drawings and diagrams. -call Steve Rusk [REDACTED]

Wanted - Sails made or information on who to contact for this service. I will have patterns. - call Doug Campbell [REDACTED]

Hoop Pine Plywood for Sale - Excellent for building. 1.5 mm thick - call Jim Smith [REDACTED]

FEBRUARY MEETING NOTICE:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15,
7:00 P.M

Centennial Lakes Maintenance
Building (See Map Below)

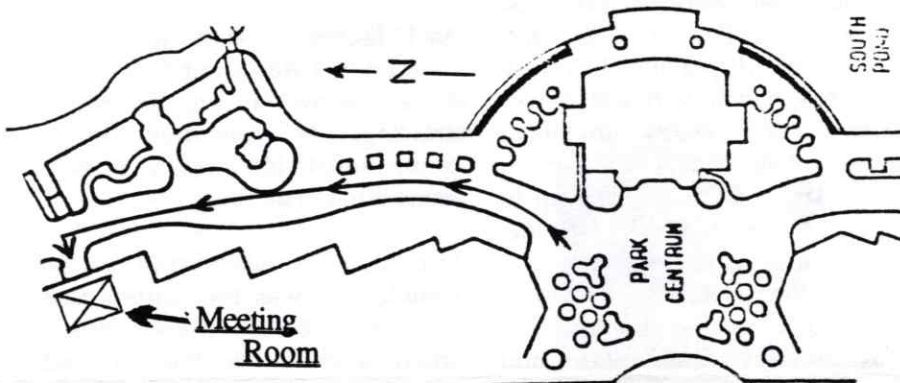
Anyone interested in the
Edina Model Yacht Club is
welcome to attend our next
club meeting February 15.

FOR INFORMATION
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**RADIO CONTROLLED
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