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Commodore's Corner: Our fourth annual Parade of Model Boats is now history. As usual, it was well attended and once again the weather gods smiled upon us. Thanks to John Bishop and all those that helped out during the show.

Our newsletter is getting out. Dan Nellis, Commodore of the Millpond Marauders in Waupun, WI would like to swap newsletters with us. They are a newly formed club, racing the *Fairwind*. Good boating to your club, Dan!

We, on the other hand, are still looking for a *Fairwind* class secretary. Any interest out there?

Also needed: Volunteers to help with the handicap sailing on June 29th from 6:00 until 7:00 PM. Give me a call: [REDACTED]

Please direct your attention to the notice below.

Good boating! Dick Kjellberg

Important Notice! The Board of Directors of the Edina Model Yacht Club has reevaluated its position on the sanctioning of the CR-914 Nationals in August. We are unanimously recommending withdrawal of the club sanction of this event.

It is suggested that you attend the June general membership meeting (June 20, 7:00 PM) to voice any opinion on this action!

Good Wood! Northeastern Scale Models, Inc., P.O. Box 727, Methuen, MA 01844 has a new catalog of basswood strip, sheet and structural shapes suitable for boat building projects. Only one buck, American! And, Cannon Structures, Trestlewood Division, 241 W. 500N., Suite A, Provo, UT 84601 is offering Douglas Fir and Redwood which has been recycled from the 12 mile long, turn of the century, railroad trestle across the Great Salt Lake. It might be worth a look to ad a bit of nostalgia to your next project!

Dave Bros

Builder's Corner: A couple of tips from the Tri Valley R/C Flyers, *Windsock*: "I have had a devil of a time cutting fiberglass cloth. Glass strands running all over the place. A

simple solution is to put some hairspray on the cloth before you cut it. Give the cloth a couple of sprays and in a few minutes you can cut the cloth very easily. You can also use some contact spray to help position the cloth before you put on the CA or resin." (I have had excellent results using an *Olfa* rotary cutter on fiberglass cloth., Ed.)

"Check out a product from Dap called *Fast 'n Final*. It's basically the same thing as the popular model fillers but a lot cheaper. You might experiment with thinning it out for use as a surface filler as well. It is a latex based product that appears to stick to anything and takes any kind of paint. It is available at Menards, Knox and local hardware stores."

"And, are you tired of paying big bucks for paint? Check out Viking Paints, 100 W. 78th Street in Richfield [REDACTED]

They carry an epoxy paint that works great and it's CHEAP...about half the price of K&B." Dick Kjellberg

Upcoming Events: All scheduled at South Pond.

Jun.29	•Handicap Sailing	6 PM until 7 PM
Jul. 22	•Big EEEEEasy	1 PM until 4 PM
Aug.19&20	St.Louis Admirals Union Sta.	All weekend event

For Sale: Scanner, Radio Shack: PRO-51, 200 Channel. Mrs. Myron "Mike" Simenson would like to sell this, "as new", one year old \$299 unit for \$225 or best offer. (complete with an auxiliary indoor antenna)

Call Yvonne: [REDACTED]

For Sale: Original Art, of boats and ships. Watercolors, pastels, oils. Works done by local artists. Also, watercolors of your favorite boat or ship from photographs. Call: Mary Beth Braun, for details. [REDACTED]

Renewal Time?: Yeah! And then some. If you have not renewed, your membership has lapsed and this will be your last newsletter. The enclosed membership list and attached mailing label indicate if your membership is current. New membership cards will be enclosed in the July newsletter.

July Newsletter Deadline: July 4th. Boom!

Board Meeting, 5/16/95: Commodore called meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Showed letter of thanks for our participation in Apache Mall show. Board was of the opinion that if asked to attend next year we would probably attend but attempt to secure a better location. Commodore introduced subject of series racing as proposed in May newsletter. Opined that series racing on every scheduled boating day was too much. C.Bottemiller stated that series racing was really only for "very active racers". He also indicated that Sunday racing will probably be scheduled late in the day. He is leaning toward 6:30 PM. After discussion, it was agreed that there will be no *Fairwind* series racing unless a class secretary can be found and some interest by owners becomes evident. D.Campbell mentioned that he had received positive

responses from two donors to the Parade. J.Bishop had a sign up sheet for scheduled on duty times at the Parade.

Board Meeting, Adjourn, 7:00 PM.

Membership Meeting: 18 members in attendance. Nine members renewed membership for '95. C.Bottemiller spoke on setting up a model sailboat for racing, sail winch setting, additions that improve performance such as luff line, mast rake adjustment, etc. Although he demonstrated on a 914, much was applicable to other classes as well. Show-n-Tell: J.Bishop displayed his Olsen tug hull complete with electronics. Now ready for some serious construction. K.Liljequist displayed a PT boat started by his father about forty years ago, acquired by his brother at a later date, and now taken as his task to finally complete. Adjourn, 8:40 PM

'95 Parade of Model Boats Review:

John Bishop

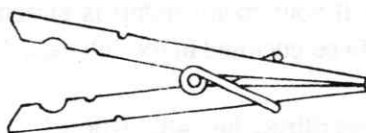
Thanks to all of you that helped at this year's Model Boat show. We have always had many good comments from club members, spectators, and city officials about the success and entertainment value of this event. As usual we drew a great crowd throughout the day, and a total of 30 sailboats and 55 electric and steam powered boats made the event complete. The indoor display continues to be a popular part of the show, and boats of all types seem to satisfy all of those that pass through. The schedule provided many opportunities for running boats and I know quite a few people, including our own club members, were impressed with the diversity and display of the boats on Parade day. We hope you enjoyed it.

The show requires quite a bit of planning and preparation and without help from a number of people its success wouldn't be as great. Therefore, I would personally like to thank the following for their help: Tom Shirley, Barb Buie, Bill Bach, Jim Smith, Doug Campbell, Paul Olsen, Jeff McCabe, David Bros, Ralph Peter, Karl Bottemiller, and Ken Stoltenberg. Thanks for making this the best show yet.

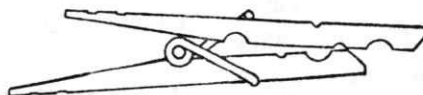
Templates Anyone? I have recently received a sample of a .015" thick translucent plastic template material which I will bring to the June meeting. All you have to do is lay it over your plan, score it with an X-acto knife and snap it apart on the scored line. Your plans are undamaged, and you have an exact plastic copy. Bulk orders will run about 75¢ / sq.ft. *Jim Smith*

Homemade Clamps: Wooden clothespins are not the easiest things to find nowadays. Everyone seems to have a Kenmore or a Maytag! They do, however, make fine modeling clamps, and can be modified to function in other ways than they were designed. **A:** is a reversed clothespin in which the jaws are on the thin end. It is handy for getting into tight spots. **B:** is staggered. It can be used where necessary to reach further on one side of an object than the other, such as an inclined transom or from the bulwarks down along the side of the model. **C:** is a long reaching pin with not only a deeper clamp length, but also wider opening jaws. In all of these modifications, scoring new grooves for the spring arms will increase stability and permanence.

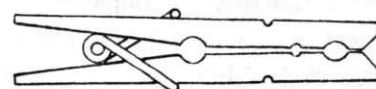
A



B



C



Paint it any Color: The easiest and cheapest way to paint your boat is to buy a can of spray paint for 3 to 4 dollars. But, have you ever wanted to spray paint it a very rare and unusual color? Have you looked for that particular color in a can everywhere, only to find out that it does not exist? That's what I came up against about three months ago in searching for just the right shade of faded green to be painted on my 36" tugboat hull.

I ended up in Builder's Square paint department inadvertently one day, and found a Glidden custom enamel paint chart display that contained thousands of different colors. In looking at only green as a base color, I had more than 100 shades to choose from. I selected a color referred to only by a paint code-a-color that looked in reality like a washed-out and faded gray/green. I had the employee mix up the smallest portion allowable, 1 quart, and I watched as a computer added dyes and matched the sample to perfection. Next, I went to Hirshfield's Southdale store where a few days earlier I found a product for \$3.49 that would take any liquid paint and allow it to be applied in a spray paint type fashion. It's made by Prevail and it's called the Power Unit. Mixing instructions for all types of paint are included.

According to Prevail's instructions for enamel, the paint must be thinned. The proportions call for 75% enamel paint to be mixed with 25% paint thinner. I chose to use mineral spirits as opposed to paint thinner since mineral spirits is more highly refined. This combination worked fairly well but I felt the paint particles were still a bit heavy and found that thinning further worked better. The final mixture was probably closer to 65% enamel paint, 35% thinner. Optional: a small amount of Penetrol may also be added to the mixture if you like (5% to 10%). Penetrol is a high quality paint conditioner that tends to smooth out the texture of oil-based paints. The paint, mineral spirits, and Penetrol conditioner can all be purchased at Builder's Square. The spray painted results were 90% perfect (I always have an element of human error) and the final hull color once again matched the original sample identically.

If you attempt something like this on your own boat, make sure you use an enamel (oil-based) paint for its durability and resistance to wear in water prone environments.

John Bishop

Naval Information: In reply to a letter to the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, DC 20362-5101, *Ken Stoltenberg* received the following search list for information on U.S.Navy vessels. I have no doubt that the operative word in these sources is "may". It sounds a bit like "Don't bother me, try these other places." (Ed.)

"1. General plans for commissioned U.S.Navy ships constructed up to 1942 may be available by writing to the National Archives, Attn: Cartographic and Architecture Branch, Washington, DC 20408. General plans for all other commissioned ships may be available by writing to the Commanding Officer, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Attn: Engineering Drawing Repository, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Plans may also be found in the records of the planning office of the shipyard that constructed the ship in which you are interested."

"2. Historical information on commissioned ships is in standard references like the Dictionary of American Naval Fighting Ships available at most libraries, or by writing to the Naval Historical Center, listed below. Details on ships still in commission may be found in the usual annual references, like Jane's Fighting Ships."

"3. Photographs of commissioned ships before 1958, including coverage of World War II and the Korean War, may be obtained from the National Archives, Attn: Still Picture Branch. Additional photograph collections are maintained by the Naval Imaging Command, Washington, DC 20374, and the Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374."

"4. Ship deck logs and crew muster rolls of decommissioned ships are kept by the National Archives, Attn: Old Army and Navy Branch, at the address listed above. Additional historical information on Navy ships and operations may be available in the Operational Archives of the Naval Historical Center, above."

"5. Technical information on a wide variety of 20th century Navy equipment may be found at the National Records Center, 4205 Suitland Parkway, Suitland, MD 20409."

"6. Information on ships belonging to the merchant marine, like the Liberty and Victory ships of World War II, may be available through the U.S.Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590."

"7. Medals and awards may be obtained by forwarding a copy of your discharge to the Navy Liaison Officer, National Personnel and Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132."

"Good luck in your research efforts and thank you for your interest in the U.S.Navy."

Membership Application / Renewal: Membership year runs from June 1 thru May 31. Mail checks to: Gary Phillips, Treasurer, Edina Model Yacht Club, 7499 France Ave. So., Edina, MN 55435. Three memberships are available: Youth (under 18 yrs.)- \$10, Adult- \$20, Family- \$25 Include: Name, Address, Telephone number, Types of boat(s) operated and channel(s) used.

June Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

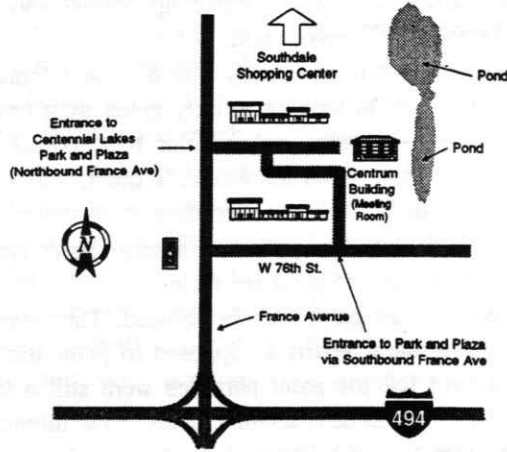
Tuesday, June 20th

7:00 P.M.

Following the Open Board Meeting at

6:30 P.M.

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