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Commodore's Corner: As your new Commodore, I would like to take a moment to express my thanks and to invite you to call me with any changes that you would like to see in the new year.

The new Board and I will be meeting soon to plan a new schedule and your input would be of help.

Many changes have happened in our club lately and as the year progresses, I'm sure there will be more. I look forward to the fun and excitement of 1996.

Jeff McCabe

Election of Officers: Ballots were counted and new club officers for '96 were announced at the Dry Dock Party. J.McCabe, D.Bros, D.Campbell, M.Kirihara and D.Proulx are now in command. Their telephone numbers are published on the back page of this newsletter. Don't hesitate to call them with your comments or suggestions. Ballots and Survey sheets will be in the club file cabinet for your review.

Dry Dock Party: After two weeks of unseasonably cold weather, Nov.11th dawned chilly too. I wonder what kind of "longies" Dave Ulmer was wearing to allow him to spend all evening outside tending to the grill. Thanks, Dave! Fortunately, there was no shortage of ice for our drinks. Twenty six members and seventeen guests attended. As his last official act, Commodore Kjellberg announced that the festivities were free to all, guests as well as members. Thank you, boss! Thanks are also due to Tom Shirley, Barb Buie and all of the Centennial Lakes staff for granting us the use of the Centrum and for their help and continuing support during the past year.

Where The Heck Is The Meeting?: New members should note that the ice skating season brings on a change in venue for our Winter gatherings. Although we plan to meet in the Centrum building in November, we will meet in the band room in the Centennial Lakes garage for the remainder of the season. Walk to the North (left) of the Centrum building about three hundred feet or 125 paces to the garage door. Once inside, just follow your ears. Remember, that's for January...not November.

What The Heck Is The Meeting?: It's our second annual swap meet, that's what. Bring stuff to swap or sell. Don't forget your wallet. The green stuff is what you want to bring 'cause VISA just won't cut it.

Builder's Corner: Northwest Short Lines (NWSL), a model railroad supplier in Seattle has solid acetal (Delrin™ to you) universal joints for a variety of shaft sizes from 1.2mm up to 5/32". They are a press fit to the designated shaft, however for you belt and suspender types, they have sufficient material to allow drilling for a set screw. One is going in my 21" tug during refit this winter. I hope to have a few samples in time for the swap meet.

Jim

Survey Results: The details of the recent survey of members is contained within this newsletter. The 'Dry Dock Party', 'Parade' and 'Picnic' rate right up there as favorites. It appears that the members enjoy the informal gatherings which bring us together to socialize and visit with one another.

National (Chicago) Model & Hobby Show: I attended the hobby expo in Chicago over the weekend of Oct.28th. If you have varied interests, including trains, planes and boats, it is a good show.

At the Dumas display, I had a chance to ask them about the sale of fiberglass hull seconds. They do have them but you must call them [REDACTED] as they change all the time and are sold on a first come basis. Prices vary, but are approximately one half of what a normal hull would retail for. As for their prop supply, it is getting better and should be in full production by January. They do have several new items and their latest catalog is in the club file cabinet.

There are several new speed controls available. MCD [REDACTED] has a new micro size Super Minicon which has a 10 Amp capacity for 4.8 to 15 volts. Great for small to medium sized scale boats. Retail price is \$69.95. They have also updated their larger SC300 unit. Ace had their long delayed, reversable Smart Throttle which is good up to 35 Amps and will control 26 cells. Price on that controller is \$74.95.

Sub Tech (908-206-1573) will soon offer a new eight channel radio specifically designed for boats. It is designed by the former owner and designer of Ace radios. It has some very nice features such as dual throttle (or sail) control and will be in the \$220 range.

For those interested in fast electrics, I picked up a new catalog from Trinity motors which contains some very good information. It's in the club file. *Gary Phillips*

January Newsletter Deadline: Jan.2

• Note: No club newsletter is published in December.

Board Meeting, 10/17/95: Commodore Kjellberg called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM., J.McCabe and G.Phillips were present. Old Business: McCabe asked if any Board member had received the financial report on the CR-914 Nationals which was promised by R.Peter "by the weekend" of Sep.21-22. No one had received the report. No New Business. Adjourn, 6:55 PM.

Don't forget to mail in ballots. R.Larson mentioned that he has access to small pieces of sheet plastic in various thicknesses. He was advised to bring some to the swap meet in November to see if there is any demand. E.Stevenson distributed several copies a catalog sheet from Westbourne Model Centre in England. He recommended both their service and prices. He also recommended the Ship Chandler in Mt. Prospect,IL. G.Pfeifer distributed photos of the Big EEEE event, and R.Mielke did likewise with pics of the 914 regatta. No Show 'n Tell. Adjourn, 7:25 PM

Membership Meeting, 10/17: To order at 7:00 PM. Nineteen members in attendance. J.McCabe requested that members RSVP for the Dry Dock Party as soon as possible.

Survey Results

A total of twenty six members took the time to vote and complete the survey form.

"I have been interested in model boating for ___ years"

There were 20 responses which varied from 2 to 40 years.

Average: 10 3/4 years

"I operate the following types of boat"

Marblehead: 3, EC12: 0, Fairwind: 15, CR914: 2, Fast Electric: 9, Scale Electric: 11, Steam: 2

"My primary interest is"

Sail Racing: 1, Casual Sailboating: 8, Fast Electric: 1, Casual Electric/Scale: 12, Steam: 0

"Please rate the following club activities on a scale of "1" (dislike) to "4" (excellent):"

| | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | Average (of those who replied) |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Monthly Meetings: | | 3 | 12 | 9 | 3.25 |
| Monthly Newsletter: | | | 4 | 21 | 3.84 |
| Parade of Model Boats: | | | 5 | 20 | 3.80 |
| Club Picnic: | 1 | | 4 | 17 | 3.68 |
| Open Boating: | | | 7 | 17 | 3.70 |
| Sailboat Racing Schedule: | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2.38 |
| All Day Sailing Regattas: | 2 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 2.91 |
| Electric Events: | | 3 | 6 | 13 | 3.45 |
| Dry Dock Party: | | | 3 | 17 | 3.85 |

"Do the above mentioned club activities adequately address your needs?"

Positive replies: 15

Negative replies: 0

"Indicate your preference for the following changes to the 1996 schedule of events:

"1" (Fewer) "4" (More)"

| | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | Average (of those who replied) |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Sailboat Racing Events: | 1 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 2.76 |
| Class Regattas: | 1 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 2.81 |
| Scale Electric (steam) Events: | | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3.16 |
| Fast Electric Events: | 1 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 2.56 |
| Building & Instructional Seminars: | | 3 | 2 | 19 | 3.67 |

Comments Anyone?: Following are all of the observations noted on the Survey sheets received by the November 10th election deadline. They appear in the order in which they were received.

"Would appreciate weekday racing events in late afternoon rather than evening."....."Would like to see more than one swap/sale meet per year."....."With the exception of the 914 Regatta problems, it was a fun year-thank you!"..... "As a new member, I have not had a chance to get involved much, but plan to be more active in '96 with events."....."It would be better, in my opinion, to host the EEEE and sailboat regatta events earlier in the year. It seems like there are no big events from the Parade in June until the EEEE event in September."....."More show and tell, less politics."....."It is sad that a few members within the group have created such turmoil and dissention among the entire EMYC group as a whole. Let's learn from the mistakes that we have made and concentrate on creating a more cooperative group of boaters. Things appear to be getting better; let's look to the upcoming year and enjoy the positive aspects of the club that we all look forward to."....."I would like to see some more Fairwind regatta racing events."....."I really enjoy the building tips & examples shared at the meetings. Improvements made by people in the club I'm certain makes for more and better club participation."....."Effort and ways to be found to get more involved in sailing events."....."Widen the involvement of club members. Have a two tier organization in the club which will allow accomodation in the club for both racers and non-racers."....."Other clubs have newsletters, how about an interchange for insight into their problems, projects, etc. How about a club library of the various books & magazines available - a way to use some of our treasury rather than coffee and doughnuts. Rather, in addition to coffee and doughnuts. Good bunch of guys."

Suggested Topics For Discussion: "Electronics: i.e. speed controls, lighting, sound, special effects, casting methods: i.e. metal, resin, etc., discussion of sailing techniques & rules."....."Racing techniques-course layouts-tricks-etc."....."Building, how toos, fiberglass & epoxy, lighting."....."More sharing of talents on construction techniques. Many must have overcome some problem that could be shared. Anyone handy with sheet plastic? Forming, glueing, painting, etc."....."I would like to see or hear some more shop talk about building & wiring up some of our models. Show & tell."....."Construction techniques, member's current projects."....."ABS plastic repair, fiberglass repair & building with it. How to build a mold. Suppliers, the good & the bad."

Sources : I have been subscribing to *Seaways' Ships in Scale* magazine for several years. Although this publication caters to those who build static, under glass type models, there is some limited coverage of operating models. This journal contains advertisements for numerous sources of plans, materials, fittings, etc., many of which do not appear elsewhere. Listed below are just a few: *Jim Smith*

•Books, resources:

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| Historic Research & Analysis | "Affordable access to Wacshington, D.C". | P.O. Box 10485, Silver Spring, MD 20914 |
| Maritime Books | Out of print books catalog: free | W. Wiegand & Co., Box 563, Glastonbury, CT 06033 |
| Pier Books, Inc. | Out of print books for ship modelers and marine historians | P.O. Box 5, Plermont, NY 10968 |
| Rocky Mountain Shipyard | Books, plans catalog: \$4 | 590 Ronlin Street, Dept. SW, Grand Junction, CO 81504 |
| J. Tuttle Maritime Books | Out of print and rare books about the sea | 1806 Laurel Crest, Madison, WI 53705 |

•Building Supplies, wood, metal, etc.

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| AMW Display Cases | Custom made display case kits | brochure: free | P.O. Box 348, East Boothbay, ME 04544 |
| George M. Creations | Museum quality display cases | brochure: free | Crane Road, Rd 12, Carmel, NY 10512 |
| K&S Tubing & Shapes | Hobby shop brass tubing | catalog: \$1 | 6917 W. 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60638 |
| The Lumber Yard | Exotic, imported & dom. lumber | catalog: \$2 | 6908 Stadium Dr., Brecksville, OH 44141 |
| Northeastern Scale Models, Inc. | Scale wood, sheet and strip | catalog: \$1 | P.O. Box 727SE, Methuen, MA 01844 |
| Northwest Short Line | Gearboxes and components | catalog: \$8 | Box 423, Seattle, WA 98111 |
| Ships N' Things | R/C and static kits, fittings | catalog: \$5 | P.O. Box 605-D, Somerville, NJ 08876 |
| Special Shapes Co. | Aluminum, brass rod, tube, shapes | catalog: \$1 | P.O. Box 7487, Romeoville, IL 60446 |
| Warner Woods West | Fine woods for ship modelers, custom cuts, inch and mm | P.O. Box 5173, Torrance, CA 90510 | |

•Plans, drawings:

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| Capt. Pete Culler's Plans | Plans | price list: \$1 | George S Kelley, 20 Lookout Lane, Hyannis, MA 02610 |
| A.J. Fisher, Inc. | Boat plans, kits, fittings | catalog: \$3 | 1002 Etowah, Royal Oak, MI 48067 |
| Los Angeles Maritime Museum | Kits, fittings, built-up models | catalog: \$3 | Berth 84 San Pedro, CA 90731 |
| Taubman Plans Service Internat'l | Plans, all eras | catalog: \$10 | 11 College Drive - #4G, Jersey City, NJ 07305 |

•Tools:

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| Micro Mark | The small tool specialists | catalog: \$1 | 340-1863 Snyder Ave., Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 |
| Preac Tool Co.,Inc. | Miniature table saw, thickness sander | | 512 Main Street, Westbury, NY 11590 |

Seaways' Ships in Scale is available for \$24.95 per year (six issues) from:
Seaways Publishing, Inc. 2271 Constitution Dr. San Jose, CA 95124

November Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, Nov. 21st

7:00 P.M.

Following the Open Board Meeting at

6:30 P.M.

Centennial Lakes Centrum

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