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Commodore's Corner: It is time to find out what the EMYC membership would like to see the club do in the coming year. Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey which the Board urges you to complete and return as soon as possible so that we can put together the 1998 Calendar of Events. Remember, this is YOUR club and your input is important. If you have questions or comments, feel free to enter them on the survey or contact me or any of the Board members. So, fill out the survey and return it with your 1998 membership dues, or bring it to the Swap Meet next week.

With the encroachment of winter, many of us head to the basement to build a new project for the summer season, or a few head for southern climates. However, it is worth mentioning that there is a contingent of hearty souls in the club who build and sail ice boats on the skating rink at Centennial Lakes. If you are interested in joining this group, contact Tony Johnson or Doug Campbell.

In keeping with thoughts of the coming winter I have two questions for the membership:

1. Is anyone aware of a shopping mall (not the Mall of America) or other facility that has an indoor pool that would be suitable for running boats? Perhaps the club could hold an event at such a location in the Jan.-Mar. time frame. If you have a suggestion, call me.

2. Does anyone in the club have simple plans / ideas for an electric powered propeller driven ice boat? Perhaps there is some interest in building / running these in the winter time. Again, contact me with any ideas / interest.

Also, be aware that the Centrum building is booked with activities from now until spring, therefore until further notice, monthly meetings (note: there is no meeting in December, Ed.) will be held in the Band Room located in the park garage. The entrance to the garage is about 300 feet north of the Centrum building. Look for the large overhead garage door on the rear of the building between the Centrum and the north pond.

To those that don't make it to the swap meet,, I wish to extend Holiday Greetings from the Board and the Pfeifer clan. I hope you have a good New Year, and we will see you at the January meeting. *George*

Question of the Month: No question this month. We'll start next year off with a clean slate, but only if there's any interest in continuing this feature. Call your editor with questions or comments.

Last month's question: What is the largest liner on the sea floor?
(Submitted by Kirk Brust)

Ans: Britannic, sister to the Titanic and Olympic, but slightly larger at 903 feet and 48,158 gross tons.

Actually, when Britannic went down in 1916 she was serving as a British hospital ship. After hitting a German mine in the Aegean Sea, she rolled over and sank in less than one hour. (a family characteristic?, Ed.).

Sealed-up: The world's largest pool liner has been installed at the new Centennial Lakes South pond and all ponds have been re-filled. If a warm, sunny day presents itself before the first big freeze hits, you may just be able to get in a bit of late season boating.

Showing Us The Money!: Wow! What a pleasant surprise! The Radio Control Hobby Trade Association has sent the club two \$300 checks under their media coverage publicity program. We were awarded \$300 for newspaper coverage and an additional \$300 for newspaper and magazine coverage of two of our summer events (Parade and Rosefest). Thanks are due to George Merrill who supplied a copy of the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and Doug Person who gave me a copy of the *Edina Sun Current*. These publications, along with my copies of the *Bloomington Sun Current* and *The BoatHouse* magazine from the Lake Minnetonka Classic Boat Show were submitted to verify the media coverage. Thank you, guys! Thank you RCHTA! *Jim*

(P.S. The Board has sent a letter of appreciation to RCHTA)

Party Time!: The annual Drydock Party is history. 60 members and guests attended. Our new retrieval boat was put to good first use as a beverage cooler. Dan Proulx, our outgoing Commodore spoke to the group and stated that since there were no "outstanding" happenings this year, he was unable to present the usual counterfeit annual awards. He then read a note of appreciation to the newsletter editor and presented it and a gift certificate to the editor. Dan then introduced our 1998 Commodore, George Pfeifer. George sported the latest in his personal line of boating fashions and made quite a hit with the ladies. He was quite tense as he related details a dream, or was it a nightmare, that he had the night before the party. He had envisioned headlines in several issues of the 1998 newsletter (see page 4). He then noted that as a result of the "found money", mentioned above, the expected charge for "significant others" did not have to be imposed. A free and grand time was had by all! Special mention and thanks are due to Cathi Pfeifer and Connie Johnson who spent much of the evening behind the serving counter doing such things as tossing and dishing out salad and getting all that food out for us. Thank you, ladies!

Membership Meeting, 10/21/97: 21 members in attendance. Commodore, Proulx called meeting to order at 7:10PM. Dan advised that the lining of the "new south" pond has been completed and the ponds will be allowed to refill as the weather permits. Ponds will be filled with city water, if necessary in order to permit skating this winter. Dan mentioned that there will be about four times the seating at the new pond compared to our usual venue. We will be allowed to put buoys in the new pond - a reasonable number. The developer of the new area wants to see boats there. Smith suggested that the club pay for the swan decoy being built by P.Olsen and donate it to the city. McCabe made motion to that effect...passed by acclamation by those in attendance. Dan mentioned that Hub Hobby, Richfield now has Hughey gear drives, flex shafts, gear sets, speed controllers, etc. In stock. Dan re-introduced the subject of a club retrieval boat. Several options have been searched out. A decent used boat does not appear to be available. Kit boats are a bit pricey, plus someone must take the responsibility of building and outfitting it. G.Pfeiffer reported on an 8 foot plastic pram available at Marine Electric in Bloomington. It is available at a year-end sale for \$400. E.Stevenson made motion to purchase this boat. Seconded, and passed by voice vote of members present. McCabe questioned the availability of the boat since only the Commodore has a key to the garage. Proulx said that he is

attempting to obtain a key for each Board member. D.Person volunteered to be the club liaison to the supplier of club logo clothing. Advised the editor to put notice in newsletter. G.Pfeiffer reported on the progress of the Dry Dock Party. Rose Burns catering has increased prices since last year. Event will cost about \$200 more than previously. So! It may be necessary to impose the "significant other" surcharge. George needs lighted boats for table centerpieces. George showed a canvas "riggers" bag that he found at Northern Hydraulics in Burnsville for a mere \$10. Good for carrying spare parts, batteries, drinks, etc. to the pond. J.McCabe asked if anyone was interested in a rescheduling our traditional Columbus Day regatta which was cancelled twice because of low water and then weather. Jeff suggested Sunday 10/26. Not much interest, Jeff might call around to see if those not present at the meeting might be interested. Dan adjourned the meeting and introduced guest, Dick Dahlquist. Dick displayed his 1/4 scale (3"=1') 1952 Century Runabout. This has been a four year project. The model is a 2.2X blow-up of the Sterling kit. Unlike the kit, this boat is a true work of art...the art of the machinist. Everything except the chain saw engine is scratch built, and to the highest standards. Dick gave many hints on building, polishing metal, finishing, upholstering, and plain old perseverance. Dick indicated that he would be pleased to bring his boat to the Parade of Boats in June. *Jim Smith*

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
Nov.	18th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Swap Meet)	Centrum Building 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Dec.	No Meeting - No Newsletter - in December ... See ya next year!!!		
Jan.	20th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Cent. Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Feb.	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Cent. Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Mar.	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Cent. Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Shoot-'em-Up: The "Port Polar Bear R/C Warship Combat Club" has informational and building meetings on the last Tuesday of each month. [redacted] (evenings, between 7 and 10pm) for additional information.

Hello!: Bill Kuhl, in Winona., would like to correspond with any club member regarding R/C sailboating. He is new to the hobby and has a bucket full of questions. Contact him at: [redacted]

In Control: The club has been offered a good deal by the folks at EMS-Jomar on their "Heavy Duty Nautical Throttle". This unit can handle from 7 to 16 cells (8.4v to 19v), and 40 Amps. It is optically isolated (that helps to prevent radio interference caused by the motor) and has reverse. Normal price is \$90. If we order a dozen units, we can get a 15% discount. I received orders for nine at the October meeting. If you want one, I will take additional orders at the swap meet on Nov.18th. I would like to get a \$50 dollar deposit on each unit ordered so that I don't max-out my VISA card with the order. Those who expressed an interest at the October meeting, please note my need for your deposit also! I promise that I won't cash your deposit check until after the controllers are in my hands. If you can't make the swap meet, give me a call [redacted] or send me a check before month's end. I will place the order on December 1st so that the controllers will be available for you at the January meeting. *Jim Smith*

Attire: Holiday gift ideas? Now, is not too early to order club logo decorated shirts, hats, jackets, etc. from Team Mates, Inc. in Burnsville. Doug Person [redacted] as volunteered to act as a club contact with Team Mates and will have a catalog of available items and a few samples on display at the swap meet. You can contact him or Mike Little or Sharon Moline at Team Mates directly [redacted]

1998 EMYC Member Survey

1. At the monthly meetings I would like to have presentations on the following topics:
(Select as many as you like and rate)

TOPIC	LEVEL OF INTEREST (Circle One)		
◇ Basic Building Techniques	High	Medium	Low
◇ Kit Reviews	High	Medium	Low
◇ Painting	High	Medium	Low
◇ Electronics - Speed Controls	High	Medium	Low
◇ Electronics - Lighting	High	Medium	Low
◇ Electronics - Sound Effects	High	Medium	Low
◇ Electronics - Other	High	Medium	Low
◇ Detailing - Military	High	Medium	Low
◇ Detailing - Commercial	High	Medium	Low
◇ Scratch Building Techniques	High	Medium	Low
◇ Fiberglass Methods & Materials	High	Medium	Low
◇ Animation Ideas and Materials	High	Medium	Low
◇ Motors & Drive Trains	High	Medium	Low
◇ Sailing Classes	High	Medium	Low

2. I would be available / willing to participate in a presentation on the following topics listed above:
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3. For events, I am most interested in: (please rank by preference)

- ◇ Open Boating
 - A. Tuesday Nights
 - B. Thursday Nights
 - C. Sunday Nights
 - D. Other _____
- ◇ Sail Regattas
 - E. Open Racing for all classes, but scored by class.
 - F. Racing by class only:
 - Fair wind
 - Marblehead
 - 914
 - Other _____
- ◇ Fast Electric Racing
- ◇ Scale Electric/Steam
 - G. Steering Courses
 - H. Races
 - I. Water Polo (?)
 - J. Other _____

- ◇ Military Only Events
- ◇ Tug Boat Only Events
- ◇ Demonstration Events (ideas?) _____
- ◇ Picnic/Boating Events (ideas?) _____
- ◇ Light Up the Night Events
- ◇ ChrisCraft Events

4. I would be available / willing to participate in organizing/running the following events from the list above:

5. I would support/participate in "Club Promotional Events"; i.e. Displays at shows, displays at shopping centers, displays at civic events, events at ponds other than Centennial Lakes, etc. YES NO (List suggestions for above:)

6. I would prefer that events such as races (sail or electric), precision steering events, The Big EEEasy, etc. be held on: (Circle one or more, rank if more than one is chosen.)

- Saturday Afternoons
- Sunday Afternoons
- Monday Evenings
- Wednesday Evenings

Note: These events cannot be held at the same time as OPEN BOATING which is scheduled for Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday evening.

7. COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: (List anything you are interested in that we forgot, or give us your Likes/Dislikes etc.)

RETURN TO:

**Edina Model Yacht Club
Centennial Lakes Centrum
7499 France Ave South
Edina MN 55435**

Swap It!: The Dry Dock Party may now be only a fond memory, but we do have one more gathering in 1997. Our annual swap meet will take place next Tuesday evening. Get those surplus hobby items ready for the sale. Newcomers should be aware that in years past we have had anything from small fittings to fully completed boats show up at this event. Don't miss it...and don't forget to bring your checkbook. (Of course...cash is acceptable!)

More Newsletter Ramblings: As mentioned on page one, at the Drydock Party George Pfeifer related some details of a recent nightmare. Following is what he foresaw in the newsletters for 1998:

January: Meeting Topic: Scratch building a 17th century, three masted Spanish Galleon.

Instructor: Dan Proulx, assisted by Bob Jester.

February: EMYC announces a committee to sponsor IMPBA (International Model Power Boating Association) fast electric Nationals.

Co-Chairpersons: Jim Smith and Dave Bros

Etiquette and Rules Chairperson: Dave Ulmer

Event Treasurer: Ralph Peter

April: Dumas Boats and three local hobby shops announce that they are going out of business. In an interview, the president of Dumas stated that in light of Doug Campbell's announced "inventory reduction sale" they could no longer compete.

June: Results of the IMPBA Nationals, Unlimited, mono-hull winner: Dale Johnson.

Dan Proulx was heard to remark, "I didn't think you could get 32 cells in a Dumas Chris Craft Utility!"

November: EMYC announces that it is filing for bankruptcy. The reason cited was high overruns resulting from sponsorship of the IMPBA Nationals!

Winter Projects: The Nov./Dec. issue of *Seaways' Ships in Scale* magazine has an article on scratch building a 55" pond yacht and another article on building a hull using the old lift, or bread and butter method of construction. National Hobby Co. in Fridley carries this fine magazine.

Play Say it Again, Sam!: Another reminder.
No newsletter...No meeting...in December!



Connie and Cathi...tossin' that salad



Oh! M' God!
It's
our new
Commodore!!



The Good Ship *Pelican* performing her first official club duty

Merci!: Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your kind words, applause and the gift certificate which you presented to me at the Drydock Party. I hope to be able to live up to your expectations and to continue to deliver a first rate newsletter for your enjoyment.

Jim

November Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

**Tuesday, November 18th
7:00 P.M.**

**Centennial Lakes
Garage - Band Room**
300 feet north of the Centrum Building

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