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Commodore's Corner: On Aug. 5th., E.M.Y.C. was featured on KSTP-TV's 6:30PM news. If you caught it on tape, please call me. We'd like to make a copy for the club "archives".

The remainder of August is loaded with events and presents an opportunity for all members to get involved and help promote both the club and the hobby. How about giving a little of your time?

This coming weekend, Aug. 15th & 16th the club will put on an exhibition during the Land O' Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Show at Treasure Island Casino. Display and run your boats. Also at our display will be a quarter scale 1950's Century Sea Maid and a quarter scale 1955 Chris Craft Cobra with working V-8 engine. Contact me

Nominations for club officers for 1999 will take place at the September meeting. Think about it!!

Additional events are discussed below and all are listed on page two of this newsletter. *George*

Where's the Meeting: Centrum Building, August 18th. at 7:00PM. Bring a boat, we'll run about 8:00PM!

What's Up? (at the meeting): How to make the new look old - tips on making a boat look worn and old. Also...let's put a bit more effort into Show-'n-Tell. There are several new boats appearing at open boating. I'm sure that the membership would like to see them up close and hear about 'em too. *George*

Handicap Sailing: Six guests, rather than the expected dozen came out to operate our boats on July 16th. That was fortunate for the club, since membership participation was poor. Only seven members had boats available. I don't know what we would have done if the expected number of guests had shown up. Certainly, we would not have made a favorable impression. We do have a responsibility to support the city in return for all that they do for us. I hope that the turnout will be better the next time that we have an opportunity to do so. *Jim*

Membership: It appears that several people who joined the club at the Parade of Boats did not receive membership cards. If you are one of the neglected, please see me at the meeting, or give me a call, and I'll get one off to you in the next newsletter. *Jim*

What's Up (Or Down)?: The pond, of course! Tom Shirley advises that the ponds will be drained down 18 to 24 inches on Monday, Aug. 24 so that an earthen plug can be inserted upstream of the dam at 76th street. The project is expected to be complete and the ponds

will be refilling by Friday, the 28th. Let's hope so, or we may have problems racing on the 29th.!!

Let There Be Light (house): The John Phillip Sousa Band will perform at Centennial Lakes on Sunday evening, August 23rd. That signals our annual Lighthouse Night fun run. Don't miss it! Bring anything that you have that sports lights and run with us from dinner time until after dark. It's great fun! And, the music ain't half bad, either. (Parking is tough close to 7 PM)

Static Display: The dates for the Minnesota State Fair are from Aug. 27 through Sep. 7. Call 612-221-7777 for information and a rule book. Hurry...time is short!

Help!: We could use a few more sailboats and owners for the show at Gabberts on Aug. 29th. It's only a four hour gig! Call Dave Bros 612-221-7777

Sail Racing: There will be an All Class sail racing event on Saturday, August 29th., at the North Pond, immediately after the Gabberts display (about 2:30PM).

Fairwind Class: The only applicable rule will be the "No Fault" rule, (i.e. if two or more boats contact each other, they all must make a 360° penalty turn).

CR-914 Class: All AMYA rules apply.

Open Class: All AMYA rules apply. Any and all sailboats, including Fairwinds and 914s are welcome.

This should be a low stress event. I hope to be able to attend the meeting and discuss the race more fully with the membership. *Rod Crawford*

More Help Needed: A retirement party for Ken Rosland, long time Edina City Manager is scheduled at Centennial Lakes on Sunday, September 13th. Croquet, lawn bowling, golf and model boat sailing are some of the planned activities.

Tom Shirley would like a few members of the club to give "sailing lessons" to guests using the city's two boats. It would probably be a good idea for us to bring a half dozen, or more of our own boats to prevent a backlog from forming and to have some stand-by boats available in case the city boats have problems.

The party will be from 2:00 until 4:00PM, so it shouldn't take up too much of your day. Since Mr. Rosland is in no small way responsible for the existence of Centennial Lakes, this is another opportunity to show our appreciation to the city.

Let's Party!: Jeff McCabe will coordinate the Dry Dock party in November. It's not too early to volunteer to help out. Contact him at the meeting or at open boating to offer your assistance

Membership Meeting (Delayed), 06/16/98: 24 members in attendance. Commodore, Pfeifer stated that Parade "went well". 82 operable boats on display along with ten projects under construction on builder's table. KSTP-TV broadcast clips from the Parade on the 5 and 10 o'clock news. Commodore has written to several media outlets (KSTP-TV, WCCO-TV, Sun Newspapers), advising them of up-coming events, Lighthouse Night, etc. A motion was made to give Moose Miller from WCCO an honorary membership. Club agreed. Newspaper articles, TV tape will be sent to R/CHTA in attempt to get cash awards similar to last year. D.Bros thanked all who helped out staffing the Builder's Table during the Parade. Dave suggested a sign for next year, identifying the builder's table. Dave needs 6-12 boats for the Gabberts/Nautica show on 8/29. Don Pearson enjoyed showing his ships-in-bottles, hopes to do it again, next year. J.Bishop would like to plan on the June 1999 newsletter being tailor made for the Parade of Boats (I thought that it was, this year, Ed.). E.Stevenson had some damage inflicted on his boats. Better security needed at show. John thanked commodore for all his help at show. Main comment regarding show: "not enough activity on the water" during the show. Special thanks to Bill Bach who was instrumental in founding the club, for his announcing job, "well done" (again). J.Bishop showed a small voltage regulator (receiver power supply) available at Acme Electronics for under \$15. John also introduced a visitor from Oklahoma who is a member of a boat club there (boats in Oklahoma?). John admonished members to always remember to "keep it fun"!

Kim Hershey

Membership Meeting, 07/21/98: 25 members and guests in attendance. Commodore Pfeiffer called meeting to order at 7:05PM. Thanks to those who helped out at Handicap Sailing event. Next event will be Steve Hicks Land-O-Lakes Classic Boat Show. This year, show will be at the marina of the Treasure Island Casino near Red Wing. Dates: Sat & Sun, Aug.15th and 16th. Six members agreed to attend on each day. D.Bros noted that the Gabberts show will set-up at 10:30AM, Show from 11:00AM until 2:00PM. Lower level, Gabberts, Sailboats only. Participants will receive a Nautica key chain. A long discussion followed in an attempt to ascertain why turnout for events and even for open boating is so low. Fewer open boating nights was suggested. Not much enthusiasm for that option. Telephoning everyone seems to get the best response., but it's very time consuming. R.Crawford wants to see more sailboat racing events, probably by class. Possibly with cumulative scores over a period of time. He will feel out the sail racers who meet at the North pond on Tuesday evenings. A request was made for a speaker or particular subject for discussion at each monthly meeting. Lighthouse night will be arranged to correspond to Sousa Band night (Aug.23rd). G.Merrill thanked the 15 members who attended the Rosefest in Roseville. Smith will supply names, George will request souvineer caps for them. Attempt will be made to get some club coverage on R.J.Fritz' show on Sunday evening. D.Person showed the new Team Mates catalog of logo clothing. *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
Aug.	15,16 (Sa,Su)	Antique & Classic Boat Show	Treasure Island, MN 9:00AM - 4:00PM
	18th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Weathering Models)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 8:00PM
	23rd.(Sun.)	Lighthouse Night, (Sousa)	Central (Old South) Pond 7:00PM -10:00PM
	27th.-Sep.7th	Minnesota State Fair	Creative Activities Building, Fairgrounds, St.Paul
	29th.(Sat.)	Nautica Show	Gabberts, Galleria, Edina 10:30AM - 2:00PM
	29th.(Sat.)	All Class Sail Regatta	North Pond 2:30PM - 5:00PM
Sep.	6th.(Sun.)	Big EEEEEasy	Central (Old South) Pond 1:00PM - 4:00PM
	15th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Nomination of Officers)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Oct.	11th.(Sun.)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond 10:00PM - 3:00PM
	20th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Elections)	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Nov.	14th.(Sat.)	Dry Dock Party	Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:00PM -11:00PM
	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Swap Meet)	Centennial Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Cool Tool! The Ryobi outlet store at the north end of the Target parking lot in Bloomington (SW corner of Int.494 & Penn) has the Ryobi Multi-Tool, a variable speed (8,000-23,000rpm) hand held rotary tool on sale for \$29. An accessory kit of bits, grinding wheels and sanders worth \$12 is included at no charge. They also have the Router Attachment and seven piece Router Bit Set available at half price, (\$16.35 and \$19.85 respectively). The whole works, including tax, will set you back less than \$70.

Museum Show: The Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc held their Model Ships & Boats Contest & Symposium on August 1st. and 2nd. Paul Olsen and I made the drive over to investigate. We crossed Wisconsin on route 29 out of Chippewa Falls which gives every indication that it will be a fully completed, four lane, divided highway by next year. Even with the road construction, it took us only five hours to get to Green Bay on Friday afternoon (Paul was driving). A short dash to Manitowoc on Saturday morning got us to the museum with time to spare before the scheduled 11:30 lunch at The Inn On Maritime Bay.

We were pleased to see that club members, Ken Stoltenberg and Dick Edge were there with their wives and that they had both entered boats in the competition. Ken had his *Normandie*, which was probably the largest ship in the exhibition, and Dick showed off his Coast Guard boat, *Waveney*. Officially, twenty-eight other entries rounded out the display. Since several entries were of multiple vessels, there were actually closer to 40 boats on view.

I expected the show to be made up primarily of multi-masted sailing ships in glass cases. Perhaps one quarter of the models were of that type. The remainder consisted of several Great Lakes vessels, a few dioramas, a plastic kit ...or two, ships-in-bottles, one of which was a one inch tall sailboarder, two exquisite, turn-of-the-century gasoline/naphtha launches, a couple of R/C models, and several more.

We got to see the ferry *Badger* depart for Michigan at 1:00PM, just as the seminars began. Steve Wheeler from Rochester, Minnesota gave a talk on the installation of the three cylinder Saito steam engine in his best-of-show model from last year. The museum staff liked that 60 inch, 90 pound tug so much that they purchased it as a permanent display. It is worth a trip to Manitowoc just to see that model. I don't believe that any full sized boat ever left the manufacturer looking quite as nice as Steve's project! Steve will get a copy of this newsletter. Perhaps we can entice him to join the club or come up and display his workmanship at one of our winter meetings or at next year's Parade of Boats.

Steve gave several tips on keeping the innards of a steam powered ship clean. Preheat cold surfaces or insulate them with stove paper if they're not visible. Use moderate amounts of relatively heavy oil on exposed moving parts to prevent oil "slinging". Run exhausted steam to an oil/water separator and then up the stack, which produces a nice cloud of vapor. It's not smoke, but it does give a good impression.

Steve mentioned that Saito has discontinued making steam powerplants as a result of the economic troubles now plaguing Japan. I guess that leaves Cheddar Steam and Maxwell Hemmings in England as our only steam engine sources. Fortunate for us, Paul Olsen has his steam powerplant in hand. I look forward to seeing what will come out of the Olsen shop for next season.

A second talk was given by Cal Calemine. He said that he had been asked to speak to the group and replied that he'd "think about it". He promptly "forgot about it" until the notice of the event appeared in his mailbox...stating that he was going to speak. I think that he forgot about it a second time, as

well, since his talk was pretty much off-the-cuff and not too informative.

The seminars were over before 2:30, which allowed us time to view the museum and receive a guided tour of the USS Cobia (SS-245), a World War II submarine which is tied-up at and part of the museum. The two floors of the museum hold numerous nautical artifacts and a wealth of ship models. Along with the Cobia, there is a considerable amount of space devoted to the 28 World War II submarines which were built by the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company. Several hours can be spent seeing all that the museum has to offer. Don't miss the model room at the bottom of the steps leading to the submarine, or the submarine information and functional periscope around behind that same stairway.

Dinner was at 7:00PM at The Inn On Maritime Bay, adjacent to the museum. It is interesting having a meal with about 35 or 40 people, all talking about ships and ship models. If you think that you "know it all", get together with a group like that once in a while, and see how little you really understand about boats. Door prizes were distributed after dinner. Ken, Paul and I all managed to pick up a trinket.

A round table discussion took place Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Participants were encouraged to bring a model for discussion. The show's two judges, Peter Baker and Gary Krempien had performed their duties sometime prior to the discussion and they encouraged general questions on judging. None of the competing boats were discussed specifically, but recurring problems that the judges see were brought up. After lunch, the discussion resumed.

The subject of weathering, our club meeting topic this month, was addressed. There appeared to be a distinctly unfavorable attitude displayed by the judges on the matter. As an example, two 1/16" to the foot ore boats were in the competition. The *Reiss Brothers*, a pristine boat took a silver award in its category, as did an *Edmund Fitzgerald* model which was ever-so-lightly weathered. The *Edmund Fitzgerald*, which was truly beautiful, lost out to the *Reiss Brothers* when it came time to choose the Best Great Lakes Model. I wonder if it could have been the judges' anti-weathering bias which doomed the Fitz? If you plan on entering the Manitowoc competition, perhaps you'd better stick with a "factory fresh" paint job.

Presentations were made alongside the Cobia at 3:00PM. Ken and Dick both picked up awards for their handiwork. Ken, a silver award in the Operating Models class (novice), and Dick, a silver in the same class (advanced). Paul and I decided that we had better bring a boat next time. We gave Ken a hand loading the *Normandie* in his car (quite a trick), and were on the road by shortly after 4:00PM.

As an aside to boats and ships, Paul and I added a day to our trip and stopped at the EAA fly-in at Oshkosh on the way home. That show ran from the Wednesday before through the Tuesday after the Manitowoc gathering. Unfortunately, by Monday, a goodly portion of the aircraft parking spots were vacant. Many planes had apparently departed for home. If the two shows overlap again next year, and you plan on attending both shows, make an effort to see the EAA show on your way to Manitowoc, before all of the "good stuff" leaves. *Jim Smith*

August Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, August 18th
7:00 P.M.

**Centennial Lakes
Centrum Building**

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