



# SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** The holidays are over, cabin fever is beginning to set in, and the water is still hard.

The results of the '98 survey have been tabulated, the board has met, the calendar has been set. (Schedule appears elsewhere in this newsletter) I would like to sincerely thank the members who took the time to fill out and return the survey.

The board has decided to try something new this year. Once each month, on the Sunday night following a club meeting, we will hold a "Feature" night for open boating. This is not intended to replace the normal opening boating, but only to get as many as possible of a certain type of boat congregated at one time. Since it would still be an open boating night, any and all boats are welcome as usual. We will however run a "mini" event for the featured type of boat. A tentative schedule is as follows:

#### MONTH / FEATURED BOAT

Apr.	Tug Boats
May	Scale Speed Boats (ChrisCraft, Century, etc.)
Jun.	Sailboats
Jul.	Commercial & Military
Aug.	Fast Electrics
Sep.	Polo Tugs

For the mini events we are planning things such as steering events, races, balloon popping, etc. We are even considering having prizes for the events. Look for details in future newsletters.

I would like to encourage two things: 1. Let's see more Polo Tugs this year! I will have free plans available at the January meeting. These things are easy to build and fun to run. 2. I would like to see lots of water skiers behind those ChrisCrafts this year, they are a real crowd pleaser! I will have free plans available for those at the January meeting also. Having a water ski show for the Parade of Boats and the feature night would be great. So, grab a set of plans for each and have both done by April.

I have received several responses on my letter to you sailboaters, and hope to have a sailing committee formed by mid February. Also, at each meeting we will have a "Show & Tell" section, so bring in that current project finished or not.

*George*

**What's The Meeting About?:** Radios - Simple to Exotic: We will discuss and display what's available out there today, from simple, 2 channels to complex multi channels, add-on features, and custom modifications. Find out what's available for that current project.

**And: Show & Tell:** Bring along your current winter project and let us see what's new.

**Membership:** Please note that if you have not sent in your membership renewal for 1998, this will be your last newsletter. An application is included herein...in the event that you misplaced the renewal form in the last issue of 1997. If you have already renewed, there is a red numeral '98' on the mailing label on this issue, and a 1998 membership card is enclosed.

**Bumper Sticker:** "Work is for folks who don't sail radio controlled model boats"! (Bob Jones, Please note!)

**In Control:** The EMS / Jomar Heavy Duty Nautical Throttles that were ordered at the November meeting are in hand. Please bring your checkbook to the January meeting to claim yours. The price is a bit lower than expected, since I upped the order to two dozen units and got us a larger discount. As a result, there is one extra throttle available. If you would like it, give me a call or see me at the meeting.

*Jim*

**Out of Control!** If you still have any of those older, non-narrow band transmitters in your inventory, be advised that as of March 18, 1998 their use is illegal. This is not a club rule, but an FCC regulation. The 16 year "phase-in" period for the newer radios has phased-out. Get the old units upgraded, or replace them...but don't use them. Big Brother (the FCC) is watching! And, if you're still using the matching, old receivers, you're really asking for radio problems in the new, narrow band environment!

**Finances:** We don't hear much from our treasurer, but when we do, we listen. The club's annual report is enclosed for your perusal. Note that even with some unusual expenses such as the purchase of a retrieval boat in 1997, we had a few more bucks in the bank at year's end than we had last year. Thank you, Gary!

**Meetings:** There is a convenient way to access the Centennial Lakes Garage for our Winter gatherings. Use the lower level parking area north of Two Guys from Italy and Austad's Golf shop. Back in the corner beyond the Audio King shop is a truck loading dock. Our Commodore manages to get the door on the dock unlocked a few minutes prior to the meeting so it is easy to haul in your "stuff." Parking is much closer too, and there's little snow or wind to impede your progress.

**Builder's Corner:** SINTRA (no, not Frank), is a new, expanded ABS plastic material that is reported to cut like wood, float like wood, glue with super glue and take a marvelous painted finish. Cost is about a buck per square foot. Call me if you find a local source.

*Jim*

**Membership Meeting, 11/18/97:** 29 members in attendance. Although no official meeting was planned, at membership's demand, Commodore Pfeifer called the meeting to order at 7:50PM. Commodore advised that all meetings before April will be held in the Band Room. He asked D.Campbell if he could manage an ice boat demonstration some weekend day in February or March. Doug agreed. J.Smith taking orders for EMS/Jomar throttle. Commodore asked members to search out an indoor or mall venue for a winter sailing session. D.Person advised that all logo clothing ordered at the Dry dock party had been ordered. Should be in well before Christmas. Commodore said that he had a Board meeting in

the planning stages. Hopes to meet in early Dec. to review the recent club survey and plan a calendar of events for 1998. J.Bishop mentioned a conversation with Todd Warner. Todd wants us to plan on a return visit to the Antique Boat Show on Minnetonka in early August. G.Phillips mentioned that, to his knowledge, no Ace products have become available. The Nautical Commander was supposedly the first item to be produced. He also mentioned a contact with the Model Dockyard in England. He is very pleased with their knowledge and assistance. Numerous kits and miscellaneous boating item changed hands at the swap meet.

*Jim Smith*

## Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating (90 Days, and Counting)	4:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating (90 Days, and Counting)	5:30PM - 9:00PM
	Every Thursday	Open Boating (90 Days, and Counting)	5:30PM - 9:00PM
<b>Jan.</b>	20th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Radios and Electronic Add Ons)	Cent. Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Feb.</b>	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Ice Boating Demonstration)	Cent. Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM
<b>Mar.</b>	17th.(Tue.)	Membership Meeting (Eric Peterson and the "Minnehaha")	Cent. Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM

**WW-II Revisited:** While doing a bit of research on U.S.Navy and Coast Guard ships in use during World War II, I came across numerous vessel names relating to Minnesota citizens, places, flora and fauna. Perhaps you might be interested in building a model of a ship named after a local entity. Certainly, some of these names refer to locations in other states or even other states themselves, but I decided to list them anyway.

Surely, you have heard of the USS Minneapolis (CA-36) and the USS St.Paul (CA-71, CA-73), but are you aware of the following: Agassiz (WPC-126), Agate (PYC-4), Alexandria (PF-18), Artic (AF-7), Arrowhead (AD-35), Austin (DE-15), Badger (DD-126), Bayfield (APA-33), Bear (AG-29), Beaver (AS-5, ARG-19), Beltrami (AK-162), Bluegill (SS-142), Buffalo (CL-84, CL-99, CL-110), Butternut (AN-9), Caledonia (AK-167), Cambridge (CA-126), Carp (SS-338), Catfish (SS-339), Champlin (DD-601), Chestnut (AN-11), Chippewa (ATF-69), Coates (DE-685), Coffman (DE-191), Crosby (APD-17, DD-164), Duluth (CL-87), Faribault (AK-179), Fillmore (APA-83), Fort Snelling (LSD-23), Great Lakes (AD-30), Hampton (APA-115), Hennepin (AK-187), Hopkins (DD-249, DMS-13), Itasca (CGC-50), Lamprey (SS-372), Mayo (DD-422), Minnetonka (WPG-67), Monticello (AP-61), Mississippi (BB-41), Morris (WPC-147, DD-417), Nicolle (AVS-6, AK-199, AG-93), North Star (IX-148, WPG-59), Northwind (WAG-278, WAG-282), Oglala (ARG-1, CM-4), Olmsted (APA-188), Pillsbury (DD-227, DE-133), Pike (SS-173), Pine Island (AV-12), Pipestone (PK-204), Plymouth (PG-57), Pope (DE-151, DD-225), Preston (DD-379, DD-795), Princeton (CVL-23, CV-37), Ramsey (DM-16, AG-98), Redwing (ARS-4), Rochester (CA-124), Rogers (DD-876), Rush (WPC-151), Sibley (APA-206), Sioux (ATF-75), St.Croix (APA-231), Stanton (DE-247), Sunfish (SS-281), Superior (AM-311), Victoria (AO-46), Viking (ARS-1), Walker (DD-517), Washburn (AKA-108), Washington (BB-56), Waukesha (AKA-84), Winnebago (WPG-40), Woodbury (WPC-155), Wright (AV-1, CVL-49), Wyoming (AG-17)?

*Jim*

[If you are curious about what all of those two and three letter designations mean, call me, and I'll print a list next month]

**JEM of anExpander:** Several club members use the JEM channel expander in their boats. If you are looking for one, JEM has a new name and address. Contact: Mark Warren's R/C Electronics, 121 Mississippi Road, Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada K7C 4G2. Telephone: (613) 253-0204. E-mail: mws@storm.ca. Web page: < www.storm.ca/~mws/rc\_electronics.shtml >. Mark still builds the JM112, 12 channel expander at \$129.95, and has now added the JM106, 6 channel unit at \$99.00. I don't know of anyone who has been dissatisfied with this product. Mine has worked flawlessly for four seasons.

**Plugged-In:** Airtronics, Inc. has joined other radio manufacturers with the introduction of their new "Z" connectors. These new, blue colored servo connectors are mechanically and electrically compatible with receivers of other manufacturers. Fifteen types of Airtronics servos are now available with these plugs along with the Airtronics M8 surface (75mHz) radio. Finally! We can mix or match Futaba, Hitec, JR and Airtronics radio components!

**Plan Ahead!:** The word is out.....The San Francisco Model Yacht Club will hold their 100th anniversary giant extravaganza "Centennial" weekend from May 22nd through 24th at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park. While..... The St. Louis Admirals plan their tenth anniversary show at St.Louis' Union Station over the third weekend in September (19th and 20th). Either city has lots of things to do for "significant others."

**Edina Model Yacht Club    Income and Expenses 1997**

Submitted By: G. Phillips, Nov. 27, 1997

**Balance from: 11/27/96            \$1,143.45**

**Income, 1997**

Dues, etc.	\$1,562.50
Radio Control Hobby Trade Assn. Award	\$ 600.00
Advertising	\$ 60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,222.50</b>

<b>Income:</b>	<b>11/27/96 - 11/27/97</b>	<b>\$2,222.50</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$3,365.95</b>

**Expenses, 1997**

Newsletter	\$ 403.41
Parade of Model Boats	\$ 171.62
Dry Dock Party	\$ 694.34
Supplies	\$ 78.64
Retrieval Boat	\$ 425.99
Appreciation Gift, Newsletter Editor	\$ 150.00
Misc. (magazine sub., bank chgs, etc.)	\$ 32.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,956.11</b>

<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>11/27/96 - 11/27/97</b>	<b>\$1,956.11</b>
	<b>Balance as of: 11/27/97</b>	<b>\$1,409.84</b>

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**Become A Member Of The Edina Model Yacht Club**

Membership levels:    Youth: (under 18 yrs.) \$10 per calendar year.,    Adult: \$20 per calendar year

**Membership Application / Renewal**

Edina Model Yacht Club, 7499 France Avenue South, Edina MN 55435  
(Please make checks payable to: Edina Model Yacht Club)

(Print) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_, Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Type(s) of Sailboat Operated: \_\_\_\_\_

Type(s) of Electric Boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Channel Number of Radio(s) - and - Number Of Boats Operated Per Channel (in parenthesis):  
CH: \_\_\_\_\_ (    ), CH: \_\_\_\_\_ (    ), CH: \_\_\_\_\_ (    ), CH: \_\_\_\_\_ (    )

## 1998 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS & EVENTS (Subject to change)

George Pfeifer

1/20	January Meeting -	Radios plus Show & Tell
(?)	February Meeting -	Ice Boat Demo ? (Maybe a Saturday meeting)
(?)	March Meeting -	Eric Peterson. Eric scratch built a model of the Streetcar Boat "Minnehaha" that was featured in Scale Ship Modeler. He is also an exceptional "Card Modeler". (Possibly a Saturday meeting since Eric must come from Winona, MN.)
4/21	April Meeting -	Care & Feeding of Batteries, plus Show & Tell.
	April Event -	Buoy Setting & Park Cleanup Day.
5/19	May Meeting -	Preparation for Parade Of Boats plus Show & Tell
	May Event -	Offsight Event or Sailboat Race?
6/16	June Meeting -	Soldering - Beginning to Advanced(?) plus Show & Tell
	June Event -	Parade Of Boats
7/21	July Meeting -	??? plus Show & Tell
	July Event -	1. Open Boating at Roseville's 4th of July Celebration?
	" "	2. Handicap Sailing
8/18	August Meeting -	??? plus Show & Tell
	August Event -	1. Classic Boat Show - Lake Minnetonka
	" "	2. Lighthouse Night
9/15	September Meeting -	??? and Officer Nominations plus Show & Tell
	September Event -	Big EEEasy??
10/20	October Meeting -	??? and Elections plus Show & Tell.
	October Event -	Columbus Day Regatta
11/17	November Meeting -	Annual Swap Meet
	November Event -	Drydock Party

**What's New, Pussycat?:** Over the past weekend, I made my annual trek to the International Model Show in Pasadena, CA. to see what's new for 1998. As has been the case in recent years, there is very little. Even though the competing show in Long Beach ceased business, the IMS is getting smaller each year and boats occupy less space.

The Ace R/C display was dominated by their new owner's, Thunder Tiger products. The few ACE electronic items on display were all for battery maintenance. I spoke with Tom Runge, ACE's director of product development and he said that the *Nautical Commanders*, Speed Controls, etc. were under contract to be built in Taiwan, but were far behind schedule. Only FM models of the Commander will be built, and they will be equipped with reversible plugs in place of reversing switches. I'm not crazy about that idea. I'm really glad that my old transmitter has switches.

Sub Tech's, Skip Asay showed me a blank face-plate drawing for his *Sub Commander* radio. He has yet to submit this artwork to the manufacturer so, I think it will be some time before we see any of these units either. His surface radio, the *Seafarer* is planned to have two throttles and a wheel for steering, rather than the more conventional stick. I don't think that I'd care for that arrangement either! His belt drive reduction units deserve a close look. The \$39, DRU fits Pittman/Dumas motors with 1/8" shafts and comes in seven ratios between 2.5 to 1 and 6 to 1. The smaller, \$29, ADS system comes with a 385 size motor and a 2 1/2 to 1 ratio. Sub Tech's \$35, ABP Ballast Pump might be worth a look for use as a bow thruster. It's orifice is about 3/8" and it's motor can handle up to 24 volts. Their new, *USS Albacore* looks good! This sub is 40" long and can be fitted out for about \$500.

Dumas had lots of new airplanes (!!). Their one new boat, the 24" *Osprey* is available with running gear for \$80. It's a tug-like vessel which will fit neatly in the niche created by most of the Midwest kits.

I stopped by the Aveox, brushless motor booth and picked-up a copy of (of all things!) Robbe's *Main Catalog 97/98*. Surprisingly, the new catalog is all of 178 pages, which hardly compares with my old copy of their 1993 catalog which had 568 pages! Sixteen pages of boat kits hardly compare with over 100 pages in the old book.

I took a look at the ships of the South Coast Battle Group, a fighting R/C warship club and was disappointed. Although the firing mechanisms are quite intricate and very ingenious, the boats are terrible. Ugly, ugly, ugly. You would never show one of these vessels to a friend as a sample of the model builder's art. Other than the "Thrill of Victory", I can not see any reason why a person would want to build one of those boats!

Jim

**Opportunity Knocks:** Bloomington Community Education is offering the following: "Rare. We would venture to say that this opportunity is not being offered anywhere else in the United States. Don Halvorsen, master ship builder, will guide you through this unique art form. Build the model ship of your choice from scratch - starting with a keel of wood. Course sessions will be scheduled with the instructor at his home. Class size will be limited to three individuals with participants chosen by lottery on Friday, January 23rd. Registrations not selected will be refunded." Bloomington Community Ed. Has a 24 hour hotline for registration and information at: 491-1666.

An additional number for registration and information is listed as: 885-8500.

The course number is 5505. There will be 8 sessions of two hours each. Cost is \$240 for the eight sessions.

If you have the slightest interest in getting into display type sailing ship modeling, this class is worth a look. Note that you must register before Friday, January 23rd to be eligible for the lottery. Remember, "He who hesitates"...don't get in!!

# January Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)  
**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

Commodore:	George Pfeifer	[REDACTED]
Vice Commodore	Kim Hershey	[REDACTED]
Vice Commodore	Bob Jones	[REDACTED]
Vice Commodore	Bob Larson	[REDACTED]
Vice Commodore	Erwin Stevenson	[REDACTED]
Treasurer	Gary Phillips	[REDACTED]

Newsletter Editor      Jim Smith      [REDACTED]

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EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB  
CENTENNIAL LAKES CENTRUM  
7499 FRANCE AVENUE SOUTH  
EDINA, MN 55435

**For Sale:** Dave Bros has a "new-in-the-box" Dumas *Brooklyn*, 39" tugboat kit.....complete with hardware, for sale.

Dumas' list price: \$360

Tower's price: \$300

Dave's price: \$265

There is still enough time remaining to get this boat ready for Spring sailing!

Call Dave at: [REDACTED]

**First Class**