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NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: August, what a great month for boating. I would like to thank all the members who participated in the Antique and Classic Boat Rendezvous last weekend in Red Wing.

Last Thursday, July 5th, the board of directors met to discuss our Website situation. It was agreed that we need an upgraded site, and Andy Valentine has agreed to be the new webmaster. We think it can be up and running sometime in September '99.

I am looking for good pictures or home video from the Parade of Boats for an upcoming project. If you have video or pictures the club can use please bring them to the August meeting.

I hope to see you all at the meeting.

Date

Welcome: Greetings to the following new members who have joined us since the publishing of the roster in July's newsletter. Welcome aboard!

Dean Dahlen	Bloomington	[REDACTED]
Walter Hofius	Bloomington	[REDACTED]
A.J. LaVenture (youth)	Edina	[REDACTED]
Allan Nelson	Minneapolis	[REDACTED]
Gary Swanson	Bloomington	[REDACTED]

Thank You! I received an urgent call from Susie Miller of the Edina Adaptive Education department on Monday, July 12th. Apparently, a sailing experience for people with developmental disabilities had been scheduled on their calendar for Thursday, July 15th, unbeknown to us. Fortunately, a few telephone calls to "old reliables" resulted in a turnout that exceeded a one-to-one ratio of members to guests. Thank you to Kim Hershey, Bob Jester, Mikio Kiriara, George Pfeifer and Larry Wheeler. You all made the club look like a first class operation. 10 inch high waves and a 97° temperature did not deter the "African Queen", tugboat "Kim" and two polo tugs from accomplishing the required task. Thanks again, troops!! *Jim*

Attention Editors: Please note that our artist / cartoonist in residence, Ray Johnson asks that you contact him prior to any use of his copyrighted drawings in your publications. Ray can be reached at [REDACTED]

Thax!

Money, Money! Thanks to the efforts of Tim Smalley and the enthusiastic participation of members during the Parade and at various TV shoots, radio interviews, etc., the club has received a check in the amount of \$500 for participating in the Radio Control Hobby Trade Association's Media award program for 1999. Once again, that is the maximum award possible in any one calendar year!

Tugs Ho! Harbor Models, the tugboat specialist shop has moved...and has a new owner. Drop six bucks in the mail for a new catalog (#6, with more and better pictures) to David Morrish at Harbor Models, 9153 E. Duarte Rd., Unit G, San Gabriel, CA 91775.

Night Run: The last Sousa Band concert of the year will take place on Aug.22nd. Since sunset that evening is at 8:20PM, and the new Teflon Dome on the bandstand is adequately lighted, the concert will start at 8:30PM to better coordinate with our annual Lighthouse Night event. Rumor has it that there may even be fireworks! If you arrive at the pond before 8:00PM, you should be able to beat the folks parking for the concert, after that...you'll have to walk a bit.

Static Display: The dates for the Minnesota State Fair this year are from Aug.26th through Sep.3rd. Competitive models must be delivered to the Creative Arts building between August 16th and 19th.

[REDACTED] information and a rule book. Actually, the rulebook is superfluous, since the folks at the check-in desk at the fairground are very helpful.

Hurry...time is short!

Note: Diego Gaston has taken on a large task on our behalf. He needs club volunteers as shown in the insert in this newsletter, and he would also like all the help he can get in compiling a list of shops, sources and web pages. The more information that Diego receives from you, the better the lists will be. Please help out...we'll all benefit from your input! Volunteer your modeling expertise and let him know where you get your "stuff". If we all contribute, we could end up with a very valuable resource.

Membership Meeting, 6/20/99: 38 members and guests in attendance. I believe that to be a record turn-out for a regular meeting. Commodore called meeting to order at 7:05PM. Commodore asked for those who distributed flyers to hobby shops in the past, to distribute the large, color posters advertising Lighthouse Night as well. He gave a short description of Lighthouse Night to new members. G.Pfeifer asked members to sign up for duty times at the Antique and Classic boat show in August. Club will have two 10x20 tents supplied by the show. He'd like to see 40-50 boats each of the two days. Bring boats by 8AM to gain easiest access to club area. Full size club is being encouraged to give free rides to guests (we're included). Sheriff has removed river speed restrictions for the weekend. Dock area will be restricted to classic boats only, for the duration of the show. Although D.Walker will be out of town during the show, he offered his barrel-back for display. A people's choice trophy is expected to be awarded by the Classic club. D.Bros wants to set up some type of library for used books and magazines. Since the file cabinet area is pretty congested, a space in the garage area was suggested. J.McCabe had several pieces of "ironwood" for sale, free. A mis-order at work resulted in a ton of 2x6x24 pieces being available. Call him if you want some. A.Raupp announced the commencement of Fairwinf racing...every other Thursday evening. Dates to be published. D.Gaston requested recommendations of in and out of town hobby shops, web pages, etc. he intends to publish a list of suppliers, sources, etc. that have been recommended by

members. J.Smith spoke on information received relative to a Mall of America show. He recommended to "forget it". Agreed. He also thanked those who helped out at handicapped sailing. Discussion followed regarding club web page. We will seriously look for a web master and site. Smith asked for newsletter articles to be in his hands no later than 12-14 days before the meeting. G.Merrill suggested that new members ask lots of questions at monthly meetings and then go shopping for modeling supplies the following day. Don't go to the shop "cold", or you'll end up being sold a lot of stuff that you don't need. D.Swain said that club members were very helpful to him, especially in pointing out potential problems before he stumbled onto them on his own. J.McCabe strongly advised new members, and old, to check frequencies in use EVERY time that they come to the pond...before they turn on transmitters. Rules-of-the-Pond were suggested again.

Show-'n-Tell: G.Pfeifer had the hull of his 40 inch streetcar boat "Minnehaha" completed up to the deck. It's double planked balsa over aircraft ply keel and frames, then fiberglassed. The superstructure consists of nothing more than 42, double-hung windows and a roof. A lot of work yet to be done there. Since the only drawings that George had were magazine sized, he had Dale Johnson scale them up on his "magic" computer. Dale showed additional drawings that he had done from Sterling's old 63 foot Chris Craft Motor Yacht. Very nice!
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.	17 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 6:30PM - 9:00PM
	22 nd (Sun.)	Lighthouse Night	Central Pond 8:00PM - 10:00PM
Sep.	18 th (Sat.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
	19 th (Sun.)	St.Louis Admirals Regatta	Union Station, St.Louis, MO 9:00AM - 5:00PM
	21 st (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Oct.	10 th (Sun.)	Columbus Day Regatta	North Pond 10:00PM - 3:00PM
	19 th (Tue)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Dead Boat Recovery: An article appeared in the July 12th issue of the Star Tribune about a 32 year old Minnesota man who drowned while attempting to retrieve a radio controlled boat from a park pond.

He, his son and daughter were on a family outing at a Milwaukee County park when their RC boat stalled in floating weeds. He waded out and shouted for help when he was about 90 feet from shore.

A fisherman swam out and tried to help him, but did not have the strength to drag the man to shore. Divers found the body about 90 minutes later in 15 feet of water.

Recently, I was running my Prather Fun Cruiser with a Homelite 30cc gas engine. Although it has an offset rudder for right hand turns, I was running it at full throttle and cranked it left for an impressive 180 degree turn. It caught a wave and rolled over.

The only thing on my mind at that moment was trying to get that boat. This was the first time in three years that I had flipped the boat, so I didn't know if it was going to sink, or not. I was lucky to have a small boat available. The model was still afloat when I reached it, but it felt like it weighed 100 pounds, so it was a bear getting it into the boat. I have over 1,000 dollars in that boat, so I was glad to get it back. P.S. Chad got it on video tape.

I have lost two boats in the Crow River and never recovered them, and Chad had a sailboat sink...which was later recovered by a scuba diver. But, remember, no boat is worth dying for.

WHEN YOU'RE OUT AND ABOUT...USE A RETRIEVAL BOAT...AND WEAR A LIFE JACKET WHEN YOU'RE IN IT!
Terry Spletstoeser

Edina Model Yacht Club

LIGHTHOUSE NIGHT

Sunday, August 22nd
at Centennial Lakes

*A relaxing evening of running with the
Members of the Edina Model Yacht Club*

- Everyone is welcome
- All boats are invited to run
- At 8:00 PM, casual opening boating begins
- At 8:30 PM, John Philip Sousa Band performs
- At dusk, our special night-running fleet launches

Lighthouse Night is a unique, one night event each year where boats from the Edina Model Yacht Club light up after dark. Interior cockpit and cabin lights, exterior position and navigation running lights, search lights, and flood lights all shine bright on a variety of model boats. The backdrop for our evening event is a floating and fully operational scaled model of an actual lighthouse. Come see all of the boats and join in on the fun.

HELP WANTED!

Since the Parade of Boats, we have added about 18 new members to our ranks. During the July club meeting, it appeared that a lot of those members are not quite sure how to go about asking for help or to whom in the club they should be talking in regard to a problem. The general impression was that we needed to find a way to not only make them feel welcome, but also show them that they are encouraged to ask questions and learn from the wealth of information the club members have so they can better enjoy the hobby.

I suggest making a list ("EMYC Knowledge Base") for everyone's use, but especially helpful for the new members. This list will include the following information:

Name of club member, what problems they would be able to help you with and how to contact them (phone, e-mail, regular mail, smoke signals or whatever works for you!).

It will probably look something like this:

Member Name	Area of Expertise	Method of Contact
John Doe	Electronics, batteries and the like	e-mail only Jdoe@whoknows.com
Jane Doe	Planking, fiberglass, painting and finishing	Phone: 123-4567 (6pm-9pm) e-mail: JD@here.com
Uncle Doe	Extra add-on gadgets such as pumps, winches, smoke maker, etc.	Bring your questions and boat to the next meeting

We have the roster of club members, their phone numbers and type of boats they have from the newsletter, but new members, not knowing anyone, aren't likely to "cold" call for help. They most likely missed that issue, as it is not printed every month and even if they had one, they would not know whom to contact with their specific problem.

This new list will be made up of only those people willing to volunteer to make themselves available to all the members. Some people feel comfortable with taking phone calls, some others like to work only through e-mail so they can answer at their most convenient time and yet some others might want to do this once a month during our scheduled club meetings. Any level of help will be appreciated. Remember, that as a veteran, there are a lot of things that you now take for granted that new people in the hobby have no clue how to accomplish. Myself, I find it very rewarding when I can shed some light on to someone else's problem (unfortunately as far as modeling goes, my flashlight is out of batteries!)

Please send me your information by September 13th, 1999 so that I can have the first list made up for you in time for the September meeting. If you don't make the September meeting, there will be copies available at October's gathering as well. It will be a nice list to have during the winter months coming up when everyone is cooped up at his or her workbench, building away. Thank you all, *Diego Gastón*

Address: Douglas Corporation, [REDACTED]

SO, WHERE DID YOU GET THAT ?

Think about the times that you have found yourself purchasing something...only to find out in the next meeting that "you can get that in so and so for a third of the cost?" Hmmm, now you've got the darn thing mounted in the boat and the original box it came in is gone so you can't return it! Great...\$10.00 down the drain, at least you'll know better next time! Or you go to the hobby shop to get some blades and walk out of there with a new \$200.00 kit "you had to have" so your supplies budget for the month is all out of whack, but you also want to get some files, paints and a few new paint brushes!!

Now think about this. We can all go to Michael's Crafts to get 3M sand paper sponges for \$2.59/ea, while the savvy ones will go to Home Depot and get them for \$1.89/ea, but what if I told you of a place where you can get 6 for \$1.00? I know of such a place and by looking at the "Source List" you will also benefit from that knowledge.

To avoid spending those extra \$10.00 when we can, with your help, I want to put a "Source List" together with that type of information for all the members to enjoy and take advantage of it.

For that to happen I need YOU to answer the following questions:

- Where do you shop to get the best value? Shops in town, mail order, Internet sites.
- What do they sell?
- Where is it?

In addition:

Any tips such as places where you can go and ask for free "stuff" are also welcomed.

Any members that can access some materials, plans and the like and want their name/phone included. (e.g. scrap wood from a cabinetmaker?, etc.).

Please send me the information by e-mail (preferred), regular mail or by phone if you are cutting it close to the deadline. I want to have this "Source List" available at the September and October meetings so I will need all the information by September 13th, 1999. I am planning on keeping this list ongoing and publish it every six months or so as we (hopefully) will keep getting new members and additional sources.

Here is an example of what it might look like:

Location: Burnsville (Burnsville Pkwy and Hwy 5), Fargo, St. Cloud, Mankato

Name of shop: Tools and more (Thanks to Diego Gastón)

Description: Surplus type of store with rotating inventory. Automotive equipment, sandpaper, lots of hobby size (small) tools (files, screwdrivers, tweezers, clamps, chisels), plastic organizer containers and more. Sample: 8 small chisels for \$2.00, 3M sponge sandpaper (pack of 6 for \$1.00)

This list will only be as detailed as the information you send me, and it will only work if I can get feedback from YOU. So send me as much info as possible and please be descriptive. Also make sure the web site links you send me ARE working. Remember, I need the information by September 13th.

Everyone sending me information will be accredited for it unless you request otherwise.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Diego Gastón

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Regatta, Edina, MN: On the rainy weekend of June 19th & 20th, the Sail Committee held a sail regatta, which included an AMYA sanctioned regional event for CR914s. The small turnout was probably due to several factors: This event was held the weekend after the Parade of Boats, Sunday was Father's Day, and the weather was miserable.

Saturday was the day slated for CR914s, Fairwinds and Paul Olsen class. Though several Fairwind skippers showed up, there were not enough to run a regatta, so we just held a couple of heats. Paul Olsen showed up and informed us that too few of his boats were actually in a working condition.

Five CR914s showed up and 14 heats were run. The results are as follows (Chuck raced his 1M on Sunday):

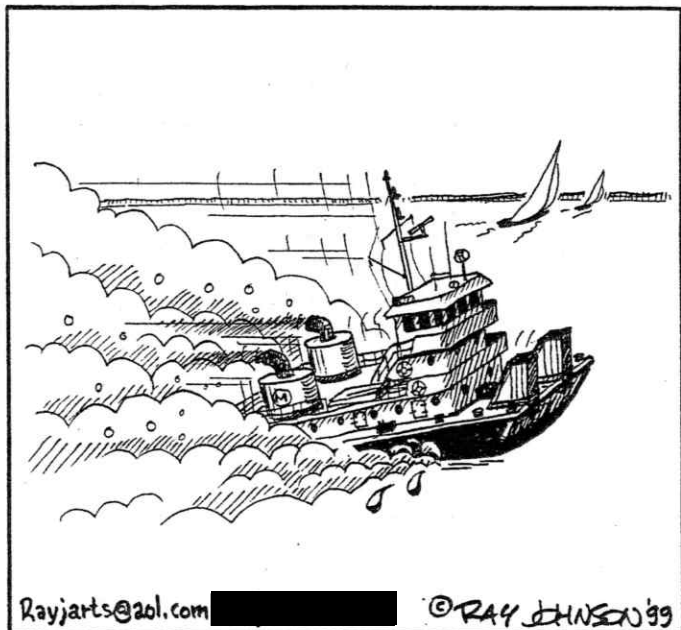
Place	Captain	Sail #	Points
1	Tony Johnson	77	19
2	Bill Frank	34	32
3	Rod Crawford	552 42	
4	Ralph Peter	76	58
5	Chuck Bottemiller	82	N/A

Though Sunday had better weather, the turnout was about the same, and the conclusion of the CR914s as well as 1-meters and open class races were held. Heats for the 1M and open classes alternated with the 914s.

The following Thursday, we had a nice turnout of Fairwinds for a smaller regatta. The wind didn't cooperate, though, and each boat slugged it out not for position but for air. Tony Johnson and John Bishop battled for first place in three heats.

In all, many things were learned from this regatta, and we plan to hold another one later in the season. Informally, we are running every Thursday evening at the north pond. Apparently, the City of Edina has lowered the fountain to about 10', which is a safe operating height for our boats.

Alex Raupp



Rising Above It All: In October of last year, I was fortunate enough to visit the famous ship lift in Niederfinow, Germany, a small community near the Polish border, 35 miles northeast of Berlin. Located at the confluence of the Oder river and the Havel canal in order to facilitate barge and ship traffic between these waterways, a ship lift bridge (Schiffhebebrücke) was constructed between 1927 and 1934. It raises and lowers vessels a distance of about 118 feet, the difference between the water levels.

Passage through the ship lift in either direction takes about 20 minutes. A vessel first enters through a level gate into a "trough" closed at the far end, and is secured by lines. At the stern of the vessel, a second gate then closes. The trough, captured water, and the floating vessel are then raised or lowered the 118 feet. The forward gate is then opened and the vessel steams out. The ship lift can accommodate vessels up to 278 ft. long and 37 ft. in beam.

Vertical movement is by means of electric motors and wire cables passing over 64 sheaves. The weight of the vessel/trough/water is counterbalanced by 192 21-ton concrete weights. (Archimedes would state that the whole configuration always weighs the same, regardless of the size of the boat...I think! Ed.) The overall dimensions of the lift structure are: Height: 196ft., Length: 308 ft., Width: 88 ft.

Warren Freeman

Big Boats, Little Boats: The 24th Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous at Treasure Island is history. Our tables were well attended this past weekend as 10 EMYC members with 20 boats joined the full sized boaters on Saturday and another 15 manned our booth on Sunday with about 30 boats.

The full sized boat count was close to sixty craft on the water with several dozen more on shore. Unfortunately, the vendor's booths appeared more inclined toward tee-shirts than nautical items.

A drizzle and relatively dreary day kept the visitor count low on Saturday. Fortunately, the Sunday crowd was enhanced by beautiful weather...mostly sunny with temperatures nicely below 80°.

There was some concern by resort officials that spectators would overload the narrow dock near the shore if we operated our boats in the relatively sheltered area near the riverbank that we used last year. Given the option of operating in the unsheltered and relatively inaccessible water off the beach area, most members declined.

Many club information booklets and Lighthouse Night flyers were distributed, and most members were hoarse by day's end as a result of non-stop "model boat prattle".

The general consensus was that we'd enjoy participating in the show next year...if we can be assured of a safe area to run our boats

August Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, August 17th
7:00 P.M.

(**Board Meeting at 6:30**)
Centennial Lakes
Centrum Building

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