

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: Good-bye, adios, see ya! This will be my last "corner" as Commodore and will sum it up in as few words as possible. "It was a learning experience!" Some good, some bad. We had a good year overall and made some good strides with our events during the season. The park staff was very pleased that would put in the effort this year on the park clean up. Some amazed comments at just how much garbage and leaves were cleaned up. The Parade went well and I feel the effort of expanding into the band shell paid off for us in the end. Fred has done a great job this year beating the sail boaters' drum in generating good turn out at most of the regattas. Good job Fred! The small but active Fast Electrics group has picked up some fresh blood this year. A crew of 4 blew into Batavia, IL and left many in disbelief. Scale is proved as innovative as ever with new technologies and a few members kicking it up a notch with new designs and implementing some humor along the way. As with all things in life, you learn new things. Some events this year can be taken just as that, a learning experience. The board of directors can pull from that in organizing next year's events. I look forward to what next year holds for our organization. With a new board and news group for 2002 we'll have to wait and see what they can do for us.

Next year: On the topic of events for the coming year 2002 some of us would like to see more of the general membership provide an active role in coming up with event ideas, and participation in general. We all know obtaining volunteers can be difficult to some degree. Trying to nominate someone to manage an event can at times be an event of its own. However, when we do find someone to run with this task it doesn't help matters when just the act of showing up seems to be non-existent. For whatever reason you can't participate at a higher level, just by showing up you are doing a good thing. We need to provide these events at the park to entertain the public in keeping with our original intent when the club was started. Just by showing up you can take part in paying the city ack for allowing the use of the facilities. Events are more attractive with a higher number of participants. The club was designed on the premise that the city

wanted some form of entertainment for park and shop visitors. A form of retention if you will. Some local enthusiasts were contacted and here we are now. In some ways I regard this as the difference between our club and the majority of others across the US. Foremost, we have one of the best locations to play with our toys. Secondly, how many other clubs exist that don't have to rent the facility for use or obtain a permit? We get to use a nice meeting room each month and have a large area to store equipment. There is a reason why we are able to receive this hospitality each year. Because we uphold our end of the "bargain" made years ago. Lets continue to do that with enthusiasm for some time to come. In some places, let's kick it up a notch.

Meeting: Club meetings through the winter months are normally held in the Centennial Lakes Maintenance Garage (Band Room). Use the north (left) lower level parking area. Enter immediately to the north (left) of the Audio King installation shop, through the door at the left end of the loading dock. Follow the crowd, or the noise, to the band room. See you there!

Swap Meet: This month's meeting is our annual swap meet. Bring anything of a boating or building nature that you'd like to dispose of. "One man's trash is another's treasure." And, Don't forget your check book. Of course, cash is always good!

Departed!: Orange Blossom Hobbies in Miami has closed its doors for the final time. Aside from Polk's in New York City, which I visited frequently in my youth, Orange Blossom was the largest and best stocked shop that I can remember visiting over the past fifty years. Unfortunately, we now have one less attraction to stop at when visiting Florida!

In-The-Can: You may recall my review of the book *Endurance*, the story of Earnest Shackleton's shipwreck in Antarctic ice in 1914. The book has been made into a movie, and has had "exclusive" showings in the New York City area...to rave reviews. Keep your eyes peeled for the film, *The Endurance*, coming to a theater near you sometime....soon, we hope!

Membership Meeting, 10/16/01: Commodore called meeting to order at 7:00pm. 42 members in attendance. Ex member R.Post stated that he had a Fairwind, an electric boat and a Victoria, all from Harry Proctor's estate, for sale. Commodore will get particulars and put info in newsletter. A guest from Rockford, IL announced that he had a van load of boats and kits for sale. Several were sold before and after the meeting. Commodore announced that the Fast Electric group had purchased a new radar gun, not purchased with club funds. He also requested volunteers for the Dry Dock Party. He had sign up lists for telephoning, set-up and service. Party to be catered by Byerly's. F.Ferris reported on the Columbus Day regatta. T.Mackey reported on the 914 Nationals in Colorado. Cold! Windy! Ugly! J.Smith suggested that club obtain permission from the St. Louis Admirals prior to putting Polo Tug plans on our web site.

Nominations followed for officers for 2002.

M.Ross Nominated Commodore by M.Ross, 2nd T.Smalley
J.Bishop Nominated V.C. by R.Larson, 2nd A.Valentine

P.Olsen Nominated V.C. by T.Smalley, 2nd J.Smith G.Anderson Nominated V.C. by A.Valentine, 2nd M.Ross D.Campbell Nominated V.C. by J.Smith, 2nd A.Valentine G.Phillips has agreed to continue as club Treasurer

Ross, Swain, Smalley, Immediato will form Newsletter committee.

Information and videos have been sent to RCHTA for their media award program. Maximum award this year is \$250 (check has been received). Club also received a gift of \$100 from Allina for club's participation at their company promotion.

Show-'n-Tell: K.Bottemiller displayed his Corel kit of a Japanese ocean going tug. The twin powered hull looked very nice. Karl has been working on it for parts of two years....he hopes to have it in the water early next season. It'll be big, at about 4 1/2 feet and 35 pounds. R.Bongard showed off his own design, scratch built shrimp boat hull...under construction. It looked very nice. Very curvaceous. D.Swain showed off his new superstructure for his polo tug. Its built-in illuminated carousel is certain to be a kid pleaser.

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

Every Sunday Open Boating 4:30PM - 9:00PM (120 days, and counting!!)
Every Tuesday Open Boating 5:30PM - 9:00PM " "
Every Thursday Open Boating 5:30PM - 9:00PM " "

Nov. 20th (Tue.) Membership Meeting (Swap) Centennial Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Dec. No Membership Meeting No Newsletter

Jan. 15th (Tue.) Membership Meeting Centennial Lakes Garage 7:00PM - 9:00PM

Balls and Brass Monkeys: In the days of wooden ships and iron men, ships carried cannon for protection. These, of course, required iron cannon balls. Gunners needed to store the cannonballs so that they could be of instant use when needed, yet not roll about the gun deck. The solution was to stack them in a square-based pyramid near the cannon. The top level of the stack had one ball, the next level down had four, the next nine, the next sixteen, etc. Four levels would provide a stack of 30 cannonballs.

The problem was how to keep the bottom level from sliding out from under the weight of the higher levels. To accomplish this, a brass plate ("brass monkey") was used with a rounded indentation for each ball in the bottom layer. Brass was used because the iron cannonballs would not rust to brass, as they would have to iron. Unfortunately, when the temperature drops, brass contracts more than iron. So, as it got cold on the gun decks, the brass monkeys would shrink more than the iron cannonballs they were holding. If the temperature got low enough, the bottom layer of balls would pop out of the indentations spilling the entire pyramid over the deck.

This was, quite literally, "cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey." (Welcome to MN....Ed.)

Previous article From: "The Towline", Newsletter of the National Association of Fleet Tug Sailors

Source List For Ship Plans (cont'd from last month) (in no particular order)

I believe these contacts are all "live"

Taubman Plans Service: Catalog of over 150 pages of plans, \$10. (201) 435-5205

Mail address: Taubman Plans Service, 11 College Dr.,

#4G. Jersey City, NJ 07305

Photomarine Archives: U.S. Navy ships, Coast Guard cutters, tugs/salvage vessels, freighters, tankers and even some foreign ships. Photographs of ships and photocopies of original ships plans. (catalog \$10)

This is the source of the new ship modeling magazine, *Model Ship Journal*. (subscription \$30/yr. 4 issues).

Contact: Victor Baca (360) 371-0290 or

toll free (877) 371-0290 e-mail: modelships@earthlink.net Mail Address: Photomarine Archives, P.O. Box 28516, Bellingham, WA 98228-0516

Mystic Seaport Museum: Plans mostly of the museum's own collection of vessels. Canoes, catboats, power boats, yachts, yacht tenders, steamboats, etc. Prices range from less than \$10 to upwards of \$75, depending on detail and size. (860) 572-0711

Mail address: Mystic Seaport, P.O. Box 6000, 75 Greenmanville Ave., Mystic, CT 06355-0990

EMYC on the web: Some news on the club's website. I'm currently reworking some of the features on the club's message forum. The best feature thus far the ability to post your own photos. This will ovide the ability for anyone to enter one of the discussion topics, initiate a new discussion or reply to an existing one. While doing so, you can add photos to your post. Multiple photos are allowed within one post. Formatting instructions are available from the left hand side of your screen as you browse the RC Forum. There are size limitations of course, but I've left them generous enough to allow good quality images for the time being. Now that this feature is available I will be incorporating the existing photos into photo albums that will appear on the RC Forum. The existing photos section will disappear once done. I will provide owners and project names once again as occurred previously. When this process is underway I suggest you add your own photos as well, providing helpful info to the viewer. Right now anyone can post messages and photos to the forum. Discussion will be had on purchasing the licensed version of this forum to allow self-registration where a viewer can create their own user ID and password. If we proceed with such a feature we would be able to restrict access to certain functions and or discussions on the forum from general public. That would lend itself to other possible uses as well. I will attempt to bring in the equipment necessary to have a working version at our last meeting in November so those with questions or comments can provide their input. Feel free to shoot an email or give me call to discuss the website. I would like to see more people out there eventually. Happy surfin'!

Something new for next year: Here it is November already. As we say goodbye to the 2001 season, I am already looking forward to 2002.

There are some new changes in store for club members next year. The first of these will be the option to receive the "Sail & Scale" newsletter by email. For those members who have access to e-mail accounts, and who would prefer, we will e-mail the newsletter in Adobe Acrobat PDF file format. Free copies of Acrobat Reader 5.0 can be downloaded off of the Internet, and from our club website soon.

As members renew their memberships for the 2002 year, they will be asked if they wish this option. Of course, the newsletter will still be published for snail mail, for members who do not have access to an e-mail account, or wish to continue receiving their newsletter in the mail.

In addition to offering the e-mail option, we hope to be able to publish the monthly newsletters, on the club's website.

On a related matter, I want to update, and expand, the club's membership database. I would like to ask all members to cooperate in these efforts to update our formation, to include current e-mail addresses. In dition, I hope to expand our files to include a listing of all boats in the club, as well as the radio channels that are being used.

The radio channel usage will be posted on the club's website, to help members and/or people interested in becoming new members, to select radios for their future boats.

I would like to post the boat information on the club's website, for members, and especially prospective new members to have access to. I think it would help, if people who are trying to decide on what model to build, if they knew that they could get assistance with it (if they need it) from someone who has already built one. For security reasons, providing contact information would be optional.

If I only knew then, what I know now about a couple of boats that I have. I for one, could have saved myself a ton of money!

Michael Ross



Frequencies: The enclosed channels-in-use chart is the best available, since many members have not listed radio information on their membership forms.

Thanks!: There is not a lot of room for a goodbye note in this, my last newsletter...but I must certainly thank John Bishop, Doug Person and Ray Johnson for their valued input over the past few years!

Jim

correction!! I have been contacted by a city employee who is adamant in his denial that city workers "cooked" the retrieval boat battery. City workers have not used the boat / battery, as reported in last month's newsletter. It appears that the battery was indeed cooked by one of our own club "chefs."

If anything, recent events should have taught us to get our facts straight before inadvertently slandering anyone ...especially city employees, who have been so friendly and helpful to us!

On behalf of the membership, I would like to apologize to the city staff for the false accusation. Jim

EMYC Frequencies in use by members: Number in () indicates number of boats operated. Nov.7, 2001

27-MHz. Band (identified by a single colored flag)

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26.995 Brown	Frank(1),Sturmer(1),Carlson,J(1),Gilbertson(1)	27.145 Yellow	
27.045 Red	Jester(1),Bros	27.195 Green	Phillips(1),Pfeifer(1), Stephens(1)
27.095 Orange	Bros(2),Steele(1)	27.255 Blue	Frank(1),VanVoorhis(1)

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75.41	Person(2),Proulx(1),Johnson,D(1),Smalley(1), Swain(1),Crawford(1),Gilbertson(1)	75.71	Wheeler(1),McCabe(1),Proulx(1),Larson(1), Splettstoeszer,T(2),Pierce(1)
Channel 61	5 man(1), 514 mora(1), 51100115011(1)	Channel 76	Spiritate 00201,1 (2),11 1010 (1)
75.43	McCabe(1),Bros(1),Olsen(1),Sigvertsen(1),	75.73	Phillips(1), Johnson, T(1), Dodson(1),
Channel 62	Swain(1),Crawford(1)	Channel 77	Campbell,D(1)
75.45	Bros(1), Johnson, D(2), Blais(1), Loomis(1)	75.75	Smith,J,(1),Bros(1), Baskerville(1),
Channel 63		Channel 78	VanVoorhis(1),Norton(1),Frank(1),Gaston(1), Field(1)
75.47	Edge(2),Olsen(1),McCabe(1),Bros(1),Ferris(1)	75.77	Smith(1),Baskerville(1),Johnson,D(1),
Channel 64	Crawford(3),Cox(1),Anderson,M(2)	Channel 79	Crawford(1)
75.49	Phillips(1),Freeman(1),Dodson(1),Carlson(1),	75.79	Bros(1), Stevenson(4), Hershey(1), Bell(1)
Channel 65	Bongard(2),Studnek(2),Norton,A(1)	Channel 80	Splettstoeszer,C(2)
75.51	Bottemiller(1), Walker(1), Olsen(1), Phillips(1),	75.81	Kirihara(1),Baskerville(1),Johnson,D(1),
Channel 66	Cox(1),Young(1),Smith,D(1),Gilbert(1), Evans(1)	Channel 81	Johnson,L(1),Smalley(2),Swain(1)
75.53	Wheeler(1), Merrill(2), Dodson(1), Larson, P(1)	75.83	Kirihara(1),Schermeister(1)Smith(1),
Channel 67		Channel 82	Cammack(1),Anderson,M(1)
75.55	Johnson(1),Swanson(1),Proulx(1),Stoltenberg	75.85	Anderson,G(1),Field(1),Johnson,T(1),
Channel 68	(1),Bros(1),Chryst(1)	Channel 83	Smith,J(1),Cammack(1),Chryst,D(1)
75.57	Kirihara(1),Dodson(1),Merrill(2),Carlson(1),	75.87	Phillips(2), Anderson, G(1), Stoltenberg(2),
Channel 69	Johnson,T(1),Gilbert(1),Chryst(1)	Channel 84	Bishop(4),Splettstoeszer,T(6),Glass(1) Hochstein(1),Hendrix(1),Cox(1)
75.59	Stevenson(4),Edge(2),Jester(1),Smith,J(1),	75.89	McCabe(2),Dodson(1),Person(1),Glass(1)
Channel 70	Merrill(1), Valentine(2), Larson(1), Crawford(1), Carlson(1)	Channel 85	
75.61	Sigvertsen(1),Gilbertson(1),Valentine,D(1)	75.91	McCabe(2),Bottemiller(1),Bros(1),Semsch(1)
Channel 71		Channel 86	Anderson,M(1)
75.63	Smith,J(4),Gaston(1),Johnson,D(1)	75.93	Jester(1),Stoltenberg(2),Smith(1),Bongard(1)
Channel 72		Channel 87	
75.65	Bros(1),Norton(2),Splettstoeszer,T(1),	75.95	Bishop(4),Phillips(1),Jester(1),Johnson,D(4),
Channel 73	Dodson(1),Gilbert(1),Norton,A(1)	Channel 88	Smith(1),Splettstoeszer,C(1),Swain(2),Bell(1) Johnson,L(1),Norton,M(2),Semsch(1)
75.67	Proctor(3),Edge(2),Olsen(1),Brust(2),	75.97	Hershey(1),Brust(1),Bros(1)
Channel 74	Freeman(2), Gilbertson(1), Splettstoeszer, C(1), Casserly(1)	Channel 89	
75.69	Larson(1), Proctor(1), Dodson(1), Anderson(1),	75.99	Olsen(1),Proulx(1),Brust(1),Larson(1),Bell(1)
Channel 75	Ferris(1),Pierce(1)	Channel 90	Schermeister(2),Smith,D(1),Koehn(1)

50 MHz. Band (identified by Channel number) For use by licensed amateur (HAM) operators only.

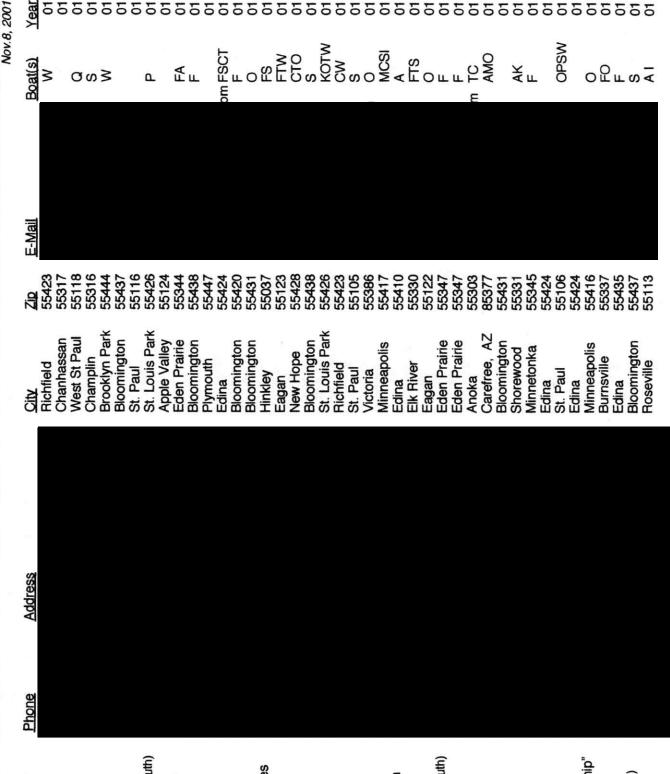
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50.88 Ch. 04	50.98 Ch. 09	

53 MHz. Band (identified by two colored flags) For use by licensed amateur (HAM) operators only.

53.10 Brown/Blk	53.50 Green/Blk	
53.20 Red/Blk	53.60 Blue/Blk	
53.30 Orange/Blk	53.70 Purple/Blk	
53.40 Yellow/Blk	53.80 Gray/Blk	

Edina Model Yacht Club

Phone Bakhtiari, Moe (youth) Chryst, Danny (youth) Evans, Homer "Chip" Bombenger, James Finks, Brian (youth) Carlson, Jonathan Baskerville, Marty Bachrodt, Ronald Anderson, Glenn Casserly, Murray Cammack, Dave Anderson, David Anderson, Mark Anderson, Gary Binish, Douglas Bottemiller, Karl Campbell, Don Campbell Doug Dvorak, Wayne Anderson, Tim Carlson, Mike Chryst, Randy Crawford, Rod Bongard, Ron Dahlen, Dean Dodson, John Dussol, Pierre Erickson, Tom Bishop, John Blais, Harold Bakka, Dick Boyer, Lyle Bros, David Ferris, Fred Field, Orrin Cox, John Edge, Dick Bell, Jerry Brust, Kirk Bolen, Bill



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Q=Other Non-Sail

W=Warship / Military,

S=Speedboat,

P=Pleasure,

T=Tug,

C=Commercial / Workboat,

Non-Sail. Codes:

November Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month) **Tuesday, Nov. 20**th **7:00 P.M.**

Centennial Lakes
Maintenance Garage

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