

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

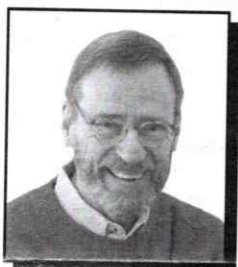
## SAIL & SCALE NEWSLETTER

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### Lighthouse Night Spectacular

By Doug Person



**A**nother very special Lighthouse Night, Spared by Heavy Late Night Rains.

With variable direction, wind speed, huge crowds, multiple radio frequencies, a very large number of EMYC Club Members put on another long-awaited, and very popular Lighthouse Night event, the second of our Club season's premier events.

Several members at our Central Pond venue came early to get the member boating area cordoned off Mike Ross, John Bishop, Paul Olsen, Jeff McCabe, George Merrill (with knot tying advice), and several others were on hand to get reserved seating signs and nautical banners in place. This occurred early enough so that any "early bird" spectators did not have to be displaced prior to the banners being strung. I know there were others, and I regret not remembering their names with this effort.

In our Minnesota "Theater of Seasons", the air temps were a bit cool, for August, for spectators and sailors, myself included... it did not deter what I



thought was a record number of members participating and a very large, and appreciative crowd.

The two most frequent questions I receive from visitors to the pond during the sailing season are: "When is the Parade of Boats this year?" and, "When is Lighthouse Night?" These two events are real crowd pleasers, events not to be missed, and seemed to be very much enjoyed by our membership.

With the large number of boaters and radio frequencies in use, there were some difficulties in

**Lighthouse Night continues on 5**

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

– *Open Boating every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and every Sunday 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.* –  
September 11 & 12, Sat. & Sun. .... See Page 9 ..... Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous  
September 18 & 19, Sat. & Sun. .... 10:00 a.m. North Pond ..... 2004 ODOM National Championship  
September 18 & 19, Sat. & Sun. .... 9:30 a.m. South Pond ..... 2004 Fast Electric Spectacular  
September 18 & 19, Sat. & Sun. .... See Page 9 ..... 2004 St. Louis RC Model Boat Regatta  
September 21, Tues ..... 7:00-9:00 p.m. .... Membership Meeting



## COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Paul Olsen

I'm afraid we are on the downhill side of summer. However, we have two very important events coming up: the ODOM National Championship on September 18-19, and the Fast Electric Spectacular also September 18-19. Both need volunteers. If you would like to help with the ODOM event, contact Judd Morgan [REDACTED]

If you prefer lending a hand at the Fast Electric Spectacular, contact Andy Valentine [REDACTED]

To help solve the problem of sharing frequencies it is essential to have clearly marked frequency flags on our transmitters at all times. Please share time with others on the same frequency.

Remember to bring your finished or unfinished projects to the October meeting for "Show & Tell."

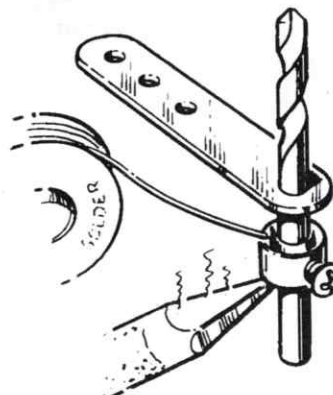
—Paul Olsen




## HOME-BUILT HORN

By Donald Miller, Lusby, MD

A piece of K&S 0.030-inch brass strip silver-soldered to a wheel collar produces a nice rudder horn. Drill holes to fit the clevis pin, and be sure the collar is sized to fit the rudder shaft. Use a suitable drill bit to keep the pieces aligned while you're soldering because solder won't stick to the bit.



—From the February 2001 Radio Control Boat Modeler



**2004 ODOM National Championship**  
September 18th & 19th  
Centennial Lakes - North Pond

Hosted by The Edina Model Yacht Club  
Edina, Minnesota

For Notice of Race / Information & Registration Contact:  
Judd Morgan  
161 Lakewood Road East  
Chanhassen, Minnesota 55317  
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juddmorganyahoo.com

## EMYC New Member

Tony Orozco

— Welcome to the Club —



# 2004 FAST ELECTRIC SPECTACULAR

— September 18th and 19th 2004 —

By Andy Valentine

Our third annual invitation race will be held September 18th and 19th on the south pond of Centennial Lakes Park. Open boating Friday night the 17th from 6:00pm until dusk for testing. Registration will be held the morning of Saturday the 18th at 8:00am and will close at 9:00am. All EMYC members pay \$5 each boat, non-members \$20 first boat \$5 each there after. Pre-registration was offered online until the first weekend in September, please check the notice of race article at <http://www.emyc.org/articles> for an up to date list of registrants and frequencies used along with a registration form.

As we are running two days this year there are 9 classes available.

## Saturday – race start 9:30am

LS Mono – Club Spec  
LS Offshore – Club Spec  
LS Hydro – Club Spec  
N2 Hydro  
O Sport Hydro

## Sunday – race start 9:30am

P Sport Hydro  
P Mono  
N2 Mono  
LS OPC

Three rounds of racing in each class, some of the Spec classes will be split into multiple heats. The event favorite "LS Offshore" presently has 8 boats entered, 12 or more anticipated for race day! LS Offshore, Hydro and OPC will be 10 lap races the remaining will follow a 5 lap race format. With record holders in attendance, some of these boats are fast enough to acquire speeding tickets on the highway! A large number of Spec boats to promote a "drivers race" throughout the day.

In previous years we've had 12-15 racers in attendance with 40-50 boats registered. Following this history and noting that we'll be running two days as compared to single day events in the past, volunteers will be needed and graciously appreciated. We could use help launching boats at the start of each race.

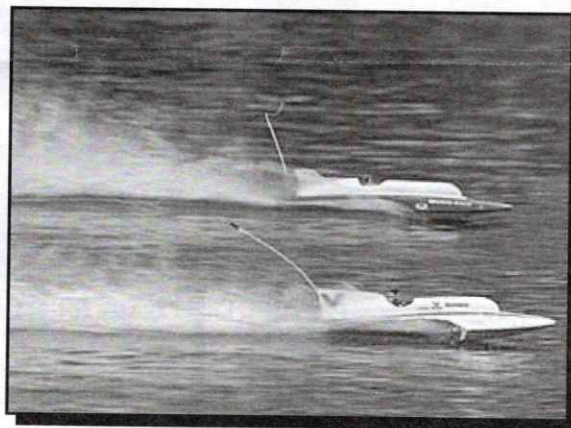


Dan Proulx's record setting mono.

Counting laps for that boat launched. Retrieval boat duties, rescuing capsized boats. Running a stopwatch to capture race time of first place finish boats and reporting that time to the score keeper. Buoy marshals, one to monitor each side of the course for cuts and calling out these infractions and reporting them to the score keeper. Race participants will be expected to pitch in during the race to help in launching

other boats, and marshal buoy cuts. If you can't or don't want to assist for a full day, any time you can provide would be helpful.

Check the detailed article on our clubs website ([www.emyc.org](http://www.emyc.org)) for detailed class specifications and other race details. If you have questions, would like to race or volunteer during the event please contact Andy Valentine [REDACTED]



Hydro Races.

**This year should be a blast.**

—Andy Valentine



# PACIFIC COAST LASER CHAMPIONSHIPS

—THE FURTHER ADVENTURES OF THE INFAMOUS 'BOAT BOX'—

**2004 Pacific Coast Laser  
Championships July 16,17 & 18,  
2004 Redwood City,California  
Sequoia Yacht Club**

**By Fred Ferris**



**T**hursday July 15th I packed up a few things and headed out in the trusty Boat Box. A few hours later I was heading south on 101 through San

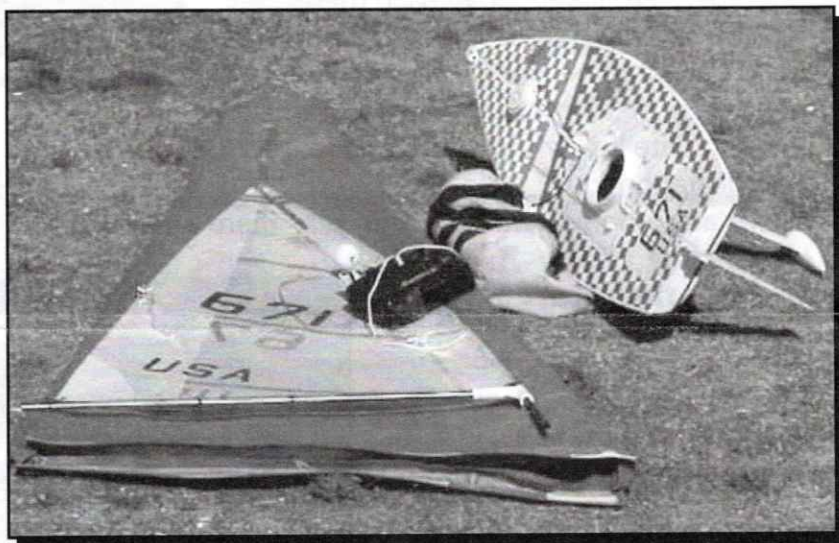
Mateo on the way to Redwood City. I accomplished this by parking the Boat Box at the airport and flying to San Francisco.

Friday was a great day with a light breeze out of the west. I spent some time at the venue just watching the wind on the water as it passed the various obstructions. Around 3:00 PM I went to the Sequoia Yacht Club only to find the door locked. I waited until 4:00 then decided to go back to the motel and check back later. That night there was a walk-in dinner at the yacht club and several of the skippers from the 2003 Nationals were present.

Saturday morning was clear and windless. We met at the yacht club for breakfast and the skippers meeting. About 9:45 we drove over to the venue and got our boats ready. I was able to rig a line over the limb of a tree and fly the 30" EMYC burgee and a Minnesota state flag. Both flags flew all day for both days. For two or three heats the majority of the skippers used the 'A' sail but as the wind filled in we all reverted to the 'B' or stan-

dard sail. I think we sailed 12 races on Saturday. The Sequoia Yacht Club put on a super steak fry that evening for the contestants and guests.

Sunday morning again, clear and windless. The wind took longer to materialize than on Saturday. I think the first heat started about 11:30 or so. We sailed two or three heats with the 'A' rigs then went to the 'B' sails for the rest of the day. By the end of the day we had sailed a total of 24 races over the two days. Everyone headed over to the yacht club for the awards ceremony.



**Fred's RC Laser ready for action.**

Monday morning I drove to Watsonville then back to Redwood City. That afternoon I spent in San Francisco at Spreckles Lake in the park. Later in the day I met up with some friends from when I lived in San Francisco. Late that evening I checked in the rental car and flew back to the Twin Cities. The trusty Boat Box was waiting just where I had left it.

This being episode six of the Boat Box, it was out 4.5 days and traveled 29 miles.

The reason that I flew to this regatta was that I was entered in a Fairwind Regatta two weeks later in Bakersfield California. I did not want to drive twice to California nor did I want to drive and do nothing for two weeks. I was committed to driving for the Fairwind Regatta as I was picking up a "tough to ship" boat as part of the trip. The Fairwind Regatta in Bakersfield is episode seven of the Boat Box and will probably appear in the next news letter.



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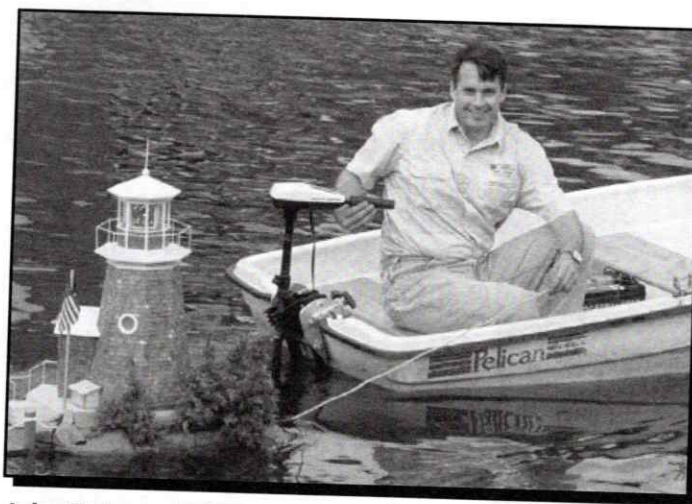
## Lighthouse Night From 1

members sharing radio frequencies, also used by other members.

A possible idea for "Lighthouse Night" might be the use of our frequency board, as we do at the "Parade of Boats".

With Edina's "John Phillip Sousa Band", starting their concert precisely at 8:30 P.M., with its rousing, familiar and toe-tapping music, the Club boats were out on the water. Soon thereafter, all the boats wired for lighting, were on the pond, with Jeff McCabe's brand new, lit and rotating lighthouse beam in the center of the pond, as the center piece for the event, we all were treated to an awe-inspiring evening!

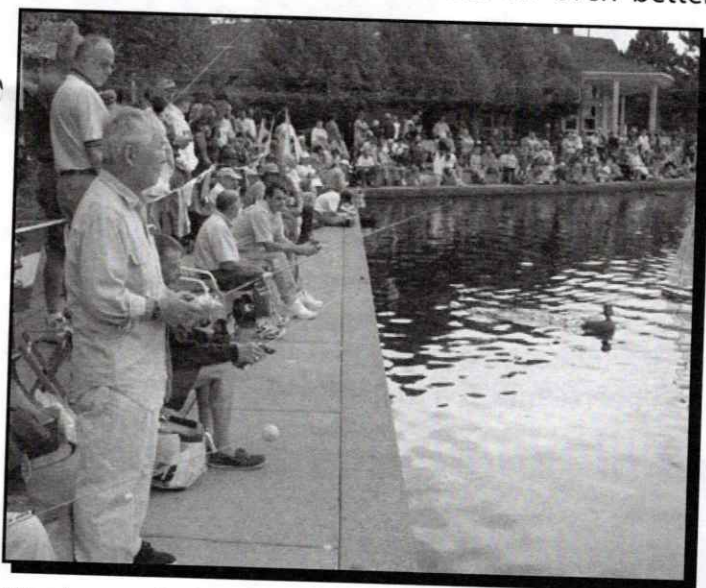
I was told that this event has an even better



John Bishop places the lighthouse in the proper position.

remains the most anticipated and endearing events of all. I believe they were conceived and started in 1991, the year of the incorporation of the Edina Model Yacht Club, by the City of Edina, as a non-profit recreational organization.

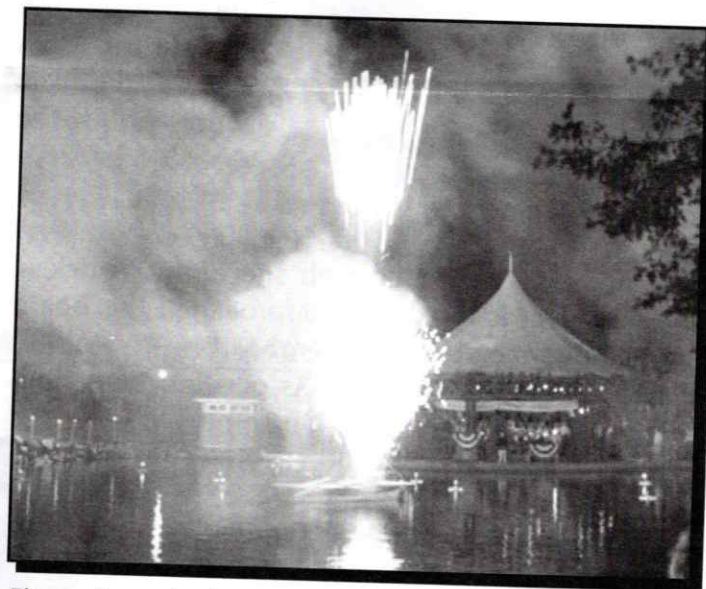
Following the concert there were spectacular mid-altitude fire works, concluding another very special "Lighthouse Night". Several spectators, on their way to their cars, remarked to many of our members, how very much they enjoy this wonderful August tradition.



Members and a large number of spectators line the center pond.

boats-on-the-water tradition than our enormously popular "Parade of Boats" held the second Sunday in June.

Of the various boating events held throughout the season, our club founders... with several charter members of this group still active in our club today, I think the conception, development, and initiation of "Parade of Boats", and "Lighthouse Night"



Fireworks as the band played Stars and Strips Forever capped off the evening.

There was tremendous help by Club Members, following the evening's events, in removing our ropes, the nautical flags, the lighthouse on the water, the bell buoy, and other items that may have required takedown.

My thanks to so many members, visitors, spouses, partners, relatives and friends who came to the 2004 "Lighthouse Night!"

—Doug Person



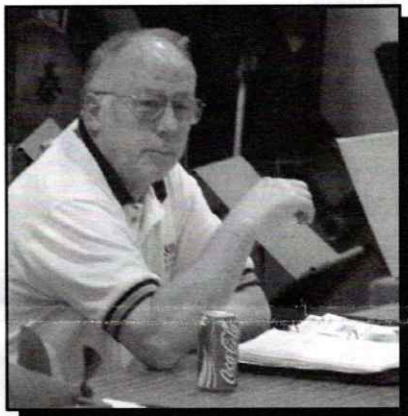
# AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**AUGUST 17, 2004**

**By Jim Smith**

**C**ommodore, Paul Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Commodore asked new members and visitors to introduce themselves. Tony Orozco, age 72, stated that he has been aware of club for one year, and became very interested at the Parade. He is building a model of the PT boat that his father-in-law skippered in WW II (PT-150).



**Paul Olsen.**

Andy Valentine gave a brief run down on the fast electric races to be held on the south pond the weekend of September 18 – 19, 2004. Volunteers

are needed. Check club web site under "Articles." The fast electric group had approached the board requesting a club paid membership in NAMBA (North American Model Boat Association). An annual fee of \$55 will give the club some additional liability coverage. The board has approved the expenditure.

John Dodson reminded members that the 2004 ODOM (One Design One Meter) National Championship will be held the same weekend (Sept. 18th, 19th) on the north pond. Volunteers are needed there, as well. Some familiarity with sail racing rules is desired but duties will be assigned on race day.

Mike Ross made a pitch for some new items in stock at Hub Hobby. (Hitec synthesized [all channel] pistol grip radio, M Sonic electronic speed

controls – three different capacities).

Commodore reported on the opening of the new shopping complex in Des Moines, IA. 9 or 10 members participated. Fred Ferris managed to "drop in" on his way home from sailboat racing in California. Lodging was a problem since the Special Olympics were occurring at the same time.

The pond was nice. A huge storm rolled through the day before the opening, but on event day the weather was fine...if a bit windy.

Dale Johnson stated that the Antique Boat Show would be held on September 11th and 12th, on Lake Minnetonka. Dale stated that as of 8/17 the club had not been contacted to participate.

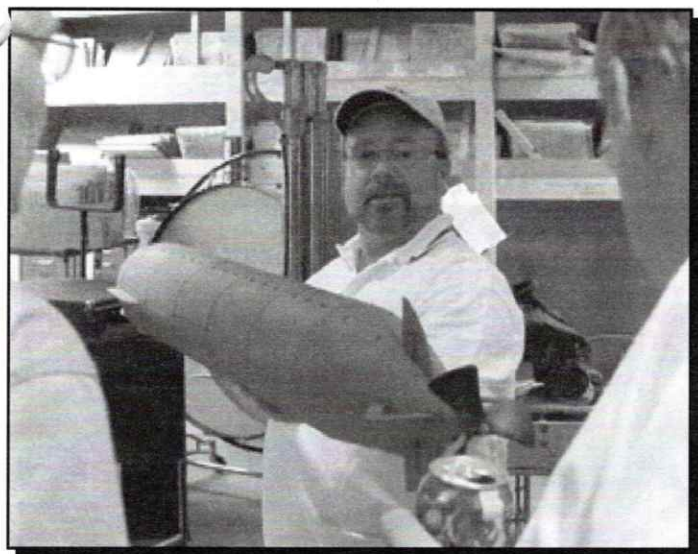


**New member Tony Orozco of Plymouth introduces himself to the club members.**



**August 17, 2004. In the Band Room. 39 members in attendance.**

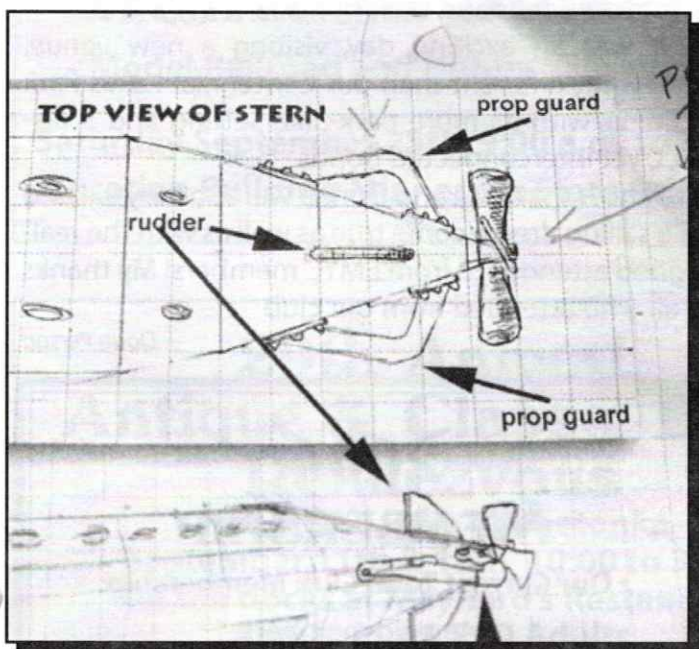




**Tim Smalley giving another wonderful presentation.**

Fred Ferris mentioned that he had come to the pond to sail during off-hours. He asked the rental boat operator what frequencies were in use and the renter had no idea. Jim Smith stated that FCC rules require that a frequency channel number and yellow flag are displayed on 75MHz transmitters and colored flags on 27MHz transmitters. Club will contact rental fleet operator.

Terry Spletstoeser showed his recently purchased, ready to run, Midwest 1:24 PT boat. Local price runs about \$345 - \$365, mail order about \$410.



**One of Tim Smalley's early drawings.**

On the water cost is close to \$700. Terry was rather impressed with the quality of workmanship. Operation is excellent... with proper mechanicals.

Ken Stoltenberg displayed his new Polo Tug. He figured that it should be relegated to the "junior category" since his building cost was probably around 5% of the Midwest PT boat.

Joe Steel displayed his "under construction" Billing, Smit Nederland tug. He commented on the time and effort required to assemble the boat and accessories. That's what kit building is all about, I guess.



**Paul Olsen shows the custom made Hatch assembly.**

## Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Tim Smalley gave a 45 minute presentation on his 35 foot long Civil War submarine, "Alligator - Junior" designed by the 19th century self styled "natural genius," Brutus deVilleroi. The model is currently under construction for a TV documentary on the Discovery Science Channel in late 2005. Tim said he had help from the club "master," Paul Olsen, in constructing the nose and tail cones, copper conning tower and propeller. Mechanicals for use in the TV shoot will be from one of Tim's other cylindrically shaped subs. They will be removed before the sub ends up in a museum. Tim suggested a look at the following web site if you're interested in further information.

< [http://www.rc-submarines.com/Alligator\\_Junior/](http://www.rc-submarines.com/Alligator_Junior/) >



# EMYC MEMBERS WELL REPRESENTED

— At the dedication of the brand new Jordan Creek town Center in West Des Moines Iowa—  
Wednesday, August 4, 1004

By Doug Person

Approximately 15 Club members attended the dedication of the 200 acre project, with a 3.5 acre lake in the West Des Moines multiple use commercial and recreational development. The site has a huge shopping mall, reminiscent of our Mall of America, several restaurants, a hotel, walking paths, and a very large pond, with four fountains located in a wide circle on the lake.

Needless to say, José Medina and Donna Bridges of Des Moines, and new members of EMYC, were just ecstatic with their new facility and the number of EMYC members who drove to Iowa to participate in this very exciting event.

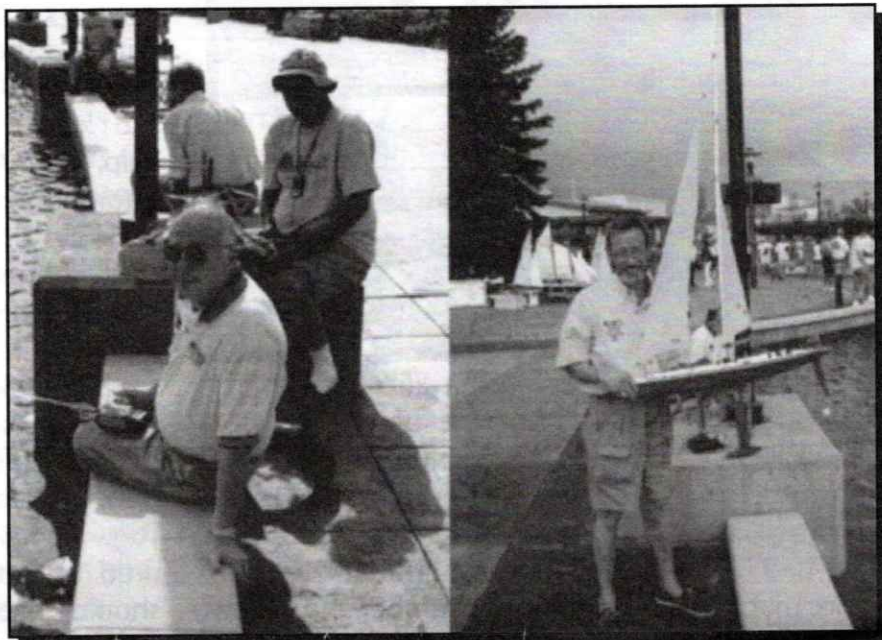
Most of our members had sail boats as well as some scale boats out on the water. Other Iowa residents who participated in the open regatta tended to have very large sailboats, of various classes.

On Tuesday evening, August 3, when most of our members arrived for the Wednesday event, we encountered an enormously pitch black, stormy looking sky at 7:00 P.M., followed by blinding rain, wind and hail. (I have never seen such an ominous looking sky at 7 PM!)

Fortunately, the day of the Grand Opening, was really quite pleasant with good breezes for sailing.

José is the Founder of the Iowa Model Yacht Club, and a dedicated model builder of large R/C sailboats. Donna had her Chris Craft Barrel-Back scale boat out on the water with a woman water skier, not unlike Dale Johnson's male skier and Dick Walker's female skier, pulled by basically the same boat.

Paul Olsen, had "Theodore the Tug," with its moving head and water cannon on the pond, much to the delight of the little children close to shore. Several different classes of sailboats of our members



Paul Olsen, Fred Ferris and Doug Person were among the members that made the trip to Des Moines, Iowa.

were on the water, along with Dave Bros, recently-completed, impeccably built schooner was there as well. (I apologize for not including the names of all of the attendees and their boats.)

It was an exciting day, visiting a new venue, somewhat different than our Centennial Lakes Park in Edina, with its more park-like setting and 3 distinct, yet interconnected ponds

I know that José and Donna were so very excited for a sailing dream come true as well as with the really good attendance from EMYC members! My thanks to all who attended from our club

—Doug Person

## 2004 MEMBERSHIP

• Our Current Total Club Membership:

149 paid members.

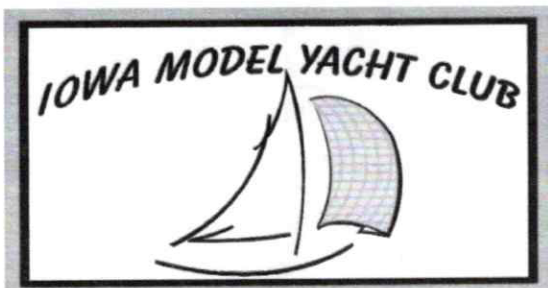


# THANK YOU EMYC

By José Medina

**W**e would like to thank the Edina Model Yacht Club for making the trip to Des Moines for this event. You all helped make this event a huge success. Also, Donna and I would like to thank all those who helped us Tuesday night during the storm to get our boats into the trailer. Special thanks to Tony Johnson, who helped us load the boats and rode out part of the storm in our 6x10 cargo trailer. We had winds over 70 mph. We would have lost several of our boats if it had not been for your help. We hope to see you when you can come down again and we will most definitely see you at the Centennial Lakes.

—José Medina



Iowa Model Yacht Club Newsletter Masthead.

## SPECIAL THANKS

To all the members that contributed to this issue of the Sail & Scale. Without you this publication would be nothing.

Fred Ferris, Ray Johnson, José Medina, Donald Miller, Paul Olsen, Doug Person, Alex Raupp, Jim Smith.

## — NOTICE —

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

During this time of year it is very difficult to tell exactly where the monthly meetings will be held. We will try to hold them in the Centrum Building but often times the building is not available, in that case the meeting will be switched to the Band Room in the Garage, as in the winter.

— Please check both locations. —

## Twin City Model Railroad Museum

— Model Railroad and Hobby Sale and Show—

**Saturday September 25th 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Education Building Minnesota State Fair Grounds

## 29th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous

— Returns to Lake Minnetonka—  
**September 11th & 12th 10:00 to 3:00**  
On the docks at Maynard's Restaurant  
Admission: \$5.00 Adults

## THE 16TH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS RC MODEL BOAT REGATTA

**Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri**  
**September 18th and 19th**

Sponsored by the St. Louis Admirals  
R/C Model Boat Club.

*One of the largest RC Model Boat Shows in the Midwest.*

For more information contact:

**Tom O'Dell, Admiral**

## CLUB SHIRTS HATS ETC.

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2004 7:00 P.M.  
CENTENNIAL LAKES CENTRUM BUILDING

### Presentation on: ???

At the September meeting. Commodore will surprise us with a presentation sure to inform and please.

### Special Interest Contacts:

#### Membership:

Dale Johnson

#### Scale Boating:

Tim Smalley

#### Sail Boating:

Tony Johnson

#### Fast Electric:

Andy Valentine

## 2004 Board Members

**Commodore:** Paul Olsen  
**Vice Commodore:** Tim Smalley  
**Vice Commodore:** Dave Bros  
**Vice Commodore:** Dale Johnson  
**Vice Commodore:** Keith Kaletta

**Newsletter Editors:** Dale Johnson & Alex Raupp

Please send articles by email to:

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October publication will be Monday Sept 27, 2004.