

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Five Stars for Lighthouse Night



By Doug Person

The 2005 Lighthouse Night was a "stellar success".

There was an excellent representation of club members with their lighted boats

on the Center Pond, putting on a spectacular show for a standing-room only crowd, for Lighthouse Night 2005, held on Sunday, August 14th.

In my 9 or 10 years of participating in Lighthouse Night, I think we had the largest crowd ever, and quite possibly the largest number of members/ boats present as well.

We had virtually perfect weather, after such a dreadfully long, hot and high heat index July and early August. I think temps by the end of the evening were in the upper 50's

to low 60's. In addition to the splendid band concert, by Edina's John Phillip Sousa Memorial Band and exciting fireworks display, we were treated to a bright moon at 70% of being a full moon.

Lighthouse Night continues on 7



Record crowds enjoy an awesome show of lights on the center pond.

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 17 & 186:00-9:00 pmSt. Louis RC Model Boat Regatta
- September 20, Tues7:00-9:00 pmMembership Meeting
- September 24, Sat9:30 amFairwind Regatta
- October 8, Sat9:30 amODOM Regatta

COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Paul Olsen

It has come to my attention that on the 23rd of August an incident took place on the center

pond over sharing of frequencies.

This conflict involved two members of the club, very loud swearing, and threats of bodily harm.

One member, went home and sent a letter to our newsletter editor for publication. It will not be published. He also posted on our website his account of what took place on the 23rd, ending with an extremely serious threat.

The police have been informed and the Board is meeting to take action on this matter. A full report will be given at the September meeting.

This is also the time of year we have club officer elections, so start thinking about your nominations for officers for next year

See you at the September meeting.

—Paul Olsen



IN MEMORY

Fellow skipper and cartoonist Raymond G. Johnson, 65 passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2005, at the age of 65. He died peacefully in his sleep.

Ever since Ray joined the Club in summer of 1999 our Sail & Scale newsletter has been blessed with Ray's extraordinary talent as a cartoonist. He seemed to have a natural ability to see things from a different angle or point of view which always would bring a smile or chuckle. We have enjoyed knowing him and over the years appreciate his positive and uplifting insights into our hobby.

Earlier this year Ray supplied a full years worth of cartoons so for the rest of the year we will publish his remaining artwork. Next year as a tribute I would like to share once again with the club some of his best cartoons from years past. On page 5, Ray's wife Donna shared an article from another publication with us that gives us a picture of some of the other things Ray was into.

He will definitely be missed; the great ones always are.

—Dale

2005 MEMBERSHIP

- 150 members strong.

EMYC New Members

Leo Honetschlager
Mark Honetschlager

— Welcome to the Club —

AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2005



By Jim Smith

In the absence of the Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Dave Bros called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Vice-Commodore asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. New youth member, Evan McNaughton, introduced himself. He is interested in Ocean Liners. Tom Taft is interested in scale. He is looking for a starter boat, perhaps a tug. Polo Tug was recommended.



Meeting August 16, 2005 with 33 members in the band room.



New members Tom Taft and Evan McNaughton

Dave mentioned the death of Ray Johnson, our club cartoonist.



Vice Commodore Dave Bros addresses the membership at the July meeting.

Fred Ferris mentioned that there would be a Fairwind sailing event on the Center Pond on September 24th from 10 AM until 3 PM. Skipper's meeting at

9:30 AM.

Another sailing event, for ODOMs will take place on the North Pond on October 8th. Times will be the same as for the Fairwind event.

Andy Valentine mentioned the Fast Electric Invitational on the South Pond on August 20 and 21st, from 9 AM until 5 or 6 PM. Practice day on Friday, August 19th is open to all.

Dale Johnson is still looking for someone to assemble and write a Scale column for the newsletter.

Thanks to John Bishop for arriving at the pond early on Sunday, August 14th to set-up and string the flag barriers prior to Lighthouse Night. Thanks too, to Jeff McCabe for the use of his lighthouse again this year.

Keith Gates suggested that the flag barrier could be extended further north, north of the Centrum Building to accommodate additional boaters.

Dave Bros mentioned how the operation of Zig-Zag type racing boats during Lighthouse Night was disruptive of the show. Several club members removed their boats from the water when those fast and wildly operated boats showed up. After much discussion it was decided that these boats must be controlled during such events. Members should be informed before hand and non-members must be informed immediately upon first attempting to run these boats. Virtually unanimous show of hands in favor of restricting operation of these boats!

Dick Walker and Dale Johnson expressed enthusiasm for the BSLOL Antique Boat Show at Bayport.



Dan Lewandowski fires up his easy to build smoke generator and fills the area with artificial smoke.

Jim Smith stated that he was disappointed in that only five members participated on Saturday and four on Sunday...all of whom had been specifically contacted and asked to attend by the Commodore. No additional members attended!

Joe Steele showed the new Spektrum radio by Horizon Hobby. This is a 3 channel rig operating on 2.4 Ghz. Although designed for model cars, it functions well for boats. Upon turning on the transmitter, it automatically chooses an unused frequency from a menu of about 70. There is no interference with 75mHz radios. Unfortunately, this radio is currently only available with a pistol grip transmitter... no twin stick transmitters are available.

Tim Smalley reported on the 14th Annual Sub Regatta hosted by the Indianapolis Admirals Club. About 150 members brought about 90 submarine models. The venue sported a three foot deep, clear water pool about the size of two football fields. Excellent for sub operation.

Dan Lewandowski demonstrated his high volume smoke generator based on Axman Surplus parts and an aquarium air pump. Dan uses stage fog fluid, ships power and a 1.5 volt source for the pump to produce huge volumes of smoke. He

stated that after building so many of his units that he can now finish one in about 20 minutes. Everybody wanted one!

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM



Following the meeting Dan fields members questions.



Just received a New Catalogue!



EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

Your contact for Yacht Club "Logo Gear" is

Doug Person (952) 926-4934

I have three fantastic catalogues filled with clothing choices you can select to have embroidered by Team Mates, Egan.

Some clothing examples include: Polo and Chambrarty Denim shirts... Sweatshirts, Jackets, Caps, Vests, or your own shirt or jacket, etc. Embroidery options include our club logo and/or burgee with your name, boat name, number, etc.

Typical costs range from about \$28.00 to \$33.00 (of course, price will depend upon the garment choice and amount of embroidery you choose)

Fly your colors...EMYC!!

PRESS EDITORIAL CARTOONIST LOVED POLITICS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LIFE

By **Brenda Cornelius**

Managing Editor, Press Publications

Cartoonist Raymond G. Johnson, 65, went to bed Sunday, July 24 with a copy of Harper's magazine. He didn't wake up.

When his wife, Donna, who had been out of town, returned the next day to their Birchwood home Monday, she found him lying peacefully, his nose still tucked into the magazine and an article on Richard Nixon.

It was a fitting end to the life of a man whose many interests included politics and social justice, said Mrs. Johnson.

A retired Lutheran pastor, Johnson sent a sampling of cartoons to the Press Publications office a few years ago in an effort to convince then-managing-editor Lee Ann Schutz to let him contribute to the newspapers, editorial pages. It took some convincing, his wife recalled, but Johnson prevailed and the paper dropped its previous cartoonist.

Every month or so since that time, a fresh supply of cartoons, sometimes political and always topical, arrived at the front desk in a manilla envelope. There were always plenty to choose from. He also contributed cartoons to the Metro Lutheran Newspaper.

Cartooning was a perfect match for Johnson's talents as an artist and a writer, his wife said.

"He had an incredible eye for what goes on in the world," she said.

Seeing his freelance creations published "was one of the highlights of the last years of his life," said Mrs. Johnson. "He didn't do it for money."

Mrs. Johnson described her husband as "interesting, compassionate...eccentric." He was an artist and

an athlete. When they met six years ago, he was 59 and living in Orono, Minn. There, he would rollerblade seven miles around Baker Park every day. He also biked long-distance, played tennis, sailed and ran a marathon once. "He said it was something he'd never do again," his wife said.

A Michigan native, Johnson attended a Lutheran seminary in St. Paul in the '60s and graduated in 1968 as an ordained minister. He was a pastor at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York Mills, Minn., for 17 years, then returned to the Twin Cities where he worked as a pastor, then retired early. The Johnsons moved to Birchwood in January 2002.

Johnson's interests also included garden railroads. The couple's backyard features an authentic miniature working railroad, which winds through the garden as well as

a number of "fantasy scenes" that Johnson built, including a lumberyard, houses and stores. He playfully named his line the "Deubeous and Notontyme Railroad."

Johnson also built model boats and was a member of the Edina Model Boat Club.

Services for Johnson were Saturday, July 30, 2005, at Honso Family Funeral Home.

In addition to his wife, Donna, he is survived by his mother, Lempi Johnson; sons, Aaron (Angie) Johnson and Nathan (Amy) Johnson; grandchildren, Ethan, Adrianna, Christian and Zane; stepchildren, Kamela and David Koehler; brother, Robert Johnson; and sisters, June Molohon and Rachel Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Johnson.

Brenda Cornelius can be reached at 651-407-1226 or brendacornelius@sherbtel.net



Ray Johnson's first cartoon for Sail & Scale.

Lighthouse Night From page 1

The Lighthouse Night was initiated late summer 1994, followed by a hiatus of a year in 1995, due to the fact that the pond had been drained. In 1996, the Sousa Band became part of the event. Lighthouse Night has been held every year since 1996, usually with the Sousa Band performing. On a couple of occasions the Honeywell Band performed for the event.

For the 14th consecutive year John Bishop had made special arrangements with his employer, American Airlines, for which he flies as Captain, to have the day off so he could coordinate this deeply steeped- in- tradition event. As usual, John did an outstanding job.



Fantastic turnout for Lighthouse Night.



Jeff's working lighthouse does it again.

It wouldn't be a real Lighthouse Night, were it not for creative model building skills of a floating lighthouse designed and built by Jeff McCabe.

The Club is deeply appreciative to Tom Shirley, Manager of Centennial Lakes Park and Edinborough Park as well as the Edina Park and Recreation Department, for providing and maintaining such an outstanding remote control model boat venue for the Club on the three ponds at Centennial Lakes.

I think Parade of Boats and Lighthouse Night were equally popular spectator events, sponsored by EMYC this year, the two crown jewels in our Club's calendar year.

My thanks to all the Club members who participated in this year's event. You all made the night very special for perhaps some 2,000-3,000 spectators.

—Doug Person

New RC Boat Publication

Launch Date: Jan/Feb 2006

If you are a radio control industry manufacturer, RC or Scale modeler or anyone else who enjoys Scale & RC Boats like me, you will be happy to know that finally a quality U.S. based scale model boat magazine focusing on the radio control aspects of the hobby is being



launched in January 2006.

Scale & RC Boat Magazine will be published bi-monthly in full color. The premier issue is January/February 2006 and will be on sale December 2005. The initial print is 10,000 copies with an estimated readership of 25,000

<http://www.scalercboat.com/>

HUNT FOR THE USS ALLIGATOR

**One-hour special airs October 5 from 8-9PM ET/PT
-on the Discovery Science Channel**

Silver Spring, Md. – Off the coast of the Carolinas lies the Alligator, the U.S. Navy's first underwater fighting machine, which predates the famous Confederate sub, the Hunley by two years. At the time, it was the largest, most sophisticated submarine in existence, brainchild of a French inventor who built his visionary craft in the shipyards of Philadelphia.

Commissioned by Abraham Lincoln in 1861 for the equivalent of \$250,000 today, the 20-man sub was lost in a hurricane in 1862. Its inventor, Brutus DeVilleroi, walked off the job after conflicts with the shipyard, and the ship's plans were lost to history until 2003, when National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) employee Catherine Marzin

uncovered the original blueprints in a 17th century castle outside Paris, home of the French naval archives. Her discovery sparked renewed interest in the craft, and in the summer of 2004 NOAA and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) sponsored a preliminary search for the Alligator in the waters southeast of Cape Hatteras, NC. Science Channel cameras were on board to capture the action.

HUNT FOR THE USS ALLIGATOR tells the story of the Alligator and its mysterious inventor, the 2004 expedition, and the sub's fascinating place in naval history as the first military submarine commissioned by the U.S. Navy. The special premieres on The Science Channel on October 5, from 8 PM to 9 PM ET/PT.

From the shipyards of Philadelphia to the inventor's home in Nantes, France (where DeVilleroi is rumored to have taught mathematics to a young Jules Verne, author of 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea), HUNT FOR THE USS ALLIGATOR traces the sub's

history and place in the Civil War's underwater arms race.

Cameras travel to Carderock MD, where Science Channel commissioned, radio-controlled scale models of the Alligator and its prototype were put through their paces at the Naval Surface Warfare Center and in the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal in an effort to better understand their propulsion and ballast systems. At the US Navy Submarine Base in Groton, CT, specialists are consulted on the viability of the sub's innovative air purification system. The program concludes aboard the naval research vessel YP-679 during the 2004 NOAA/ONR expedition, where researchers hunt, unsuccessfully, for the lost sub. While unsuccessful on this first attempt to locate the Alligator, they don't give up hope. According to

Daniel J. Basta, director of NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary Program, the search will continue, "The Alligator is an important national asset. The hunt allows us to capture the nation's attention on things that are maritime heritage, that are marine science, that are conservation. How do you educate kids about science when you can't get their attention...the Alligator has proven to be something that interests them tremendously."

HUNT FOR THE USS ALLIGATOR is produced for The Science Channel by David Clark Inc. David Clark is producer and director. For The Science Channel, Steve Burns is executive producer.



Tim Smalley's RC model of the USS Alligator

BAYPORT CLASSIC BOAT SHOW



By Doug Person

The 24th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show, held the weekend of August 13 and 14, 2005, at the Bayport

Marina on the St. Croix River was attended by 6 of our members who manned a "show and tell" table of scale and sailboats. Three members attended both days: Paul Olsen, Dale Johnson and Dick Walker. Three other members were able to attend the event one day of the week-



end: Karl Bottemiller, Jim Smith and Doug Person.

There was considerable interest in the models by owners of the real (big) boats and cruisers.

The Bayport Marina is beautiful and a fun place to visit. Our hosts were most cordial and seemed to appreciate the Club having members and models as part of this annual event.

New Rules May Shake Organizations' Foundations

It has come to our attention that a new rule in an organizational bylaw structure may have an affect on certain passages of bylaw certification and acceptance.

In effect, precise modifications to various procedures may require review and possible adaptation to existing formulas.

We are currently contemplating the issue and procedures for appointing a commission to elect a committee to investigate possible ramifications. Upon the creation of the appropriate committee, a suitable chairperson will be determined.

Though this process may require several years to complete, we will keep you informed as to our progress in appropriate public forums.

THE 17TH ANNUAL ST. LOUIS RC MODEL BOAT REGATTA

**Union Station, St. Louis, Missouri
September 17th and 18th**

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
(618) 836-7391**

- BOATS FOR SALE -

Don Swain is moving and he is proudly offering parts of his fleet for sale. The new place just does not have the space necessary to house the fleet in it's entirety so sacrifices must be made.

There are five model ships for your consideration ranging from \$50.00 to \$700.00. Photographs and descriptions have been posted at this web link—http://www.emyc.org/articles/article_event.asp?id=38

For further information you can contact Don Swain at 612-588-9362.

FUN SAILING EVENTS



By Terry Mackey

There will be a Fun Sailing Event for the Fairwinds and another for the ODOMs. See dates below. These will be at no cost, there are no trophies or free lunch. Just bring your boats and enjoy the fun. Think about them as lay back, relaxing sail days. No

rules...

The "seasoned" sailors (those that have nothing better to do than sail 3 days a week!) will start later than the less experienced to get some exciting finishes. Or maybe two fleets...so you can relax and watch between sailing. Or something else...we can all decide when we get there. That's it...



The hope is to have the Fairwinds on the center pond and the ODOMs on the north. There will be tuning and sailing help...if needed.

Mark your calendars...and get those boats out of the basement. A great Fun-For-All!

Fairwinds Sept 24 / Skippers meeting at 9:30...sailing 10:00-3:00 / Lunch break 12:00-1:00

ODOMs Oct 8 / Skippers meeting at 9:30...sailing 10:00-3:00 / Lunch break 12:00-1:00

SPECIAL THANKS

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

Brenda Cornelius, Ray Johnson, Donna Johnson, Terry Mackey, Paul Olsen, Doug Person, Alex Raupp, Tim Smalley, 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. -

SAIL & SCALE STAFF

I am still looking for a writer to join the Sail & Scale staff. A person that can write a monthly column and deliver it as an electronic file (preferably over the internet) ready to publish, not meaning formatted, just a plain text file spelling and grammar checked. You must have a respect for deadlines.

If you are interested contact Dale Johnson at: 952-854-3243 or drj528847@mn.rr.com

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2005 7:00 P.M.
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM

DISCUSSION ON POND ETIQUETTE

At the September meeting we go over some recent events.

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