

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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STARTING GREAT IN 2008



By Al Bickford

About 30 people attended our first meeting of the year.

I reported on the previous week's board meeting and asked for input from the club members concerning our storage area. It has become overcrowded and is definitely in need of a clean-up. We also need to improve the storage of the magazines and other paperwork that is now just lying in the open and gathering dust. The board is looking for some tall, metal, door-fronted storage shelves to keep our magazines and paper supplies in.

Also brought up was the need to check out the Zodiac that now sits deflated and dusty on the fast electric viewing stand. It is unknown whether it leaks air or not, or if it can be stored in a smaller area. Volunteers (Terry Mackey, Paul Olsen, Al Bickford, and Larry Wheeler) will check it out before the next meeting and then make recommendations.

Ben Radenbaugh has been working on ways to improve our web site and Joe Steele has volunteered to get in touch with the current web master and to take over the site improvement if things work out. It has been tentatively approved by the board that a reasonable amount

of money would be well spent on the site's improvement as the site can be a primary way to get the word out about our club and its activities.

This year's dues are being collected by Ray Meifert. He set up shop at the beginning of the meeting and a large portion of the members have made their payments. Since our treasurer is on vacation (in Hawaii - !) Paul Olsen has temporarily assumed the role of treasurer until he returns.

The final Board item that was discussed was that of email addresses. It was pointed out that a very large number of the meeting and dues reminders were returned as either "undeliverable" or as having a "fatal flaw." It was requested that any member that has changed his email address please get in touch with me and I'll correct it for our list. We're off to a great year!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

March 7-9

All day

Laser Mid-Winters, Marco Island, FL

April, Date TBD

Saturday Morning

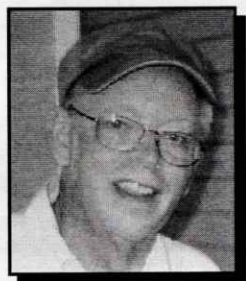
Centennial Lakes 3-Pond Race

May, Date TBD

Saturday and Sunday Morning

Over 45-inch Sailboat Regatta and Enduro Regatta

COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Al Bickford

Wet and Dusty... I wish I could say that title was about an old boat that I'm working on.

But nope, I'm talking about four intrepid volunteers that showed up to assault our dirty, dusty, grimy storage room in the Centennial garage. And "assaulted" is the right word. Put Terry Mackey, Vern Grimes, Larry Wheeler, and Paul Olsen together in a crew and you've got a force to be reckoned with. Magazines got filed; cans got pitched; buoys got tubbed; ice chests were stowed; pennant lines were untangled. The Zodiac was brought out, inflated, and power-washed. Beware when Larry says, "Hey, Al, could you hold this so that it won't fall over when I spray it?" His next sentence was, "Wow! This thing kicks!" I won't say what my next sentence was...

Sadly, the Zodiac deflated as the morning progressed. Larry and Paul are working on a patch-fix for our "semi-submersible." After all, it's not good form to slowly slide beneath the ripples during the Parade of Boats

Lastly, If you know of any available used metal storage cabinets (cheap!) please let us know. Our magazines and newsletter supplies don't take kindly to the open air of the maintenance area.

See you at the meeting and...
Smooth sailing - Al Bickford

THOMAS PAUL O'DELL

JUNE 11, 1935 TO JAN. 15, 2008

Long time Admiral, Commodore and founder of the St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club, Thomas Paul O'Dell, 72, died on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, at his home.

An avid model builder, his presence will be greatly missed by the St. Louis Admirals, which he helped begin over 25 years ago, and by all of us who shared model boating with him.

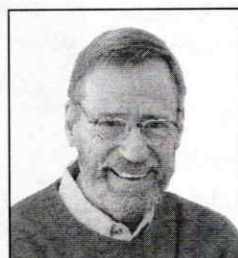
Many members of the Edina Model Yacht Club knew Tom and are familiar with his many contributions to model boating. Following are excerpts of comments given at Tom's memorial service by his long-time friend Norm Kalaskie.

"One day Tom asked if I would be interested in starting a radio controlled boat club. Well, he started us off on yet another new project. We threw ourselves into this new idea and founded The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club. This was about 30 years ago. Tom really enjoyed this new endeavor and worked hard to make it a success. And He did. It is now the biggest in the Midwest with a huge membership and a great reputation.

"Another modeling success for Tom was his curatorship of a modeling museum in St. Charles, MO. He spent several years at this job after Owens Illinois closed the mold shop where we worked.

"When the St. Louis Admirals had a moment of silence at the passing of a club member, Tom would always end with this: 'We wish you fair winds and following seas.'"

"I would like to pass this comment on to Tom now: Fair winds and following seas, good friend."



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**Your contact for "Logo Gear" is
Doug Person**

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

Embroidery options include our club logo and/or burgee with your name, boat name, number, etc.

Fly your colors...EMYC!!

EMYC CLUBMEMBER PROFILES:

DON PEARSON AND SHIPS IN A BOTTLE

Editors Note - As a new feature, we will on occasion highlight a clubmember and his or her modeling related activities. If you would like to share your interests, perspectives or experiences in the hobby, please let me know. Hope you enjoy this new feature.

By Kris Nelson

Tucked away in his comfortable workshop in Deephaven, Minnesota, you will find Donald Pearson working on his lifetime hobby of putting ships in bottles.

As one enters the shop, Miniature Marine, you will notice all types of small sailing ships, from sloops to four-masted ships and clippers in various stages of construction. You will also note the neatness and precise placement of hundreds of home made fine tools ready for instant use when required. On shelves nearby there are neat stacks of different sizes of wood drying for future models along with many special tools and fixtures. On other shelves there are beautiful glass bottles Don has made for his ships by a glassblower in Colorado. The shop itself has a nautical air about it with photos, plans, and models for repair, cleaning and restoration mixed in with ship-in-bottle models.

Don's background has prepared him well for this hobby. Don grew up in Connecticut and as a young boy spent most of his summer months on his grandparents farm. His grandfather, a retired sea captain with seven trips around the Horn, told many sea stories, and Don started making ship models. It was there, at an early age of eleven, that Don made his first model ship in a bottle.

Over the years, Don has sailed a yawl in Nova Scotia, and raced Internationals and Lightnings on Long Island Sound. Don is an accomplished Blue Ribbon winning pen and ink and watercolor artist. He learned a lot about painting from his friend, marine artist Gordon Grant. Don's modelling is also strongly influenced by Alan Villiers, the author of many great books on deep water sailing, who

advised him to study and know every detail of how a ship worked and how she was constructed. Don's work reflects that approach and an in-depth knowledge of ship construction.

The models are all scratch-built from the existing prototype plans when they are available. The plans are photographically reduced to an exact scale that can range from 0.028" to 0.120" to the foot. The scale of the model depends on the type of ship and the bottle size and configuration.

The materials used are the best available. Hardwoods like holly and apple are used for the hull, and boxwood and lemon for the spars. Sails are made from watermarked rag bond or thin rice paper. The model is mounted in an "ocean" made from a UV protected colored epoxy. The bottled ship is displayed on a hand rubbed cherry or walnut base with a solid brass engraved plate.

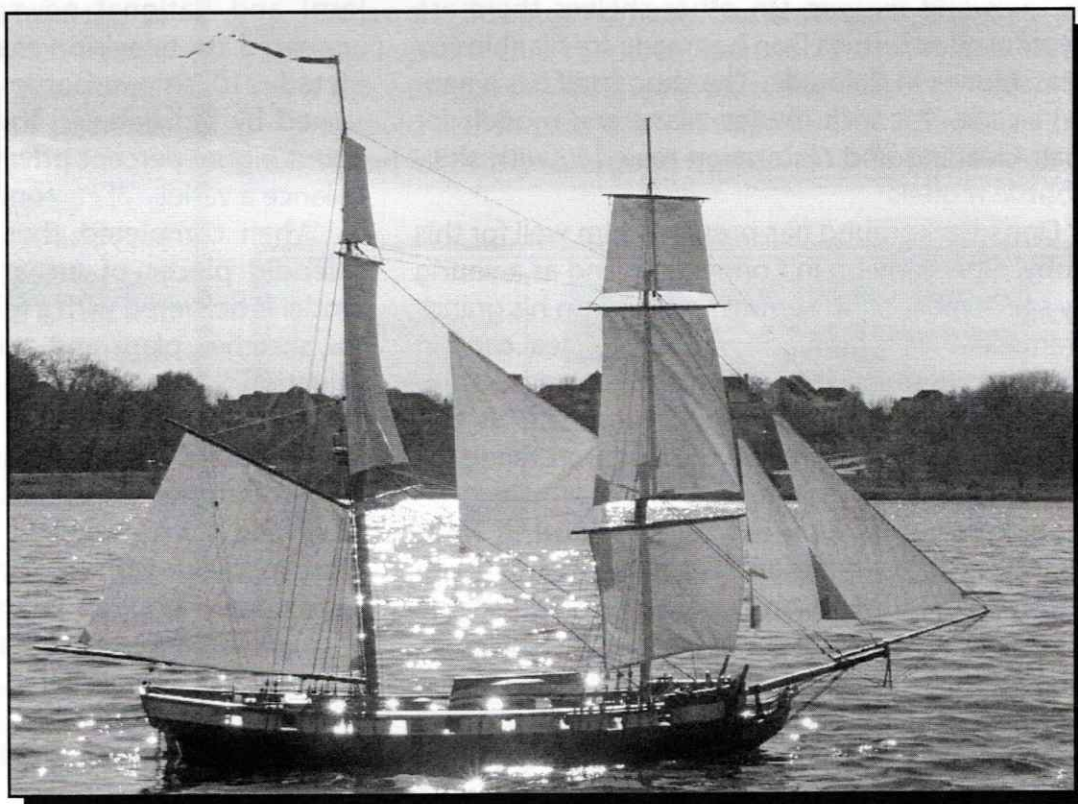
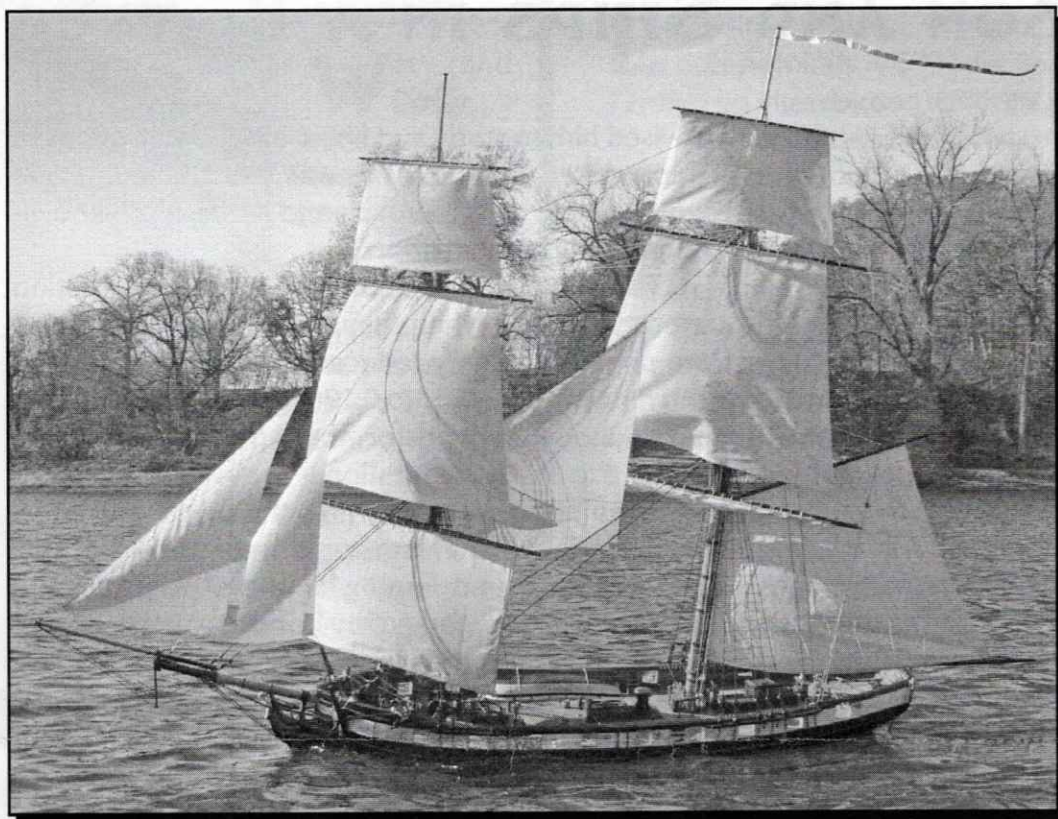
Over the years Don has been the subject of many local and national newspaper articles and has appeared on television many times. He has completed 210 ship-in-bottle models, most commissioned by individuals. The model trend has been about eighty percent private sailing yachts and the balance a variety of customer favorites.

When completed, these miniature models are splendid pieces of art and workmanship. Each model is delivered with a folder of construction photos, sketches, plans and a letter of authenticity and valuation.

Although this is still a hobby for Don, it is fast turning into a full time business due to the demand. He currently has over a two year backlog of commissions, and thinks it would be great to be building these models full time. Most of his customers end up as personal friends and personal salesman.

If you are interested in learning more about this art you are welcomed to contact Don either by phone [REDACTED]
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FOTO FEST - SQUARE RIGGER



JANUARY MEETING SHOW'N'TELL

By Al Bickford

It's been a busy winter...

Don Sektnan showed his new compact servo tester from the Hub Hobbies R/C boat area for around \$10. The tester is smaller than a matchbook and can be tossed into a field box for checking out servo play and alignment at the pond or during a build session.

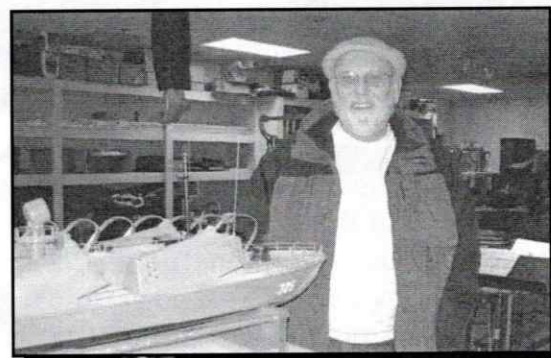
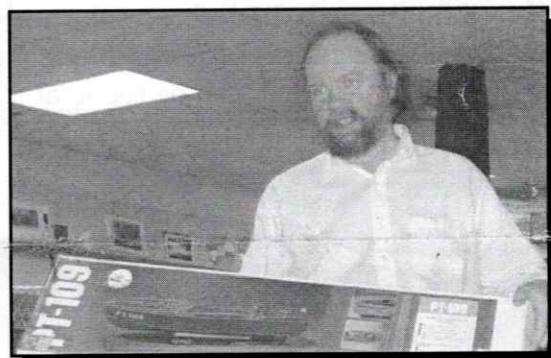
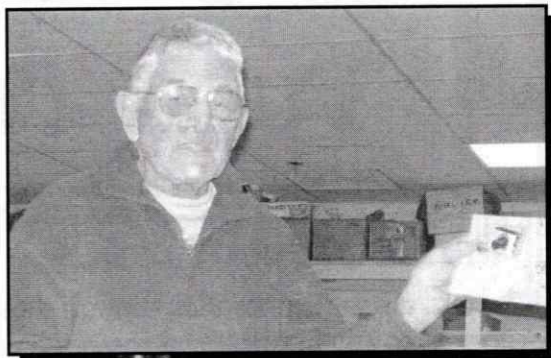
Kevin Waldo showed off his new PT 109 kit from Dumas. He's early in the process of assembly and so far says that it is going quite well except for a slight "adjustment" that was needed on the transom due to a miss-read of the not-so-clear plans. He hopes to have the boat ready for our Parade of Boats this June. Go for it Kevin!

Joe Steele brought in his completed version of a PT-109 and the detail work that he has done on it is very impressive to say the least. This kit is a modified one that Dumas has converted from wood to a styrene hull. He did the hull and topsides in Pullman green, and it looks like the real thing.

Not to be out-done, Gary Phillips had a model of the first-ever missile firing boat - a Russian Osal. Built on a PT hull, this model has four missile bays - two of which are "active." That's right - ACTIVE! They actually launch - read "fire" - real model missiles. Don't expect to see them active at our ponds though... too dangerous to use in such tight quarters. Gary says that when launched, the missile can go up to 700 feet vertically. Aimed so that they have about a 15 foot arc they'll go about 140 feet. He's still tinkering with the missile engines, so stand by for more news on this spectacular model.

Tim Smalley was tops on the new gizmo list with a tiny video camera that can be submerged. It seems that having a record of your sub's drag race with a perch can now be recorded for posterity. The camera records to a memory stick for playback in just about any format and can record for up to an hour in low resolution. It's available from Oregon Scientific for under a hundred dollars. Get ready for some great underwater videos of sub action from Tim.

- Al Bickford



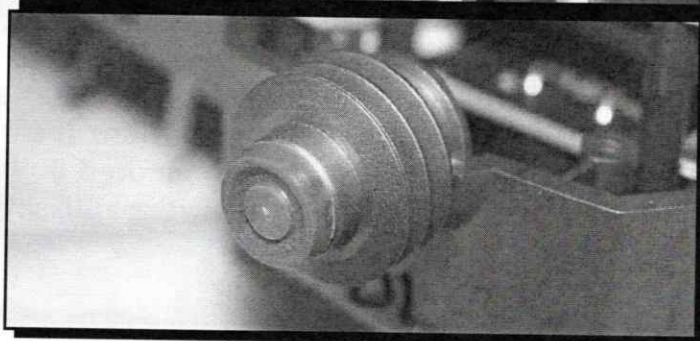
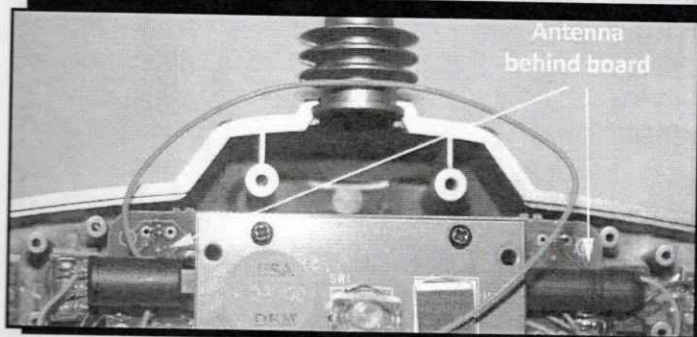
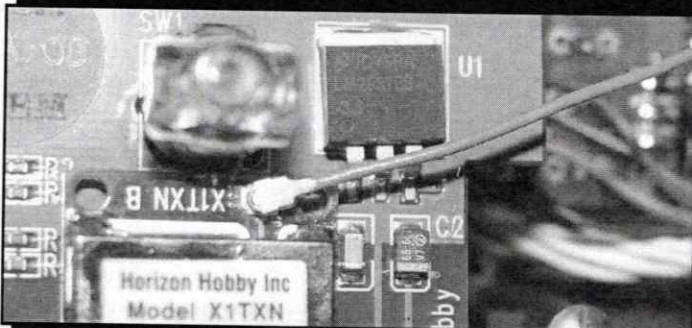
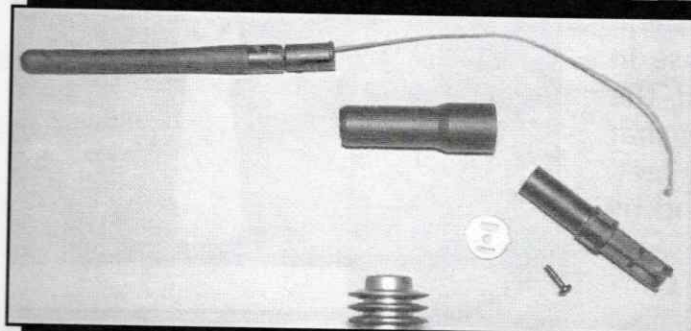
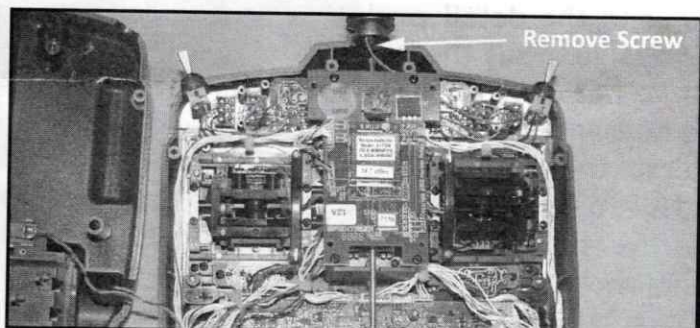
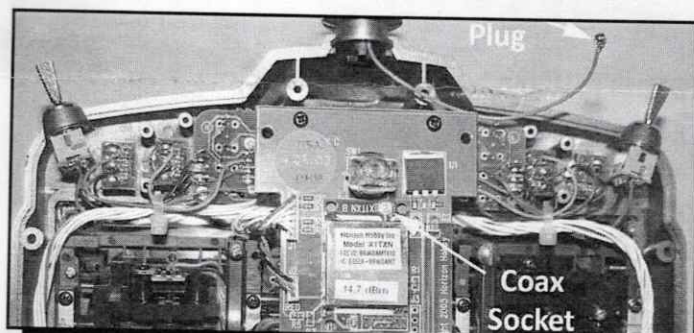
BUILDER'S CORNER

TUCK THAT ANTENNA!

By Billy Aingpin

Spektrum radio antennas, though short and seemingly sturdy, have a relatively delicate, very small diameter coaxial antenna wire threaded up through the base of the antenna and through the ninety degree swivel joint. Chafing or breakage of the wire can occur fairly easily at that point. A modification has been posted on the web that protects the antenna by installing it inside the transmitter case while maintaining nearly full antenna signal strength and range. Here are pictures of the modification steps of my Spektrum DX7. Additional details can be found at this link:

<http://www.anderswallin.net/2007/11/spektrum-dx6-antenna-mod/>



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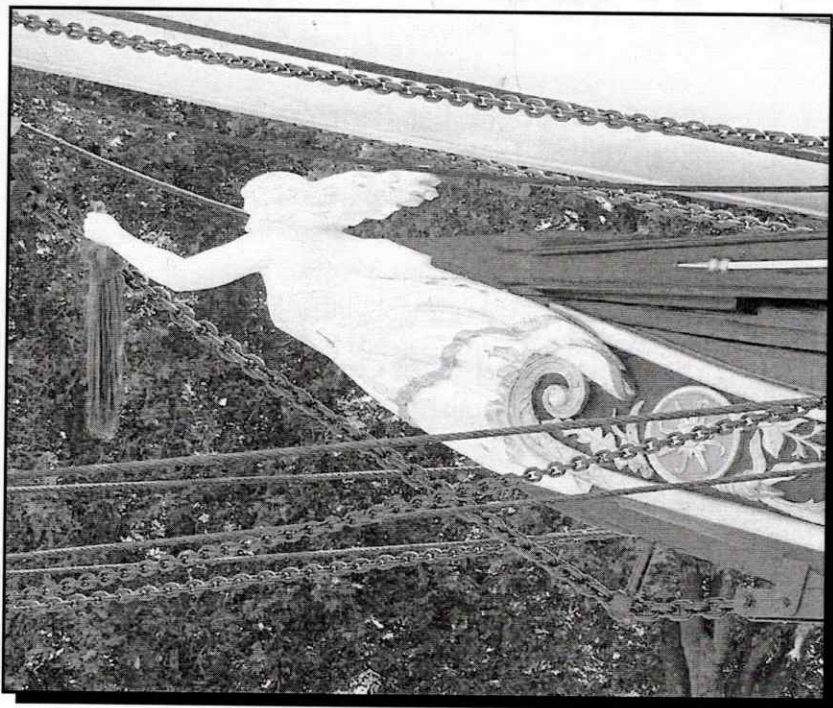
AMYA

Tony Johnson is now a Regional Director for the AMYA and hopes to get more sailing clubs interested in joining that group. If you know of any other clubs or informal groups that sail, give him a call. The AMYA is a great organization that continually strives to further our hobby.

NAMBA

Dan Proulx has requested that we renew our registration with NAMBA - the North American Model Boat Association. This is primarily for covering the fast electrics with insurance should the unpredictable and unexpected happen. On a voice vote, the Board and members agreed that the costs are well worth it, and that the coverage would come from our treasury.

NAUTICAL KNOW-IT-ALL



Can you name the ship that has this famous figurehead?

Hint: "Tea time."

(First correct answer to the editor will be hailed in the March Sail & Scale

SPECIAL THANKS

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

Al Bickford, Dale Johnson, Don Pearson, Dan Lewandowski and Billy Aingpin.

PLACE YOUR AD HERE!

Do you have items to sell?

Looking to buy?

Place an ad right here in
Sail & Scale.

Contact Dan Lewandowski.

SAIL & SCALE CONTENT

Our newsletter *really* needs your pictures, articles, news items and other content to make up the Sail & Scale pages that you look forward to reading each month. We can help with writing, picture format questions and generally provide assistance to get your content published and sent to all our club members.

If anyone is interested in learning the exciting and challenging skills associated with publishing this newsletter, please let me know. Dale Johnson is the "Professor of Publishing" and will be your coach and mentor, as he is mine, and you can even assist in the actual editing and publishing!

Please contact Dan at [REDACTED].

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FEBRUARY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2008 7:00 P.M.
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM

AGENDA:

Ships in a Bottle Don Pearson
"Gizmo" Show'N'Tell Commodore Al *et al*
Picture Night (comb your hair) "File" pics update

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