

What a great meeting!! I have said that for every meeting this year and it has been true, and never more true than the September meeting. It is all about boats, and we had several, that and great reports about two just completed events. Here is what went on during the meeting:

Visitors - John and Donna Cooke attended the meeting and are excited to get started in RC boating.

Light House Night #2 - Unanimously from all that attended this could not have been a better event. A huge contrast to being rained out at Light House Night with the John Philips Sousa Band, simply the best weather anyone could have imagined. Starting the evening of boating at the close of the Art Fair I thought there would not be many people in the audience. I was way off the mark. Informal reports had the crowd at around 200 persons with a constant din of conversation going on and boats counting in the teens on the water - probably the largest gathering of boats on the water in a few years. Hands down this was a fantastic, fun evening. This will be added to the permanent calendar as the second Light House Night. (Photos by Tim Crain)



ODOM National Races - Great weekend of racing. We started at Smith Park in Bloomington with 15 boats, but the wind was out of the south which is not desirable for upwind start, so the race committee quickly scouted out the south pond at Centennial Lakes where a south wind makes for excellent racing. The race committee quickly decided to relocate to Edina where the racing was excellent. We had 15 boats on the water, including three entrants from out of state. Sunday the wind had shifted

and the racing venue went back to Smith Park pond. A total of 22 races were held and all but 4 were won by Jess Atkinson, the ODOM class secretary, from San Francisco. He really put on a show of skill with amazing abilities to move through and ahead of the pack. In second place was Jerry Brower from Washington State. I was talking to Jerry before the races started and commented that he had come a long way to race with us, to which he replied that he had just been racing in Canada and it was on his way home. Okay, I thought, this guy gets around and takes his racing seriously - but then Jerry explained that earlier this summer he had been in France for the international races. Serious about racing indeed! Third place went to the first local entrant Adam Koller, Fourth place to Terry Mackey and Fifth place to Dave Brustad. (Photos by John Bishop and Tim Crain)

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DragonFlite 95 - I previously described the group purchase price offered by Dragon Sailing North America. Since some of the ODOM participants were interested in this boat I wanted to wait until the national races were completed. Now is the time to let me know if you want to purchase this boat with the special pricing: 10% off retail and free shipping when 4 or more boats are purchased at the same time, which is \$328.00 for the boat with no radio or receiver, \$374.00 with the i6 Flysky radio and receiver. There will be colored hulls (only the hull) available at some point in the future at \$60.00, but the complete boat only comes in white. To place your order you need to let me know the following:

- How many boats you want.
- Do you want the radio/receiver.
- What color rigging line (8 colors - see the website)
- What color hull/deck stickers (10 colors - see the website)
- Your email address for Dragon Sailing to send you the invoice for payment.

Once I have this information I will place the order on October 6th (Friday) by sending all the information to Dragon Sailing. Dragon Sailing will send you the invoice for payment to your email. This email includes a button to complete the purchase and

you select how you want to pay. Once all payments have been received all boats will be shipped to one address, which will be my house (unless someone else wants to be the recipient and distribute). Time to ship depends on when and how quickly the overseas shipment can clear customs. So far all boats received have been sold so it is possible that we may not get immediate delivery, assume it will take 2-3 weeks, though no guaranty. If you do not order now and want to in the future the same price applies for 4 or more boats. For an order of 2-3 boats you get free shipping but the price goes up to the retail price. Let me know by email only so I have a written record of what you want ordered and check your invoice to make sure there are no mistakes in the order!!!!

Dry Dock Party - Terry and I met with Famous Dave's and finalized the arrangements for the Dry Dock Party. The menu is the same as previous years. Because there are a lot of viruses and bugs going around we also included food service by Famous Dave's staff instead of help yourself to minimize potential exposure, and yes, Terry is going to bring the pickle wraps for hors devours.

Show and Tell (Photos by self)

Richard Dahlquist brought two boats, a white/red boat from his childhood that was the pre-runner to modern RC. It had a motor, battery and the rudder was adjustable to a fixed position. On a northern lake with his family (young) Richard decided to run the boat from one dock to the next at the resort while his parents were off fishing. The boat did what model boats have been doing for all of history as it motored off into oblivion over the horizon. What happened next involved his "evil" aunt and a miracle recovery that you will have to ask Richard about. Great childhood memory. The second boat is a real challenge to put into service as it is a true cheap plastic boat, and may in fact be one of the most difficult resurrections a club member has undertaken. It will be interesting to see how this one comes out.



Next was Tim Crain's amazing "row" boat used to set and retrieve tall ship boat anchors. The boat has a rope that attaches to the anchor and raises and lowers the anchor from the center of the hull so as to not drag the boat down from the bow or stern. Lots of history to this boat (the real boat), and the build was one of the more involved I have seen of this type of boat/kit, made further difficult by all instructions being in Italian. Tim translated enough of the instructions to determine the several different types of wood included in the kit and to complete the build, which took

about one year. The kit came with some very nice accessories of lantern and other implements. A very beautiful boat. The stand is a piece of driftwood that Tim brought back from a vacation at Sanibel Island, just because it looked interesting, and it made for a very appropriate and interesting boat stand.



The last boat is the completion of the Mighty Mary, complete with the intricate hull graphic. Unable to find someone to hand paint the graphic on the boat I found a company willing to create and install the graphic wrap. The wrap is applied to the boat and trimmed along the edge of the design. Prior to the installation of the wrap every part of the boat has been re-worked by Paul who has spent the most part of the year to date improving this boat with everything he knows, and the result is stunning. Visually it is a striking boat but look inside to see the exceptional level of skill and innovation Paul has accomplished. Then there is the truing and improved flow characteristics in the re-working of the deck, hull, rudder and keel that will not be immediately noticeable. The hull graphic actually comes from the *Young America* boat that contested the Citizen's Cup races to determine the USA entrant into the America's Cup races. The boat just needs the sail and rudder operation programmed and should be on the water yet this year. The stand that cradles the boat (the keel weighs 45 pounds so really the stand supports the boat with the keel resting on the stand and just steadies the boat from side to side) is also a special custom by Paul. Lots to see on this boat and I am lucky to be the current custodian of this marvelous boat.



This has been quite a year of informative and interesting meetings, and I really want to encourage you to try to attend meetings in 2018. Next up is the 2-3 pond races to be determined, followed by one more presentation at the October meeting with Richard Dahlquist's photo summary of the Maker Faire and a few photos by myself. Then November is the swap meet and a very busy year comes to the end with the Dry Dock Party. Many thanks to the many members that contribute to the success of the club events throughout the year by take pictures, managing finances, schedule and organize, plan lunches and refreshments, find speakers and presenters, and also thanks to those that would like to participate but through circumstances are unable. Your support is much appreciated by all!

Remaining Schedule

- October
 - 17th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)
 - 2 and 3 Pond Races - to be determined
- November
 - 11th, Saturday - Dry Dock Party
 - 21st, Tuesday - Swap Meet

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