

January 21, 2018 EMYC News Letter

Even during the winter/ holiday breaks when we aren't at the ponds or having membership meetings the events of the new year are buzzing around in my head, so it is great to get the new year started with the meeting of the board and the first membership meeting! The first meeting also highlighted that other members have been busy with new projects to share with the rest of us. So here we go with the first news of the year:

Board Meeting:

New Promotional Material - Gary Tschautscher and Tim Crain are developing a business card that contains the basics of the club. Printed on both sides, the card will be available for anyone who would like to keep some on hand to hand out at the ponds, our events, or just to keep with you when the opportunity comes up to share the club with someone else.

- Web Site – Make the Facebook link more prominent, add a page for the new DragonFlite 95 boat racing.
- Newsletter – We still don't have someone to resurrect the newsletter so I will continue to post the club news in email format. There are 5 members who do not have email and they will continue to receive a printed version of these messages in the mail. Let me know if you would prefer to have the mailed version of this email, which is printed in black and white.
- DragonFlite 95 Racing – A lot of excitement about this new racing class within the club. Most people who have purchased the DF 95 boat are new to racing and the board and Tony Johnson, who is the sailboat coordinator, are committed to helping these new sailors get started on a good foot. This means there will be a seminar or two to help skippers learn how to set up and adjust their boat and to learn the basic rules of racing. We need to also get the group set up with marker buoys and a countdown starting box.
- Events:

David Petrich has found some simple and inexpensive kits that we hope kids can assemble at the Maker Faire – and also possibly at the Parade at the Builders Corner and even possibly at the White Bear Lake boat show.

We got good comments back on the Dry Dock Party. Famous Dave's did an excellent job with the food, and the service was outstanding! We plan on using them again this year. Jeff McCabe's presentation on the early history of the park was enjoyed by all, and we are hoping the Jeff will consider doing part 2 of this presentation at this year's party. The slide and video presentations were excellent and provided a wonderful visual history of the events of the club year.

- The floating bridge to the band shell is possibly going to be removed in the fall of this year. Good news is we can get our chase boat and run races in and into the south pond much easier, but it will also allow possible conflicts with paddle boats. Having chase boat access may open up more interest in fast electrics.
- We would like to clean out our storage cage in the maintenance garage area. There are quite a few things in storage that have not been used for a number of years and could be possibly thrown away. We

need some of the members who have been with the club for a long time to help us out with what can be thrown away and what should be saved. The date was set at the membership meeting as Saturday, February 10th, starting at 10:00 am. If you know what is in the storage area please consider stopping by to help us determine what stays and what goes.

Membership Meeting:

All of the board meeting items were presented and discussed at the membership meeting. Following the discussion David Petrich and Tim Crain presented boats they have been working on this winter.



David brought his 1956 Chris Craft Continental that was purchased partially built at the White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show last year. Nearing completion it is another fine example of David's love of sporting craft.

The motor is, of course, brushless and high powered in this application. I love David's work as he spans the whimsical (goose decoy and sinking ore boat are just two) to his display-quality builds as the current boat to pure speed craft he runs with the Twin City Boat Club near the Black Dog power plant. Note the custom stand, of which we have had several very nice and innovative stands in the recent past. Interesting the description of the project by David indicated he has yet to fit the windshield and comments from the membership were that several of these (real) boats were never fitted with windshields. Thanks to David for sharing his latest boat!



Next was Tim Crain who has brought two of his boats he has been working on. Boat #1 was the 15 foot Mackenzie River Dory.

I love these boats as even though they are diminutive in size they are packed with detail and features. Beautiful.



Boat #2 is a Bayou Trawler that was even more interesting as Tim had pictures of himself as a boy on a similar boat.



You have to stare at this one for a bit to take in all the details that allow the real boat to spread nets for the catch. Note the boom to lift the nets and the planing boards to spread the nets. In addition the size of the kit made access to the electrics below deck a bit tight so the cabin is fabricated to be completely removable in sections. Tim has

brought us some very unusual boats and that makes them more fun. A big thank you to Tim for sharing his love of different types of boats with us.

Are you working on a boat this winter? We would all be very appreciative if you would consider sharing them with us at a meeting. Finished or maybe even better, unfinished, it doesn't matter, all of us love seeing what the modeling portion of the membership is up to!

Schedule

The schedule is yet to take complete shape but here is the 2018 calendar as we know it so far:

- January
16th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)

- February
10th, Saturday – Clean up the storage cage (10:00 am)
20th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)

- March
20th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)

- April
17th, Tuesday - Membership Meeting (7:00)

- May
 - 15th, Tuesday – Membership Meeting (7:00)
 - 2/3 Pond Races – to be verified/determined
 - 31st, Thursday – Janet Clark Learning Exchange

- June
 - 1st and 2nd, Friday, Saturday – Maker Faire at the State Fair Grandstand Building
 - 10th, Sunday – Parade of Boats
 - 19th, Tuesday – Membership Meeting (8:00)
 - TBD, Saturday – White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show

- July
 - 17th, Tuesday – Membership Meeting (8:00)
 - TBD, Sunday – Chaska Fireman’s Park

- August
 - 12th, Sunday – Light House Night w/Sousa Band
 - 21st, Tuesday – Membership Meeting (8:00)

- September
 - 8th and 9th, Saturday and Sunday Centennial Lakes Art Festival
 - 8th, Saturday, Lighthouse Night
 - 18th, Tuesday – Membership Meeting (7:00)

- October
 - 16th, Tuesday – Membership Meeting (7:00)
 - 2 and 3 Pond Races – to be determined

- November
 - 10th, Saturday – Dry Dock Party
 - 20th, Tuesday – Swap Meet

Membership Form

The form for your 2018 membership is attached to this email/ newsletter. I will also have copies at the meetings for your use. Bring the completed form and check/cash to the meeting or mail to the address on the form.

Enjoy your winter, and I hope to see you at the next membership meeting and/or stop by to lend a hand at cleaning out the cage!



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