

I have really enjoyed the two meetings this year as we have had several people bringing in their projects in progress. This is the most requested presentation and we have had a great variety. But before we got to show and tell we had some other items to cover:

### Cleaning up the Cage

We had nine people, yes nine, show up to get the cage storage area cleaned up and toss out items that are no longer needed. The items discarded were mostly boards that used to be required to keep the older crystal style radio channels straightened out so there were no more than one boat on a channel, but there were many other items too. The wooden platform that was used for skippers running fast electrics took up a lot of space, and was largely being used for storage. The storage use was hampered by the wood railing, which was removed along with the axels, and the rubber tired wheels were put on Craig's list. What a difference in the before and after:

Before -



During and After -



Dave Petrich on the floor and Larry Wheeler on the ladder. The railing is gone, axels too.

The crew - (two pictures as we could not figure out the timed shutter feature on the camera)



Front row, left to right:  
except Tony Johnson front-second from right  
Jeff McCabe, Paul Olsen, Terry Mackey, Larry Wheeler,  
Tim Crain, Kevin Waldo  
Back row, left to right:  
John Bertelsen, David Petrich

Same as left

Stop by and take a look the next time you are in the garage, really looks nice - thanks to all that showed up to help.

## In Memoriam

We lost two very important and long term members of the club this winter. Mikio Kirihara and Fred Ferris.

### Mikio Kirihara (Miki)



Pictures are worth a thousand words and illustrate that Miki was an all around great person and a very well liked member of the club. As Ron Bongard put it “When I joined the club 21 years ago, he was the first person to welcome me. So, we became friends.” This was a typical comment by several members that became friends with Miki. “Miki was just fun to be around” said Paul Olsen. “You always came away feeling good after being with Miki”. From the on-line information on Miki, he was born in Oakland California in 1929, and was interned in Delta, Utah from 1942-1944, moving to Minneapolis after WWII. Miki graduated from the U of M with a degree in architecture, later becoming a Vice President with Wold Architects. Miki Passed away November 30, 2017. Looking back through the club newsletters Miki became a member of EMYC in January of 1995, and in April of 1999 won the sailboat poker run with a hand of three 3’s. Miki liked sailboats bur also built a few dumas kits for powered boats. The picture of Miki on the right above is with his Paul Olsen Marblehead sailboat, which is currently owned and sailed by Larry Wheeler. Miki will be much missed at all club events and functions as well as just sailing at the ponds. (Pictures courtesy of John Bishop)

Fred Ferris



Two great photos of Fred!! (Courtesy of John Bishop) They say it all, but here is a great story from Dan Lewandowski: “As you noticed, just below a seemingly gruff exterior was a warm and friendly guy. He was a master of sailing and was very precise maneuvering his boat. When I first started to sail at the pond he would dodge his boat around mine and say “see if you can follow me...” He would play “tag” with me and give me tips - in very, very few words - on how to maneuver. That’s really how I learned to sail. The other memory of Fred was that he could rescue powered boats with his sailboat! He could sail out to a disabled boat and push it in - not an easy thing to do with a sailboat.” The stare down with the Egret is a priceless photo illustrating Dan’s comments, and the photo on the right shows his great interest in not only sailing but in running regatta’s. My own getting to know Fred falls in line with Dan’s

comments too. I think he had to size me up before warming up and becoming someone that I really enjoyed talking to as he had an excellent knowledge of sailing real boats as well as RC. We can also remember the ducks at the pond hitching a ride on Fred's Laser sailboat. Fred also was into RC airplanes and gliders. Paul Olsen tells of a steering course set up for power boats, and the power boats were having difficulty navigating through the course, but Fred did it with a sailboat! A real character, Fred's personality and knowledge will be missed by all. Fred passed away at home on January 27, 2018.

### Other Business

- I received a call from Bill Rissmann who is the event coordinator for the Steamboat Minnehaha. Their organization has been using a model Bill said was built by James D'Agostino and the model needs some minor repairs so Bill was trying to locate James. I brought it up at the meeting but no one knew anything about James D'Agostino. If anyone does know how to contact him please get in touch with me and I will pass the information along to Bill.
- I have been contacted by Eric Thompson, the Natural Resources/Public Art Program Manager for the City of St. Paul. Eric is looking to do a model boat demonstration at Iris Park, just off of University Avenue. The format is open for development and Eric is looking to do something with the programming people at the adjacent senior living community. He is really interested in some sort of a model boat project/display/demonstration. I looked at the park on Google Earth and emailed with Eric and the venue at Iris Park looks to be less than ideal for sail boats and the pond appears to be quite small and shallow, really a part of the site landscaping. I suggested a different location and said that the club calendar is quite full but that I would put it out to the members to see if there is someone (or more than one person) that would be interested in contacting Eric and coordinating a display and running of boats. Let me know if you are interested. This could be a fun event as I am certain that there would be good attendance from the public.

## Show and Tell

Several boats were brought in quite different states of construction. First up was new member Brian Avery. (I apologize that I have not introduced our new members through the newsletter, but will do so in the March newsletter) I loved the boat Brian is working on as it is different that the stick built models and offers a different level of building challenge and construction technique. The plans come from the web site for KK EezeBilt Boat Kits. Brian's boat is the Sea Princess 23 that he doubled in size to 46 inches. The plans are based on Les Rowell Aerokits designed model boats of the 1960's. Most construction is using light plywood cut out on a scroll saw after putting blue tape on the plywood and gluing the plans to the tape - very clever! Brian will bring the boat back as it progresses through the build process.



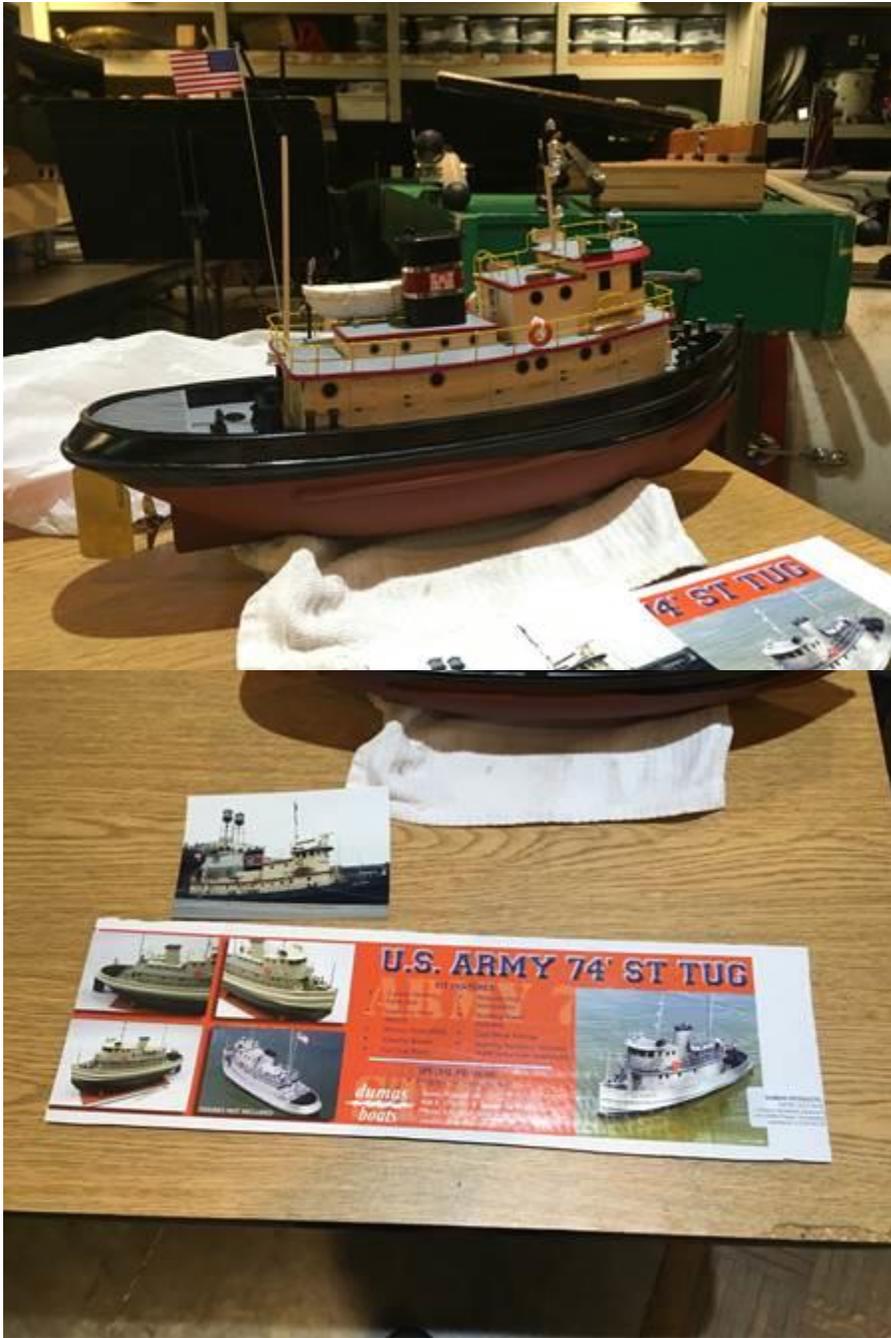
Next, Mike Corbett brought his model of a 16' Prospector Canoe, and the form used to build it. Extremely light, and 68 pieces in that little boat! Then with the small model completed the idea occurred that it would be a great idea to upsize the forms and build a bigger one. Sadly that hasn't happened yet, but Mike says the bigger or smaller forms are available for anyone to make their own. Here is Mike in the midst of his entertaining presentation:



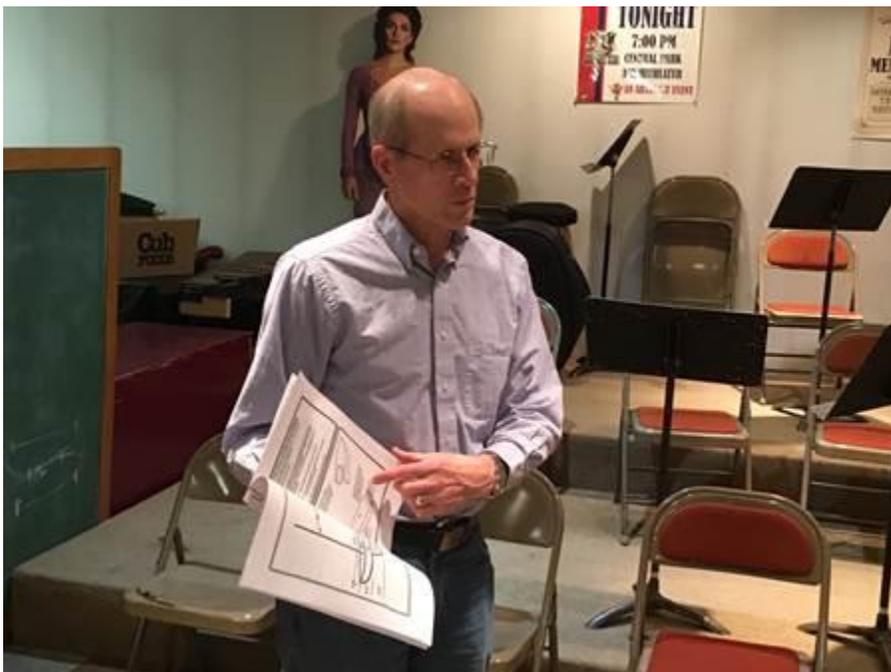
Kevin Waldo brought the Sterling kit he has been working on and sadly it was to demonstrate that not all kits are correct in form. The rib supports are definitely not all correct as supplied and trying to make everything fit only warps the shape of the hull so that this build might be over before it goes any further. Not so much a lesson in what can go wrong as a lesson that all kits are not precise or equal. Unfortunate as it looks like the build was going well.



Tim Crain brought yet another boat, this one an Army Tug Boat! Never heard of an Army tug boat? Well the real thing is on display outside the Museum in Duluth in Harbor Park, at the lift bridge entrance into the Duluth harbor. Very interesting boat, an old one to be certain, and it reminds me of a Boat I purchased on line with a vacuum tube type receiver. Nice looking boat!



Dave Petrich brought his very interesting Boat Facts handout that he got from Industrial Arts Supply. The write up contains all kinds of interesting facts about boats that can be handed out at the Maker Faire. Possibly a short quiz can be developed and/or a seminar on boats for the Faire. The emphasis of the Faire is education and fun in doing things hands on so that it might even be possible that a short boat build could be developed. Just an idea in the rough right now that needs a little development. Ask Dave for a copy of the handout to see if you might be interested in helping out during the Maker Faire.



Larry Johnson explained that he is moving from his house into senior housing, and is wanting to sell most of his boats and his entire (extensive) workshop. I stopped by Larry's home and took pictures of 26 boats that were on display throughout the house. There were others in storage in the attic above the garage, which will be photographed when they are brought out of storage. I have assembled the photos into an excel and pdf format and will email to anyone that wishes to see the boats Larry is selling. You need to contact Larry to see the boats in person and discuss the price. There are a lot of very nice boats, including three of the PT boats that were sold by Ray Meifert at a meeting last year. All boats are in working order except for one static model that is noted to be in that condition. You can contact Larry at: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Send me an email request if you would like to see the current boat offerings.

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