

May Membership Meeting

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Here we go with the second virtual Membership Meeting. It has been great to keep in touch through email, and paper for the members without internet access, but I am sure looking forward to seeing everyone in person again, whether at a meeting or at the ponds. It is time to get the meeting started!!

Old Business

- I want to briefly recap the information in the last email for those who are not on line.
- There is no May Meeting (this is it).
- The City has canceled all June events, which means there will not be a Parade of Boats this year. We are still planning on the two Light House Nights pending any direction to the contrary yet to be received.
- The outside bathrooms at the Hughes Pavilion are now open for use.
- The ponds and park are fully functioning and having been at the center pond myself I can tell you first hand that it was a pleasure being there, and the necessary distancing was being observed. Be conscious of your own situation and stay safe as need be, but if you are able, come on down to the ponds to run your boats and be with your fellow members.



What we are up to

That was great fun last issue of the newsletter to see what the membership is up to. Let's see some more of the projects:

I am not that much of a modeler but there is plenty to do to keep whatever you own on the water. For helping Larry Johnson with selling his boat collection Larry gave me one of his boats. Now it is called the Bristol Bay, but in the early days it was called the Bluefin (on the right below). This boat just needed some TLC, which was re-rigging, new speed controller and new motor. Plus, there was some minor damage to the railing above the deck, and like some RTR boats it suffered from white plastic. Many things on the deck were left unpainted in white plastic, which included all the above deck rooms and pilot house, giving it a distinct plastic feeling. So out with the paint brushes, lots and lots of taping off and stinking up the house (see the comments to follow), and the boat was nicely transformed.





Left in the upper picture is the Atlantic Tug. Painting up the Bluefin was such a nice improvement that the Atlantic got a similar, though not as extensive treatment. Learning a lesson the painting was done in my (heated) garage. It is surprising how much odor those little Testors bottles throw off when you get 3 or 4 different paint colors going at the same time!!

- In his basement shop Kevin Waldo has also been busy. Here is Kevin's own words:

Well guys, Here is my workshop, It use to be the laundry room. I still have the old washtubs in place, I used them to make my workbench. If the red tugboat looks familiar, It should because it use to be Al Beckford's! I'm working on it for Todd Formico. I put a kickass sound unit in it. But in working on it I burnt out ALL THE LIGHTS! "CRAP"! That's ten lights I have to replace . But not to worry, we will see this boat on the water. Oops, looks like my fat cat "Lovie" got in on the action. She likes to come downstairs with me when I'm working on something.





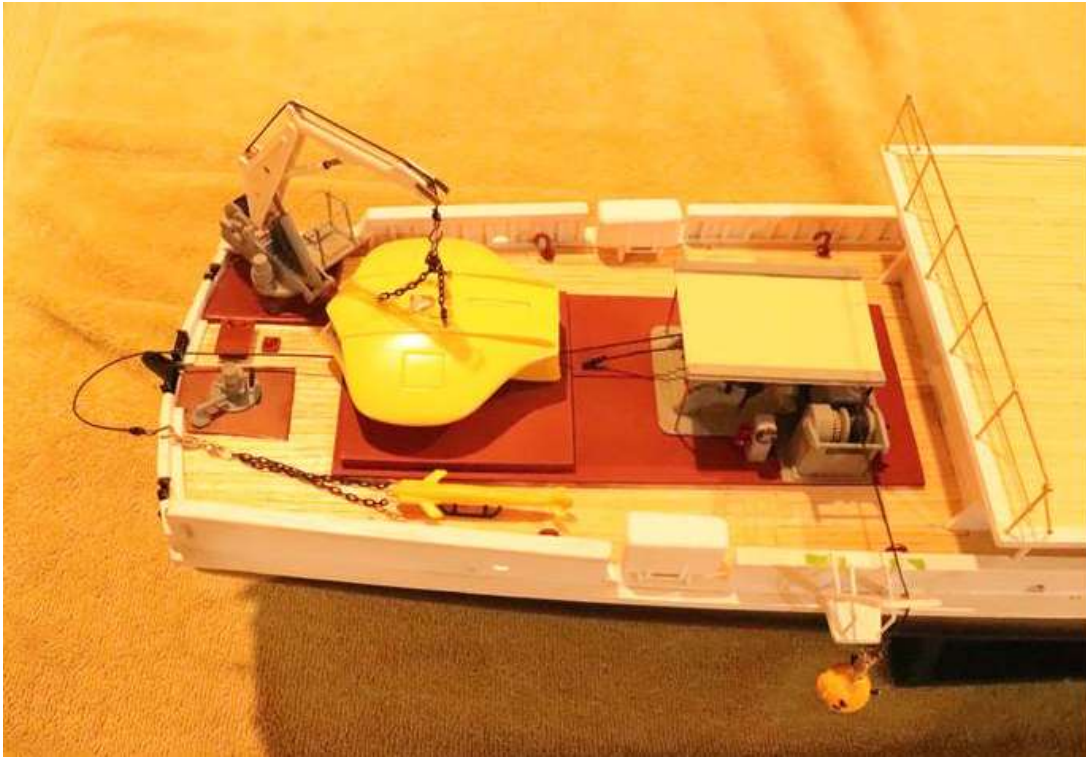
(The saying goes people look like their pets.....)

- Dave Petrich has been busy with water skiers for a while, and the work goes on:
I've been building water skiers. These are going to be tested behind a boat soon.
 - 1, with two skis
 - 2, with two skis
 - 1, slalom ski, inline tow
 - 1, slalom ski, that might cross left and right. This one might not work as planned.



David updated his above information: The slalom skiers failed to stand up. I have two more versions to test soon.

- Tim Crain continues to work on the accessories of his builds that I find as interesting as the boats themselves: I have been working on the model of the Calypso trying to finish all of the detail on the stern deck.



I have also been working on the additional items that go into the Whale Boat model. The next picture shows the five oars for the five men that "man" the boat. The oars are "numbered" by blue dots (some boats used stripes) designating which oar goes with each seat (man). The single dot is for the first seat in the bow of the boat where the Harpooner sits. It is the same length as the #5 oar which is for the Steersman at the stern of the boat. The Steersman also has the long steering oar to be used when the boat is being pulled by a harpooned whale. The #2 and #4 oar are the same length and are a little longer than #1 and #5 because the boat is a little wider at their seats. The #3 oar is the longest (except for the steering oar) as the #3 seat amid ship is at the widest part of the boat.



The third picture shows, from top to bottom: the Boat Hook; the Spade; two Harpoons and two Lances. Very tricky and time consuming work but worth the effort as they turned out well.



Very nicely done Tim!!! The accessories really make the models come alive.

Questions and Help Needed

A question was put to me to solicit suggestions and comments from the membership as to how to deal with paint fumes when we are confined to working indoors (by weather). Expert painter Mike Ross was the first to comment back:

Painting indoors is always a very bad idea. Especially for solvent based paints. Water heaters, furnaces, boilers, all have pilot lights, and if the paint fumes get near them, one should expect to have some real big problems. Even still, most paints are murder on furnace filters. Plug them up in a heartbeat. If one is using water based acrylic paints; a simple fan and respirator should be all that is needed.

A garage works well. The city garage at the park used to be available to club members for painting.

Interesting comment on the city garage being available to club members. I will follow up with Park Manager Tom Shirley to see if that is still an option for us.

Ken Goewey also responded:

Make sure you furnace fan is turned off so it doesn't pull fumes thru the house.

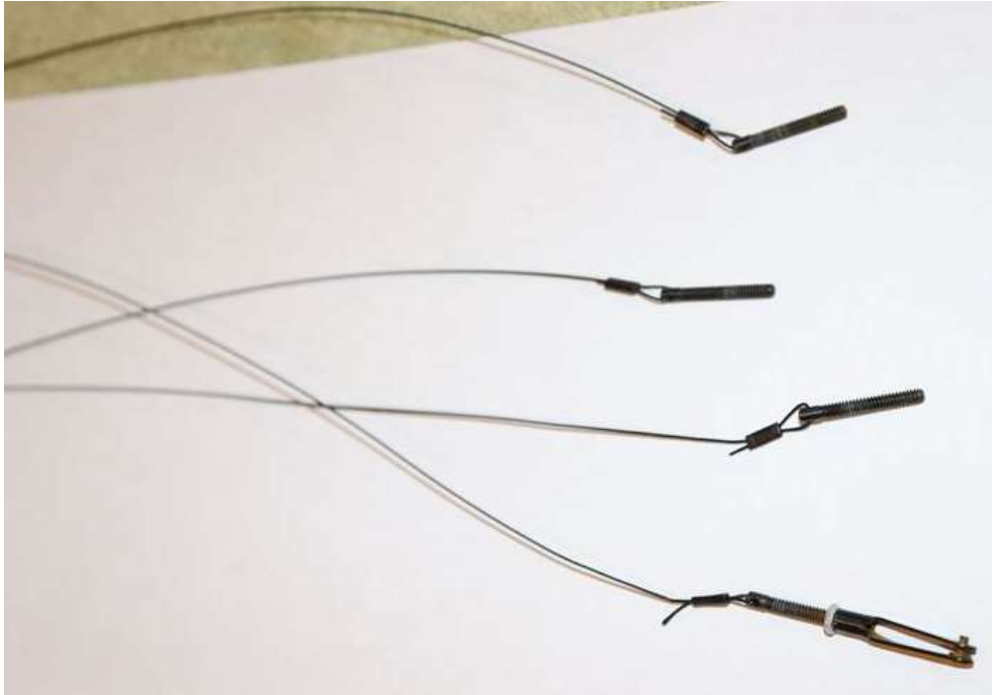
If you have a window in the paint room, open it and set a box fan in it / in front of it, blowing out.

If those don't work, set up your paint project in the garage. Just make sure the wife's Ferrari is parked outside!

(I did not do any spray painting, all brush work, and it has been a long time since I have done model painting, but the fumes were surprisingly strong, so all the above makes sense.)

Two help items were submitted:

- *From Ken Goewey - On the Big Tug (Al Bickford's), the servos that turned the radar antennas have to be replaced - dead. They will be powered via a switch with 6Volts. How do I set them to turn slowly, constantly? I know this has been addressed at the meetings. Could someone please get back to Ken Goewey.*
- *From Tim Crain – (Tim got a boat from Larry Covin) It is a Kyosho "almost ready-to-run" SeaWind which is a model of a 12 meter racing boat. It is a very nice model and the transmitter and the servos all work. The sails are good and I have everything I need to get the boat back in the water EXCEPT for three turnbuckles that connect the stays to the hull. See photo. One turnbuckle is complete but the other three are missing the "female" portion of the turnbuckle. Would you post this picture and ask the members if anyone has some extra turnbuckles that I could have. I would be willing to pay for them. Contact Tim Crain*



That was a pretty good meeting!! Let's hope that next time we can do it in person. In the meantime, remember Centennial Lakes Park and Ponds are open for your enjoyment! I hope to see you there!

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