#### NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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**Commodore's Corner:** Do you have a *Fairwind*? Are you interested in racing? The club is still without a secretary for that class. Give me, or any club officer a call, and volunteer. Please! Good boating! *Dick Kjellberg* 

Identify Yourself!: All transmitters are required to prominently display the broadcasting channel number, on the antenna. You got a free flag when you acquired your radio. Use it! If you have misplaced it, replacements are available at hobby shops for less than three bucks. If your transmitter is unflagged, you will be asked to cease operating until one is affixed. Do it! Do it now!

**No Shirt!:** Jeff McCabe advises that the light gray shirts emblazoned with the club logo that were special ordered for the Parade of Boats last year are again available, in your size, for \$18. Call Jeff <u>before</u> the May meeting,

**East-West Link:** The Parklawn Avenue bridge project is proceeding on schedule. Pilings and footings are in place and it appears that completion prior to the big August regatta is assured! Three cheers!

**Builder's Corner:** As the weather has finally settled into something resembling Spring, I hope that your construction project is nearing completion. During the last few months, we have tried to pass on some helpful tips and hints.

Now that the lake level no longer seems to be a problem, it is time to turn your thoughts to trouble free boating. Double check all electrical connections, batteries for dead cells, and that foam seal around the hatch for leaks. Pack some support tools, extra batteries, crystals, a sponge, seat cushion, and don't forget your frequency flag!

The more time spent preparing at home, the better time you will have at the lake boating...not fixing.

Team up with a buddy and match race, checking your rigging and tacking ability. Cruise around the buoys. Dock softly. Share the relaxation and enjoyment and prepare for a great season in 1995.

Jeff McCabe

**Sub Stuff:** The Summer '95 Damart catalog, pg.47 shows a Nikko *Atlantis* 21" submarine complete with 3 channel radio for only \$150. Contact them at 1-800-827-6767

Upcoming Events: All scheduled at South Pond.

| May20 •Start up, Tune up Regatta, | 9 AM until 1 PM   |
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| Jun.11 •Parade of Model Boats     | 11 AM until 7 PM  |
| Jun.29 •Handicap Sailing          | 6 PM until 7 PM   |
| Jul. 22 •Big EEEEasy              | 1 PM until 4 PM   |
| Aug.12&13 CR-914 Nationals        | All weekend event |

**Start Up, Tune Up Regatta:** First official act of the season. This event is intended to test your skills as a builder, painter and skipper. We will race, steer and hopefully not loose anyone along the way. Registration is at 9 AM, with the fun beginning by 9:30. Finish is anticipated by early afternoon. Start charging and fine tuning. Bring as many boats as you can carry. Help will be provided for those extra trips to the parking lot. All boat types, sail, steam, fast and slow electric wanted! Saturday, May, 20. *Jeff* 

**CR-914 Nationals:** Help needed! All kinds! Give Ralph Peter a call at and offer your support. Aug. 12 is not that far away, and the workload looms large!

Help, Fire(boat)!: New member, Kurt Liljequist, is seeking plans, photos, information or sources thereof for a fireboat building project. Please call him!

Renewal Time?: Yeah! It sure is! Last month's early reminder prompted about twenty five members to fork over their twenty bucks for the new year, For those who ignored the gentle prodding, now is the hour! Our membership year is Jun 1st through May 31st. So, it is prudent to act now, or you shall loose all the benefits of membership, including this magnificent publication. If your newsletter address label does not indicate "95", you need to pay up!

June Newsletter Deadline: June 6th. Please!!

Board Meeting, 4/18/95: In absence of Commodore, meeting called to order by V.C. McCabe 6:35 PM. Hobbytown USA (Minnetonka) flyer in mail to about 900 customers- contains Parade of Boats insert at no cost to club. J.McCabe looking for helpers for May 20th, all club, all boats Regatta. C.Bottemiller will put on a sailboat oriented program at May meeting. J.Smith advised that as a result of a printing problem, we have 100 free newsletters to distribute at the Toy Boat Show. He requested permission to take the club logo tablecloths for use at Toy Boat Show display. Approved. D.Campbell showed mock up of 8 1/2 x 11 poster which is intended for hobby shop display. Board members in attendance approved solicitation for continuation of newsletter ad.

Board Meeting. Adjourn, 7:00 PM Membership Meeting: 25 members(est.) in attendance. J.Bishop gave an update on upcoming Parade and presented a tentative schedule. He requested a volunteer to head up the indoor display. P.Olsen accepted. John also circulated a schedule sheet for various duties at Parade. He needs 40+ members to staff the different

stations for one hour each. Asked for volunteer to write donor request letters. D.Campbell accepted.

R.Peter gave a briefing on the 914 Nationals. The caterer that the city uses at the Centrum, Perfect Host, is preparing three proposals for the reception and banquet. Ralph estimates the banquet at \$25-30 and boat registration at \$20-25. He will receive \$10 from AMYA for each registered participant to assist in the cost of the regatta. 20 rooms have been blocked at the Hawthorne Suites for participants. Ralph estimated that 39 boats would be participating. Ralph requested volunteers for the positions of Regatta Director, Social Director and Photographer.

J.Smith circulated a staffing sheet for the Toy Boat Show.

D.Ulmer and D.Bros gave a presentation on painting and finishing. Primer (use lots of coats) to Imron (don't ever use it) were up for discussion. Mr.Ulmer is a professional auto painter and Mr.Bros seems to have taken it up as an avocation. The presentation was humorous and informative.

Adjourn, 9:20 PM

**Sailboat Preparation:** As the spring sailing season is almost upon us, it's time to start blowing the dust off the rigging and get ready for fun. As the topic of the May meeting we will be discussing the setup and tuning required to get the most out of your boat. Proper winch setup, mast rake and the like. We will be demonstrating on AC 914 as well as Fairwinds, so come to the meeting and check it out.

Chuck Bottemiller

Series Racing: This year's weekly series racing has been proposed as follows:

•Tuesday: Fairwind starting at 6:30; •Thursday: AC 914 starting at 6:30; •Sunday: Both 914 and Fairwind starting at 1:00 Each day would be a series, so if you had a Fairwind, every Tuesday of the month you could race. You would be allowed to throw out your worst day or if absent, then that day. Then the scores that you acquired in the month would be totaled to give your month long series total. Sunday would be another series day and would be separate from Tuesday. So if you can't mke Tuesday you can still be involved in series racing.

All series racing will be held on the north pond, startiming as soon as possible, after the pond is filled. Until then we can start with some pick up races at the south pond, keeping in mind that we have to watch out for frequency conflicts. Chuck

## **Parade of Model Boats**

by John Bishop

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11th. This is the official date for the much anticipated model boat show of the year. About 2000 flyers are being distributed and other forms of exposure will hopefully invite a healthy crowd for our fourth annual event. Please find enclosed in this newsletter the flyer that is being distributed about town. If you have family members, friends, or others that are interested in our show, please pass along the information. Other guests are invited and will be allowed to run with us as long as they follow our schedule and rules for the show. The following areas of interest will give you more information on the details of the Parade of Model Boats.

#### Setup:

Setup will occur from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. During this time period the interior of the Centrum building will be transformed into an information and display area for the model boats. David Bros, Paul Olsen, and Jim Smith will direct the incoming boats and suggest where the models are to be placed. Also within this area there will be four to five tables allocated just for projects currently in the building stage. If you're building, we encourage you to include it in the show, so others may see what is involved in building a boat. Although the overall theme of the indoor display is radio controlled model boats, other static display models often do a lot to enhance the show. The general rule is, if you think someone else may enjoy seeing it, bring it.

Outdoors, certain areas will be roped off for EMYC members for extra ease in launching, running, and retrieving boats. Of special interest is a boat launch built by David Bros. It will allow you to launch heavy and awkward models with ease and will make its debut performance on June 11th. The frequency board will be setup outside on the southeast edge of the Centrum building. Signs posted in and around the Centennial Lakes complex will inform and direct people to the various areas of interest.

#### Membership and General Information:

There will be several tables setup in the entry area of the Centrum building that will serve as a resource area for literature. The tables will contain information about the hobby of radio controlled model boating, the organization of the Edina Model Yacht Club, and details about the group and its activities. An EMYC general information sheet is just one of the items that will be available and it answers many of the more common types of questions people ask about our club and its activities. Name tag badges and other information for EMYC members will be located here.

#### Staffing:

All club members will be asked to serve a one hour shift, sometime during the day, in either the indoor display, building, membership, or frequency control areas. Please sign up and refer to the staffing schedule sheet at the membership table.

#### Schedule:

A schedule of events sheet will be handed out during a short 5 minute informational meeting just before 11:00 AM. This format will set the operating theme for the day. The schedule is as follows:

| 11:00 - | 11:30 | Indoor Display  |
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| 11:30 - | 12:00 | Indoor Display  |
| 12:00 - | 12:30 | Open Boating  |
| 12:30 - | 1:00  | 36" Fairwinds/AC 914 Sailing  |
| 1:00 -  | 1:30  | Workboats: Tugboats, Steamships, Cruising Ships, Barges, other pleasure craft |
| 1:30 -  | 2:00  | Large Sailboats, other Sailboats: Marblehead, EC12, Schooners, etc.           |
| 2:00 -  | 2:30  | Fast Electrics: Hydroplanes, Speedboats                                       |
| 2:30 -  | 3:00  | Military Boats: Cruisers, Destroyers, Coast Guard Cutters, Sub                |
| 3:00 -  | 3:30  | Indoor Display  |
| 3:30 -  | 4:00  | Indoor Display  |
| 4:00 -  | 4:30  | Open Boating  |
| 4:30 -  | 5:00  | 36" Fairwinds/AC 914 Sailing  |
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| 6:30 -  | 7:00  | Parade of Model Boats   |
| 7:00    |       | Symphonic Winds Outdoor Concert   |

#### Frequency Control:

With the large number of boats operating during the day, our frequency board will be in use continuously to track the 36+ frequencies available. The following rules will apply:

- •All persons running a boat will be issued a frequency clip.
- •The following general frequencies will be used::
- 75 Megahertz (channels 61-90)
- 27 Megahertz (channels 1-6)

- Clips are printed with these channel numbers.
- •Other frequencies may be used as long as a clip is provided and the frequency used is written on the clip.
- •Names will be recorded on the frequency board as clips are handed out.
- •A clip should not be checked out more than 30 minutes.
- •Frequency priority will be 1)club members, 2)invited guests, 3)general public.
- •Frequency conflicts will be resolved by the rule above, or by sharing the time available, or by changing crystals.
- •The EMYC has four spare sets of crystals.
- Borrowing a set of EMYC crystals will require a name and phone number.
- •The clip must be returned after use.

#### Charging and Equipment Storage:

The back room (labeled "staff only") will be available to EMYC members for charging and radio storage during non-running times. Several multiple outlets strips will be set out for use in charging your nicads from your chargers. Please plan and prepare for your own charging needs. Masking tape and markers will be provided so you can label every personal item. Please remember that participants are responsible for there own equipment throughout the day. All members present will be wearing name badges and the general public is not allowed in any of the "staff only" areas.

We hope that the 1995 Parade of Model Boats Show will once again prove to be a rewarding and enjoyable event. It gets better each year and this time we expect over fifty club members and one hundred boats to be present. Come out and have some fun!

# May Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)

Tuesday, MAY.16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.

Following the Open Board Meeting at **6:30 P.M.** 

Centrum Building



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