



SAIL & SCALE

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Commodore's Corner: Hello!!! Is anybody out there??? The first feature night was held on April 26th and quite frankly I was really disappointed as the attendance was minimal. I hope that was a reflection of the uncertainty over the availability of water and not just a lack of interest.

I'm looking for comments from the membership on what we can do to get the enthusiasm up. Attendance at the open boating sessions has not been terrific so far even though the weather has been great. I'd like to know, is the year just getting off to a slow start, or is there something that I'm not doing? Let me know, I need your input!

I would like to say thanks to all who participated in the park clean up effort. The City was appreciative even though the park was not a real mess this Spring.

Bouys have been put out on both the North and Central (old South) ponds. The North pond has 2 sailing courses and a fast electric course. I know the fast electric course is getting used every Tuesday, but I have not had any input from the sailors yet.

Four bouys were put in the central pond just to give the fun runners something to aim for. So far all have remained in place, but then...the paddle boats are not out yet. I hope to see you at the meeting. *George*

Where's the Meeting: Centrum Building. Bring a boat! The water's UP! And sunset is well after 8 PM.

What's The Meeting About?: Parade of Model Boats preparations. We need YOUR help!!

Li'l Toot: 18 members made an appearance at the first club "feature" night for tugboats on Sunday, 4/26. Unfortunately, only three guys brought tugboats! It was a pleasure though, for many of us to visit with Glenn Anderson for the first time in quite a while. The only boat that Glenn still has is the *John Fitch*, his oar driven steam boat. The Great Lakes fishing tug (and the seagulls) reside in a museum.

Feature Night: May's feature night will highlight Scale Speed Boats (Chris Craft, Century, etc.). Now! Refer to the Commodore's comments at the top of the page and let's see if we can get some enthusiasm going! The first Sunday after the monthly meeting is May 24th. We need someone to volunteer to head up this event!! You don't have to own a runabout or speedboat to run the show...just the inclination to participate!

Builder's Corner: I have once again seen a reference in the modeling press that over time, cyanoacrylate (CyA) super glues eat, etch, and/or dissolve brass. It seems a bit far fetched to me, but it's probably prudent to use epoxy on brass instead of cyano!

Henny Again?: Henny Youngman is still on my mind.

On stupidity: "Two dumb guys go bear hunting. They see a sign saying, "Bear Left", ...so they went home".

On Lawyers: "A convict on his way to the electric chair called his lawyer for some last minute guidance. The attorney's suggestion: 'don't sit down'".

On Ugliness: "Would you mind looking at me? I've got the hiccups".

What Channel?: I have had several requests for an updated frequency list. The chart on page three is as close as I can come. Most renewing members do not report their frequencies, so it's difficult to keep track. I believe that all un-renewed members have been removed and that new members who listed channels are shown. Please call me with any additions or deletions.

Economy Class: The latest, 2000mAh Ni-Cds cost from six fifty to eight dollars apiece. B&T R/C Products in Rougemont, NC, [redacted] has Sanyo SCRC 1700mAh cells for \$4.50. You can save as much as twenty five bucks on a seven cell pack by using the 1700 cells. Not too bad a trade-off for only 15% less capacity. Order with a buddy to save on shipping.

Sailing: "Thank you" to everybody who participated in the work party, cleaning up at Centennial Lakes and setting out bouys in the North and South ponds.

Sailing will again be scheduled as last year on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM until sun down, and from 4:00 PM on Sundays on the North pond, weather and wind permitting. Racing Rules of Sailing for 1997 - 2000 will be the AMYA adopted Racing Rules as amended by Appendix E for radio controlled yachts. (You lost me there! Ed.)

Member suggestions for events for sail boat classes such as CR-914, Fairwind, Seawind and an open class are invited. Thank you, *John Dodson* [redacted]

Wanted!: Dave Bros is searching for the May 1997 issue of the British magazine *Marine Modeling*. He would like to copy the article on making/sewing sails. If you bring your issue to the meeting on the 19th, Dave will copy the article at Office Max and get the magazine right back to you. Call Dave [redacted]

Membership Meeting, 04/21/98: 24 members in attendance. Commodore Pfeifer called meeting to order at 7:10PM. Commodore made note that the city is in the process of flushing fire hydrants, which will assist in the refill of our pond. As a result of low/no water, the first club "feature" night will be postponed one month. Concrete work on new pond will take at least one month, after which, we may see water levels go down once again as the dam is removed. Park clean-up day is still a "go" for April 25th. J.McCabe has acquired ten cement blocks for buoy anchors. J.Smith suggested sand filled bleach bottles instead, to reduce damage to the new club retrieval boat and to the pond liner. In any event, buoy placement will probably be delayed as a result of low water level. Commodore is attempting to get KSTP to put the club on their 5AM TV show two days prior to the Parade. Gabbert's furniture will promote a new fabric line by Nautica. We have been asked to put on a static display from 11AM until 3PM on Saturday, May 30th., details to follow. G.Merrill will contact Jason Davis of channel 5 to get coverage of the Parade and/or Roseville shows. J.Bishop has

contacts for the Sun Newspapers. John has also seen to it that the club has been mentioned in the Edina parks publication which goes out to all residents. Commodore had Parade posters and flyers for distribution to all hobby shops. Smith will include a flyer to all shops on newsletter mailing list. G.Merrill announced that Roseville will have an improved launching ramp for us at Lake Bennett. Commodore said that he and several members have been boating at Running Park at 12th Ave. and Old Shakopee road in the absence of water at Centennial Lakes. Mention was made of the long range weather forecast for the next 90 days...very hot!...very dry! J.Smith gave three RCHTA media award forms to Commodore. Volunteer(s) are needed to follow up on these awards. Erwin Stevenson has recently had bypass surgery. He intends to be back with us by the time you read this! Best wishes, Erwin!! J.Smith gave a talk on batteries, chargers...more than you ever wanted to know. Unfortunately, he was so long winded that show-and-tell was forgotten. Too bad! There were some very interesting boats which needed to be seen and discussed!

JimSmith

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM
Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM
Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM

May 19th.(Tue.) Membership Meeting Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
(Parade of Boats Preparation)

May 22nd-24th San Francisco MYC Spreckles Lake, Golden Gate Park 100th Anniversary

May 24th.(Sun.) Feature Night, Speed Boats Mid (Old South) Pond 4:30PM - 6:00PM

May 30th.(Sat.) Display at Gabbert's Gallera Mall, Edina 11:00AM - 3:00PM

NOTE: The Gabbert's Display has been POSTPONED. A new date will be set.

Jun. 14th.(Sun.) Parade of Boats Centennial Lakes Centrum 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Jun. 16th.(Tue.) Membership Meeting Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:00PM
(Parade of Boats, Review)

Jul. 1st.(Wed.) "Rosefest" Celebration Lake Bennett, Roseville 5:00PM - 9:00PM

Jul. 21st.(Tue.) Membership Meeting Centennial Lakes Centrum 7:00PM - 9:30PM

Jul. 28th.(Tue.) Handicap Boating Mid (Old South) Pond 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Aug. 8th,9th(Sa,Su) Antique & Classic Boat Show Excelsior Park Restaurant 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Batteries Revisited: Ken Stoltenberg passed along the following information from Power Sonic relating to their gel-cells.

"The nominal rating of gell cell batteries is calculated at a 20 hour rate". So, a 3AH cell would produce 150mA for 20 hours, while a 10AH cell would produce 500mA for the same period of time.

Since I draw about 3 Amps (3000mA) from my tug's 10AH battery, it appears that I can not expect to receive full capacity since I am drawing the battery down at about six times the calculated rate.

Power Sonic's literature also recommends charging a 12v. gell cell at 14.7 volts for 16 hours, followed by a "floating" or continuous voltage of 13.5 - 13.8v.

Ace recommends that the output voltage of their Constant Voltage Charger for gel-cells be set at 14.2 volts, so there seems to be a bit of "wiggle room" available.

Where To Get 'Em?: Warren Freeman recommends Burns Sales Co., 4601 Excelsior Blvd, Mpls, 55416 [redacted] as a source for gell-cells. Check 'em out

Built When?: The two printed letters on Sanyo Ni-Cd cells indicate date of manufacture:

YEAR	MONTH
R- 1987	A- Jan.
S- 1988	B- Feb.
T- 1989	C- Mar.
U- 1990	D- Apr.
V- 1991	E- May
W- 1992	F- Jun.
X- 1993	G- Jul.
Y- 1994	H- Aug.
Z- 1995	I- Sep.
A- 1996	J- Oct.
B- 1997	K- Nov.
C- 1998	L- Dec.

EMYC Frequencies in use by members: Number in () indicates number of boats operated.

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27 MHz. Band (transmitter identified by a single colored flag)

26.995 Brown	Frank(1)	27.145 Yellow	
27.045 Red	Jester(1)	27.195 Green	Phillips(1), Pfeifer(1)
27.095 Orange	Ulmer(1)	27.255 Blue	Frank(1), VanVoorhis(1)

75 MHz. Band (transmitter identified by channel number flag)

75.41 Channel 61	Person(1), Iverson(1), Proulx(1),	75.71 Channel 76	Wheeler(1), McCabe(1), Proulx(2), Pfeifer(1), Larson(1), Gjerdingen(1)
75.43 Channel 62	McCabe(1), Campbell(1), Bros(1), Olsen(1), Metz(1), Sigvertson(2), Traiser(1), Meyers(1), Crawford(1), Porter(1), Iverson(1)	75.73 Channel 77	Phillips(1), Johnson(1), Dodson(1), Proctor(1)
75.45 Channel 63	Smith(1), Bros(1), Johnson, D(1), Blais(1)	75.75 Channel 78	Smith(1), Anderson, R(1), Bros(1), Pfeifer(1), Baskerville(1), VanVoorhis(1), Norton(1), Tack(1)
75.47 Channel 64	Remer(2), Edge(2), Olsen(1), McCabe(1), Bros(1) Anderson, R(1) Trutwin(1),	75.77 Channel 79	Smith(1), Baskerville(1), Johnson, D(1), Thoms(1),
75.49 Channel 65	Phillips(1), Freeman(1),	75.79 Channel 80	Bros(1), Campbell(2), Metz(1), Stevenson(3), Hershey(1),
75.51 Channel 66	Bottemiller(1), Ulmer(1), Olsen(1), Phillips(1), Pfeifer(1), Merrill(1), Campbell(1), Young(1)	75.81 Channel 81	Kirihara(1), Baskerville(1), Johnson, D(1),
75.53 Channel 67	Wheeler(1),	75.83 Channel 82	Kirihara(1), Kartes(1), Blaha(1), Schermeister(1) Porter(1), Meyers(1), Smith(1)
75.55 Channel 68	Anderson, R(1), Campbell(1), Johnson(1), Proulx(1), Stoltenberg(3), Bros(1)	75.85 Channel 83	Anderson, G(2), Field(1), Johnson, T(1),
75.57 Channel 69	Kirihara(1), Dodson(1), Merrill(1), Johnson, T(1)	75.87 Channel 84	Phillips(2), Anderson, G(1), Pfeifer(2), Thoms(1) Stoltenberg(1), Bishop(4),
75.59 Channel 70	Stevenson(4), Edge(2), Jester(1), Smith(1), Merrill(1),	75.89 Channel 85	McCabe(4), Dodson(1),
75.61 Channel 71	Ulmer(1), Iverson(1), Sigvertsen(1)	75.91 Channel 86	McCabe(2), Bottemiller(1), Bros(1),
75.63 Channel 72	Smith(5), Campbell(1), Kjellberg(1), Zbikowski(1), Gjerdingen(1)	75.93 Channel 87	Wood(2), Jester(1)
75.65 Channel 73	Sigvertsen(2), Bros(1),	75.95 Channel 88	Bishop(4), Phillips(1), Jester(1), Johnson, D(1), Smith(1), Tack(1)
75.67 Channel 74	Proctor(3), Edge(1), Olsen(1), Brust(1), Freeman(1),	75.97 Channel 89	Hershey(1), Brust(1)
75.69 Channel 75	Larson(1), Kjellberg(1), Crawford(1), Proctor(1), Nelson(2),	75.99 Channel 90	Anderson, R(1), Trutwin(1), Wood(2), Olsen(1), Proulx(2), Brust(1), Larson(1),

50 MHz. Band (transmitter identified by channel number flag) For use by licensed amateur (HAM) operators only.

50.80 Ch. 00	Kjellberg(1)	50.90 Ch. 05	Merrill(1)
50.82 Ch. 01		50.92 Ch. 06	
50.84 Ch. 02		50.94 Ch. 07	
50.86 Ch. 03		50.96 Ch. 08	
50.88 Ch. 04		50.98 Ch. 09	

May Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, May 19th
7:00 P.M.

**Centennial Lakes
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\$500

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