



SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER OF THE EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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Commodore's Corner: It was nice to see such a good turn out at the January meeting. We had many members join the committee of their choice and most of the committees have had their initial meeting. We still need some more members to fill out the Social and Special Events Committee, you can sign up at the next meeting. I would like to remind you to send in your 1999 dues if you have not done so yet. To make it easier you can renew in person at the meeting. Dale

Where's the Meeting: The Band Room in the Centennial Lakes maintenance garage. Enter via the loading dock in the northeast corner of the lower parking ramp, north of Audio King's installation shop.

What's Up? (at the Meeting): Don Pearson will give us the scoop on building ships-in-bottles. His previous presentation received rave reviews. Don't miss it. Also, note the enclosed flyer regarding a gathering on Feb. 23rd to view the Model Expo, Inc. video (90 minutes) on the construction of a plank on frame display model...quite applicable to R/C boats.

And, don't forget the Board meeting at 6:30...it's open to everyone.

Trade Show Update: January's International Modeler Show in Pasadena, CA was purchased and operated by the Academy of Model Aeronautics as their "Convention 99" show this year. Unfortunately, I saw little in the way of boat kits or supplies.

Dumas was in attendance, as usual, but with nothing new this time around. Ditto from EMS/Jomar and SubTech. As usual, Hobby Lobby did not attend.

A new company called CEN had a gas or electric powered, 27 inch vacuum formed deep vee racer called the *Baja Boss 272*. Quite similar to the *Viper*, it had no price, no specs, and no availability date.

SeaTec Models displayed a line of hand made flags, both national and signal, which looked nice and were supposed to flutter realistically. But at \$14 to \$18 apiece, they were very over priced. Sea Tec also handles the British, Deans Marine line of kits but did not see fit to have any on display.

Thunder Tiger/Ace showed the 30" *Victoria*, and MRP's 25" *Odyssey* and 20" *Aussie II* sailboats. They appear to be direct competition for Kyosho's line of wind powered boats. Virtually none of the old Ace products were on display. I inquired about the *Nautical Commander* radio, and was advised that it would be

about six months before we can expect to see one on dealer's shelves. That is exactly what I was told at last year's show. So, don't hold your breath!

Ram has added several sound devices to their line over the past year or two. New, "digitally accurate recordings" do seem to have a better sound.

If you're looking to purchase a Sherline lathe or mill, note that they had no discounted "show price". They claim to have held their prices for the last several years and anticipate an increase very shortly. Better buy 'em now, while the price is right!

Finally, Astro Flight is working on a new, brushless ".01" motor that is about 1" long and 1" in diameter. The anticipated price, including controller is under \$100 (probably 99.95). This power source might just usher in a new breed of mini fast electrics.

Sadly, the scale club that usually displays and runs fifteen to twenty boat models did not attend this year.

In my opinion, the Weak Signals R/C Club's "Toledo R/C Expo" (April 9-11) is as good as any show and better than most, if you're looking for model boating "stuff". Toledo is about a 685 mile drive. Jim

Colors: Kurt Van Dahm, editor of the *Watts Wake Beacon* (Illinois) notes that Testor's purchase of Floquil has resulted in the Floquil line of Marine Paints being dropped from production.

All is not lost however, as Badger will fill the void with a new line of "Marine Model Finish" paints.

Kurt has tested the new product and notes that the line will consist of over 50 colors plus an Extender, Clear Flat, Satin and Gloss and an Air-Brush Cleaner.

The Badger paints are water based acrylic and require no primer. Kurt says, "...they are great. Shake the bottle, pour into your air-brush and spray. No muss, no fuss and good coverage". The Marine Model Finish product line should be in local hobby shops soon...if not already.

(Note: Model Expo, (800) 222-3876 has purchased the entire remaining stock of Floquil Marine Paints and is selling them as much as 80% off. The more they have of a particular color, the lower the price. Ed.)

Publications: The editor of *Scale Ship Modeler* magazine has taken the feedback from his readers to heart, reversing his decision to cease publication. Subscribers have received their first issue and I assume that it will soon be on dealer's shelves as well.

Next Month: John Bishop will publish the March newsletter. [redacted] with your input.

Membership Meeting, 1/19/99: 28 members and guests in attendance. Commodore called meeting to order at 7:03PM. Dale announced the formation of several committees: Sail, Scale, Fast Electric, Social (Special Events), Membership, Marketing/Promotion. The Committees will meet outside of regular meeting to "brainstorm" and then make presentation to membership and to set dates for their specific events. Hopefully these committees will be quite large, the intention being to spread out the workload. All members are encouraged to join one or more committees. There is at least one Board member in each group to coordinate with Commodore...Sail-Raupp, Scale-Brust, Fast Electric-Campbell, Social-Person, Membership/Marketing-Dale Johnson. There are several additional members on each committee already, call to sign up (Board member's phone numbers are on the back page of this newsletter). D.Swain requested a list of model boating suppliers. Commodore suggested that we attempt to formulate a list of local shops and the type of boating items carried. Dale mentioned that a typical Dumas kit with a list price of \$195 is listed in the Tower catalog for \$139, while it is on the Richfield Hub Hobby shelf for only \$132. Dale encouraged all to attend the special

TV presentation on building mahogany planked boats on Jan.26th. G.Merrill stated that the Rosefest show in July is up-in-the-air as a result of Roseville's park and rec department's lack of interest. T.Johnson mentioned that the ice boating season had deteriorated to prepared rinks, since open lake ice is no longer available. Call Tom if you'd like to see these boats in operation at Centennial Lakes on Saturday or Sunday. Warren Freeman gave a presentation on his visit to the good(?) ship *Vasa* in Stockholm, Sweden.

Adjourned 7:55PM. Show-'n-Tell followed:

George Pfeifer showed his newly scratch built Clyde Puffer (very unstable, flat bottomed) and his Dumas three cockpit barrel back converted to a rear cockpit, high powered racer.

Kirk Brust showed his Civil War Monitor.

Doug Campbell showed a Micro-Mark miniature belt sander and his 6 cell outrigger racer (under construction).

Dale Johnson showed three scratch-built Centry Sea Maid hybrid runabouts, part Sterling, part Dumas, part Johnson in various stages of completion. He tried Wall-Mart's Bondo brand polyester resin as a finish but found it quite yellow....not water-clear as is Sig's resin.

Jim Smith

Schedule Of Upcoming Events

	Every Sunday	Open Boating	4:30PM - 9:00PM	(60 days...and counting!)
	Every Tuesday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM	
	Every Thursday	Open Boating	5:30PM - 9:00PM	
Feb.	16 th (Tue.)	Board Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	6:30PM - 7:00PM
	16 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
	23 rd (Tue.)	Bluenose Building Video	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 8:30PM
Mar.	16 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
Apr.	9 th , 10 th , 11 th	Toledo R/C Expo (45 th Annual)	Toledo, OH (401 Jefferson Av)	9:00AM - 6:00PM
	20 th (Tue.)	Membership Meeting	Centennial Lakes Garage	7:00PM - 9:00PM
	24 th (Sat.)	Park Clean-Up & Buoy Set	Centennial Lakes	9:00AM - 2:00PM

Vasa: At our January meeting, Warren Freeman gave an account of his visit to the sailing ship, *Vasa*, located in Stockholm, Sweden.

The ship was commissioned by Gustavus Adolphus of the royal family in the year 1625. It was built during the 30 Years War to impress Sweden's neighbors. And it probably did so (sort-of).

The *Vasa* was 226 feet in length with a 38 foot beam. She weighed in at 1210 tons, had 13,000 square feet of sail, 64 brass cannon, a crew of 145 supplemented by 300 soldiers and was constructed from the wood of over 1,000 oak trees. 500 carved figures adorned the vessel.

Unfortunately, she was also a bit top-heavy, and on her maiden outing with many dignitaries aboard, she took a "bit" of water into her gun-ports and sank in the harbor in 150 feet of water.

Fortunately, after 333 years in cold, brackish water, she was raised in 1961. After a seventeen year preservative spray of PEG (Polyethylene glycol) she was opened to public view. Boarding is prohibited, but Warren reported that the exterior view of this magnificently preserved ship is well worth a visit.

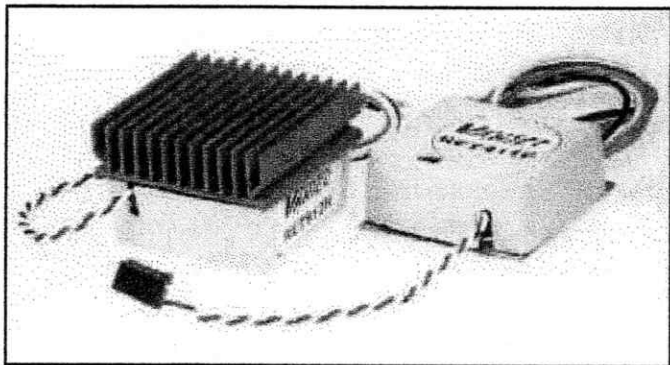
Builder's Corner: Ten members showed up at the Centennial Lakes Garage on Jan.26th to view the Dumas video on building mahogany planked boats. Quite a bit of useful information crossed the screen. The Dumas team managed to build one of each of their kits into display models for their trade shows. Nice....but, in my opinion, the products of Dale Johnson's basement workshop are pretty hard to beat!

Committees: Although I didn't get any official "reports", the Scale Committee (SIG? - special interest group) met on Jan.20th and the Sail SIG met on Jan.27th, so it appears that at least some of the Committees set up at the January membership meeting are off and running.

ROMEO: The St. Louis Admirals Club has formed their own version of a SIG called ROMEO, (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Perhaps we should form a local chapter. Give me a call if you'd be interested and I'll see what I can arrange. I'm sure that the cost of a charter for a local chapter would be minimal!

Speed Controllers: Vantec 460 Casa Real Plz Nipomo, CA 93444, [REDACTED] has a line of several new reversing speed controllers called the *Captain* series. Available, with or without heat sinks (see photo), they may be of interest.

Model 411, for example, will handle 4.8 to 26 volts at 12 amps continuous, and 30 amps surge. Price: With heat sink \$80.95, (4 or more \$72.46 each). Without sink \$74.95, (4 or more \$66.95 each). Contact Vantec for a brochure or check them out on their web site at: < www.vantec.com >



Good Book: "The Endurance"

by: Caroline Alexander, 1998

This is a wonderful new story of Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew of 27 men, 60 sled dogs, two pigs, and the ship's cat, "Mrs. Chippy". It is a true story of Shackleton's expedition to the Antarctic Continent in 1914.

Ms. Alexander's book includes page after page of photographs by Australian photographer, Frank Hurley. His photo skills in that unfriendly environment are astonishing. The book is very hard to put down (almost like trying to put down a new model boat).

Alexander also produced a book called "Mrs. Chippy's Last Expedition". She, Ms. Alexander, not the cat, now lives on a farm in New Hampshire and is the curator of "Endurance, Shackleton's Legendary Expedition", an exhibition that will open at the American Museum of National History in March of this year (1999).

This was great reading. My rating is 4-1/2 stars out of a possible five. If you have ever ice fished, skied or driven an automobile in a Minnesota winter storm, this book is for you!

George Merrill

Support Your Local Hobby Shop: The local hobby shop in many places around the country is in danger of extinction. Environmentalists have labored to tell us that many species are, or will be, extinct because of the actions of man.

The local hobby shop is an endangered species. One cause is our too simple desire to buy things at the lowest possible price. The proliferation of huge

catalog houses and the price control they exert feeds our desire.

It is easy to forget that a local hobby shop owner may have spent many hours helping solve our problems and never charged a penny for his expertise. It is difficult for a local shop to match the prices of the big houses. Their volume is small. The cost of maintaining a huge inventory is prohibitive.

Worth Marine is a classic example. Greg Worth spends untold hours on the phone with customers who need help building or repairing their boats. There is no way to charge for that time. But his advice has real value to those who need it. However, Worth Marine is unique as a small model shop in that they have a proprietary product, the CR 914.

When people who have received help from their local shop buy new products, do they buy, instead, from the lowest cost catalog house? Do they factor in that a place like Tower Hobbies charges \$7 for shipping and handling? Tower can never answer detailed questions about a specific model such as a CR 914, for instance.

The local shops maintain a stock of the things we need in a hurry. Many shops have hooked up to a supplier that can deliver on short notice almost anything a large catalog house offers.

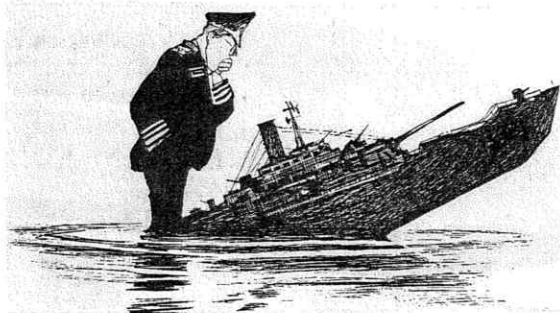
For many of us, if the local shop ceased to exist, we would be in trouble. Where would we get the advice to solve those problems that arise as we enjoy the hobby? Where would we get the things we need in a hurry? Where would we find a place that could make the repair or adjustment that we can't do ourselves?

A Solution?: Use catalogs as a resource of information, but buy your products from the local shop. Remember to include the shipping and handling costs of a catalog house when thinking about price.

Editor's Note: This article was written by Chuck Winder editor of the *CR914 News* and reprinted with his permission.

(Also note Dale Johnson's price comparison in the minutes)

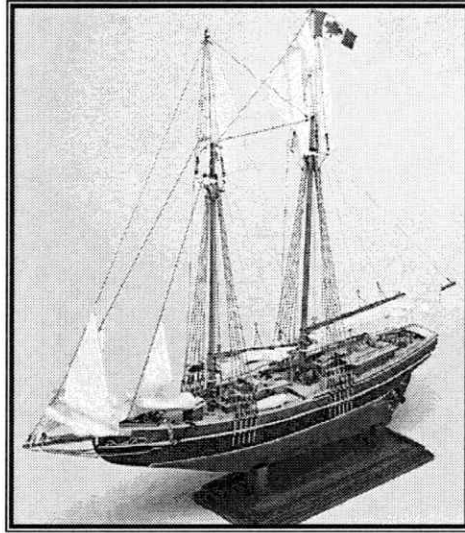
Down She Goes!: If we have your membership renewal for the new year, there should be a red "99" on the mailing label on the cover of this issue. If'n there ain't no "99", we don't have your cash and this here is your last newsletter pardner!



-NOW SHOWING-

**Tuesday, February 23rd 7:00pm
Band Room**

How to Build the Bluenose II



Edina Model Yacht Club will be presenting a 90 minute video tape on the construction of the Bluenose II. This tape, produced by Model Expo, will cover not only the building of this classic schooner, but plank on frame construction & static model construction as well.

The model presented in the tape is by Artesania Latina, and is a beautiful example of a static model with realistic decks, fittings and rigging.

- A great introduction to plank on frame construction
- Learn techniques you can apply to any plank on frame project
- Get some tips from a master modeler
- Apply some of these techniques to your R/C boat

Anyone interested is invited to attend!



MODEL EXPO, INC.

Name	Address	City	Zip	Phone	Boat(s) Year
Anderson, Glenn		West St Paul	55118		OQC 99
Anderson, Ralph		Richfield	55423		FP 98
Bach, Bill		Bloomington	55437		99
Baskerville, Marty		Minneapolis	55344		FA 99
Bishop, John		Edina	55424		FSCT 99
Blaha, Kyle		Eden Prairie	55344		PW 98
Blais, Harold		Bloomington	55420		F 99
Bottemiller, Karl		New Hope	55428		CT 99
Boyer, Lyle		Bloomington	55438		FSC 98
Brenhaug, Jeff		Hutchenson	55350		F 98
Bros, David		Minneapolis	55424		FOTW 99
Brust, Kirk		Richfield	55423		CW 99
Campbell, Doug		Minneapolis	55417		FMSI 99
Crawford, Rodney		Excelsior	55331		MO 98
Dinger, Fred		Burnsville	55337		98
Dodson, John		Shorewood	55331		O 99
Edge, Dick		St. Paul	55106		OPSW 99
Erickson, Tom		Edina	55424		99
Evans, Homer "Chip"		Edina	55410		O 98
Fehlandt, Mark		Edina	55439		S 98
Ferris, Fred		Burnsville	55337		O 99
Field, Orrin		Edina	55435		F 99
Frank, J.W. "Bill"		St. Paul	55118		AI 99
Freeman, Warren		Plymouth	55447		FC 99
Gilbert, Gregory		Crystal	55429		C 99
Gilbertson, Jack		Woodbury	55125		T 99
Gjerdingen, David		St. Paul	55116		FS 98
Heebink, Robert		Edina	55435		98
Hershey, Kimberly		St. Louis Park	55426		TO 98
Hudak, Rick		Prior Lake	55372		S 98
Hughes, Jim		Apple Valley	55124		P 98
Iverson, Kenneth		Edina	55439		TP 99
Jacobson, Richard		Bloomington	55438		P 98
Janssen, Gene		Maple Grove	55369		98
Jester, Robert		St. Louis Park	55416		FAO 99
Johnson, Dale		Bloomington	55425		P 99
Johnson, Jerry		Champlin	55316		O 98
Johnson, Rick		Edina	55439		F 98
Johnson, Tony		Excelsior	55331		FAOI 99
Jones, Robert		Apple Valley	55124		FEPW 98
Kartes, Tony		Bloomington	55420		FW 99
Kirihara, Mikio		Bloomington	55420		MOP 99
Kjellberg, Dick		South St. Paul	55075		MTS 98
Larson, Robert		Edina	55424		FSC 99
Mangan, Frank		Plymouth	55442		O 98
Mann, Allan		Bloomington	55437		98
Mann, David		Bloomington	55437		98
McCabe, Jeff		Bloomington	55431		FMST 99
Merrill, George		Roseville	55113		TCWO 99
Metz, Stephen		St. Paul	55104		FO 98
Meyers, Steve		Wayzata	55391		F 98
Mielke, Robert		Delano	55328		99
Mikkelsen, Paul		Minnetonka	55305		Toy Boats 99
Nelson, Joel		Eden Prairie	55346		P 98
Norton, Max		Apple Valley	55124		FS 99
Olsen, Paul		Bloomington	55420		FMOT 98

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Patterson, Don		Plymouth	55447		98
Pearson, Donald		Deephaven	55391		Ships-in-Bottle 98
Person, Douglas		Edina	55435		F 99
Peter, Ralph		Richfield	55423		OA 98
Pfeifer, George		Bloomington	55425		FTCP 99
Phillips, Gary		Eagan	55123		FWTS 99
Porter, Fred		Bloomington	55437		W 99
Proctor, Harry		Minnetonka	55343		FOS 98
Proulx, Dan		Maple Grove	55369		SCW 99
Raupp, Alex		Minnetonka	55343		O 99
Remer, Ken		West St. Paul	55118		TP 98
Saltzman, Alan		Minneapolis	55410		C 98
Schermeister, John		Brooklyn Center	55430		C 98
Schmit, Steven		Minneapolis	55417		CW 98
Schomburg, John		Edina	55424		98
Sigvertsen, Jene		Woodbury	55125		EMO 98
Simenson, Mrs. Myron		Richfield	55423		99
Smith, James		Bloomington	55437		FPTS 99
Stevenson, Erwin		Chaska	55318		CPWQ 99
Stoltenberg, Ken		Rochester	55906		PWCs 99
Swain, Donald		Minneapolis	55411		TC 98
Swenson, Nicholas		Richfield	55423		S 98
Tack, Jim		Bloomington	55437		FS 98
Thoms, Howard		Bloomington	55437		F 99
Traiser, Christopher		St. Paul	55105		MO 98
Trutwin, Mike		Lakeville	55044		FO 98
Ulmer, David		Richfield	55423		FS 99
VanVoorhis, C.J.		St. Paul	55108		OS 99
Wald, Dave		Fairmont	56031		O 98
Walker, Dick		Edina	55423		FP 99
Wallin, Neil		Minneapolis	55411		C 98
Watkins, Tom		Edina	55435		98
Westley, Don		St. Louis Park	55416		98
Wheeler, Larry		Minneapolis	55410		OS 98
Wood, Bill		Brooklyn Park	55443		FPS 98
Young, Tom		Bloomington	55437		F 98
Zbikowski, Andrew		Fargo, ND	58105		F 99

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Number of Boats Operated by Edina Model Yacht Club Members on Each 75 and 27 Mhz Channel

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February Meeting Notice:

(Third Tuesday of the Month)
Tuesday, February 16th
7:00 P.M.

(Board Meeting at 6:30)
Centennial Lakes
Garage Band Room

Commodore:	Dale Johnson
Vice Commodore	Kirk Brust
Vice Commodore	Doug Campbell
Vice Commodore	Jeff McCabe
Vice Commodore	Doug Person
Vice Commodore	Alex Raupp
Treasurer	Gary Phillips

Newsletter Editor	Jim Smith
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For Sale: (Dennis DeSprois has been making sails for the Fairwind in Arizona . It might be worth a look if your sails need replacement, Ed.). The material used is a 1.4 mil polyester film which is very light and resistant to stretching. It is opaque white, making the sails look like sails and allowing the skipper to clearly "see" the boat on the water. Sail shape (camber) is achieved by a four panel mainsail and a three panel jib. What is unique about the polyester film is that space age adhesives allow for the panels to be assembled without any stitching. The only modification to the rig is that the increased drive generated by these sails may require that the shrouds be re-enforced. The increased performance on the Fairwind and Seabreeze is remarkable!

The price for a set of Fairwind sails is \$40 plus \$5 for shipping. Please allow a couple of weeks for delivery.

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