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INTERNATIONAL TUG BOAT RACE



The normally sedate Detroit River comes alive with roaring diesels and blaring air horns when tug boats of all sizes race for glory and trophies in the annual International Tug Boat Race on June 19, 2010 below the Ambassador Bridge at 1 p.m. A good vantage point of the race can be seen in Detroit at Chewitt Park off of Sandwich Street to see the early minutes of the race; just east of the Bridge in Assumption Park viewers will find the tugs rea-

sonably bunched; from the Bridge there are good vantage points at the water to often see the tugs pass close at hand; and across the river at Dieppe Park in Downtown Windsor, Ontario viewers will enjoy the excitement of the often close finishes by the judge's boat berthed at the Park. *Use caution viewing the race, the tug's wake can reach as high as the park!

The official starting line is at the Essroc Silos just

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

-Open Boating every Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 pm and every Sunday 4:30 - 9:00 pm-
June 13, Sunday11:00 p.m.-:5:00 p.m.Parade Of Boats
June 15, Tuesday7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.Membership Meeting
July 20, Sunday7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.Membership Meeting

COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Joe Steele

PARADE OF BOATS

It's June and only a few days away from the "Parade-of Boats". Dust off your finest model boats, charge the batteries and get ready to show the community our best. At the May club meeting we had several people offer to help John Bishop make this another successful event. I think John has some surprises for us. Ray Meifert tells us that Columnist Bill Ward will be doing an article on the Parade of Boats this year. He and his photographer will be at the event around 10:30 The article will then appear in the Variety session in mid-summer. Ray called Bill after reading his recent article about WWII model makers. He stated he always wanted to do an article about EMYC. We should be prepared to talk about our models. One area that will be of interest is the Builder's Corner and the military boats. Thanks Ray Let's show and run. . Joe Steele



Photo of Paul Olsen By Tim Smalley

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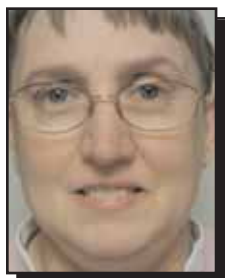
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AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 18, 2010



By Julia Moen

There were approximately 30 members present at the meeting. The topic for this month's meeting is the planning for Parade of Boats. We had 1 visitor, Jack Terry. In fact, he is becoming a member.

Know-your-member for this month is Al Bickford. He is originally from Dayton, Ohio and did model airplanes for a very long time. After high school, he went into the Air Force in Montana and then was sent to Alaska. He attended school on the GI bill majoring in Electronics. His job after his service, he landed a position at Honeywell as Engineer. He worked in the electronics lab for 25 years. While he was employed with Honeywell, they convinced him to take more classes but this time he received Business Masters at St Thomas and Operations Manager at U of M. He was at Hub Hobby and saw one of the Parade of Boats posters in the window, he came to Parade of Boats, and he has been with us ever since. He is currently working on a 53" long monster tug. Digikey is the main supplier.

The boat pictured on the Parade of Boats poster this year belongs to Vern Grimes. Fred Ferris announced the winners of the 3 pond race. The Fairwinds race results are as follows: Larry Wheeler 1st place; Tony Johnson 2nd place; Robert McDonald 3rd place; and Jack Terry 4th place. Awards were given at the meeting. Additional awards were presented such as the LUCKY DRAW AWARD (universal gift certificate) was awarded to Jack Johnson. The DAL award goes to the last Fairwind to finish the race and that goes to Jack Terry. He received a universal gift certificate and the DAL medal, which is the slow moving sign in the pizza box.

The Parade of Boats will be held Sunday June 13, 2010 at Centennial Lakes pond from 11:00 to 4:00. Volunteers include Julia Moen and Jack Terry to work at the Membership table; Paul Olsen and Mickey will take care of the donuts, pop, water, etc; Kevin Waldo will help out a little on the Frequencies board; Dick and Dave will work at the builders table; there will be a for sale table but need a volunteer for this table; Robert McDonald

and Bill Wood are going to be in charge of boat setup, everyone volunteering for setup should be there by 8:00 am so we can start on time. Ray Meifert graciously volunteered to be the announcer this year. It was suggested that we have pictures of the captains and their boats taken at the event. We will have flyers for Lighthouse Night at the membership table. See you at the Parade Boats!



Larry Wheeler, the First Place Winner



Jack Terry, accepting the DAL award.

NAUTICAL KNOW-IT-ALL



SAILING VESSEL QUIZ

By Dan Lewandowski

The following pictures represent different kinds of sailing vessels. Can you score a "10"? Last month's question will be addressed at the June membership meeting.



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Bonus:

INTERNATIONAL TUG BOAT RACE (CONT.)



west of the Ambassador Bridge. It is the most unusual tug race anywhere, as many as 30 tugs of all sizes race in a mad dash for the finish line. Tugs ranging in length from 45 to 140 feet compete at the same time, all muscling for the best position. Some of the larger tugs are actual working tugs with more than 2,000 horsepower, the Detroit River boils as the tugs create a huge wake.

The tugs complete a parade/cool down lap passing close to downtown Detroit from the GM Building (Ren Cen) to Hart Plaza before returning across the river to Windsor, Ontario where the tugs dock at Dieppe Park and the crew members participate in the awards ceremony.



The race features tugs from all over the region -- from tugs based in Detroit to others that arrive from Lake Huron ports just to participate in this great tradition. Tug boat racing on the Detroit River dates back to the 1950's and was originally a loosely organized event. For many years the event was discontinued until 1976 when the International Freedom Festival started the tradition once again. In 2003 the International Freedom Festival declared bankruptcy and the race was in limbo. Local Detroit tug man Brian Williams, with the help of numerous companies, individuals and the Detroit and Windsor Port Authorities were able to organize the event, keeping the long standing tradition alive.

A family friendly event, this year's race coincides with the Carnival held on Windsor, Ontario's waterfront near the finish line. To learn more about the race please visit the internet website www.TugRace.com



BUILDER'S CORNER



By R.U. Stuckonit

TIPS & TRICKS
WITH EPOXY -
PART 2

Making a "Threaded" Hole:

To make a threaded mounting hole, you don't necessarily need a tap. This doesn't work for a "through" hole, but works for many situations where a blind hole is needed and there is no existing structure to drill or screw into. An example is a screw passing through a motor mount that needs to attach to the hull below. First, determine where a screw or bolt will be screwed in. Using masking tape, build a small dam located and shaped to surround the threads of the screw. Fill the dam with some epoxy thickened with a commercial thickener or just use some baking soda. The epoxy should be the consistency of heavy cream. Place the screw through the component to be attached. Brush some Vaseline onto the threads of the screw and onto any area that will contact the epoxy. Place the greased assembly into place with the screw projecting into the epoxy. It's OK to crush the dam a little. It should be tall enough to cover most or all of the projecting screw. Let the epoxy set up. Gently turn the screw out until it "pops" from the epoxy. Remove the piece that is being screwed into place. The Vaseline should prevent the epoxy from bonding to it. There should now be a perfectly aligned, threaded hole for the

mounting screw. This method is described and used for the assembly of the Vac-U-Tug and works very well.

Cleaning Up Epoxy:

Before it's cured, smeared or excess epoxy can be wiped away with a cloth dampened with alcohol or other solvent. But if it's on a painted or finished surface, any solvent might damage the finish. Micro-Fiber cloths, like the cheap packs of blue and white "terry-cloth" ones sold at Walmart (not the expensive ones sold for lens cleaning, etc.) will wipe away the epoxy with no solvent needed. Just continue gentle wiping, turning the cloth to a fresh area for each swipe, and the micro-fiber actually seems to absorb the epoxy. I was amazed that it worked.

THREE POND RACE PHOTOS



Photos by Wayne Snyder

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NAUTICAL ORIGINS OF COMMON EXPRESSIONS

Taken Down A Peg

This expression comes from the practice of admirals and officers having their own flags aboard ship. Superior officers would have their flags positioned higher on the mast than subordinates and these flags would be attached to the mast by a peg. If a senior officer handed over his command to a junior then the flag would have to be flown in a subordinate position or be taken down a peg.

Fly-By-Night

A large square sail used downwind or on a reach that could be used easily and quickly. This made it very useful for sailing at night especially by people who dealt in contraband. Since these people's character was always in question they became known as fly-by-night-ers.

Scuttlebutt

The cask of drinking water on ships was called a scuttlebutt and since Sailors exchanged gossip when they gathered at the scuttlebutt for a drink of water, scuttlebutt became U.S. Navy slang for gossip or rumors. A butt was a wooden cask which held water or other liquids; to scuttle is to drill a hole, as for tapping a cask.

Between the Devil & the Deep Blue Sea

The devil seam was the curved seam in the deck planking closest to the side of the ship and next to the scupper gutters. If a sailor slipped on the deck, he could find himself between the devil and the deep blue sea.

FATHER AND SON DROWN WHILE RC BOATING IN LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Investigators said a man and his teenage son apparently drowned while playing with a remote control boat at an Ocean County fishing pond on May 19.

But it's still not clear how Mark Volz and his 17-year-old son, Mark Jr., ended up in the very cold water on Monday afternoon.

The Toms River residents were last seen operating the four- to five-foot boat around 4:30 p.m. at the edge of the pond here.

Nearly two hours later, a passer-by saw the boat bobbing in the water and noticed an empty pickup truck nearby, along with a fishing pole, boats, wallet and keys in the grass. The passer-by called the police, and the bodies were found a short time later.

Family members declined to comment on the accident.

-News Item From the Associated Press

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JUNE MEETING

TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010 7:00 P.M.
CENTENNIAL LAKES GARAGE BAND ROOM

AGENDA:

- Parade of Boats recap and review
- Discussion on the Rick's Hobby Farm Outing on July 24th.

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