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March Membership Meeting and Other News

We had a good meeting, and as always after the meeting was ended the after-meeting activities were also very interesting. Starting with the meeting business:

Burt Fisher picked up on the request of St. Paul Parks to have a model boating event. Burt agreed with my assessment that the location that was originally proposed was not a good location for boating demonstrations of any type. There is a real desire of the Parks department to do a boating event so Burt is going to stay in touch to see if an alternate, and better suited, site can be located. No time schedule on this one so we will just have to see how this comes out in the future.

Gary Tschautscher was chosen by the Graupner company to preview their latest high end radio which is due to go on sale in a couple of weeks, the MZ-32. It costs just under \$1,000, so the expectations of the technology are very high and it delivers just that. Meant to be used with ultra-expensive RC airplanes the features include: 32 channels, blue tooth connection, touch screen, voice and vibration alerts, and it can work with 4 receivers simultaneously. The 4 receivers are for redundant controls so that your expensive airplane does not crash due to the failure of electronics. Overkill for our application, but a beautiful piece of technology. That lead to a discussion of the local RC airplane scene and three must-see shows this summer that are highly recommended for everyone to see. All take place in Owatonna:

Watts Over Owatonna 2018 Electric Fly In

Date has not been published

Website link for dates and field information:

<http://www.wattsflyin.com/>

Aerotow 2018 in Owatonna

July 12-15, 2018

Website link for field information:

<http://www.owatonna-rc-modelers.com/>

Northern Alliance Military Fly In

August 9-11, 2018

Website link for field information:

<http://www.namfiflyin.com/>

I have been to all three, and each takes place at their own field. The Aerotow is for gliders and there you will see fabulous gliders including those from Adam Kohler and Kevin Kavaney. Most planes are towed up until they are barely seen and then glide back to earth. A quieter event and more relaxing, a very nice experience. Watts Over Owatonna is an all electric event, lots of foamies as they say. The year I went included an unbelievable demonstration of helicopter flying. The greatest not-to-be missed event, the if-you-only-see-one event, is the Northern Alliance Military Fly In.

Billed as a war bird fly-in it is much, much more, with participants from all across the country. I have been a few times now and each year is different, and the airplanes are always stunning. If you haven't heard a 5 cylinder radial (yes, a real radial) engine, then you need to attend just for that. An excellent field, concessions and shady seating, this is the premier event.

Here is Gary with the latest in RC radios:



Next Tim Crain brought in his in-progress Calypso. Purchased from Richard Dahlquist, who had purchased it as a started-but-not-close-to-being-finished project from the toy show at the State Fairgrounds (just coming up this spring again), we can be assured that it will finally be completed....sometime. Well it doesn't really matter, it will get done. Here is Tim and the Calypso:



Tim was also tracking the Chaska Fire and Ice event that we have attended (with almost no one else attending) the past two years. Tim had flyers for this year that included events for each of the three days, and the club was not listed in any of the days. Apparently they did not want to move us to a different day as we requested so that our participation was removed from the planned activities and therefore we will remove it from our schedule.

Tim and Gary have been working on a business size card to hand out to people inquiring about basic information on the club. The card would be a companion to the "What's it all about" 4 page flyer that we have had available for several years, just a reduced size to make it easier to hand out. One side of the card is the sailor boy saluting graphic, and the opposite side is available for the text. Tim presented a sample of information that can be put on the card and requested that anyone with thoughts on what information to include may submit suggestions to him for consideration (timothyacrain@aol.com).

We also had a very good discussion concerning if and how the club can assist in the sale of club member boats, and in particular discussion of how we have been helping Larry Johnson sell and otherwise down-size his boat collection. The consensus was that the club needs to help members sell boats. To preface the discussion I read a short listing in the July 1999 newsletter:

WANTED: New member, Larry Johnson is in need of an operating boat. Sailboat, speedboat, any kind of boat. He wants to get on the water ASAP. Give him a call at XXX-XXX-XXXX if you'd be willing to part with one of your spare vessels.

You can only say "Mission accomplished" as Larry had one very, very, fine collection of RC boats of all kinds. It is unfortunate that Larry was needing to sell much of his collection to down-size for senior housing, but quite a few people took advantage and

were tickled pink as they say. I know I was as Terry and I purchased one of Ray Meifert's PT boats and a tug boat, and I am just thrilled with anticipation that we will be seeing most, if not all, of the dispersed collection at the Parade of Boats and on the water. There are still a few boats left, and especially if you would like to just do some cleaning up and updating there is a choice of boats that require some elbow grease to get them functioning. Some of the boats in better condition came to the meeting and were sold, but there are still many for sale:



The table on the left that Dave Petrich and Kevin Waldo are looking at, all the boats are purchased.



Richard Dahlquist and Tim Crain are looking over a cabin cruiser that was purchased. Not well shown in the photo is a tug on the table just behind the cabin cruiser that is not sold.

Here it is:



The current status is that all the boats that Larry needed to sell or remove from his home (except for two 914 sailboats which are for sale but are with Larry for the short future) are now in the storage cage in the maintenance garage, with the exception of the tug above and one other boat that will be there after Easter. Here are the storage cage boats (subject to those that have sold during the preparation and after this newsletter):





To see the boats in storage try the door in the truck dock or on the pond side, or check with the park office (general hours Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, weekends and other hours as you can find someone at the parks) to get the key if the doors are locked. You can contact me for pricing on some of the boats but for most you will need to talk to Larry Johnson: 952-300-7073 cell, 952-447-5833 home. Larry is still busy selling a lot of other items so keep trying if you do not get in touch with him right away.

I spoke with Tom Shirley and Laura Knollmaier about selling boats at the Parade of Boats and they were very enthusiastic that we include the sale of boats as part of the parade, and mentioned that it has been done in the past (as also reported by the members at the meeting). Discussion at the meeting included providing a separate table at the parade in the main room for boats for sale. Laura also said we can post boats for sale on the park bulletin boards, though I think we need to decide how to handle something like that. We can also post on our website which we also need to discuss a bit further.

Please consider the information to be included on the hand out business card and your thoughts on how to facilitate the sale of boats and let me know (or Tim on the card) so that we can follow up at the next meeting.

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