

March 2019 Membership Meeting and Other News

OK, let's get right to the punch line. If you were not at the last members meeting you missed one of the finest boats to come out of the Edina Model Yacht Club - period, no question. This is what I love about the meetings, you never know what is going to show up. There was nothing to let us know what was going to be presented in show and tell ahead of time so it was completely spontaneous. Here is how the meeting unfolded:

Update on the Pelican boat replacement: West Marine has quoted \$500 for the three hull boat with oars and the oar locks. I would really like some additional feedback on this boat, if not specifically this boat the same boat could be purchased elsewhere. The discussion during and after the meeting included several people who feel the Pelican is just too unstable and should be replaced without question. I don't think there is anyone contesting this aspect of the boat. The replacement tri-hulled boat is not very portable for use away from Centennial Lakes, though Jim Pennoyer has offered the use of his F150 which would haul the boat in the bed no problem. I am concerned that the boat is not very "portable" when it gets to the offsite location. I have also had at least one member tell me that they would donate money to the club towards the purchase of the three hulled boat just so they did not have to get in the Pelican again. There were two other people interested in the boat at West Marine so that boat may not be still available, but the question of replacing the Pelican is still an open topic to me.

The previous meeting I introduced the purchase of a feather banner to advertise the club. I had talked to Tom Shirley and he thought that the banner would be just fine at the center pond. I presented a quick sketch of what I thought the banner would look like at the meeting (in glorious ball point pen) and there was positive response along with some suggestions for information on the banner. Here is my idea of how the banner would look:



The banner would be overall 8 feet high and printed on both sides. We can discuss this banner at the next meeting and if we think we should pursue this idea. I have reviewed the design with Tom Shirley and he liked it. I also asked if we could leave the banner set up all boating season long, and he was not sure that would be acceptable, so that we should assume that the banner will need to be set up and taken down when we are at the ponds.

Larry Wheeler brought in a photograph of what might have been the club membership in 1993:



Several people were identified at the meeting, but most were not. I am sure that everyone in the photo would be very pleased that the club is still alive and doing so well. We all owe a lot of thanks for the original members for getting the club off to such a good start!

More photos were brought to the meeting, of two boats for sale by Jim Grove. One sailboat and one steam boat:



Reportedly the boats are in the 15" to 20" length range. Contact Jim at [REDACTED] if you are interested.

John Kosa is wanting to have someone complete the construction of his Victoria sailboat. He is willing to pay for the services and it appears that most of the work to install the electronic and rig the boat is needed. It would be great for someone to give John a hand with this project so he can get out on the water this summer. Contact John at [REDACTED] John Lives in St. Louis Park.

Larry Wheeler would like to remind everyone that has not submitted their dues for 2019 to do so. Let me know if you need the membership form that was sent out in the January newsletter.

Show and tell was the boat at the beginning of this newsletter, and was brought in by Mike Corbett:



The boat, yes the build is immaculate, and Mike gave a very good description of how he did it and some of the products he used:



But most stunning was the detail and completeness of the build that complimented the overall quality of this boat. Here are some of the features:

- All die cast pieces were re-worked/refinished.
- The lens in the deck light was created from a mold Mike made.
- Base coat with the fiberglass mesh was epoxy, over which went 9 coats of varnish.
- The motor is an out runner brushless motor.
- Electronics compartment is cooled by a 2" computer fan.
- The rear flag pole has a micro connector at the base so that the pole can be removed for transport.
- The rear flag pole was constructed out of four pieces of wood the length of the pole so that the wires could be routed from the base of the pole to the light on top. After assembly the square cross section was turned round on a lathe made for making ball point pens.
- The instruments in the dashboard are all back lite with LED's dialed back in intensity.
- Maybe the best feature of all is the sound system from Harbor Sounds. I love this module. You can hear the sample sounds at: <https://www.harbormodels.com/sounds.html>





When you see this boat at the Parade (please be there Mike), be sure to ask Mike for the complete tour of his work. Outright gorgeous, overall phenomenal in execution. Nice one Mike!!

The presentation was by Mike Ross, Tool Time Part 1, with Part 2 to follow. Mike started with a presentation of a short history of dremel drills and accessories:



Then followed several other items, some of which are on the table in front of Mike, my favorite being the cold soldering gun. I think I need to order one of those on line.



Also included were digital angle and micrometer measuring tools and some neat small battery powered drills/screwdrivers.

Seeing the topic of the presentation, Richard Dahlquist brought in his set of different shaped rasps and files:





After the presentations I asked the group if anyone had a tool that they just had to have, but then never used? The response was, “only one?”. Fisherman and lures, modelers and tools.

As usual the get together after the meeting was longer than the meeting and it was a very good evening for all. I hope you can attend the next meeting April 16th. Will we be on the water by then?

Last meeting of the ODOM and DF 95 racers is at Shanty Town this Thursday, April 4th, at 11:30. If you have not responded to Terry Mackey’s invitation please do so asap. Primary communication for the racers is on the ODOM and DF 95 google forums. Contact Gary Tschautscher to get placed on the ODOM forum, and Burt Fisher for the DF 95 forum. I can put you in touch with either one, just let me know.

For quite some time now we have not enjoyed the fellowship of Joe Steele and his wife Carole at our club events as Carole was battling cancer. I am very sorry to inform the club that Carole lost that battle on Friday, March 29th. Joe was my mentor into the club and to RC boating, and put me forth to be Commodore in 2014. Joe, himself, was Commodore from 2010 to 2011. I first met Carole in one of my visits to their home in 2013, and then at many club events after that. A more lovely and gracious lady would be difficult to find, and she has been and will be very much missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Joe and his family.

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