

November Newsletter

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Small newsletter, big news!!! The Swap Meet was held last Tuesday and there were 11 tables of boats and miscellaneous tools offered up! In addition to the 11 tables several boats and modeling materials that were stored in the caged storage area went home with someone! Lots of great boat projects found homes and we will all enjoy seeing a lot of new boats (back) on the water!! Remember that next spring we will be having the first open to the public sale on April 4th. That makes a great opportunity to sell boats that you would like to see go to someone else. Winter is an excellent time to fix up those boats that have been just sitting around, and there are still some boats that did not sell at the Swap Meet that could easily be fixed up for someone else's use. Need a project but don't need another boat yourself? There are opportunities for sale. This year we had quite a few boats and items donated to the club, and I am sure the people donating these items would love someone to see them renovated and in use by someone else. I think the goal of the club should be to promote getting boats on the water in any way we can. Even if they go to someone that is not currently a member of the club just getting a boat in someone's hands is the best way to recruit new members.

An observation: there is momentum gathering for a retro boating/racing event for Fairwinds. There were several Fairwinds at the Swap Meet, a completed boat (the beautiful blue boat with white stripes restored by Jim Pennoyer), a boat with all the pieces there but it needs to be painted and assembled with sails (another of Jim's boats), and boats in between. These make excellent first timers boats and I think we will have a really fun event for these boats next year that everyone can enjoy. Here is the action at the swap meet:







The final event for the year was the Dry Dock Party, and we had 46 people enjoying another excellent dinner catered by Famous Dave's. Todd Moen presented his slide show video featuring 600 photographs. About one half of the video summarized the amazing display of presentations and boats that we enjoyed all year long at the membership meetings, and the other half summarized the on-the-water events that took place all year long. 2019 may be the year of frustration for boating on the water, but we had some excellent time at the ponds in Bloomington and Centennial Lakes too, and those who were into the building of the boats had an excellent year!

I want to thank everyone that helped put on the events this summer. If you have not had a chance to be part of the behind the scenes group that makes the different events happen I encourage you to plan to be part of the crew at one of the events next year. A special thanks to all that brought their projects and expertise to the member meetings to share with others.

If you have anything on your mind that you think would help the experience of being in the good old EMYC, be sure to drop me a note or give me a call. The board meets in January before the first meeting of the year and we will consider all suggestions.

I hope you have a very, very Happy Holiday Season!! See you next year!!

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