

June Virtual Membership Meeting and News

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Welcome to the June virtual membership meeting. Despite the ongoing situation there are a lot of things going on so let's get started!

First some business and the status of events for the remainder of this year.

- Membership Meetings - We are going to have to monitor the situation and see if we can get back to holding meetings sometime this year if/when allowed by the City.
- June Events - As previously mentioned the Parade of Boats was not held this year. The White Bear Lake Classic and Vintage Boat Show appeared to be an event that was going to happen, however in checking on the status of the show I came across the obituary for Pat Oven who was the organizer of the show. That was a surprise as Pat was quite an energetic individual, and the show was his baby. He loved having the club at this event and everyone that attended from the club had a great time every year. I will miss Pat and can hope that someone else might pick up the organization of the show.
- From Laura in the park offices, the Sousa Band concert and the Fall into the Arts festival will not be held this year. Right now the city is also indicating we should not go ahead with an organized/advertised Light House Night. We can informally hold an event ourselves, they just do not want us to encourage a potential larger gathering of people. Let me know your feelings on holding our own informal Light House Night event.
- Dry Dock Party - We would normally need to be scheduling the event with a caterer at this time, and though they might not be very busy and we could schedule later in the summer I am going to suggest that we cancel the party this year. Anticipating on-going concerns through the end of the year, attendance would likely be minimal. Since the dues for the club pretty much support the party, I will also recommend that anyone that paid dues in 2020 will not need to pay dues for 2021. I need your feedback on both these suggestions.

I want to emphasize again that the ponds, and outside bathrooms, are fully open for business. Sunday seems to be the primary day at the center pond, and the ODOM racers have ongoing races primarily at Smith Park, with the South pond always up for consideration when there is a south wind. Informal get-togethers for the larger sailboats on the south pond are also anticipated and I will send out a notice when a date has been selected. Winds are always a consideration (as in there is no wind, enough wind, or too much wind) so that these times on the water have to be scheduled with minimal advance notice.

Sunday at the ponds is always interesting with a real variety of boats and other things showing up. Case in point is the ongoing experiments by David Petrich and his water skiers. Success has come in several forms as David takes the challenge of water skiing seriously:

Getting ready to ski with TWO skiers:



On the water!



Next is the very tricky slalom skier:



I am not going to spill the beans and tell you how David pulled that one off, but it is impressive (hint, you can see this skier out of the water in last month's newsletter).

Winds have been challenging at times and here the CR 914 is experiencing winds that ultimately chased it off the pond:



Buils are of course on-going with the limited out-of-the-house diversions. Here is master builder Paul Olsen working on the latest concept from Todd Moen, the Gravy Boat:



Featuring two rudders a person can only guess how this will turn out. Amazing what Paul can do with a wild idea!

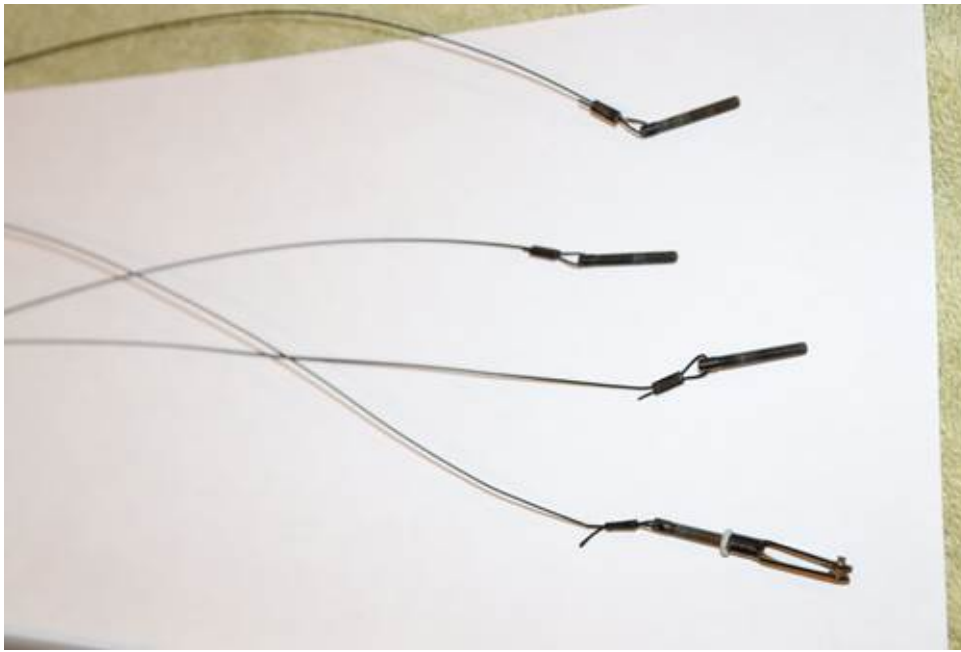
Tim Crain sent in updates on his boats. First is the Calypso which looks to be heading into the final stages, but Tim says: "I have been making good progress but still a LOOOONG way to go!":



Next is a SeaWind Tim is resurrecting from Larry Covin:



Handsome boat indeed, and the first sailboat Tim has worked on. Tim requested help on replacing 3 turn buckles (missing the female portions-see photo) last newsletter and is still looking for some help. **Contact Tim at [REDACTED] if you have some extras in your shop (Tim is happy to pay you for them) or let him know where he can purchase them.**



Tim is still working on the Whale Boat, painting is now complete:



As most of us consider ourselves RC addicts, I have mentioned in the past three RC Airplane shows in Owatonna. There are two flying fields in Owatonna and last weekend Terry and I went to a new event (to us), the Jet Fest. About 20-30 planes on hand and I have to add this to the “must see” list I have promoted previously. We both had a great time. I also showed Terry the planes stored in the on-site buildings and she said she wanted to come back for the Military Fly-in Show. Here are a couple of photos from the Jet Fest:

This one was stunning on the ground and in the air.



This one was amazing in detail and the RC pilot (on the left) had amazing skills. The plane above is in the background of this photo and gives a sense of scale.



I also took some video so that you could hear the sounds these engines make, just amazing. I can send the rest of the photos and the videos to you via “wetransfer”. It is really simple, I send an invitation to you and you just click to download. Let me know if you would like to see them. The big event was the military fly-in which will probably not be held this year. However the club is looking into doing a reduced show for the local group of people in Minnesota. I will give advanced notice for those that are interested in seeing this event.

That is it for the month of June! It really has been very pleasant at the center pond this year. Almost no weeds and no paddle boats so you have the entire pond for boating. I hope to see you there!

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