



August 2021 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

At the Meeting

This meeting brought together another perfect storm for zooming as we continue to learn through things that don't work out. We really need someone that is willing to run the zoom part of the meeting when Gary Tschautscher is not available. That includes set up and monitoring during the meeting. Thanks to my email system at the office going through yet another transition I missed coordinating with Gary who was hosting remotely, and simply ran out of time to get the in-person meeting going (late) and the equipment set up. I have run the zoom and the meeting before but when things do not go just right it becomes too much to trouble shoot and get the meeting going. We really need someone to work with Gary so that I don't have to think about the zoom component when conducting a meeting. Please contact me and/or be at the next meeting to learn how we are doing setup and how to host and control the meeting.

The main topic was the discussion of too fast electrics on the center pond. The consensus at the meeting was that this was a topic that needed to be revisited. Fast electrics have seen the biggest changes in rc boating technology, and these changes have created some of the recent situations at the pond. This is not a new topic, having been addressed at the beginning of the club back in the early 90's, and most recently about 6-8 years ago. Improvements in technology might have been the instrument to bring it into discussion, but we also have a new park manager (Tiffany Bushland), and dealing with the public has also changed in recent years, so it is a good time to visit with the City and review how the club fits into the park program for the future. Paul Olsen, Jeff McCabe, John Bishop and I put together a memorandum to Tiffany that summarizes the history of the club, boating at the ponds then and now, and the concerns that we currently have operating on the ponds. I will report back to the club when the City has had time to respond to the memorandum.

Light House Night #1 came off beautifully. The weather forecast was ominous for the days ahead of the event but rain held off until well after the concert was over. The crowd was fewer than usual but the boats on the water put on a great show. The count of boats in attendance varied from 20-30 boats. It was a beautiful night, overcast ahead of the concert and moderate temperature and humidity! The Sousa band did some fundraising so that we once again we had fireworks, and they were the best I have ever seen at this event.





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Kevin Waldo



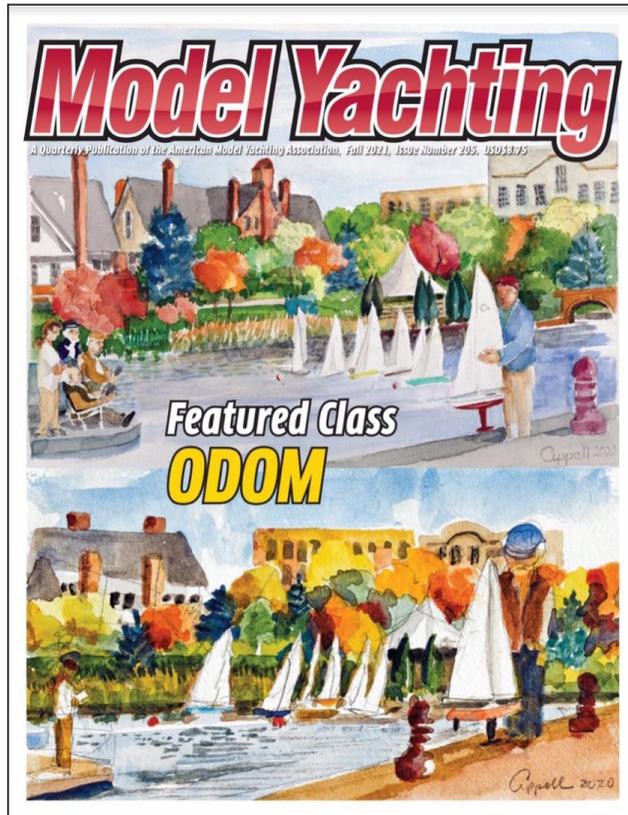
Todd Formico



Jim McKie

ODOM racing sailboats will be featured in the fall AMYA publication. Gary Tschautscher worked hard with class secretary Jess Atkinson on the article. Gary had wanted to include a painting by ODOM racer Fred Apell in the article. Fred's work has been featured in our newsletter previously. Instead the AMYA made two of Fred's paintings the cover of the magazine!

Model Yachting Magazine



MY #205 - Featured Class Odom

We are requesting permission to add the ODOM article to our website.

The Military Fly-in in Owatonna was held in glorious weather. Several members took my advice to put this event on their bucket list, and they all were astonished at what they saw. Rob Segal, Jackie Carlson and Dorothy Zimmermann all went to the show and I heard from each of them that it exceeded anything they could imagine, even with the buildup that I had been giving the event. You have to experience it in person. Lots of jets this year, including a very rare 1/5 to 1/4 scale ME 262. Built from fiberglass the owner told Rob that it took over three months to apply the aluminum tape skin (you would never know it was tape) and hand place all the rivets and exterior hardware embossed into the skin. Some of Rob's pictures:







The airplanes are more than impressive, the engines are phenomenal. Single cylinder engines, twin cylinder, radial cylinders, jet engines, amazing. And the skill level of the jet pilots is simply wonderful to see. The field and grounds are very nice, you can even find shade under one of the larger buildings, and the food truck is excellent (try the “pig pen”). This is a large scale event and I am going to suggest that you put it on the list for next year’s must-see activities.

It feels like the year is starting to wind down but we still have several events coming up. Light House Night #2 is Saturday September 11; the three pond sailboat races will happen sometime this fall; the large sailboats will also be on the water (these are very weather dependent events and will probably only be advertised in the EMYC forum so contact Gary Tschautscher to get on the forum); and the Dry Dock Party - brunch is Saturday, November 20th.

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