



September 2021 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

At the Meeting

Sorry to keep talking about the zoom aspect of the meeting but we are really working hard on trying to make this a good remote session for those that cannot attend in person or simply like the convenience of watching from home. For this meeting Gary had picked up a new microphone as the ones that come internal to the camera are meant for a directional pickup, meaning you in front of your computer screen. This new one looks like the old time microphone on the news desk, a big black capsule shape that we think did a good job of picking up the conversation from the front desk as well as everyone in attendance. Gary would be very glad to get feedback from those that tuned in to verify that the microphone did indeed work well, or if there is still work to be done. Thinking we have the sound part at a good place we will be working on an additional camera for the October meeting in the hopes that through this year's meetings we will have been able to get zoom to be a viable experience.

The ODOM article that Gary Tschautscher wrote for the AMYA publication is now linked on the club website. This is a very good read and I highly recommend that you take a moment to see the great coverage this gave to our club. A very personal article, it really brought out the great camaraderie of the racing part of the club.

Another "you can't make this stuff up" incident. You may recall Rob Segal sold the Pelican boat on Craig's List, and emphasized the reason the club was selling the boat was the lack of stability. The person acknowledged the reason and said he needed it to go back and forth to his boat on Minnetonka. Exactly what we thought it would be good for. As a compulsive Craig's List viewer Rob noticed a couple of weeks later that the boat was back up for sale! Can we speculate why this was happening? I think so as it was only the most diabolical craft ever placed on water.

We also discussed Light House Night #2 which was simply excellent!! The weather gods seem to be apologizing for the rest of the year by providing some of the best weather ever for our times at the ponds. Could not have been nicer weather and we had great attendance and boats on the water. Someone said the number of boats was close to LHN #1, and I think it was. Simply a great day and evening, in stark contrast to the weather on Sunday which was rainy and cold. Todd Moen posted a ton of photos on the EMYC web site under "photos", click on his name and then the Fall into the Arts

festival photo to get to the complete gallery. You can really see what was going on by checking them out. Here are just a few:





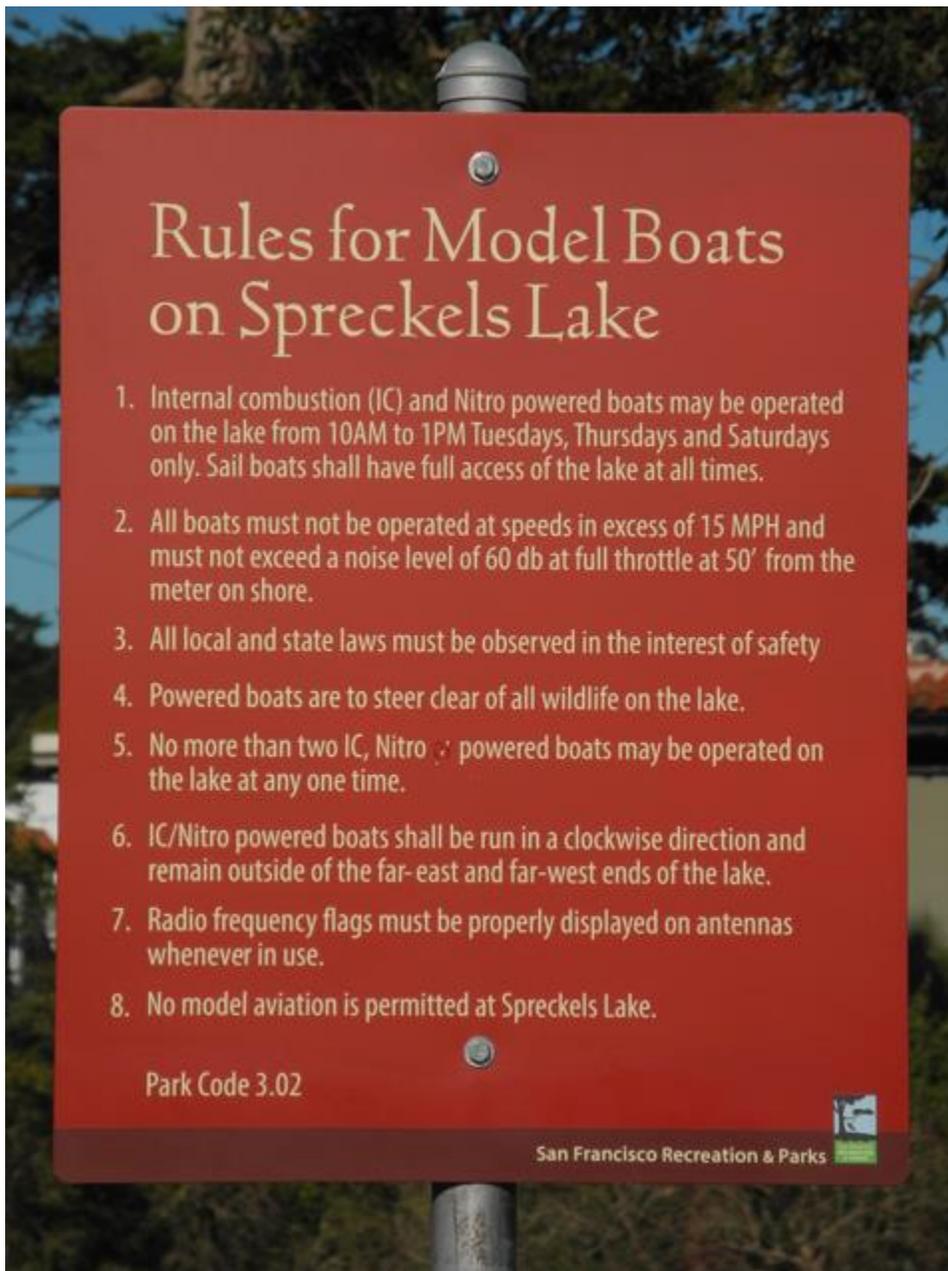
A couple of the boats in the photos of particular note are the red/white tugboat which is the latest accomplishment of David Petrich (unfinished in-progress test run below)



Note the water cannon, and because it is one of Dave's boats it doesn't just spray, it also articulates side-to-side for a broad sweeping spray action! And from the "we have not seen it for a while" file is Don Westley's schooner and Dan Lewandowski was in attendance!

Richard Dahlquist discussed his reasons for considering changing the Facebook page to private. It is still under consideration but for now it will remain open for the public to view and participation is still open to approval by the site administrators. After the meeting there was discussion to re-initiating a website forum for club members only to communicate similar to Facebook but on a more club oriented level and not open for public viewing. That too is under consideration and would likely replace the EMYC google group.

Richard also asked for an update on the fast electric discussion with the Park administration. As mentioned in the August newsletter a memorandum was submitted to the Park Administrator, Tiffany Bushland. Tiffany shared it with her supervisor and the response was that we could control who was on the water for our three events, The Parade and the two Light House Nights but that the park would otherwise continue to monitor the situation in the future. The concern was that “they” did not want to prevent kids from running their boats on the pond. I had a follow-up conversation with Tiffany and explained that we could not just let things go as they are and that the club would present for further consideration suggested rules of operation and a mockup of a sign to be displayed at the pond. Rob Segal had found a sign used by San Francisco Parks at one of their ponds, which I showed to Tiffany and she was very receptive and kept the print of the sign that I showed her:



I explained that most of the contents of the sign do not fit our situation at Centennial Lakes, but it did illustrate that other park districts have found it necessary to establish

and post rules of conduct, and that maybe the most important aspect of the sign is along the bottom where it is part of the park code and established by the park district. Next step is there will be a special meeting of the club board members and those that represent the various aspects of the club (i.e. all that attend the annual board meeting in January). We will discuss and put together the rules and sign and present it to the Park manager by the end of the year.

Show and tell was very special as Paul Olsen brought his recently completed Kyosho Seawind, which if you were at the Farmers Market September 23 you would have seen the maiden voyage:



Photos by Terry Bertelsen

How did it sail “out of the box”? Come on now, this is Paul’s boat and it sailed absolutely excellent!!! Nothing less. This boat, really just a hull, came from Fred Ferris via Doug Person and “just needed a little bit of work” per Paul. Translation: it was just a hull, Paul made the keel, rudder, hardware, had some sails sitting around with mast and booms, fabricated the servo/battery/ receiver tray compartments, new rigging, boat stand and spanking new paint job! Sailed like a dream. Paul is reportedly working on fine tuning the keel ballast but that day at the ponds the wind was blowing hard enough that I did not want to put in a sailboat however the Seawind handled it just fine. Rob Segal had just told me previously that he had an old Seawind that he painted to fix it up but confessed that it didn’t look anything as good as Paul’s boat! Nice compliment from a guy we know does first class model building.

Other news is that Laura Fulton in the park offices is moving to a new position in the City. Note from Laura:

I’m not sure if you have heard, but I will be switching positions within the City of Edina in the next couple weeks. I have been promoted to the Arts Programming rec supervisor role and will be officing out of the senior center and art center beginning on Oct. 11. It has been so wonderful working with everyone in boat club. I will truly miss everyone. If there is anything you ever need from me, please let me know!

We will truly miss Laura as she has been a huge supporter of the club, but things change and we wish her every success in her new position!

Time to get an actual head count for the Dry Dock Party on November 20th. Remember is it going to be the first ever brunch, catered by Famous Dave’s a club favorite, and will be held at the Hughes Pavilion as usual, with a 1:00 pm starting time. The previous response that we requested was to get an idea of who would attend to determine if/where/when we would have the party. We had an excellent response and planning has proceeded. Now it is time for the final head count and regardless of whether you responded the first time you will need to respond again so we can determine the final head count. For newer members your membership entitles you and a guest to attend the party, so be sure and let Terry know if you plan on bringing a guest. Contact Terry.

Still looking forward to a large sailboat event and the three pond races this year. I will send out email notices as the necessary last minute notice of these events are determined. And of course there is a lot of excellent fall sailing yet to be done!

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