



August 2024 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Of the summer months August is a lighter month for EMYC events, but it is still an all radio control month of various activities for members of our club that belong to other clubs too.

Northern Alliance Military Fly-In

From Gary Tschautscher, one of several of our members that participated in this large scale rc airplane regional event:

The past week I spent 4 days in Owatonna at the annual NAMFI (Northern Alliance Military Fly In) meeting. It is all about having fun with people enjoying flying radio controlled airplanes. The focus is on military scale planes ranging from the time of early aviation, WWI, and WWII until today. Technology developments over recent years have made it possible to now fly jets with full functioning turbines, which have rapidly gained in popularity. While this year had its challenges, namely a pretty strong wind blowing most of the time - everybody had a great time.

The show that this club puts on is really spectacular and one that I will continue encouraging everyone to see at least one time. Their facility - the runway and garage buildings plus the surrounding lawn area - are something else. This is a club and show on a much more involved scale than what we have to provide and maintain. The airplanes themselves are also on a much more intense level than our boats, as is the show they put on. The owner of the land is a huge airplane/pilot enthusiast which is absolutely necessary for this hobby to continue as the flying fields have rapidly disappeared in recent years. This year's show included the land owner landing his own (full size) airplane at the show and doing flyovers of the event, plus pyrotechnics synchronized with simulated bomb droppings on the field! When you go to the show you can find ample places to sit in chairs or bring your own, shade from the sun or for this year some shelter from the wind, plus a very good food truck for when you are hungry or thirsty. As Gary mentioned jets are getting much more popular and seemed to have little trouble coping with winds gusting up into the mid 20 mph range. I am sure many airplanes did not make it into the air due to the higher winds but despite the winds there was never a lull in the action in the air. Here are just a few photos of the show:

A couple of the purpose built trailers to support the hobby:



Everyone brings an awning/tent to shelter their garage setup:



Jets were plentiful:



The jet on the left flew beautifully (really they all did!), and you are looking at around \$20,000+ for the jet on the right. All were amazing! (Post script: The Owatonna regional show is followed a couple of weeks later by a similar show in Fond du Lac Wisconsin)

where the jet on the right malfunctioned in flight and created a \$25,000 hole in the ground-ouch!)

Here is a group of Horizon RTF T28 foamy planes in the \$500 range:



These are all battery powered. They went out together and despite the light weight did just fine in the wind. They were actually able to adjust the power and have the airplane hover into the wind.

Did I mention these are large scale models?



This airplane is powered by a 500cc, four cylinder opposed engine, with a 42 inch prop, and electric start of course! I am sorry I did not get a better picture of the pilot who is in

the dark jacket. He flew several planes and was extremely talented. His flight with a jet was as if it was choreographed it was so beautifully done. He is a professional, by the way, and maintains and flies an rc fleet for the owner of a Denver automotive dealership. I will continue to promote this event as it really is something you need to experience.

Light House Night #1

We are living in charmed times for the club as this was another perfect event. Everything was beautiful! Have you noticed all the work that has gone into the landscaping at the park this year? It was in need of a lot of work and the park's own crews really did a fantastic job. The park, the pond, the weather, the sidewalk displays, the band concert were all wonderful right up to the fireworks at the end of the concert.....which didn't go off! Oh well, something to remember and appreciate when they do go off next year. The big sidewalk display has been the Ford Model A club, and they were there again this year with some friends:



That is Ken Huber with his absolutely gorgeous 1929 Model A Tudor, and he is holding his Brooklyn Tug boat. You might have seen Ken with his tug boat at the ponds before. The boat was a display item at Hub Hobby and he talked them into selling it to him and then he completed the installation of the radio control equipment. His Ford has the original interior and while showing some wear it is still stunning and the whole car demonstrates what class and style cars used to have.

Also on display was a very early electric car, and if you are a fan of Jay Leno's Garage YouTube channel you know that Jay is a huge fan of the early electric cars. These cars were greatly prized for not having to fuss with build up steam or hand cranking the engine to start. Nice to see an example of one in person. Also Chevrolet was represented from this era and then this car drove down the sidewalk:



When I saw it coming it just stopped me in my tracks. I have to admit I was completely taken in until I was looking through the three ring book of photos, and there was a picture of a Packard (that is what this car is) sitting in a field, no wheels, obviously exposed to the elements, and the caption for the photo read “this is the car that some of the molds were taken from” (maybe not the exact wording in the book). Fortunately the owner was standing next to his car and I asked him about it. Turns out the entire car body is fiberglass, modern frame underneath, and a small block Chevy V8 under the hood. Electric windows too! Honestly the car looked authentic but once you knew the truth you could see that it was indeed a replica. Nothing about the car looked “kit”. Just my opinion? Well not really, the owner took it to the Packard club and they willingly took the car into their group! The wide white walls are applied to black wall tires and the owner said they are really wonderful and easier to keep looking good than real wide-white wall tires. As I just bought one of the new Triumph motorcycle recreations of the classic Bonneville I have to say that it is awfully nice to own a modern recreation of a classic, and I think this car fits that scenario very well too. Also, that is another Packard behind the featured car.

John Bishop got some nice shots of the action of the evening. The incredible Vac-U-Tugs were in full function, if you recall they are the product of an amazing collaboration by David Brinkman, David Petrich, Rob Segal and his wife Sue:



Both boats were in heavy use all night long. Rob even installed some lighting on the boats and they were highly visible after dusk. The skipper stations were set up next to the pavilion building and I expected they would be run in front of the station locations. Instead they were also piloted far to the south all the way down to where the sidewalk bumps out! We actually had to end the piloting at the end of the evening so we could put the stations away. Here is also something amazing about these boats, they were continuously operated for almost 5 hours, lights on for most of the time. The battery is a single 6 cell NiMH with nominal 7.2 volts, and when I brought them home from the event and put them on the charger each battery still had 7.4 volts! Special thanks to all that watched over the stations during the afternoon and evening in lieu of running their own boat. Kevin Waldo is providing the watchful eye in the photo above.

Elsewhere on the water the activity was the best in many years. Someone said they counted over 20 boats on the water at one point. Here is a new one just freshly built:



That is Blair Harrington's new rescue and recovery boat. Another stunning creation from Blair's workshop. Here is some of the action around the newly refurbished light house from John Bishop's shop:



And from John's camera are these images of the band concert:



And also a panoramic view of the whole scene:



At the Meeting

Another great, great meeting on so many different levels. Not much in business but a lot in events just completed and events that are coming up, plus show and tell was another exceptional event of its own. We talked about the fly-in and LHN #1 (covered previously). Treasurer and membership steward Dave Brinkman said we now have 64 members, which is excellent and a higher number than for many years now. The new members have contributed so much to energize the club and I am very thankful for their contributions!

I have had two requests for club hats: #1 we need hats, #2 can we keep the old school logo for the hats? Dave Brinkman is working on getting us new hats and will report back when he has a number. I was thinking to make this simple and just order up 10-12 hats and bypass the tracking for each hat request and delivery. More to come on this but if you have any thoughts on the hats or would like one yourself then just drop me a note.

Rob Segal is the offsite event coordinator and specifically this includes the four classic boat shows that we attend. The two remaining this year are the show at Lake Minnetonka at Lord Fletcher's and the show at Gull Lake at Bar Harbor. The Bar Harbor event is a two day event for us and is a national show. So this show is really special on the classic boat schedule, plus Rob reports that this show happens so close to the Minnetonka show that the Minnetonka show is also expected to be very special. Last year there were logistic problems with the parking lot at Lord Fletcher's for the display areas, parking for the participants and visitors and deliveries to the restaurant so that there is planning going on as to how to better provide and manage the parking lot area. More to come on this too. Gull Lake is going to have remote parking and shuttles to get participants and visitors to and from the show area. Rob reports that we have fourteen members signed up to display and be at our tent area for the Gull Lake show and the organizers said to take as much space as we would like, which is great news. What we need help with is

getting tables to the show for display. Currently we bring two-six foot tables to the show plus one six foot table that folds in half. We also have two-eight foot tables that we could bring but are needing someone with a way to transport these to the show. Are you planning on attending the show, and could you transport the eight foot tables to and from? If you can please get in touch with Rob quickly.

Show and Tell

Tim Peterson started out this part of the meeting looking for some help selecting a motor for his in-progress build. He had several motors with him and received an abundance of guidance.



Next Paul Olsen brought a beautiful smaller version of his classic Marblehead boat. This one is 36 inches in length and is a static display with additional detail applied for display only purposes. The full size Marblehead is 50 inches in length and has complete RC electronics.



In the shop....



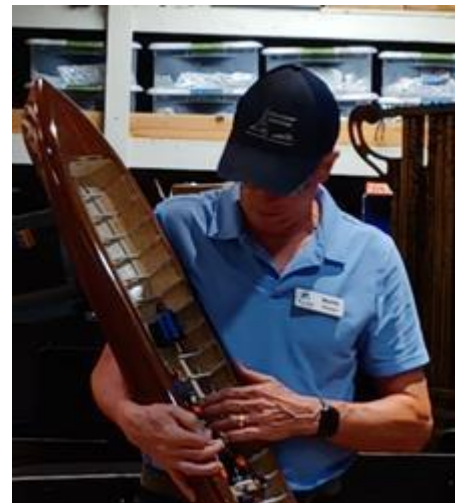
At the meeting!



Workmanship and details are simply gorgeous!

With the State Fair upon us did you know that Paul submitted one of his 50 inch Marbleheads to the Creative Activities Building display and contest several years ago? He won first place, and Sweepstakes purple ribbon - naturally. It is a privilege to be the owner and caretaker of one of Paul's Marbleheads.

Next up was Dave Petrich with an update on his build for Kevin Waldo. This is the Thunderbird model reported on in previous meetings and newsletters, now moving along nicely. This is a model kit made in Japan, distributed through Australia, and sold through San Diego. Dave reports that the finishing of the hull took about one month with all the coats of epoxy and fiberglass.



Dave reports that while the instructions with the kit are in English-ish, they are not always comprehensive. Example, page 7: assemble the hull. Oh well, just not for the novice builder I guess.

Final presenter was Paul Wyatt, and I have to admit that I did not recognize the boat from the last visit to the meeting:



The Hemmingway boat took a very sudden turn towards being finished, if only to the eyes of us at the meeting. Actually there is a ton of detail that Paul is going to be adding which will make this a very special boat indeed! Can't wait to see more but the level of detail that is planned is going to take quite a while. I think we are all not going to be prepared for the final touches Paul has in mind.

I have mentioned the meeting after the meeting that takes place, and it is just about as long as the official meeting. Here is some of the action:



Also going on

The ODOM racers are having the usual difficulty of sailing on ponds with floating plants and debris. Here is Kevin Kavaney with the tale of the goings on:

We had six boats...the winds were incredible in that they varied in velocity and direction constantly which made for very challenging conditions...

Tiny weeds plagued each of us, not enough to stop anyone, but to slow them down...so ya never knew if you were sailing +#@!, or did you have a small weed on ...???? Half the time you would find that there was NO weed there after all....still your sailing was +*#@!!!! HA...*

Missed those that couldn't make it...

Kevin

Kevin has full usage of the English language and while colorful his descriptions are very accurate. Thankfully the south pond has been functioning very well for racing lately, which is very nice as it really is a fantastic place to let your sailboat fly with the wind with much more space than the center pond, and it is just a beautiful place to be.

More things

We are putting another order in for name tags so if you would like to get in on a discount let Dave Brinkman know quickly.

Not too early to send Todd Moen your pictures to include in the year end video that he puts together. Best to put on a memory stick or disc and submit to Todd.

New member Jeff Dunbar comes from Wisconsin and has been doing an excellent job of assembling new boats. He is a very enthusiastic participant at the ponds and is new to rc sailboating. A Fairwind replica and a Footy are in the fleet already!



Are you a new member and I have missed introducing you to the club through the newsletter? A lot goes on at the meetings and it is difficult for me to keep track of all the

(thankful for) new members. Please let me know anytime you see me and I will snap a quick photo and get you in the next newsletter.

Coming up

Classic Boat Show at Lord Fletchers on Lake Minnetonka, Saturday, September 7th.

Light House Night #2, Saturday, September 7th, with the Fall into the Arts Festival.

Classic Boat Show at Bar Harbor on Gull Lake, Friday and Saturday, September 13th and 14th.

Membership meeting, Tuesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm.

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