

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

SAIL & SCALE

NEWSLETTER

June 2024 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Janet Clark Group

We had the annual visit at the park with Learning Exchange Coordinator, Janet Clarke, and her group of challenged adults. Always a fun time to share boats with her people and it was the first introduction of the Captain's Stations designed and assembled by Rob Segal. The two boats were constructed by David Petrich and there was a station for each. We did the setup on a folding table and as expected the stations were a hit!



Janet coordinating with her crew.



Further development and adjustments were to be made to the stations for the Parade.

Janet is always appreciative of the club's willingness to share with her group and sent the following note after the event:

Thank you, Edina Model Yachting Club!



We appreciate your hospitality to Learning Exchange on June 6, 2024!

Thank you Commodore John and volunteers!



We are grateful for your generosity of time and talent!



Rob's work on the skipper's station brought joy to many folks!



The connections that happen with this club are nothing short of amazing. One such happening occurred with Janet's group. Here is the story:

It's a Small World...literally ...not just R/C boats!

At the gathering of the Edina Model Yacht Club on June 6 new member, Steve Meyer, was putting his 1960 Jersey City tugboat in the water at Centennial Lakes for the first time. I'm his wife and I was there to watch and stayed into the early evening when the Community Education Serving Adults with Disabilities group arrived to experience R/C boating. I turned around to see a young woman with the name Jamie on her name tag. I looked again and felt she looked familiar, so I went up to the young woman and asked if she attended Spartan Elementary and Middle School in Richfield as a child. Jamie looked puzzled at first and when I asked if her last name was Scattergood her response was "Who are you?" I replied, "I am Mrs. Meyer, the classroom aide in your class when you were a child"...about 35 years ago. The reason I remembered this child was because of her beautiful eyes and smile and her last name. I am a professional clown/magician and I named one of my many characters "Scattergood" because I loved Jamie's last name. It has so much built in meaning- scatter good wherever you go! Jamie was delighted and shared the story with everyone! I connected with Jamie's Learning Exchange Coordinator, Janet Clarke, and offered to come and do a clown performance for her group. Both Jamie and I are excited to see each other again! And if you see an orange tugboat named "Sandra Lee", Steve painted it orange and named it after me. But be careful because the captain loves to squirt children of all ages!

Sandy Meyer





This is an amazing club.

Parade of Boats

This is getting scary. What a great day we had for the Parade, with lousy weather that we have had so much of this boating season on either side of that day, we once again had near perfect conditions. A bit windy for sailboats but several made their way onto the water anyway. We had just an excellent display (great numbers) of boats in the pavilion, we kept having to bring out more tables for display, and we had a lot of boats on the water. A big, big thank you to everyone that brought their boats for display and for everyone that got their boats on the water. A great crowd and the Star Tribune and Sun Current both ran articles on the event. Jeff McCabe said he had conversations with several previous members of the club who returned for the show, and Terry Bertelsen said a person looked at the indoor display, and then the boats on the water, and stopped by the reception area to say that he was a former member and there was a lot of good energy in the club.



These folks made it happen.



Previous photos by John Bishop





Previous photos by Todd Moen.

There is other excellent coverage on Facebook. Note in the last photo from Todd that a really slick modular framework was developed by Rob Segal to hold the Captain's Stations. These stations are just a marvel at how professional they are and have gotten notice on facebook: "*The Toronto Metro Marine Modellers would like to know how to make a couple of Rob Segal's solution for letting kids operate an RC boat?*" Rob has been in conversation with them. It seems only right as the original idea came from David Brinkman noticing the setup by a club in the southern US. Now Rob has provided his take on the setup and is passing it along. Pretty neat!

Also at the Parade the club shirts from the initial order were available and several of us changed into the polo option. I am wearing mine in the last of John Bishop's photos. The price of the shirts had a surprise adjustment. We were supplied with a mockup and based on that Rob increased the size of the logo by 15%, which proved to be the right call. What the company didn't say was that they increased the price of each shirt by \$3.00, so that the final price is \$43 for the polo and \$40 for the denim shirt. Let Rob know if you would like to order either or both shirts. Also, Dave Brinkman got orders for four more name tags at the Parade. He is currently in Europe and will place a new order when he returns in July. If we can get a few more people to order there is a \$2 savings to be had. Price is \$9 in a group, \$11 individual or less than a group. Contact Dave if you would like a name tag.

At the Meeting

The June meeting was what I expected the summer meetings to be, but have not been. That is we have always had a good show and tell session but this time, first that I can remember, there was nothing presented. Instead we had a great discussion about the Parade and several other things, which have already been covered in the newsletter. One additional item is I mentioned that as of a week ago I am pretty much retired. Not completely as we are civil engineers and we have projects under construction which will need attention as needed throughout the construction season, but until the final cut off date next spring our office workload is close to zero. Needing something to do I have talked to the Park management and receive a packet to learn about becoming a City Volunteer. The goal is to offer my time to help keep the ponds cleaner, at least on the surface. The details are yet to be worked out but as I mentioned this in the meeting Dave Petrich said that his (racing RC boat club) Twin Cities Model Boat Club

had developed a really efficient plastic netting system to be run in front of a full sized boat (our tri-hull might just work) to keep their pond down by the Black Dog power plant clean for racing. This will need further investigation and coordination with Dave to see what we might be able to develop for our ponds. More information to come.

Other things going on

A very special panel discussion is coming up quickly at the band shell:

Excerpted from the Edina SunCurrent:

From gravel pit to suburban oasis, hear about the history of Centennial Lakes from the men who planned the first-of-its-kind development at the “Centennial Lakes: An Oral History” event 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 26 in the Maetzold Amphitheater at Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave. S.

A substantial portion of the 100-acre site was formerly used as a gravel pit. In 1986, when the owners of Hedberg Gravel Pit put up the property for sale, the offer generated interest from developers around the country. The city of Edina, however, had a number of requirements for the last large piece of developable commercial land within its borders. The city wanted a public park and moderate-income housing to be part of the mix of uses for the site. It also needed a stormwater retention system large enough to handle 34 acres of water from a 100-year rainfall.

Moderated by KSTP-TV’s Megan Newquist, the panel will include former Edina Mayor Fred Richards; John Breitingner of Cushman & Wakefield, formerly of United Properties; Gordon Hughes, former Edina City Manager; Peter Jarvis of Laukka-Jarvis; and Tom Shirley, former Centennial Lakes Park Manager. The panel discussion will begin at 7 p.m. after a special 6:30 p.m. performance by Just Dave & The Rockin’ All Stars.

This is really going to be a treat. If you have not heard the history of the park it is well worth your time to stop by and hear a story of the epitome of lemons to lemonade. It would also be an incredible opportunity to have our boats on display as a backdrop to the discussion. Note that this is happening Wednesday, June 26th, and is coming up fast!

When boats aren’t enough

I am a huge fan of all things RC, and am eager to recognize the talent in the club with our members that also do airplanes. Kevin Kavaney has been featured several times in the newsletter simply because his airplanes are so over-the-top, as are his sailboats. Here is what Kevin has been up to with a glider:

Been busy trying to finish this 40% Schweitzer 1-26E from a kit...it has been two plus years of work...hundreds of hours....now in the final stages to balancing and making a nose cone out of wood and fiberglass.

I ended up quite a bit nose heavy so have been drilling out the lead pieces...what a mess....it takes two people to get it up on the balance beam... I do NOT have the shop space to put it together down there, so I get special permission to put it together on the dining room table for a few hoursYUP...the right wing hangs out into the screen porch !!!

Kevin



Very cool airplane, the scale is just off the charts! Cool house too! Huge thank you to Kevin for sharing his highs and unfortunately the lows of his airplane adventures! This part of the hobby is really fascinating and worthy of being on your bucket list. The gliding club is in Owatonna as is the other traditional airplane club.....see below.

Coming up

Wednesday, June 26th, Panel discussion on the history of Centennial Lakes Park.

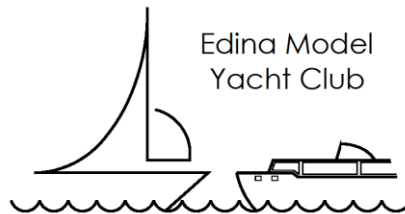
Saturday, July 13th, Legacy of the Lakes Classic Boat Show, Alexandria.

Sunday, July 14th, Sousa Band Concert at band shell.

Membership meeting, Tuesday, July 16th at 8:00 pm.

Thursday through Saturday, August 8th-10th, Southern Minnesota Model Aircraft Club,
Northern Alliance Military Fly-in (large scale models), Owatonna

John Bertelsen
Commodore
Edina Model Yacht Club



Vice Commodores: Gary Tschautscher, Rob Segal, David Brinkman

Treasurer and Membership: David Brinkman

Sailboats: Tony Johnson

Scale Modeling: Kevin Waldo

Website: David Petrich

EMYC, DF 95 and ODOM Forums: Gary Tschautscher

Dry Dock Party, Spring Breakfast: Terry Bertelsen, Julia Moen

Face Book: Richard Dahlquist, Todd Moen, Dave Brinkman

Off site events: Rob Segal