

EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

April 2026 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things
Don Westley sent me this message:



WHAT?! No newsletter??

It seems that I had not updated his email address and he knew he was short of the recent newsletter. Obviously, it is difficult if I request you to let me know that you are not getting the newsletter in this email document because I didn't change your address, but if you do change let me know ahead of time and/or if I didn't get it changed after your notification. In Don's case the q.com addresses were all changed to myctl.net and I should have caught that as my wife Terry's address changed for the same reason. Be assured the cat is happy now.

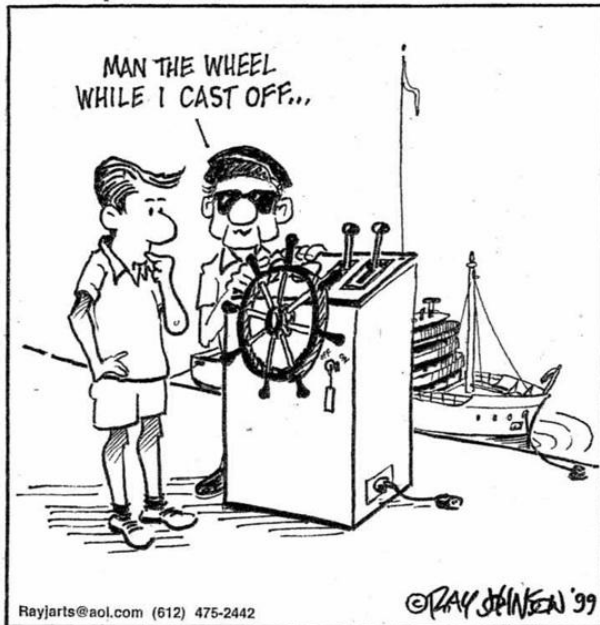
I was also sent this photo and am curious if anyone knows when this took place:



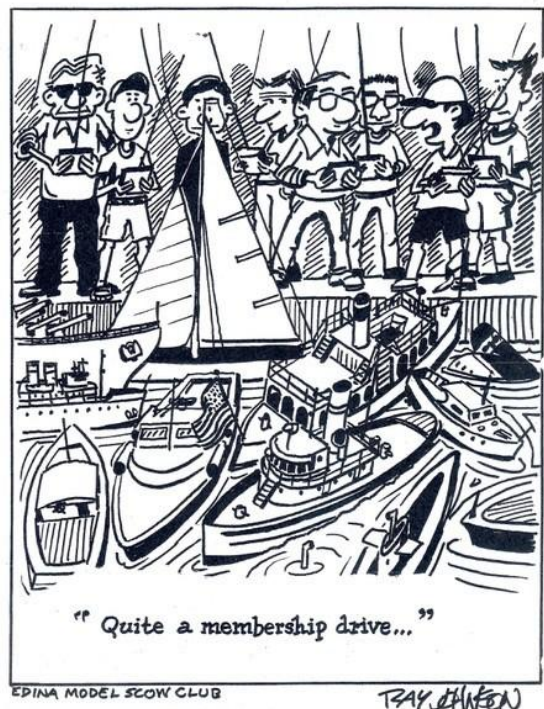
Jeff McCabe thinks this is during the Jambo event that Bill Bach (the first park manager) told us about when we had coffee with him. Anyone else have a recollection of when/what this was?

John Bishop sent some of the wonderful cartoons that Ray Johnson did for the newsletters in the early years. The club has been blessed with real talent from the beginning:

Turnups by Ray Johnson



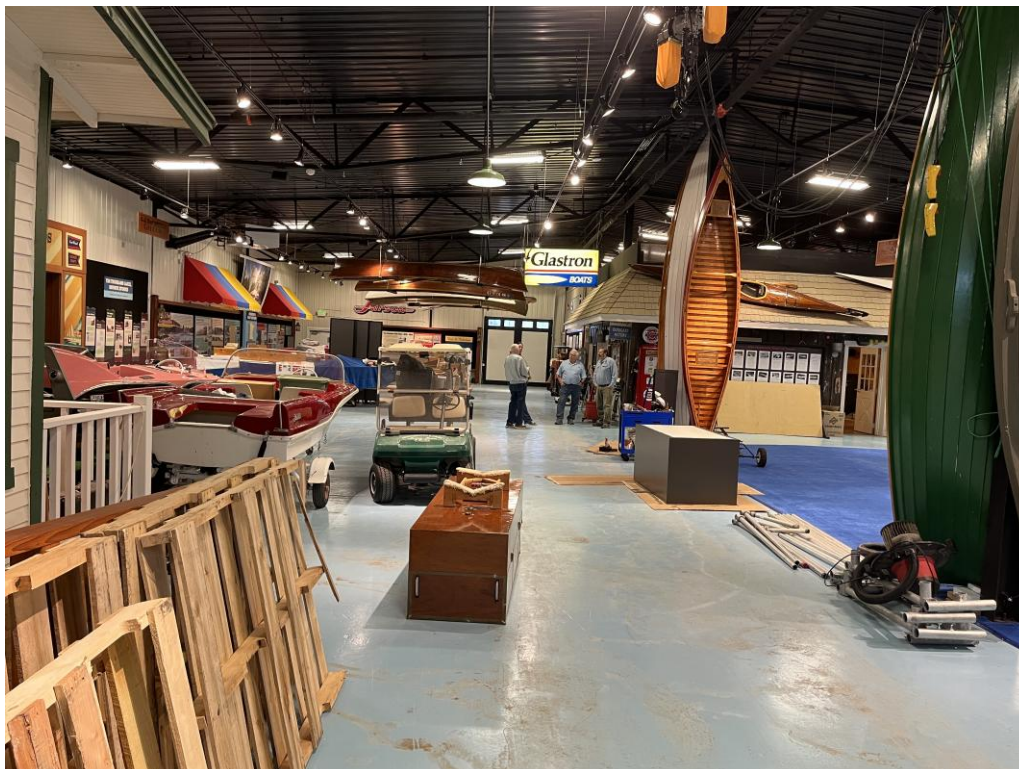
Is this the inspiration for the Captain's Stations?



I recently had a meeting with Park Manager Tiffany to discuss the “Memorandum of Understanding” document, and we also talked about the Parade of Boats. This year we will have a food truck to help out with the requests for food and drink from the people attending the event, and we will also have some Classic Boats (the real thing!) from the Land-O-Lakes Classic Boat Club on display in front of the Pavilion. Rob Segal coordinates with the classic boat club and it looks like three boats will fit very nicely in the area in front of the Pavilion! The Parade is really shaping up to be a great expanded event this year!

Coming up much more quickly is the Spring Coffee and Rolls get together at the Pavilion to officially kick off the season. We got a lot of signups at the members meeting and we need to hear from others that they are planning to attend. We are getting together on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 to noon, and are hoping for nice weather so we can do some boating before and after. Let Terry know that you plan to attend by sending an email at tjbertelsen@myctl.net, or text her at 612-219-7771.

Four of us traveled to the Legacy of the Lakes Museum to have some of our boats displayed in the toy and model boats display as part of the 2026 exhibits. If you have been to the museum the toy and model boat display is in that portion of the building where you enter. Beyond that is the larger main display of real boats that make up the theme for the year, and then beyond that is the much larger area of boats from the permanent collection. Everything but the permanent collection area is under construction and the model boat display is really coming together. It was quite fun to see the building before everything is set up and in pristine condition. Those that made the run were: Rob Segal, Richard Dahlquist, Dave Brinkman and John Bertelsen. Here is the between seasons condition:





And the *Beyond the Bathtub: Toy and Model Boats* area in progress:



In the past the display in the toy and model area has had no admission charge, and a small donation was required to see the rest of the displays beyond. This year the museum is hoping to achieve corporate sponsorship to allow free access to the entire museum. The museum is definitely worth stopping to see the complete displays whether you are in the area or it makes a very nice destination for a day trip. The classic boat display at the museum is the second largest in the country and the

museum is well worth the stop. There will be further coverage of this year's exhibits after the "Docks In" members reception on May 22nd that officially opens the season.

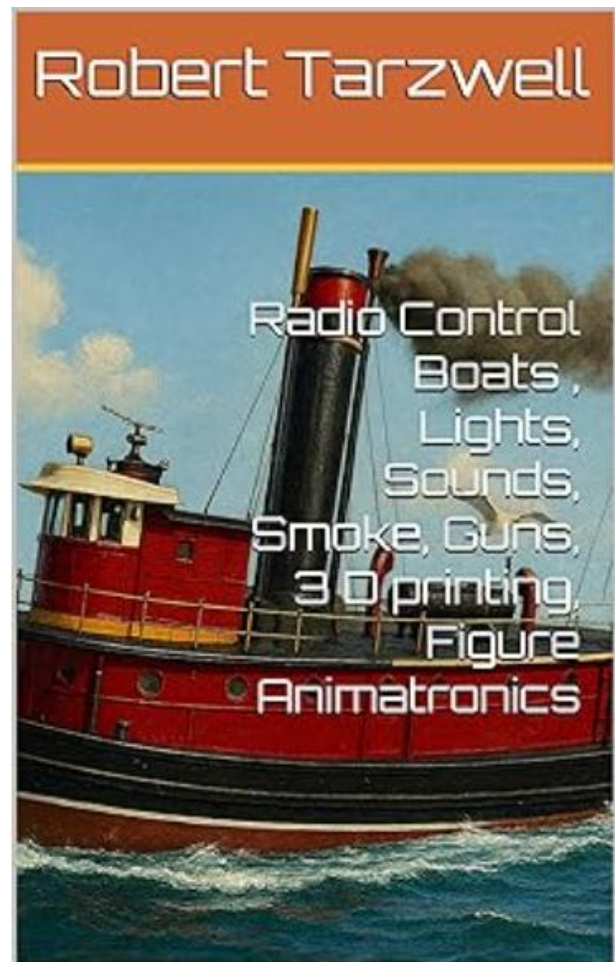
At the Meeting

Before the meeting started one of the park grounds staff, and big EMYC supporter, Jay Nelson stopped into the meeting and was startled by all the persons in attendance! "My gosh you had a full house!!" Jay told me later. And so it has been for quite a while now. Attendance has been terrific and the coverage of club business, show and tell, and the interaction with members before and after the meeting has been tremendous. If you can make it down to a meeting I think you will be very happy you made room in your schedule!

After the club business we got right into the members segment of the meeting.

Show and Tell

First up was Glenn Davis with a new book by Robert Tarzwell.



Robert Tarzwell is a prolific author on a wide variety of subjects from electronics, car racing, and surviving a hurricane. The radio control boats book is very comprehensive covering many aspects of modeling:

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Sorry for the skew, but you can see the large number of topics that are covered. The previous cover photo is the Kindel cover and the paperback cover is just slightly different in format. I saw the paper version for \$35 on amazon. This looks like a great resource for just about anyone no matter how limited or extensive your interest is in the hobby.

Doug Campbell was next with some boats he is working on in association with the Indianapolis Admirals club that he also belongs to. The Indianapolis club has an active fast electric group and in that interest some members are engaged in the renovation and upgrading of older model boats.



Doug explained that all the electronics are updated and even though it doesn't go very fast it was quite rewarding to bring it up to modern times!

Tim Crain continued his update on the boat he has been sharing with us for a few meetings now.



The boat in progress on the left. Notice the Evinrude motor. On the right is a Johnson motor purchased from and delivered by Rob Segal at the meeting. Tim said that the Johnson was going to replace the Evinrude but might reconsider and use the Johnson on another project. Also, last meeting Tim received the computer printed gas cans, at this meeting the side decals were now in place. This is the Johnson can and there is also an Evinrude can.



Next was another case of generosity of talent in the club, Dave Brinkman was again the beneficiary. This boat was given to Rob for a quick "cleanup".



Rob went through the “clean up” process: planking not in contact with the sub-planking was corrected, parts that were friction fit only were secured, the hull was not fiber glassed - but is now, engine mounts not secure or in alignment with the propeller shaft, trim that was aluminum tape was replaced by metal and polished, the cutwater at the front of the keel was replaced with sheet nickel with a solder joint and polished. The Spirit of Hudson is a tribute. Beautiful boat!

Chris Haert brought a couple of boats, the first was building a new version of a model boat that he remembers from his youth:



Plans were blown up to full scale size for construction. The second is an Ebay purchase of a Dumas kit for a Trojan Cruiser:



This project is moving along nicely and I am sure we will be seeing more of it in future meetings.

I am very pleased to introduce you to new member Peter Denny. Peter visited last meeting and explained that for now he is working on static boat models. As that is not a problem we are very happy he has become a member of the EMYC. And he comes with quite a story. In younger years Peter has been a pilot and psychologist.



Nine years ago he had a stroke that affected the use of his right hand and some brain function. To assist with recovery from the stroke he was encouraged to take on challenges that were new to him. He has built model airplanes in the past but has not taken on boats. As Peter explains, being busy is good exercise for the brain, but taking on new tasks stimulates blood flow and function of a different part of the brain. He likes models that he can connect with personally and are of historic importance. The chosen model is of the Will Everard. You can actually visit London and charter the real boat. From the internet: *“Thames Sailing Barge ‘Will’ is a classic ship of historical significance; she is the largest of her kind ever built; she is a part of London’s great maritime and trading history.”* (thamesbargewill.com) It will be great fun to see this model coming together!

Speaking of not being afraid to learn something new, David Petrich brought some scale figures he has been fabricating:

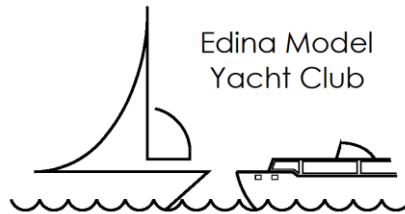


There are two different sets of figures, in the bag and on the table. David is holding the two larger figures, and they are at 1:12 scale. David cast a mold for the heads, male and female, then using electrical wire and foam fashions the bodies. Here is where it gets interesting. The “outfits” are knit - for which David had to learn how to knit! Very creative, if maybe never before done. Out-of-the-norm solutions are always fun to see and should be interesting in the final application.

Coming Up

- Spring coffee and rolls, Saturday, May 9th at 10:00 am, Hughes Pavilion.
- Membership meeting, Tuesday, May 19th at 7 PM.
- Cage cleanup, Saturday, May 16th, 10:00-noon, Maintenance Garage.

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