
June Newsletter

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June 2026 Membership Meeting, News and Other Things

Whoa!!! Hang on for the ride!! June, always a full speed ahead month!! So much going on that

I think it caught a lot of us by surprise and we had trouble keeping up. More on that later.

Channel 9

Shayne Wells is a very good friend to the club, and you can see that she is completely delighted

with our boats in the enthusiasm she puts into the live broadcast. We had several spots in the

morning shows and in the afternoon Paul Wyatt got the spotlight with a complete segment of his

own talking about the building of the model and the history surrounding his Hemmingway boat.

Here we are pretty much all set for Shayne and her camera guy to arrive:



Rob Segal talking about the club connection with the Land-o-Lakes Classic Boat Club and our display at the Legacy of the Lakes Museum:



John Bishop introducing Shayne to RC boating:



Janet Clark and Company

Janet Clark made her last visit with her group of challenged adults as she is retiring. Janet and company have been coming to the park and running our boats for quite a few years and

she actually postponed her retirement until after her visit to the park this year. The group she brings with her has grown in number over the years and they have been the test group for the Captain's Stations for the first trial use when we placed the stations on a folding table,

and then for two years thereafter to be the first to use the stations after significant upgrades.

This year quite a few of her people enjoyed the boats and the stations, several I remember

from previous years were anxious to get more time running the boats.



Left to right, that is Paul Wyatt, David Petrich and myself having fun with the group, and Glenn Davis with Nathan Seaberg also providing support. As a bonus to the evening Dave brought the schooner he worked on and just completed for Nathan Seaberg:



Beautiful restoration! Everyone there was admiring the beauty of this model!

Parade of Boats

From my perspective of the time I have been in the club this Parade had the most going on of any parade I have been part of. I felt that as far as providing an experience and entertainment for the visitors the club did a magnificent job! That is saying a lot and it was all because there was tremendous participation from many, many club members, starting Saturday evening when we managed to get an estimated 80% of the set up accomplished! We had two classic boats (real boats) on display in the plaza in front of the pavilion: Chris O'Connor's beautiful Canadian Shepard and a triple cockpit HackerCraft - just the perfect number of boats for the display area; two giveaways of lighted table boats that had been donated to the club; the smoking barge; a huge surprise from Victor Umboh; and demonstration sailboat races by the ODOM racers! Victor had sent me a note that he was going to bring his daughter's karaoke set up and he would provide commentary throughout the parade to the visitors outside. But when he was setting up, I noticed that it was no kids' karaoke setup, it was a full fledged PA system! And because it was out in the sun, John Bishop retrieved the 10 x 10 tent for shade to keep Victor out of the sun all afternoon. The commentary

was just great and added another dimension to the event. We had talked about a PA system for years and it finally happened thanks to Victor! We had also talked about a demonstration sailboat race for years and the racers really came through for us. Sailboat racing is not the easiest to understand and appreciate so that after 3-4 races the guys were packing up when several voices from the crowd shouted "one more race!". And so, the racers obliged! And a special thanks to the Park Offices for arranging for hot dog and ice cream vendors!

Here are the members that made this Parade the best ever:



Remember at the beginning of this newsletter I said so much was going on that it caught us by surprise? There are no other photos of the Club's activities taken by members, the action was that busy all day long! (Todd will be posting some of his photos on the water on the website and Facebook.)

We also had a very, very special donation to the club. Pat Swanson is a member of special standing in the Minnesota Water Colors Society, and a big fan of the Parade of Boats. A few years ago, she took a photo during the parade and made a water color painting from it. She framed it and it has been displayed at several of the Society's shows. She contacted the club and wondered if she could donate the painting to the club. I really appreciate water color painting and was delighted to accept it. I asked if she could bring it to the Parade so that I could meet and thank her in person. Pat replied that she was already planning on attending and would bring the painting:



Here is the painting up close:



The painting is stunning. But don't take my word for it, Jerry Jones, a commercial artist himself, wanted to meet Pat and see the painting in person. Summarizing Jerry's observations of the

painting: “I used to work in a gallery in Carmel, California and Pat’s painting would easily fit in with the best that the gallery ever displayed.” After talking to Pat he also added that Pat is very humble and does not realize how talented she is. What is also amazing is that Pat only took up water color painting in 2009 after her husband passed away. Let me know what you think for the future of the painting. It was suggested at the meeting that we loan it to the City of Edina to be displayed at the Art Center. Other ideas?

An Adventure!

The club also received a contact from Renee Strandjord, who was looking to find someone to restore, take care of and get her father’s Chris Craft Corvette back on the water. Having seen the club on Channel 9 she was wondering if the club would be interested in the boat. Reviewing her photos I could see this was a very desirable boat and knowing I would need David Petrich to look it over we arranged to meet Renee at the storage facility in Jordan. Here are Renee’s storage photos:



Renee’s father also built the box it was stowed away in for about 30 years. It was beautifully preserved. Looking the boat over we made a deal and I purchased the boat from Renee. Dave took it under his wing, having worked on two of these Corvettes previously, and I dropped David

and the boat off at Dave's home that same Friday just four days before the membership meeting.

Renee requested that when it was going back on the water she wanted to be there too.

Before the members meeting David got in touch with me and said he had a surprise, Renee's boat

was ready to go on the water! That was a surprise, but it was also an indication of the really good

condition of the boat, both physically and electronically. I got in touch with Renee and she came

to the ponds before the meeting and also stayed for the meeting. Here she and Dave are at water's

edge:



At the Meeting

At the meeting we had two new members: David Bartle and Tony Gutierrez, as well as Ken who was

seeing what the club was about. We also had two important visiting members: Thomas Germanson

and Jean Bower. They live in the Milwaukee area and Thomas is the Associate Director for AMYA

Region #4 and with Jean they were visiting family and friends locally and taking the opportunity to

attend a club meeting. In the business end of the meeting we had a lot of discussion about the

Parade of Boats and the other events of June, and a preview of the White Bear Lake show. Then,

on to show and tell.

David started off with a presentation of Renee's Corvette:



Great documentation with the boat



No major work required



Left - Renee's father was an electrical draftsman, of the old school type meaning electric skills much beyond just drafting. Right - the box in the storage cage for now, looks like something from Raiders of the Lost Ark. Do you have an interest in the continued preservation and running of this boat? It doesn't fit my fleet for the long term so let me know if you have an interest.

David continued with the next item. He is currently well connected to a collector of toy model boats, and is working on several of his models. This one is very vintage, 1930 - 1933 approximately, as it is a wind-up model. Set the rudder direction, wind up the spring, set it in the water and flip the motor lever to "on" and let it go!



Dave Brinkman brought one of several boats - with an outboard motor - in a box.



This collection of model boats came in various models. A close up of this box he is holding shows a very different boat from what is in the box. What is interesting is that regardless of the particular model of boat in the box, the outside of the box was the same. It did not reflect what was inside.

Last presenter was Nathan Seaberg with a selection of dog bones for the motor drive connection system.



The dog bones are 3D printed, eBay purchase, and handmade brass linkages. From the group there was also Ali Express as another source and then a recommendation for the straight forward solid quality of the standard Dumas version.

After the meeting there were a lot of photos being taken of the Corvette, and then I took advantage of knowing that Thomas Germanson knows Laser sailboats. He was a great help in looking over the four hulls we have been storing in the cage for some time.



Left to right: Ryan Butler, Thomas, Victor, myself.

We also solved the sail locker mystery from a couple of newsletters ago as it contained 4 Laser sails:

1 - A, 2 - B, 1 - C suits. We also determined the hulls were of various vintages, and at least one keel was missing. Ryan and I made a deal for all four and he is determined to get all 4 up and sailing soon. Ryan already sent me a video of one boat painted and sailing on his back yard pool! The goal is each boat will have its own radio and the boats will be for sale or for loan.

White Bear Lake Classic Show

We open the off-site season at White Bear Lake each year. Very few repeat boats at this show which is almost all displayed on trailers. You see some boats here that you probably won't see at the other shows:



1957 - 14' CornaCraft



1961 - 18' Skee-Craft



1955 - 17' Higgins Speedster



1967 - 18' Riva Runabout



The last 1937 - 24' HackerCraft Triple Cockpit

What else is going on?

May 22nd was the season opener for the Legacy of the Lakes Museum, including the "Beyond the Bathtub"

display that many of our boats are in for the season. The photos show only a fraction of the Beyond the Bathtub display. Beyond this is the extensive display of real boats that are nearly all different from last years show. The museum is a must see if you are in the area and also makes a great day trip from the cities. Here is a look at the exhibit:



Meanwhile at the ponds, I caught this real vintage in the north pond:



I first saw the boat in his hand, then in the water, and then the ball of string came out. It actually

sailed quite nicely and he was there with the boat for a couple of hours. A perfect place for a pond
boat with almost 360 degree exposure to the wind.

Here is the DNR placing Blue Gills in the ponds:



The fish the DNR stocks the ponds with are not farm grown, just taken out of other ponds in the metro area. The aftermath of this transporting and installing fish is that there is a pretty good number of fish that don't make it, and 2-3 weeks later there are quite a few dead fish floating in the pond. This is happening now along with a bloom of algae in certain areas. The DNR person said they don't stock northerns as a rule but if they are gathered up with the other fish, and under 18", they can go in the pond too. Last fall I fished two monster (dead) crappies out of the north pond. Parts were missing but we estimated they were about 14 inches in length. The guy said that that happens if they are similarly gathered up with the other fish for transport. Overall the stocking program must be working as the park has free kids fishing every Thursday morning in the summer, and also with the Farmers market. Three Rivers Park also does fishing clinics at the park.

Coming Up

- Legacy of the Lakes Boat Show, Alexandria, Saturday, July 11th
- Membership meeting, Tuesday, July 21st, 8:00 pm

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