

# EDINA MODEL YACHT CLUB

## SAIL & SCALE NEWSLETTER

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### SPINA BIFIDA SHOW IS NEXT

**O**ur Spina Bifida show will be the next event the club undertakes. This is a show we have volunteered to put on to help entertain the people who will be attending the national SBAA conference held in Minneapolis, Sunday, June 26 through Wednesday, June 29, 2005. We have been calling it a smaller version of our Parade of Boats show. What we mean is we will try to fill the pond and the Centrum Building with Boats on a Tuesday night, Tuesday

June 28th at 6:00pm to be exact. The park is also helping to make this event a success.

We need all members to make an effort to be at the center pond at 5:30pm on Tuesday. Unlike the Parade of Boats, this event could be called off if the weather is bad. To be safe plan on being at the park no matter what the weather conditions and if the event is called because of weather at least we will have given it every chance of success.

### SHIP LOST IN HEAVY WINDS

**T**erry Spletstoeszer lost a blue and white Billings Nordkap trawler, he recently purchased from Karl Bottemiller, in heavy winds at the north end of the central pond on Sunday May 22, 2005. Reports say the ship was blown on it's side by high winds and never recovered.



It could have been a couple of things maybe the balast shifted and prevented the ship from righting its self or maybe after she listed the reciever got wet and quit working.

A paddle boat with a couple of young girls at the helm attempted to come to the rescue but were

hampered by the the strong winds. When the trawler started going down it went down by the bow, the stern popped up and down she went, just like a full-size ship would.

Hats off to club member Dan Lewandowski who went home and got his diving gear to assist in the rescue attempt. He used up a whole

tank of air trying to find the sunken vessel with no results. Dan reports zero visibility under water in the center pond not even being able to see his hand four inches in front of his face. He also states that on the bottom he encountered muck up to his elbow.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- *Open Boating every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and every Sunday 4:30 - 9:00 p.m.* -
- June 12, Sun .....9:00am-4:00pm .....Parade of Boats
- June 21, Tues .....7:00-9:00 pm .....Membership Meeting
- June 28, Tues .....6:00-8:30 pm .....Spina Bifida Show

## COMMODORE'S CORNER



By Paul Olsen

The first part of the meeting on June 21 will be spent critiquing the 2005 Parade of Boats and starting plans for the 2006 Parade. Following that we will be finalizing plans for the Spina Bifida event on June 28, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of providing a fine show for these people.

Please bring your projects to show at the meeting. We will try to finish early so we possibly can do some boating afterward

See you there

—Paul Olsen



## WATER SPOUT SIGHTING

A strange and we believe very rare water spout was sighted on the North Pond Sunday May 29 2005.

Five or six club members witnessed a odd weather phenomenon. Before it started the wind was out of the west all of a sudden it went calm followed by winds from the south at about 30mph and started picking up in intensity. It started moving in a swirling motion and the mini funnel was formed on the north central

end of the pond near the wood deck. It created a doughnut shape impression a foot deep and five to six feet in diameter and in the center water was being lifted up a good three feet or more. The spout moved across the pond toward the fountain.

Once the funnel reached the fountain the base of the fountain slid into the depression shooting water everywhere and the funnel died out. The whole thing must have taken place in about 20 seconds. By all accounts it was very unreal.

## EMYC New Members

David Arndt  
Craig Campbell

— Welcome to the Club —



Definitely a sign of the times. The park is now going to be smoke free.

# AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MAY 17, 2005



By Jim Smith

Commodore, Paul Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commodore asked new members and guests to introduce themselves. John Kenny introduced himself as a new member.

He was a visitor last month. He is working on a Dumas Chris Craft.

Craig Campbell is interested in sail racing and has a Soling on order.

Commodore stated that he had visited the Bayport Marina to scope it out regarding our participation in the BSLOL Antique Boat Show on August 13th and 14th. We will be supplied with a tent and three tables for our display. Water access is good, however the floating docks are about two feet above river level making it a bit difficult to launch our models. Paul said that he would look into the possibility of having a pontoon boat tied up in the launch area to ease launching and facilitate operation of our boats. Anyone interested can visit Bayport Marina by taking Interstate 94 to the St. Croix river, then proceed north about three miles on Minnesota Highway 95. The marina will be on your right. Turn right at 5th Ave. S., about 100 yards beyond the Bayport Marina sign.



Commodore Paul Olsen presides at the April meeting.

Commodore also "talked-up" the Spina Bifida show on June 28th. Paul has been in contact with the New Brighton / Moundsview Rotary. Anticipated number of visitors is still unsure, but several hundred are expected. We will have an indoor display in the Centrum and have as many boats on the water as



John Kenny



Craig Campbell

possible. Hours will be from 5:30 to 8:00PM. It's a regular boating night.

John Bishop was unable to attend the meeting. He anticipated having sign-up sheets for the various Parade duties. That activity will now be accomplished during the set up for the Parade.

Dale Johnson asked those who had supplied posters to area hobby shops to assure that they still had a supply. More posters are available.

Fred Ferris mentioned that frequency sign up for the parade was ongoing. You will still be able get a slot during the Parade.

Thanks to the dozen members who showed up for the Star Tribune photo shoot and reporter interview before the club meeting on May 17th. The article is expected to be in the newspaper on June 11th, the day before the Parade.



Meeting May 17, 2005, 42 members in attendance.



**Tim Harlow from the Star and Tribune takes a closer look at one of Kurk Brust's ships.**

Andy Valentine stated that he had been in contact with Joe Steele. Joe and Dale Johnson will be working on the web site in the future and keeping it current.

Andy apologized to the club for a probable lack of participation by the Fast Electric members in the Parade. There will be several Fast Electric events going on, out-of-town, that weekend.



ing in the boating area as well as feeding of the waterfowl. Commodore stated that those two items were park functions, not the club's. He did note that the park had trimmed the vegetation around the "Please don't feed the ducks!" signs that might indicate they plan on enforcing that ordinance this season.

Doug Person remarked about smok-



**Mike Ross shares a bit of research he did on Air Brushes.**



**Tim Harlow interviews Fred Ferris on the center pond.**

**7:35PM**

Mike Ross gave a forty minute presentation on the Badger line of air-brushes. Prices range from twenty-two bucks to over two hundred. There's something there for everyone.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:15PM**

After the business part of the meeting Don Sektnan updated us on his Bounce II project which seems to be progressing nicely.

—Jim

# RC LAND YACHT SAILING



**By Tony Johnson**

**B**elow, is the report that Bill Korsgard prepared on the land yacht sailing at Primm, NV in March.

Notice that he has now set the world speed record for RC boats on dry surface (hard packed dry lake bed - dirt).

I hold the world record on ice with my run last December of 36.0 mph. We are getting faster all the time.

The land yacht organization IRCSSA - North America is currently actively searching for a racing venue somewhere between Madison / Chicago / Minneapolis or anywhere in between. What we need is a LARGE parking lot or abandoned airport runway. Ideally it would not be surrounded too closely by tall buildings or trees. We need to be able to obtain permission for sailing our RC land yachts for a weekend. We do not want to assume access (fly below the radar) because this is an organized national event that will have competitors driving from around the country and we do not want to risk losing the right to use the site by not having asked permission. There may not be more than ten people but it is still an official event.

**By Bill Korsgard**

Hi Guys,

Sorry about the long delay in getting this out, but have been busy doing taxes, getting trophies engraved & polished for the annual spring awards banquet for the local iceboat club ([www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org) <<http://www.iceboat.org>> ) and trying to organize an IRCSSA regatta in the Upper Midwest. The other reason is that there (sadly) isn't much to report.

Unusually heavy rains predominated the Southwest all spring, causing the normally dry lakebed to have standing water longer than usual. It wasn't certain until a

few days before the event (March 20-25) whether the conditions would be suitable. This caused several modelers to cancel hotel reservations & stay home. The higher cost of gas & job issues were contributing factors for others.

So the net result was that Robert Weber & I were the only competitors who showed up with models. Robert was busy testing & tuning his new S3 prototype, so we ended up not having any actual races. Don Wilder drove up from Mission Viejo, Ca to observe & help out.

The wind picked up nicely on Tuesday, so Don & I busied ourselves trying to set a new speed record. Several years ago, the President of NALSA ([www.nalsa.org](http://www.nalsa.org) <<http://www.nalsa.org>> ) created a



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I have three fantastic catalogues filled with clothing choices you can select to have embroidered by Team Mates, Egan.

Some clothing examples include: Polo and Chambrarty Denim shirts... Sweatshirts, Jackets, Caps, Vests, or your own shirt or jacket, etc. Embroidery options include our club logo and/or burgee with your name, boat name, number, etc.

Typical costs range from about \$28.00 to \$33.00 (of course, price will depend upon the garment choice and amount of embroidery you choose)

***Fly your colors...EMYC!!***

**RC Land Yacht continued From 5**

"Perpetual Speed Trophy", which was last won by Bob Schumacher of

"Iron Duck" fame in 2000. His speed of 19.5 mph was set in lighter 8-10 mph wind conditions, sailing a Stilletto . Tuesdays winds were much higher in the 15-25 mph range, so I added 20oz of ballast to keep the wheels (mostly) on the ground. Don Wilder helped out with suggestions & acting as a witness. We had several runs in the upper 20s, but the main problem was a tendency for the rear wheels to slide out, especially in a jibe. The highest speed we documented was 29.8 mph, using a Garmin Foretrex 101 GPS to record max speed. We were frustrated not being able to break the 30mph barrier, much less coming close to Tony Johnson's 36 mph ice record set last winter. Don had to take off on Wednesday, but the wind was good, so I decided to tape 6oz of lead at both of the outer ends of the plank. This made a noticeable difference with the spin-out problem, and I was (barely) able to break 30 with a speed of 30.3 mph. This was wit-

nessed by Robert Weber, again using the GPS.

I spent Wednesday afternoon helping score the big boat races, which is an incredible experience. Of added interest was the arrival of the Windjet effort from Great Britain ( [www.windjet.co.uk/](http://www.windjet.co.uk/) ). That night we had a catered banquet on the playa, inside a big tent. A good time was had by all. Since I'd had my fill of standing around in the

wind & sun, I spent the rest of the week doing a bit of sightseeing at Boulder Dam/Lake Mead, and Red Rock Canyon just west of Las Vegas. Both places are spectacular places to visit.



We are gathering information on potential venues for a regatta to be held later this summer. Proposed location range from the Twin Cities in Minnesota, to Rockford, Illinois, to Madison or Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

We will be seeking owner approval for use of the site & hopefully come up with a choice that is within the travel range of at least 5-6 competitors, hopefully more. If anyone is interested, please contact me directly at [wwkorsgard@charter.net](mailto:wwkorsgard@charter.net) & I'll add your name to the informal email list we've set up. There is a chance that the event will be filmed by the DIY Network for a cable tv show. This hobby can use all the publicity it can get.

— Bill K

# 2005 NORTHLAND ANTIQUE TOY SHOW



**2005 Northland  
Antique Toy Show  
Sunday, May 1, 2005  
In the Progress Center at  
the State Fair Grounds.**

**By Dale Johnson**

I arrived early Sunday morning and it was very cold for May 1st at 38° outside and the building was not heated. Apparently it was built for summer when the weather is much warmer. Inside the building the tem-



perature was about 50°, still kind of chilly to be standing around for hours. At 9:00am when the show began it even started snowing outside. I had only my spring jacket and spent most the morning shivering.

The reason I get so excited about this show is I am a toy train collector; a toy boat collector and I have an interest in old advertising as well as just plain toys. So this is a fun show for me to attend on different levels. However the main interest for me at this show is the toy boats.

The last couple of years Paul Mikkelson and Bill Arick and a few of the other main stays of the



Old Toy Boat Show at the Hopkins House have been renting tables at the Northland Antique Toy Show. These guys often have old boat kits or ITO boats and K&O motors from the 40s, 50s and 60s. This year Bill Arick did not attend, so I was unable to obtain some needed parts for one of the outboard motors in my collection. For me the pickings were slim but I picked up a few old IMP inboard motors at decent price from Dick Borgerding.



Many boats and boat related items can be found at this interesting toy show.



One thing I spotted brought back a few memories. It was a Roy Rogers toy lantern just like one I had back in the day.

I also noticed a large selection of figures or dolls that would be perfect for RC boat people. There is a fellow there that sells parts to old toy cars and trucks he had an enormous selection of tires you could use for bumpers on tug boats.

There were hundreds of collectors from across the country showing, selling and trading Boats, Trains, Dolls, Tin, Mechanical and Cast Iron Toys & Advertising from around the world.

—Dale

# HANDICAP RACING RESULTS



**"Who'd a thunk we could get any races in tonight!!"**

**By Terry Mackey**

On the way to the pond I had rain squalls to plow through, but spotty so maybe Edina was dry. When I got there, 4 boats (Fairwinds) were ready to get in the water...but with high NW winds decided to hold for a few minutes. Shortly the winds calmed and the skies cleared, I set 2 marks and let the "Plastic Swan" some kids threw in the water be the 3rd mark.

We were all (5 Fairwinds) in at 5:45 waiting for the 6:00 start. The course was called as a 1 lap simple triangle with a down wind start.

Craig showed up with an ODOM but decided to stay out and do the clock and scoring...thanks.

The first race was a disaster for Fred...good start, but got hung up on the swan and caused an obstruction for Ric. Terry, seeing the opportunity, blew past both of them on the outside. Keith K. did the same and Keith G. tried, but they were loose by then. The results below...

Race 2 sequence started as soon as 217 crossed the line. No rain...

Race 3, 4, 5 and 6 followed without incident or rain. Very close finishes in most cases.

Turned out to be an excellent night of racing, fairly decent winds.

After the 6th race we set up to do a fun race. 5-4-3-2-1 bong! But wait...Fred was out of control. More disaster for him...his rudder servo had simply pulled out from the receiver. Lucky he wasn't in the middle of the pond!

We all turned back to wrangle him back to shore. Then I noticed the sky was churning, so I thought we should quit for the night. The buoys still had to be brought in. Thanks Keith G. for helping.

We packed up and drove away into a down pour...great timing and great action on the water.

Until next Thursday,

—Terry

WEEK	26-May-2005		HANDICAP < 39"													
3	Name	Class	Frqncy	Sail	Crnt Hncp	Crnt Avg	1	2	3	4	5	6	Day Avg.	Day Place	New Avg.	
1	Bishop/John	Fairwind														
2	Ferris/Fred	Fairwind	82	71	60	1.33	4	2	1	2	1	3	2.17	2	1.61	
3	Gates/Keith	Fairwind	74	217	60		5	5	5	5	5	5	5.00	5	5.00	
4	Johnson/Tony	CR914			77	30										
5	Johnson/Tony	Fairwind	77	77	60											
6	Kaletta/Keith	Fairwind	83	1701	60		2	4	4	4	4	4	3.67	4	3.67	
7	Koch/Ray	Fairwind	61	223	60											
8	Mackey/Terry	CR914	71	546	30											
9	Mackey/Terry	Fairwind	89	5	60	1.67	1	1	2	1	2	1	1.33	1	1.56	
10	Mitchell/Rick	Fairwind		White	60		3	3	3	3	3	2	2.83	3	2.83	
11	Olsen/Paul	Fairwind	63	63	60											
12	Patrick/Chris	Fairwind		Green	60											
13	Ryan/Chuck	Fairwind		347	60											
14	Wheeler/Larry	Tradewind	69		60											
15	Young/Craig	Fairwind			211	60										

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1	Bros/Dave	Seawind	63		30										
2	Dodson/John	ODOM	71/65	367	0										
3	Dodson/John	Laser	74/67	1020	0										
4	Ferris/Fred	Laser	75	671	30										
5	Hollenzer/Bob	ODOM		870	0										
6	Johnson/Tony	ODOM		770	0										
7	Mackey/Terry	ODOM	89/90	386	0										
8	Morgan/Judd	ODOM	72	88	0	2.00									2.00
9	Olsen/Paul	ODOM		186	0	2.25									2.25
10	Olsen/Paul	Marblehead		55	60										
11	Peterson/Ernie	Soling		186	30										
12	Poland/Bill	Soling	85/88	85	30										
13	Schmeling/Jeff	ODOM	70	731	0										
14	Weigel/Tom	Laser		1001	30	3.33									3.33
15	Wheeler/Larry	ODOM	67	676	0	1.83									1.83
16	Young/Craig	ODOM	66	418	0										

# SMALL FORTUNE

**Y**es! We have some really good builder's in the EMYC. Think of the work of Olsen, Walker, Johnson, Bottemiller, et al. Then, take a look at the May 2005 issue of Yachting magazine and gaze upon the work of Rob Eddy (page 90). A jeweler by training, Eddy casts his own fittings in white and yellow gold!



**PRECIOUS:** Melting gold in a crucible, Eddy then casts fittings such as this pulpit and anchor.



**ROLE MODEL:** Even other model makers call Eddy the best; Snowhawk, is one example of his craft.

He adorns the handle recesses of deck winches with diamonds. His 1/4" to 1/2" to the foot models take from 1,500 hours to over 5,500 hours to complete and will set you back anywhere from \$30,000 to \$200,000. And, I thought that a 1:1 scale Boston Whaler was expensive!

—Jim Smith

## SPECIAL THANKS

To all the members that contributed to this issue of the Sail & Scale. Without you this publication would be nothing.

Ray Johnson, Terry Mackey,  
Paul Olsen, Doug Person,  
Alex Raupp, Jim Smith.

## - NOTICE -

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

During this time of year it is very difficult to tell exactly where the monthly meetings will be held. We will try to hold them in the Centrum Building but often times the building is not available, in that case the meeting will be switched to the Band Room in the Garage, as in the winter.

— Please check both locations. —

## SAIL & SCALE STAFF

I am still looking for a writer to join the Sail & Scale staff. A person that can write a monthly column and deliver it as an electronic file (preferably over the internet) ready to publish, not meaning formatted, just a plain text file spelling and grammar checked. You must have a respect for deadlines.

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## **MAY MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2005 7:00 P.M.  
CENTENNIAL LAKES CENTRUM BUILDING**

### **REVIEW OF THE PARADE OF BOATS**

At the June meeting we will review the Parade of Boats and go over final plans for the Spina Bifida show

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