

WSBA *News and Other Stuff*

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From the Editor:

The boat show is over, and I think we did OK. The booth looked nice, there were some new boats and some show favorites returning again. The folks walking around the show appeared to be having a good time. Some cold weather made for some very sparse weekday evenings, but still, I think it was a success. The following members attended the booth...

10 days - Jack Dietz, Pete Pelky, Rich Sterle, Ray Wolf

9 days - Bill Pelky

8 days - Mike schaefer

7 days - Joe Frischmann

6 days - Dave Blake, John Sells, Jim Shander, Chuck Steffen

5 days - Bob Dallman, Tom Thelen

3 days - Joe Dembiec, Dwight Grosse, Jim Taddy

1 day - Scott Charlson, Jay Gordon

Thanks to all who made the effort.

Now the push is on to get your club dues paid up. February is the deadline. If you fail to pay, you won't be reading this newsletter next month. Our club operates on a shoestring budget. Without the \$20 each of us pays in, we can't continue the basics of the club, like insurance and rental fees. Please keep your dues up to date.

The next event will be a workshop. This one will be on batteries, motors, wiring and lights. All things electrical, I guess. We can cover the basics of soldering, and using LED's for lights.

Springtime is right around the corner, so I hope you all have those winter projects nearly complete. This is a good time to make some checks of the batteries, pull the shafts and lube as needed. Fix that wiring, etc. Summer is for running, winter is for building and repairing.

Dave Blake

Last Meeting Highlights:

President Rich Sterle called the January meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Treasurer's report: A December starting balance of \$1,111.15 plus income of \$172.00 and expenses of \$385.69 leaves the club with \$897.46. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read.

Secretary's report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Vice Presidents report: Voting for the One Ton Award will be done tonight. Congrats to winner Jim Shander! Thanks for all your help.

President's report: None

23 members and no guests were in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

General Business:

The show was attended to by 17 club members. No parking reimbursement for the boat show this year, but we will have a \$25 gift card raffle. One ticket per day of show attendance. If you made an effort to show up, we gave you a ticket.

We still get mail from the R/C association. Don't know why, but we still do.

Good of the Club:

Don't forget to pay your dues!

Pete Pelky won the 50/50 raffle for January.

Other suggestions for workshops...

Fiberglass techniques - hard to demonstrate, but we could show before and after stuff.

PC based graphics for making decals.

Reworking RTR's to be more hobby grade or just to improve the looks.

Dave Blake has a new phone number. Actually, we just dumped our 'land line' and will be using our cell phones exclusively. My cell number is still 414-803-8735, and that's the only way to call me now.

Fleet Review:

Joe F – static tug, and looking for plans; Gail – Harbor Models CG cutter; Don – Dumas Typhoon and Orca for Trittle plans; Bob Dallman – Liberty ship; Chuck – Cranberry Isle mold; Bill P – tug maintenance; Terry B – CC Cobra (really nice); Joe D – rc conversion of childs toy boat; John Sells – FG Dauntless; Tom T – static Bluenose schooner.

Club Calendar:

Club dues are due! Pay up, or else...
Workshop on ESC/ motors/batteries, Feb TBA
Fun run/model contest, Manitowoc, May 14-16
Scout Jamboree, Racine, May TBD
Daves Fun Run, Oak Creek, June TBD
Domes, Milw, June 20
Wood Lake, Kohler, July TBD
Picnic, Cudahy, Aug TBD
Pewaukee Lake, Pewaukee, Aug 21



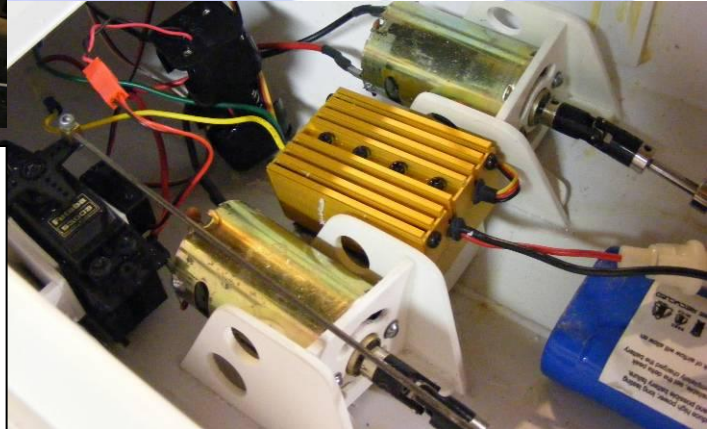
Feature: Sport Fisherman

By lots of folks...

This is the Sport Fisherman, made by Lindberg. It is a 1:16 scale model of a typical 40' offshore fishing boat. The vintage kits have been very collectable, and demanded high prices on E-Bay. Recently, Lindberg re-introduced the kit so they are available for

about \$200 retail.

This boat was having some problems with the driveline, and that's how I got involved. After Chuck installed a pair of new shafts and tubes I looked at the motors. The motors that were in the boat tested out very nicely so I built a new set of motor mounts. The mounts are glued onto the



hull in alignment with the shafts. A shelf for the ESC went in between the motors so it won't get wet if there is a little bit of water in the bilge. The rudder linkage was freed up and a new servo mount made. There are Velcro pads on the floor that will hold the 6 or 7 cell battery pack (or packs). Once the water softens a bit we can test the props and replace as needed. I also got tired of bumping into the plastic life line stanchions so I replaced them all with brass. The flag staff is made from turned brass.

With everyone's help, the boat should be ready to run this spring.

Dave and Chuck and...