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From the Pilot House

Newsletter of the Mississippi Bend Model Boaters

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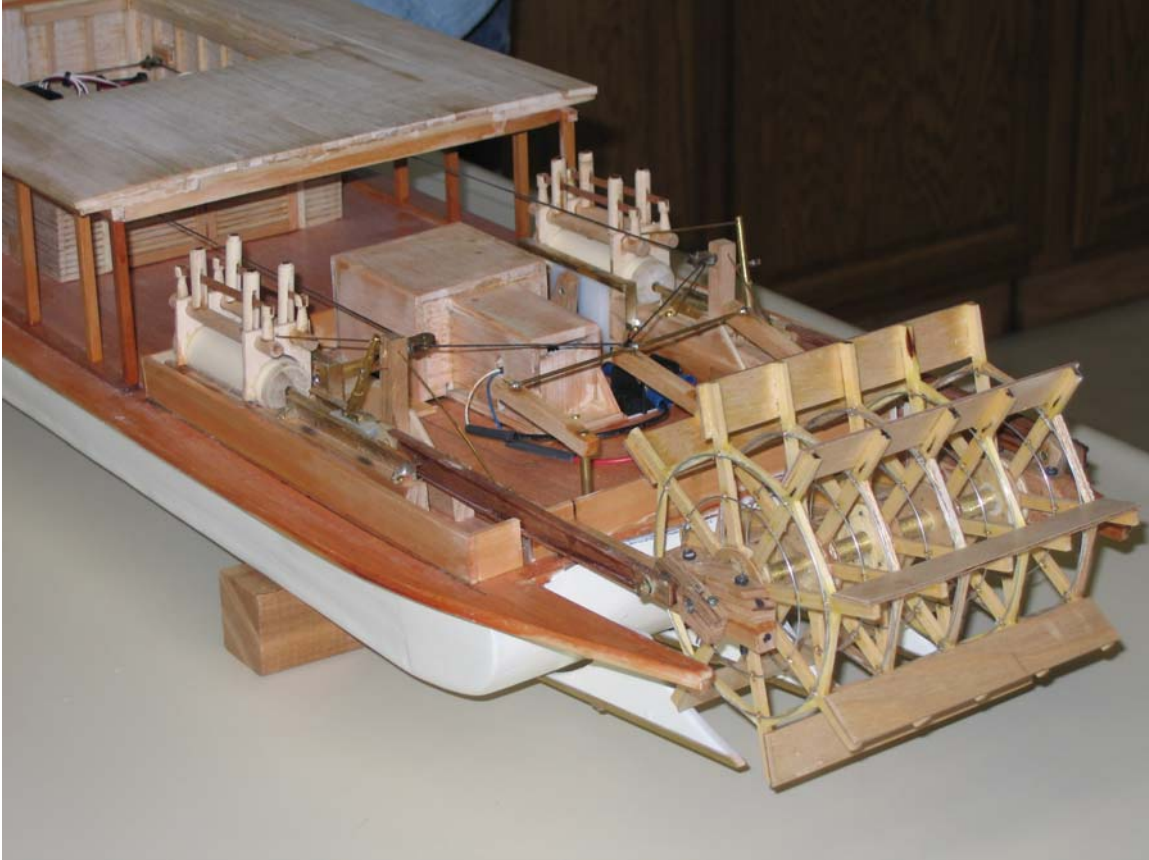
Minutes from the March 13th Meeting

Presentation:

Don Harker, MBMB member from Marion, Iowa, brought and demonstrated his 48" sternwheeler, the C.S.S Snagmore. Don estimates that the boat is half finished. He is building it from scratch using drawings of the Bertrand; the hull is strip planked and fiberglassed and the deck is also planked. The stern wheel is built up – like the original – from 120 individual pieces and took 80 hours to build. It is powered by a cast-off I.V. pump gear motor which drives a Pittman. The cranks on the shaft are set at 90 degrees from each other. The simulated steam engines have operating valve actuators. The boat is being built to 1/48th scale (O gauge: 1/4" = 1 ft.) It will have 2 decks plus a Texas deck and pilot house. Smoke will be generated by an ultrasonic crystal.



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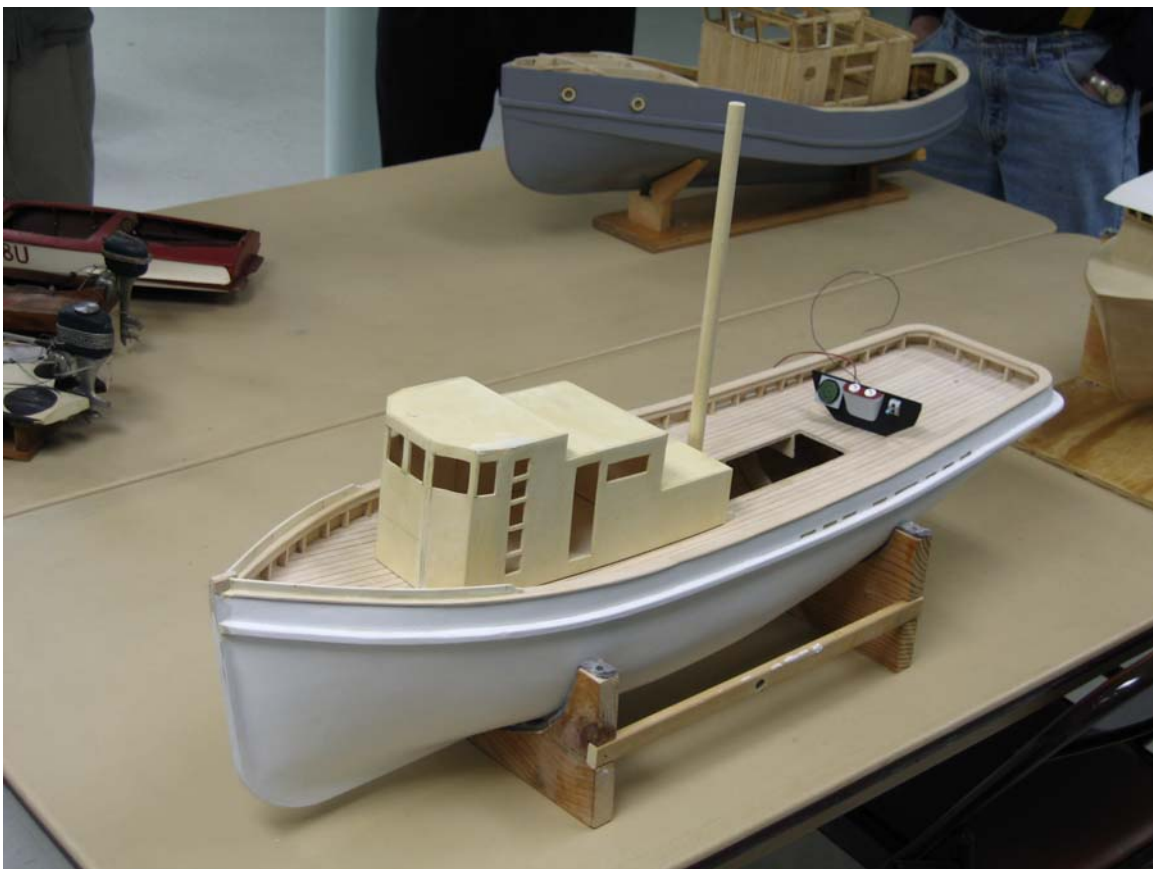


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1. Show-and Tell:

Fred Lorscheider showed the 33" (1/24th scale) Caito Brothers fishing trawler ("California's #1 fishing boat") he is building from 1994 RC Boat plans. It is plank on frame and will be powered by a Speed 540 with 3.5-1 gear reduction. It will operate on 6 V. and have a rotating radar antenna. The required ballast brings its finished weight 14 lbs.



Steve Ebel showed the 24" Dumas "Jolly Jay" which he and his brother, Joe are building. (No picture available.)

Richard Klatt brought his scratch-built "Hog" a Lake Michigan fishing boat for chub. He is using drawings from Tiller Publishing Co. and the Sturgeon Bay Maritime Association. It is plank on frame construction built of clear white pine (that is cut from window frames) and will be powered by a Kort nozzle.

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Leo Williams brought 3 static models of life size runabouts which he built and raced from 1947-50, when he and his father sold Mercury outboard motors. (No picture available.)

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Business Meeting:

1. Treasurer's Report: Matt Engebretson reported a current balance of \$1070.72.
4 membership fees have been received since January. The Executive Board has decided not to pursue 501c3 (not-for-profit) status for the club. At the present time it is not practical. There is a \$250 fee for filing and it would take a year-and-a half of processing time. It serves as a tax write-off for those who donate to us. It is something we could pursue in the future if the time comes when we have a number of potential large donors.
 2. Northpark Mall Show plans and schedule were finalized for Saturday, March 18. We will have four tables.
 3. The club voted to name the Newsletter; "From the Pilot House". The suggestion for that name came from Gene Ditch, so he was the winner of the SSMA mugs and insulator pack. Thanks to all who submitted suggestions.
 4. The members were all reminded of the indoor winter run at the Wilton Pool. Our thanks to David Krohn for organizing the event.
 5. The schedule of Spring and Summer events that we know of so far were mentioned:
 - + May 11: Tribute to Seniors, 8:00 – 4:00 at the Starlight Ballroom, Davenport
 - + July 4: Cardboard Boat Regatta, 7:00 – noon at Sunset Park, Rock Island
 - + VanderVeer Events ?
 - + Week night fun runs at various ponds around the QC area: to be determined
 6. The date for the MBMB Regatta was announced. It will be Saturday, August 26 at Middle Park Lagoon. The pavilion and lagoon area have been reserved pending approval of the Bettendorf Park Board. There was discussion of the type of events the members wanted for this event. It was decided to do it much like last year.
 7. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM
- Respectfully submitted, Steve Ebel, secretary.