



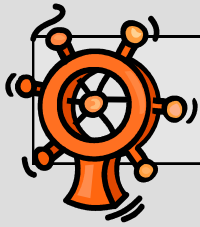
THE BINNACLE

Victoria Model Boats
Victoria, BC



President Jim Cox presents David Nelson the award for "Modeller's Choice" for his HMCS Camrose, pictured below





From The Bridge

Hello All!

This month I would like to bring forward a new idea. Well, it's a new idea to this club, but it is my understanding that others have done this successfully. It has been brought to my attention that there is a number of members that have trouble attending evening meetings due to difficulty or inability to drive in the dark, and for younger members it's a school night – so it's homework and early to bed. A member has suggested holding alternate day and night meetings. I would like to take it a step further and suggest day meetings – say Saturday afternoon – in the winter, and evening meetings spring through fall – during daylight savings time. This would also let the younger members have an opportunity to contribute, and learn what it takes to have a club that makes possible the events at the Harrison Pond and Beaver Lake etc. I would like to try this out in March. I'm suggesting that instead of meeting on the evening of Thursday March 10th, we could meet on Saturday the 12th at 2:00 p.m. Give it some thought and we can discuss it at this Thursday's meeting.

Jim Cox



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2-3rd: Beaver Fever

May 1st: Battle of the Atlantic & 1st Race of the Denton Cup



Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
St. Peter's Anglican Church, Lakehill
3939 St. Peter's Rd.
Upcoming Meetings: February 11th,
March 10th



POWER: Sundays 10 – 12
Harrison Model Yacht Pond (HMYP)
Dallas Road at Government Street



SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays
Beaver Lake



LANGFORD LAKE
Wednesdays 9:30
Langford Lake, Leigh Rd at Trillium

**Contributions to the Binnacle
are welcomed.**

Deadline for submissions:
Sunday
before the monthly meeting.
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Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

General membership meeting: Jan 14th 2016

Call to order: (James Cox) 7:41 PM

New members/visitors: Martin's first meeting. He has enjoyed RC boats for over 20 years and is looking for help with some of his boats. Bruce is a visitor and is considering joining the club. He is restoring a model that was his fathers.

Health and Welfare: discussion around a few members took place. It was offered up by Jim to send three get well cards out.

Publicity Report: (Ron Armstrong) Ron summarized the survey by Angela Bull regarding the spectator attendance to the Christmas Light Parade. TC was the most successful of the pole with 8, 3 for drive by, 1 by a friend, and 0-posters.

VMSS storage of assets: (Ron Armstrong) Ron is the new chair of the storage committee. He asked for assistance in going through and recording club inventory. Bill R offered his assistance with this task.

Finance Report: (Mike Creasy) Finances are running in the red by \$2670, with the collection of membership dues this should bring the club back up.

Coming events: (Bill Andrews) Light up parade- went well

Can West: set up Feb 6 and show is Feb 7-8. Bill has a sign up sheet for this event. It was also brought up that the club needs the insurance for this event and the Church.

Battle of the Atlantic is May 1st at Harrison Yacht Pond.

Sailing Report: (Barry Fox) Sailing every Sunday at 1030. The lake is high and lately has had about 5-8 boats out.

Dragon Force regatta is in Steveston in September for the Canadian National Championships. Beaver Fever is the 1st weekend in April.

Other Reports: Jim Briante talked about the Wing-Sail Catamaran Challenge. Jim has the boat plans for

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Your Executive meets the first Thursday of every 2nd month!

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these and members can contact him if interested. The Challenge that will be sometime this summer at Beaver Lake . Members are to contact Arnold McCutcheon if interested in the Challenge.

50/50- Terry G won 50/50 and second prize went to Steve M.

Show and Tell: Jim demonstrated his paddle wheeler. Ron showed a Tin Boat springer.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 PM



Meeting Moments





Westshore Town Centre Show

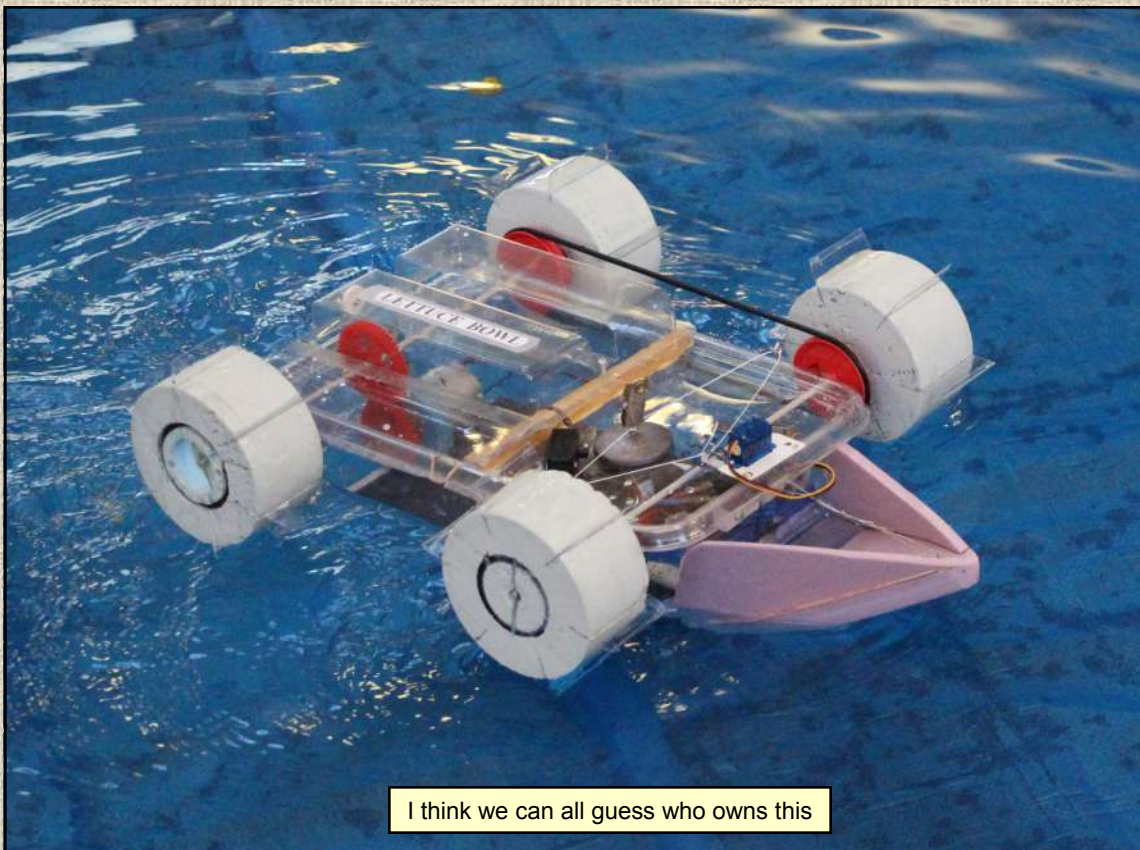




Steve Martin's HMCS Ontario, pictured above with his HMCS Kitchener, won the Public Choice Award



Harry is always a hit at the show



I think we can all guess who owns this



The 150 Program

by

Ron Armstrong

Next year, 2017, is the "Sesquicentennial" of our country. The what?? Simply, Canada's 150th Birthday. The federal government is intending to promote it nation-wide, as the first big celebration of Canada since 1967. Any and all ideas, big or small are invited to share in the festivities.

My idea is for us as a club to celebrate Canadian marine heritage. Full size cars, trucks, airplanes, even locomotives, can be preserved for posterity. But it is enormously expensive, and often difficult, to preserve ships. On this coast we only have the tugs "Swell", "Master" and "Ivanhoe", the Arctic exploration ship "St Roch", and the "Canadian Princess", formerly the Hydro graphic Survey Ship "W.J. Stewart".

But the essence of our hobby---or it used to be---is replicating any and all full-size ships as models., preferably radio-controlled to operate them in their native element.

My proposal is to have models, IN ANY SCALE, of **Canadian flagged** ships, either built in this country or overseas, floating along the south shore of Harrison Pond. If we have enough (wonderful!) they would be moored pointing outwards. If not, they would moor end to end. A P.A. system would allow us to introduce each model to spectators lounging or standing on the sloping northern shore.

Some members may not own such a model. That is why I'm proposing the idea right now. The show date hasn't been set but will likely be in July 2017. This allows members who want to join in enough time to build a new vessel. As for plans, I have a sizeable collection, and the club's own collection includes the famous "S.S. Beaver"!

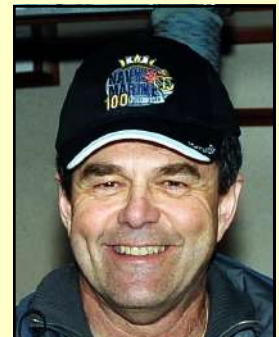
So after I make this presentation (which was backed by the Executive) on Thursday night, I'll offer three different plan sets for anyone wanting to start right away.

I have contacted the "150" Office in Ottawa and a woman named Sarah replied very favourably to this idea. I haven't heard of any other club trying this Program. But I hope we can invite Nanaimo and Mainland clubs to join us.

This will be the biggest public display by the VMSS since EXPO 86.

I hope many of you will catch " the Spirit of 2017"!"

Ron





Correction Notice: In the last issue of *The Binnacle*, a picture of Bill Sturrock winning the "Bent Prop Award" was captioned with the statement that Bill had sunk Ron Armstrong's Tanya Dawn when in fact it was his MTB instead. The editor and staff apologize to Ron, his family and friends for this erroneous statement.

As many of you know, VMSS member Romain Klaasen is now residing at Broadmead Lodge. His family asked Jim Cox & Bill Andrews to help clean out his workshop. His submarines will be sold off at a later date but Jim has several boxes of miscellaneous tools & equipment that he will bring to this meeting to be auctioned off.

Some of you still have outstanding dues for this year. Bev Andrews will be happy to collect from you at the meeting. A reminder it is \$35 for a single or \$50 for a family.

IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!

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How would you like to win a free membership?

Every member who brings an item for **"Show & Tell"** will get an entry into the draw. Bring an item every meeting and you can have 12 entries in it. At the end of the year, one lucky name will be drawn.

So dust of your projects, tips & ideas and bring them along.

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