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Our happy contingent at Linwood Regatta

EDITORIAL

Newsletter

Life is change. And so this issue presents a new format. Producing a book-style newsletter is too time consuming and difficult for your editor and staff. It has been shelved until that happy day when the club can afford professional typing and layout services.

We have also determined that a quarterly journal is something of a wasted effort. Too few members seem to read it - as shown by the low response to last issue's ballot - and those that do find too much to remember over three months.

So, we're going back to the simple style used by every other club, and try for monthly publications. Each issue will be smaller and briefer. Little and often, instead of lots occassionally. New

State of the Club

The Executive has observed the low turnout over the last few months and realized that we may be having growing pains. Maybe the club grew too fast too soon.

Whatever the reason, it has been decided that now is a time to turn inward and consolidate the present membership. The recent poll strongly indicates a desire by members for more "how to" sessions. They want to learn better techniques, to get advice on their projects, and to gain wisdom from more experienced club members. In a word, improve their own hobby efforts. So for now this will be the priority trend, rather than public displays and membership drive.

REPORTS

Work Party, Artifacts Society Grounds, April 14/85

Terry Boorman, Dick Bryant, Rick Chillibeck, Nelson Coombe, Tom Gardner, Fred Haire, Russ Hayden, Jim Holt and myself turned out on warm, sunny Sunday morning to gather and burn brush. By noon the site was cleared and ready for excavation. Thanks to these guys for a job well done and to S.H.A.S. for the free coffee. It was also interesting to watch the model engineers build their new engine house and track crossing at the same time.

-R.A.

Hobby Show, Curling Club, April 25-28/85

Our colourful exhibit was well received by the public. We had fewer models on display than previous years, ~~but~~ still filled our allotted space. Thanks to all who helped, especially those who assembled and took down the exhibit and "stood watch". Thanks also to Malcolm and Terry for producing posters in time for the show.

-R.A.

Lynwood, Washington May 5/85

Russ Hayden, Rob Woodward, Malcolm Blyth, Fred Haire, Vince Nicholson, and myself, went to the Lynwood Regatta. We loaded two vans with boats tool boxes, batteries, food, rain gear, and cement blocks for freighter ballast, and caught the seven p.m. ferry Saturday. We were billeted at DeWolfes' home in Burnaby to get an early start Sunday. Thanks to the DeWolfe family for great hospitality. At 5:30 a.m. Sunday morning two vans and six sleepy captains headed for the U.S. border. Fifteen minutes to register and then to breakfast at Denny's in Blaine (lots of laughs and fun). Arrived at Lynwood at 9:45 a.m. At the pond site we claimed an area of beachfront and set up a table for the boats. Registration was under way when we arrived. Frequency control was used and Cliff Shaw's mellow voice kept things in order with very few incidents. 56 boats took part and the day moved smoothly with lots of information exchange and nautical chit chat. Static judging was done by a U.S. Coastguard representative. Rob Woodward brought home the "Judges Choice" trophy and a ribbon for 2nd in commercial scale with his Fisheries Pursuit Vessel. Well done Rob! WMSS is really leaving it's mark wherever we participate.

A machine was set up to measure the bollard pull of vessels and provided some very interesting results for the boat owner. The organizing committee put on an excellent and fun regatta and are to be congratulated for their effort. A good time was had by all.

By 4 pm Rob, Russ, & Malcolm left to catch the last ferry home. Fred, Vince and myself were kindly billeted with Cliff & Betty Shaw Sunday nite, giving us the opportunity to tour the Seattle waterfront and Hobby Shop before heading for Home, Monday. Thanks to Betty & Cliff for their hospitality.

These Regattas provide a unique opportunity for information exchange as well as just a pleasant outing with people of similar interest. If you haven't attended one of these Regattas make a point in the near future to do so.

Until next time - - - Keep it scale.

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SPRING RECREATION SHOW, May 12

Ray, Jim, Daphne and Marty put on a combined static and R/C event at the Gordon Head Swimming Pool using their boats and those of Harry and Mike Dowd. Mother's Day probably caused the disappointing turnout by the public. Jim says our performance pleased the crowd that gathered.

--- R. A.

MAYGATTA, CLEARBROOK, May 19

Jim, Harry, & Thea Crosby, Russ, & Bill van Weston & family journeyed to this second annual regatta put on by the Valley Model Boat Club of Abbotsford. Jim reports that this was a tremendously successful event, drawing competitors from every club around. The "Valley Boys" were very well organized, with an excellent and challenging steering course, "outside" static judging and a sumptuous barbecue. The club's wives worked especially hard, keeping the food and coffee flowing all day long. A special treat was the climactic unveiling of Thea's secret project - a six month suspense - a R/C DUCK!!! "Just Ducky" Lots of laughs over that. Also, Rhonda Legge of EXPO '86 came to see what the hobby was all about, - she was thrilled and impressed. A very happy day all round.

--- R.A.

ISLAND EQUIPMENT OPERATOR'S SHOW, Saanichton Fair, June 8

Art Gardiner of SHA'S asked us for a display on behalf of the VIEOA, whose members will dig Sandhill Lake. He implied that this would be a good public relations gesture on our part. Despite the short notice (eve prior to our meeting) we managed a decent display adjacent VIME riding track. Art was quite pleased and said the Equip. Operators were impressed. (The public also enjoyed with new prospective members). Thanks to Russ, Malcolm, Harry, Fred and Bill Barker for providing the models and manning the display all day.

--- R.A.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

This is it. Scout House, Marigold Avenue, every 2nd Thursday night each month. Circle your calendars accordingly. Bring your models, equipment and things to sell. For the more experienced modellers, be prepared to share your expertise in short talks.

COMING EVENTS

Sandhill Lake Excavation, July 20

After much delay, confusion, misunderstandings and some frustration, we at last have a firm go-ahead for the excavation. Saturday July 20 is the Big Day.

Most credit for this welcome news goes to Fred Haire, a long-time associate of Morris Mitchell, the main man involved in this Island Equipment Operation Project. It's thanks to Fred's persuasive "sales pitch" that we have a definite date this summer.

Dick Bryant will be overseeing the action, but all members would be welcome to watch from a safe distance. It should be fascinating to see our own pool created.

Nanaimo Bath Tub Races, July 21

The Nanaimo club is putting on a R/C display in the new lagoon as part of the annual festivities. They would like us to join them for a day of fun. Take your boats, bring your families, watch the tubs depart and enjoy. See Jim, Ron or Harry for more details.

V.I.M.E. Meet, August 3,4,5, S.H.A.S. Grounds

The Vancouver Island Model Engineers are hosting this big gathering of Modellers involved with steam. All of our members are most welcome to attend. We have been asked to set up some kind of display to coincide. Perhaps we'll be able to try out Sandhill Lake for R/C operations!