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NEWSLETTER OF KIRKLEES MODEL BOAT CLUB

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Summer is here again and judging by the numbers at the lakeside on a Sunday morning, the club is in fine spirits. The major events held over the last 6 months have been very well attended and very successful despite the weather for Mobile Marine Open day. Our own Club Open Day was the event of the year so far with £260 raised for the RNLI, thanks should go to all who helped with tents and equipment and particular thanks to the ladies of the Tea Tent who again did sterling work keeping us refreshed.

The Joe Strand Scale steering contest scheduled for 4th Sept will have to be put to a later date due to the course setters being away at another event. New date will be announced later.

Would all members please abide by the rule with regard to Very high speed models on Wilton Park lake. The last AGM saw a ban by club members of these craft due to the danger to the public and the wildlife. I am sure that members know what we mean by "Very High Speed Craft". Other clubs who compete with these craft have Safety Fences to protect themselves and the public.

We cannot stop non members using these boats, but if any member sees any instance of this happening please have words with a member of the committee who will pass the information onto the Park Ranger, who has authority on this matter.

Phill Bowker.

Stan's Ramblings.

Hi there shipmates.

It seems a long time since my last comments for the newsletter but a lot has happened since my last column. Membership of the club still continues to grow and we seem to have had a good number of entrants taking part in various events at the lakeside. Let's hope this continues throughout the year.

Show Reports – 20th February IPMS Show Huddersfield. Not attended by us but I understand some members did attend as individuals.

5th and 6th March Ellesmere Port Spring Show. Quite a few members attended manning the club stand over the 2 day event. The location we were given was in a very large hall which was quite cold but this did not stop us from putting on a good display. Trade support was good and the tug towing event in the canal basin was excellent. Well set out, lots of large tows. Well done to Jason, Jabber, Nigel, Mick Murgatroyd and John for taking part in this event. Well done to Chris Behan for entering the David Owen competition and securing a silver medal for his LCAC Hovercraft. This is a good show to start off the season. Would recommend it for next year.

16th and 17th April Leeds & Bradford MBC Show held at Menston. A small number of members attended this 2 day event along with Rawdon MBC the hosts and also IPMS Keighley branch provided displays in plastic model construction. Alan Wyatt got a 2nd in the steam class for his steam launch; Phill Bowker got a 1st in the scratch section for his Japanese fishing boat.

8th May Steam Day/Mountfleet Models Open Day – This is the first year that the two events have combined and it was a total success. We were very lucky with the weather dry and sunny all day. Thanks to all the club members that helped with tents and equipment in setting up and taking down. Many thanks to the **ladies in the tea tent** who did a wonderful job and made a substantial amount of money for the club. Sue from Mountfleet provided an excellent display of model kits. We had people travelling from various parts of the north of England to visit our event and of course a big thank you to Richard Simpson for his continued efforts in steam testing. **Competition results** – The Steam Queen Trophy was presented by Raymond Binns, last year's winner, to club member Steve Perkins.

The Best Mountfleet Model Trophy awarded by Sue went to Phil Scales of Ribble MBC. Bob Waddington of Keighley Model Engineering Society was awarded the trophy for the Best On The Water Steam Display. This event will take place again next year, in April or May depending upon Richard Simpson's availability.

12th to 15th May Harrogate Model Engineering Exhibition— Thank you to all the people who erected the stand and obviously everyone who helped to dismantle it on Sunday. This was our 17th year attending this event. The club stand is a far cry from the very early days when we had white paper for the tables and a car registration plate to tell people who we were. The marine section at this show has gone from strength to strength over the years with some really good models on display. Lots of people through the door, lots of interest with all the models especially Alan Wyatt's superb yachts and Chris Behan's LCAC Hovercraft. I would recommend if you have not visited this show that you do so in 2012 or come on the club stand and get in free. **Competition results** – Chris Behan 1st for his LCAC Hovercraft and he also got best boat with the same model. Ian Stewart got a commended I think for a steam model. Sorry if I got this wrong Ian. The club stand was just pipped to the post for winning best club stand.

29th May – Wilton Park birthday celebrations. Nothing was organized by the Council.

30th May – Mobile Marine Open Day at Wilton Park. A very wet day but we had to host the event due to people travelling from various parts of the north of England and Notts area. A big thank you to Jason, Nigel and Jabber for putting out the course for tug towing and to every other club member that attended again putting up and dismantling tents to make the day a success. A big thanks to the ladies in the tea tent for keeping us all fed and watered and making a substantial amount of money for the club again. **Competition results** – These were sponsored by Mobile Marine. Best junior went to Adam Holmes, best newcomer went to Chris Lilley, Mariner Cup went to Brian Cartwright, who is now a club member I am pleased to say, best novelty went to Gary Dyson, best tug went to Richard Simpson and the Frank Dybold Trophy went to Geoff Ingle. The trophy for hosting the show was presented by Brian Ward to Richard Simpson. A big thank you to Keith Hays and Gary Dyson for taking the wet tents home to dry them off before they could be placed back in the shed.

11th and 12th June – Northern Model Boat Show Doncaster Air Museum. I must thank Brian Senior for taking most of the club display equipment to this venue. An excellent show again, lots of clubs, trade support, small pond outside to sail upon and of course the Air Museum to look around. Club display again had lots of attention. This was the last show that Model Slipway will be attending. **Competition results** – Chris again for his LCAC, best Junior Adam Holmes.

26th June – St Helen's MBC open day – A very warm day. Other clubs attending, Liverpool, Run-corn, us and the hosts. St Helens club made a big effort clearing weed from the lake so that this event could take place.

10th July Kirklees MBC Open Day - A very early start was required to get everything up and running for 10 o'clock. Thank you to all members who turned out early and to those members who exhibited boats in the club tent. Very fortunate with the weather again, dry sunny and warm with a slight shower in the afternoon. A very large raffle as usual. Please check out the club website for unclaimed prizes. You will need your ticket to claim any prize. See Stan at the lakeside. Trade support was provided by Scale Hobbies, Deans Marine, Mountfleet Models, Model Boat Bits, Warner Marine and Leeds Large Scale Models. We had representatives from 15 model boat clubs attending. This was slightly down on last year. This may be due to the impact of high fuel prices. The winner of the best Kirklees MBC boat for the Denis Smart Trophy was presented to Chris Behan. A big thank you must be given to Keith Hays for his endless efforts in filling the water containers for the boiler. Also a very big thank you to Kath Ingle for her sterling efforts in providing fantastic cakes at this event and also other events during the year. I am not forgetting the other ladies in the tea tent who also have done a fantastic job from beginning to end of the event. Without their efforts the day wouldn't be as successful. Thanks to all members who provided anything for the refreshment tent and any member or member's partner who donated any prize for the raffle. I personally must also thank Pat and Karen Behan for their tireless selling of raffle tickets. Not an easy task in the economic climate at the moment. Pat would like to thank all members who purchased raffle tickets,

particularly members who were unable to attend the event but nevertheless bought raffle tickets in advance. An excellent day I am sure you will all agree. Well done to Brian Cartwright for getting a small prize from Mountfleet for the best Mountfleet boat. Congratulations Brian.

Major forthcoming events - 24th July – York MBC Open Day at Rowntree Park. Same date Balne Moor tug towing event. 6th and 7th August – Woodvale Rally, Southport. 7th August – Goole MBC Open Day, 7th August Bridlington MBC Open Day, 21st August Balne Moor Fun Day. 26th to 28th August – Model Boat Convention Haydock Race Course.

11th September Kirklees MBC Navy Day. 25th September – Kirklees MBC tug towing.

Wednesday 12th October Club Night – Indoor flying at Batley Sports Centre £2 per person.

Please check the home and away events lists for full details of all future events.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform the membership that Alan Birkin of York MBC passed away on 13th July. Alan was a very active club secretary who loved model engineering and model boats. For people that knew him his wit will be sadly missed and I am sure a large hole will be left for a considerable time in York MBC. He was very passionate about steam and loved his model locomotives and was very proud to be part of the North York Moors Railway.

Information on model products - I have recently tested 2 new speed controllers from Mtronicks. The new range is called the Tio and will be available in a 15 amp or 30 amp versions. These controllers have to be programmed to the battery you intend to use. More information to follow. Also awaiting a new sound system from them to test, again more information to follow.

Finally new 2.4 radio sets from Ripmax marketed under the product name of Saturn. These come in 4 channel or 6 channel version and the 6 channel one retails at about £60.00. Available at Flying Models and Model Boat Bits.

Hoping for the rest of the year to be as successful. Further show reports to follow in the autumn.

Stan Reffin



Steve Perkins Receiving "Steam Queen Trophy" from Raymond Binns



Fred Senior winner of the Northwind Trophy 2011



Chris Behan's LCAC at Harrogate 2011

If any member has changed their E-Mail or Home Address would they kindly inform either Margaret Wyatt, Pat Reffin or Phill Bowker. This can be done at the lakeside on Sunday morning or by e-mail to

Phill@kirkleesmodelboatclub.org.uk

If we don't know your new address you won't receive your newsletter!!!!!!

DON'T FORGET
NAVY DAY 11TH SEPTEMBER.
8a.m. START, FOR AN ALL DAY GREY FUNNEL EVENT.



Chris Behan Winner of Best in Show in Marine Section at Harrogate Model Engineering Show 2011



KMBC stand at Northern Model Expo held at Menstone Community Centre 2011



Chris Behan and Adam Holmes the winners at the Doncaster Show 2011

KMBC Open Day 10th July 2011.



Panorama of lake taken on the day



Ron Dean just happened to be passing on his way to Scotland !!!!!



Vic Robson deciding which one to go for????



For it's vintage it looks well.



Chris Behan Winner of the Dennis Smart Memorial Trophy.



The Tug Duck



The Three Wise Men

There are still 5 raffle prizes unclaimed from Open Day, namely: Peach 142, Blue 826, Peach 280, Yellow 138, and Pink 246. If you have one of these winning tickets please get in touch with Stan either by e-mail or telephone. If any prizes are not claimed by the end of August they will be raffled at the Navy Day on September 11th.

Fly the flag **Phill Bowker.**