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MANX MODEL BOAT CLUB Newsletter

Bernie Hinds 1930-2011

It was with great sorrow that I, and several members of the Manx Model Boat Club attended Bernie's funeral on Thursday 12th January. Our thoughts go out to his long-term partner Wendy.

Bernie was a staunch member of the club and an avid builder of model boats. It was a surprise to all members when his age was revealed. His enthusiasm and physical support collecting the tables at Mannanan belied his age.

Wendy was the one who introduced him to the club as a technical enthusiast of all things electronic and gave him an interest right up to the end. He made a new model most years and had made over ten. Indeed he started a new one shortly before he went to Hospice.

Bernie always supported the club at the club events and especially when the club was holding displays for the RNLI. Wendy wishes to keep most of the boats but to have them available for club displays to support charities. Wendy and her brother intend sailing the boats on a regular basis as Bernie would have wished to do himself, so his spirit will always be with us.

Brian King



Bernie with his model of the Royal Yacht 'Britannia' receiving the Racehorse Trophy from the Chairman of Onchan Commissioners, Mr Gordon Astill, pictured alongside Mrs Astill & Brian King.

Events List 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
24/03/12	Static Exhibition at Strand Shopping Centre	Strand Shopping Centre, Douglas	9:00am
25/03/12	Static Exhibition at Strand Shopping Centre	Strand Shopping Centre, Douglas	11:30am
01/04/12	Steering Competition.	Onchan Park	2:00pm
06/05/12	Scale & 'On the Water' Competitions	Silverdale	10:00am
27/05/12	Spithead Review & Trawler Race	Silverdale	10:00am
03/06/12	Blind Steering Fun Event	Silverdale	10:00am
23/06/12	Mannanan 2012	Onchan Park	10:00am
24/06/12	Mannanan 2012	Silverdale	10:00am
30/06/12	Queenie Festival	Port St Mary	10:00am
01/07/12	Queenie Festival	Port St Mary	10:00am
05/07/12	Tynwald Day Display	St Johns	9:00am
08/07/12	Vintage Yacht Event	Ramsey Mooragh	2:00pm
14/07/12	Douglas RNLI 'Have a Go' event as part of Onchan Village Fair	Onchan Park	2:00pm
14/07/12	Wildlife Park Display	Wildlife Park, Sulby	T.B.A.
15/07/12	Wildlife Park Display	Wildlife Park, Sulby	T.B.A.
22/07/12	Port Erin RNLI Day	Port Erin	10:00am
28/07/12	Southern Agricultural Show	Great Meadow	10:00am
29/07/12	Southern Agricultural Show	Great Meadow	10:00am
04/08/12	Ramsey RNLI Day	Ramsey	10:00am
05/08/12	Port St Mary RNLI Day	Port St Mary	10:00am
09/09/12	Onchan Commissioners Shield, Venetian Evening & Club Barbecue	Onchan Park	6:30pm
07/10/12	Tug Towing Competition	Onchan Park	2:00pm

You will notice a number of changes to the format of the events list this year. This is to try and attract more people to become interested in the hobby and ultimately to attract more members to the club.

We start the events calendar with a new static display at the Strand Shopping Centre in Douglas in conjunction with the Manx Model Flyers and Sean's Model Shop. It is likely that we will be setting up in one of the empty shop units on the Friday evening and then manning a static display over the weekend. Can you please contact John Williams (vector@manx.net) if you are able to assist or display a model.

Following this we are into our normal routine of Steering Competition at Onchan Park and Scale Competition at Silverdale. We have also combined a few events such as the Spithead Review with a Trawler Race and a new Blind Steering fun event on Sunday mornings.

Dates highlighted in yellow are events where the club will be supporting the 'Have a Go' boats, allowing members of the public to have a sail for a small donation on the new portable pool. Help setting up, manning the pool on the day and tidying up afterwards is always welcome.

Although not shown on this list, the wet weather alternative date is normally the following weekend, but keep tuned to the e-mails for updates as the season progresses.

Obituaries

It is with great sadness that I have to write this obituary, Alan Brooks, a man much admired for his skills in model boat building, passed away in mid November 2011.

Alan, many will remember him as one of the Judges who visited the Island to Judge the models at our Mannanan Festival, always a fair man, and very knowledgeable on the skills needed to produce a quality model, this was noticeable in the excellent models he made himself.

Alan had been a good friend to the Club and enjoyed coming over to visit, unfortunately in the last year he was too ill to travel very much, but I had the pleasure of meeting him at the Haydock Model Convention, where he had his latest model on show. I feel privileged to have known him and to be able to call him a friend.

His models will be on exhibition at the Laird Exhibition in Birkenhead sometime later this year; Alan worked for many years at the Cammell Laird Shipyard Birkenhead.

Howard Quayle.



Alan Brooks (left) judging a model at Ellesmere Port with Jimmy Woods.

Members may remember Denys Drower who was a member of the club in the early days who has recently passed away.



Denys was very much into his working steam models - both models to sail on the pond and 12 inch to the foot scale real steam boats which he used to sail in Peel harbour.

I recall a story when he was building a scratch built model of a steam paddle boat. This was quite a considerable model - probably about 4ft long.

When testing he found that it was not quite buoyant enough to sail on the water so he proceeded to cut the model in half and lengthen it. Further testing revealed that it was still not buoyant enough so he then cut the model down the length of the keel and increased its beam. Much testing later, it was still not buoyant so he then proceeded to cut the model in half along the water line and increase its draught. Eventually he created enough displacement to allow the model to sail!

Jason Quayle.

For Sale

Superglue. 20gm bottles in Thick, Medium and Thin, £2 each. Superglue Activator in 500 ml aerosol cans, at the moment £5 each. The new batch have doubled in price from the wholesale suppliers.

Plasticweld, water like consistency £15 per 500ml can. Decant into small bottles for use.

Also, very fine tubes to fit the glue bottles, these allow precise application of the thin superglue £4 for 10 in a pack, made from same material as bottles, so glue will not congeal.

These are all at a very competitive price. Please contact Howard for more details.

Have A Go Enterprise

Those of you attended the last AGM will recall the presentation at the end of the meeting regarding the establishment and development of the so called 'Have a Go Boats' enterprise. The discussion document you all received laid out the current structure and financing of the venture and basically asked for your financial or physical support. This was followed by an updated proposal in the last newsletter, again asking for your comments, contributions, ideas etc

You may be surprised to learn that I received only ONE response (Thank You) which makes me wonder if the talk of money frightened you all away, or that you consider the initiative to be both unnecessary and unproductive, or that you do not want change, or are not concerned regarding the MMBC's future, or that you do not have the time, or, or, or----- . Whatever the reasons it would be nice to know.

Right now we do not need your money as we have all the necessary capital investment in place and we intend maintaining and renewing these from revenues raised during our exhibitions/ fundraising. The trailer is currently being fully serviced and fitted out ready to be sign written, the fleet of boats and radio equipment, spares etc is a credit to all those who provided, built and now maintain them. There is considerable interest in the venture from many different quarters and the provisional diary is filling rapidly. All in all the project is looking pretty good, EXCEPT : ?????????

We cannot do it without your Help i.e time (and a bit of effort) , your input and enthusiasm and your belief that the hobby and skills which we seek to promote is worthwhile. There will be a meeting to discuss the whole project on 29th March at 8.00pm prompt at the Whitestone Inn , Ballasalla. If you cannot attend but can contribute in some way call me on 823156 or email vector@manx.net

THIS IS NOT THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN SO DO NOT LEAVE IT TO THE FAITHFULL FEW - LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL

John Williams



Members of the public enjoying the 'Have a Go' boats at Port Erin and Ramsey lifeboat days last year.

AGM Minutes

Alongside this newsletter, you will find a copy of the draft 2011 AGM minutes. These remain draft until approved at the next AGM. One of the most significant changes voted through at the AGM was the removal of the post of club Chairman and election of a new position of Club Commodore. This has necessitated some changes to the Club Constitution & Operating Rules which have now been updated and are available on the club web site www.manxmodelboatclub.org.

Your new officers and committee for the 2012 season were elected as follows:

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Committee Members

John Williams
Brian Swindon
Brian King
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Subscriptions

A quick note to let you know that membership subscriptions are now over due for the 2012 season. Subscriptions have remained the same for normal members this year at £25, but have increased for OAP's to £20. Juniors (still in full time education) remain the same at £15.



A membership application form is included with this newsletter for those who have not paid. The completed form should be returned to the Club Treasurer, Jason Flemming, at the address shown on the form as soon as possible.

Members are reminded that they are not covered by the Clubs insurance if they are not a paid up member and will also not be eligible to enter any club competitions or receive any further newsletters.

E-Mail Addresses

Most members now receive all their club information and newsletters by e-mail, although we do still post copies of newsletters if required. Please let me know if you have recently set up or changed an e-mail address so that you can be added to the list. You can contact me at jason_quayle@manx.net.

Haydock Park Show

We have now received the entry pack for the Haydock Park show which is on the 25th & 26th August 2012 and which the club will be attending again this year.

The pack contains the entry forms for the various competition classes which are held over the weekend, and judging by our success last year I would imagine that members will be wanting to enter again this year. There is also an entry form for the introduction to judging course.

Please let me know if you want the entry forms and I will send them to you by e-mail.

Also for members information, most club members seem to be booking into the Ramada Encore Haydock, M6 Junction 23. You may be lucky enough to pick up a good deal for the weekend on LateRooms.com. Most members are staying on the 24th, 25th & 26th.

Boats for Sale

Southampton Tug and Thunder Tiger
'Lobmaster' Fishing Boat

Both in very good condition with full radio gear.

Offers Please

Contact Arthur on 623288 to view.