



Rideau Nautical Modellers

January Newsletter

Jan 28, 2006

Since the January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather the executive thought it would be a good idea to bring the members up to date with some of the more recent news items. Some of these are just reminders of previous e-mails sent to you.

Mark Your Calendars

Tony reported the following:

Merrickville	July 15 – 16, 2006
Perth	July 22 – 23, 2006

Yes, we are going back to the music festival and a good time at Last Duel Campground. Smith Falls did coincide with the Merrickville weekend.

February 4th Meeting “Cruise and Dine Night”

Don Buckingham reminded us of the arrangements for the February meeting in Perth on Saturday Feb. 4. The pool has been booked for 7:30 to 9:30 with the same price as last year (\$5.00). A tentative reservation has been made at Maximillian's restaurant, located at 99 Gore St. East. For any of you not familiar with Perth it is opposite the Town Hall and a few doors south. The reservation is for 5pm which gives us enough time to have a drink, dinner and get to the pool for 7:30pm. Hope to see you then.

As of Jan, 28 we have 18 confirmed for the restaurant and 12 at the pool for the night. Looking forward to it!

Insurance

One of the benefits of being a member of Rideau Nautical Modelers is that we participate in an overall Insurance policy with a number of other groups in the Region. This offers one a certain peace of mind in the event an unforeseen incident does happen during our operating sessions or events. The policy is administered by Daniel Burgoyne of Radio Control Outaouais. We had been anticipating an increase in the policy since insurance rates as you are aware have been climbing since 9/11. However, while the rate did go up, Daniel reports that a fifth participant

has joined us in sharing the cost meaning we are able to actually reduce our payment this year to \$227.02. We were expecting it to be over \$300.

The five clubs currently sharing in the insurance policy are:

- Rideau Nautical Modelers
- Scale Slot Racers of Ottawa
- Radio Controle Outaouais
- Easystreet and Paydirt RC Racing
- Circuit Hobby 2000

Rolly Nantel and Tug Along

Rolly could just about do his own newsletter with all the activities and publicity he gets with Tugalong. In addition to the pictures and mention internationally in the December issue of Marine Modellers International, the following appears in the Ottawa Power Squadron news letter Rideau Ripples.



Parade of Lights

Again this year, our Squadron entered the Orleans Parade of Lights with a familiar yet not so familiar entry. While most of us would recognize "Tug-a-Long", her decorations were in keeping with this holiday season. Gone were the flowers and décor of the Tulip Festival Flotilla, replaced by the Christmas theme of reindeer, dolphins, wrapped presents and colourful flashing lights. All of this would not be possible without the long hours of hard work, creativity and dedication of Rolly Nantel. To you sir, our sincerest thank you.

In keeping with our squadron tradition of having great influence with the weatherman, Mother Nature cooperated to moderate the temperature to a crisp level, hold back the snow, calm the wind and gave us a great atmosphere for the parade.

The parade attendance was estimated at over 100,000 people. That means that the Squadron message was seen by one of the largest audiences in the area.

A special thanks to all who came out to help distribute candy canes to the children, large and small. From the squadron, were our Commander, Cathie Johnstone, Jim MacLeod, Rolly Nantel, Robert Milburn and yours truly. We were fortunate to have five additional volunteers who were non members, namely: Sandy Nantel, Lynn Pressacco, Robert, June Gauthier and Larry Martin. Some of these people have already volunteered for next years float.

We look forward to seeing many of you next year.