Out and About Excursion to Spreckels Lake and the San Francisco Model Yacht Club

Resident Til Mossi is a life member of the <u>San Francisco Model Yacht Club</u>. Til organized the Out and About afternoon at the SFMYC on August 9th. We toured the clubhouse and viewed a demonstration of sailboats and motor boats - all radio-controlled. Til was assisted by club members: Michael Fischer, Bob Pearsall, Jim Forbes, Norman Tuck, and Tony Dodson.

When we arrived, we were greeted at the clubhouse by Michael Fischer. Michael presented a detailed history of the clubhouse and the different types of sailboats the club sponsored - including free sailing and radio-controlled models. The boathouse is the largest and oldest model boat clubhouse in the world and contains many dozens of models. The collection includes a fascinating and valuable <u>French prisoner of war bone model ship</u>.

After viewing the clubhouse our group was escorted to Spreckels Lake for the sailboat and power boat demonstration. On arrival, Bob had his *City of Lakeport* toodling around the lake and tooting away. Bob also brought the *Elmira* and ran it too. The rest of the fleet mostly sailed <u>Lasers</u> and Norman's <u>ODOM</u>. Yacht club members assisted residents in trying a hand at sailing - and seeing what model sailing is all about.

To top this off, we had a beautiful day with moderate temperatures, sun, and light winds. This outing showed off Spreckels Lake at its best. A further bonus was the appearance of Heritage alumni Gardner Haskell.

Many thanks to the SFYMC members who helped make our Out and About a successful day to remember. We all had great fun!



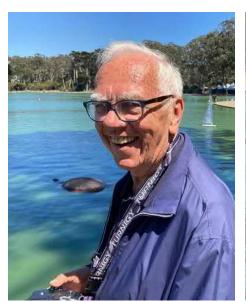


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