



# Ship's Log



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## **FROM THE BRIDGE**

*Gene Wisner*

**L**ast month I mentioned that Spring was just around the corner. I am sorry that I lied! Last month Spring was not "around the corner" it was here! ! ! I know of several members that have already had their boats on water that, in years past, would have still been too hard to even think about it. And the weather is staying WARM. So with the all being said. . . . .

### **IT IS TIME TO GET OUTSIDE TO RUN SOME BOATS !!!**

Take a look at the Admirals calendar and you will see that our outdoor events are starting. The first sailing event will be Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>. The first Scale Fun Float and Fast Electric Racing event will be Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for the location of the Scale and Fast Electric event, to my knowledge the Carmel Reflecting Pool has not been filled yet.

The last of our indoor Fun Runs at the Plainfield Aquatic Center (PAC) was last month. And for those that showed up it was a great day. We had boats on the water for the full 4 hours. And we only needed the lifeguards to retrieve a few parts from the bottom of the pool. It was a shame that the Aquatic Center could not let us use the outdoor areas. It was that warm out! We could have gone outside. I want to mention that one of the people from the PAC asked if we might be interested in running our boats outdoors this summer in their outdoor pools. They have a scheduled event on Wednesday nights for kids that we could come and give a demonstration. We would also have the Midwest tugs for the kids to operate. Stay tuned for more information as I discuss it with PAC personnel.

This month's meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday after Easter. We will be back at the Clay Township Government Center.

That very weekend after the meeting is the Toledo Weak Signals Show. Make your plans to attend. I have heard there maybe a group going up on Friday. I know I will be going on Sunday. So if you want to carpool please come to the meeting and we will discuss rides. OR if you cannot make the meeting send me an Email and I will get you on a list of people that want to go.

*Gene*

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# ADMIRALS CALENDAR

## April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 EASTER	9	10	11	12 Admirals Meeting	13 Toledo RC Show	14 Toledo RC Show
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### Schedule of Events for April 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event &amp; time</i>	<i>Location</i>
April 12	Thursday	Club Meeting - Clay Township Government Center, 6:30pm	106th & College Ave.
April 13-15	Weekend	Weak Signals 55th Expo & Competition (opens 10am)	Seagate Center, Toledo, OH
April 21	Saturday	Tug Wilson One Meter & V-32 sailing series 10:30am/1pm	Village of West Clay pond
April 29	Sunday	Scale Fun Float & Fast Electric Racing, 2pm	Reflecting pond, Carmel

\* On April 21-22, the North American Model Engineering Society Expo will be held at Yack Arena, Wynadot, MI

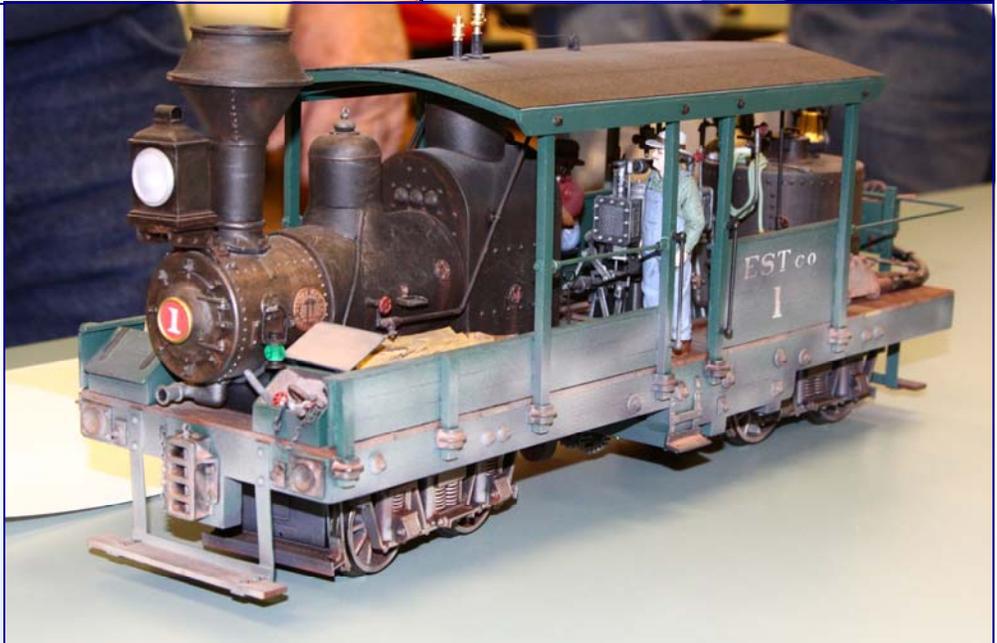
# Meeting Pictures



**Dave Richey** brought a more nearly finished “gun” that he is building from a resin kit. The kit, pictured in February (below) is becoming transformed into a splendid replica (left) that he brought to the March meeting. Man, he finishes his stuff well!



Of course Dave also has modeled an extensive line of railroad engines and cars. Pictured to the right, this model boasts incredible detailing as well as weathering. It's either that or he has found a way to reduce the prototype equipment to a model's dimensions!



**Scott Black's** Impulse 26 now displays Lucas Oil markings (below). It's certainly easy to spot and



great looking and inspired him to refinish his Superver 27 in Lucas Oil colors as well!

# Minimono Stuff

Well now, the *Minimono* boat by Aquacraft™ appears headed toward a racing debut at the Carmel Reflecting Pond. Shown below are three customized finishes to help the skippers track their own boats on the course. Sadly, we still have all-too-many “stock” trimmed boats.



We have determined that a ready to run boat with a 1000Mah battery weighs about 15.2 ounces and a boat with the 1300Mah battery weighs about 15.4 ounces. Your author intends to run with the 1000Mah battery because it fits better and there will be sufficient time to change batteries between multiple heats, as needed. (We need to determine the max number of boats in a heat!)

There's been discussion on allowing other than stock *Mini Rio/Minimono* props (they are the same prop) but it appears to be a bad idea from expense and safety issues as well as the issue of keeping all racers equal. Likewise, in the interest of speed someone suggested elimination of the dual turn fins. That, too, appears less than welcome at this point; there was some mention of cluster-crashes in the turns caused by skidding without the turn fins.

Using **SEM** primer to give paint some tooth has been recommended by the author. Even on all sorts of plastic models it provides a great primer without covering detail. Good stuff.

There remain a good number of *Mini Rio* boats available if anyone would like to continue to compete in that class. It's a beginner class boat with good, not outrageous speeds and more than a few are well sorted out, reliable and available for sale. I note with sadness that Tower Hobbies no longer lists that boat.

We look forward to a full season of in-your-face racing excitement with the *Minimono* boats based upon the skippers who have already stepped up to get their boats. Don't forget the 6 cell v-hull racing **Mike Yount** pioneered last season. They're faster yet and larger boats well suited to our ponds.

**Racing starts this month! Carmel Reflecting Pond! April 29th!**

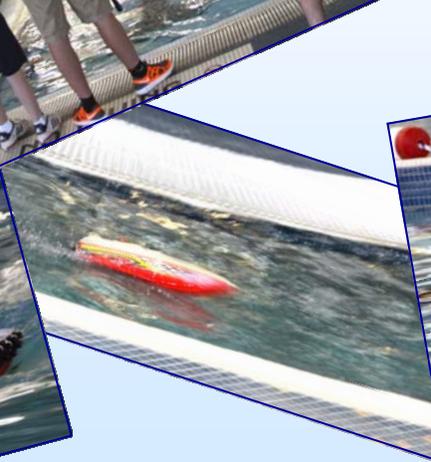


# Plainfield Fun Run

**A**n extra hour! That's what we got at the Plainfield Indoor Aquatic Center Saturday, March 17 as we gathered our gear and spent four hours in the superb facility! Even the weather cooperated by not stressing our boats and electronics as they transferred from cars to the facility! Many Minimono boats were tested and Dave St Clair made it from Missouri!



Not as well attended as in past years, we suspect the mild winter weather accounted for the lower numbers.



# Scuttlebutt

1. We start this month's errata pages with a screen grab from our new Facebook™ page. Yes, we're on the leading edge of social media for all the world to see. **Scott Black** has done an



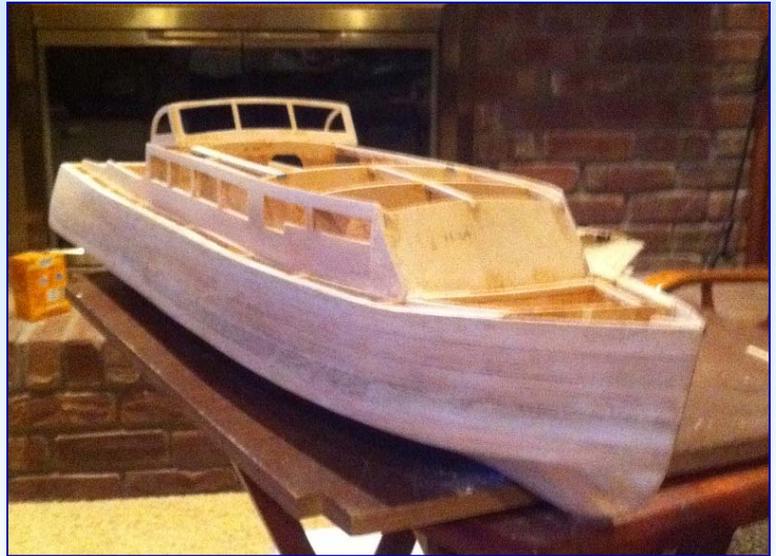
effective job of capturing the essence of our club through a dynamic montage of club photography. Adding to that start, he regularly adds to the info and comments on the page to keep it fresh and witty. There's room for visitors to comment, "Like", and delve more deeply into what we're all about. If you've not visited and "Liked" the site, do so soon! You'll not be disappointed! [www.Facebook.com/Indyadmirals](http://www.Facebook.com/Indyadmirals) Thank you, Scott!

2. The license plate shown to the right is available to any honorably discharged or active duty Navyman or woman upon presentation of suitable proof of honorable discharge (DD-214) or active duty Navy ID card. It's only \$15 above the normal cost of the plate. Plates are also available to veterans or active duty members of the other armed forces of the United States of America. Apply in person at your local BMV office. **Jim Castor** has his already.



3. Member **Greg Vollmer** has shamed me and I suspect many other members of this club through the proof of work he's routinely displayed in pictures and at the meetings since he joined.

3. (continued) Pictured here is the latest photo (a week or two old so it is WAY out of date) of his scratch built boat. Building from plans, he shames me by finding time to be a devoted family man, father, bread winner, who routinely travels out of town too often for work yet finds the time to build well and speedily! Compare the photo here with what he brings to the meeting on the 12th. I expect to be amazed. Again.



4. This picture of the 24 gun frigate USS Constitution moored ahead of a modern Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer truly illustrates the differences as warships have evolved. The USS Constitution is this nation's oldest commissioned warship while the DDG pictured is less than a year old. Interestingly, the DDG has half the number of crewmen the 24 gun frigate required, several thousand times the explosive firepower and five times the top speed.  
(Photo US Navy)





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There is no limit to the satisfaction of building and operating your own model ship or boat. The fact is, there has never been a "bad" model built by anyone. Every model reflects the builder's creative ideas and as such is a unique and valuable expression of the builder.

We invite you to visit us at any of our meetings, usually on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM or at any of our events pond side. See our web site for the specific meeting dates, locations, and maps.

Please feel free to contact us at (317) 291-2781 for information. Or, look us up on the web or e-mail us at the addresses to the left. If you share our interest in nautical subjects we welcome you to join us.

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