



Ship's Log



FROM THE BRIDGE

Mike Yount

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As I sit inside and write this, the snow is mounting on an early spring Indiana evening. How ridiculous. It looks more like Christmas than Easter. Early Springtime means basketball tournaments, time changes, and most important, the Toledo R/C Model Show. The Toledo show is one of the biggest R/C model shows around. Even though the majority is airplanes, it's still a marvel to behold. I remember going in the late 70's and early 80's, brothers Ed and Dee Hughey had booths to sell their model products. Ed's booth was "Hughey Boats" and Dee had "Dial-a-Prop" and later "Instant Foam Boats". Many things have changed since then, but Toledo still remains one of the best shows. The Toledo show is before our next meeting, so members who can't make it will be eager to hear from the members who did make the trek.

It's easy to see from looking at the Admirals calendar that April begins a significant increase of planned events. Sailing begins, model shows and meetings, and the first Scale Fun Float of the year. April will be a great beginning to outdoor activities, so mark your calendars and prepare your equipment. If you don't have a copy of the Admirals calendar you can find it on our website. The website and Facebook page are always a great place to start when looking for official Admirals information. Speaking of Admirals official information, I finally got a copy of the club Constitution. It's an eight page document containing such things as: organizational chart, officers duties (do you know what the quartermaster's duties are?), dues, elections, and meetings. It's clear, after reading, many things need to be updated. I plan to start the process of making the updates during meetings so everyone will be aware.

Scott Black and I were both unable to attend the March meeting and I want to thank Gene Wisner for filling in. Gene demonstrates again how volunteering in this club is crucial in keeping it alive and well. Volunteering and participating are things we all can do. After missing last month's meeting, I look forward to seeing everyone in April. The April topic will be "Radios" especially 2.4 GHz., so brush up and bring in articles. Also, don't miss the first strike of the official gavel mentioned in last month's *Ship's Log*.

Mike

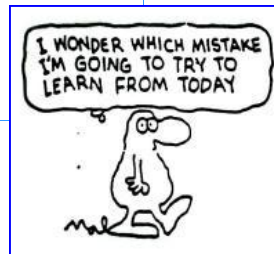
Admirals Club Officers

- Commander..... Mike Yount
- First Officer..... Scott Black
- Scale Director.....Gene Wisner
- Sailing Director.....Lee Shroyer
- Purser.....Dave McCreary
- Minimono Director.....Ray White
- Competition Dir....Dave Hampton
- Newsletter.....John Louk

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

April 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|-------------|---------------|
| EASTER | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Toledo | 6 Toledo |
| 7 Toledo | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Club Meeting | 12 | 13 Sailing |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 Pond Cleanup | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Scale Fun Run | 29 | 30 | | | | |



Schedule of events for April 2013

| Date | Day | Event | Location |
|---|-------|--|--|
| April 5 th -7 th | | Toledo Weak Signals 59 th Expo & Competition | Toledo, OH |
| April 11 th | Thurs | Club Meeting – Clay Township Government Center (6:30 – 9 PM) | 106th St and College Ave |
| April 13 th | Sat | Tug Wilson One Meter & V-32 Series 10:30/1:00 PM | Village of West Clay |
| April 20 th – 21 st | | North American Model Engineering Society Expo | Yack Arena, Wyandotte, MI |
| April 21 th | Sun | Pond Clean-up Day 12:00 PM (Weather Permitting) | 75 th Street & Shadeland Pond |
| April 28 th | Sun | Scale Fun Float / Fast Electric Racing – 2PM | Reflecting Pond, Carmel |

March Admirals Meeting

We missed **Mike Yount** at the March meeting since he was vacationing in Florida when the meeting date arrived, but **Gene Wisner** took the helm at the meeting in his capable hands. Seventeen members and one guest attended. (Below) **Gene Wisner** brought this partially assembled battle boat model of a freighter from a laser-cut kit he acquired. Outstanding fit of laser-cut assemblies is a hallmark of the genera.

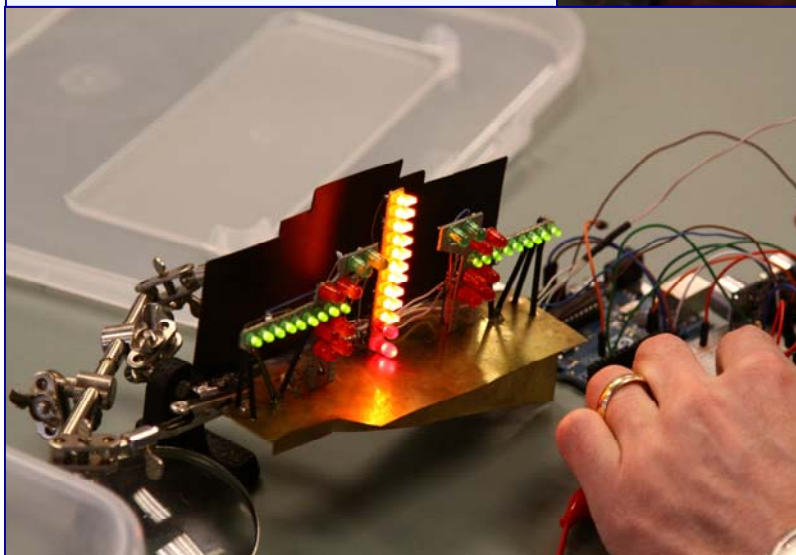
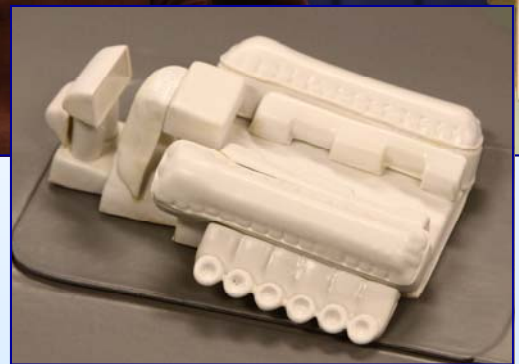


(Left) **Dave Richey** rescued this Midwest Liberty Tug from the pond in Columbus, IN where it had sunk during the most recent



“Kiwaniis Duck Splash” event last year. Dave overhauled it, refinishing to his high standards and reballasted it so it is less prone to capsize now.

(Right) Guest **Doug Campbell** shows some of what he offers the racing hydroplane modeler. See our web site for a link. (Inset) One of the ABS plastic hydroplane motor kits Doug offers.



(Left) This is a breadboard LED miniature of the landing light system used on aircraft carriers which provides the pilot a stabilized visual glide slope position indicator. **Dan Klink** will place this on a 1:96 carrier!!!

Scuttlebutt

1. A year ago we introduced our Facebook site (www.Facebook.com/IndyAdmirals) with this cover photo montage by **Scott Black**. Since that date thousands have visited and “Like” the site. Many deserved kudos to Scott who continues to maintain the excellence on line.



2. Here's an interesting boat worth modeling, especially if you're into fast boats with incredibly difficult paint jobs. It's the Riverhawk Sea Striker 22 with a Navy “digital” camo paint finish.



3. This is the USS Freedom (LCS-1) at 50+ knots sporting a huge bow wave in calm seas. She now exhibits a new camouflage paint scheme which will be tested on her upcoming deployment overseas. Trivia: Freedom can travel 1000 nautical miles at full speed and at least 6000 nautical miles at economical cruise speed. Barely visible in the lower picture are a rolling frame anti-aircraft missile launcher mounted above the hangar aft as well as two fully automated low caliber gun turrets one deck level higher and forward about 20 feet from the missile launcher. The ship can be reconfigured to support



different missions with interchangeable modules.

4. Just how sleek are destroyers? Well, the new Arleigh Burke and Zumwalt class are not long, slender warships compared to the sleek lines exhibited by this FRAM II converted Gearing class WWII destroyer moored and on display at Patriot's Point, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. She recently completed a dry-docking where much of her underwater hull was replaced to eliminate the rusted hull plating below the waterline. She is the USS Laffey, DD-724. Laffey served into the Cold War era and still shows her greyhound-sleek lines beautifully.



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The ADMIRALS model ship and boat club of Indianapolis is a not for profit club open to all. Our members build and operate scale model boats and ships of the world, radio controlled competition sailing yachts, R/C combat ships, fast electric boats, and static scale models.

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) 466-0702 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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