



Ship's Log



FROM THE BRIDGE

Mike Yount

May was a busy month for The Admirals with three events. The first was our inaugural fast electric race on May 5th. The rain and cool temperatures kept most people away, but we did get a few heats in. It showed promise and hopefully at the next race on June 9th, we'll have a larger turn out. One of the classes we ran was an outboard class. This looks to be a competitive class and fun to watch.

The second May event was the **Spring Fling** in Avon behind the Avon Town Hall. This highly advertised event was well attended despite the sweatshirt weather. This 9 acre pond is picturesque. Beautiful grassy banks sloping down to the water's edge was the perfect setting for a day of sailing. **Scott Black** did a professional job promoting this event on the Facebook page and with flyers.

Our third event was the **Scale Fun Float** on May 19th. The Carmel Veterans Memorial reflecting pond was still under repair so we met at the Castleton Farms pond. This was a sunny day with temperatures in the 80's, so the large shade trees were well used. Many scale boats went for a run including new members Marie & Bill Glaspie's maiden voyage of their tug boat. It was also the first Minimono race of the year. Thanks to **Ray White** for organizing and running it. We almost had 4 boats. One was a victim of the persistent shaft slipping problem.

June is another month filled with activities. June 9th is the next fast electric series race at Shadeland pond. Come to the meeting on June 13 to hear about our other events going on. We're sure to talk about the club Picnic on June 23rd. This is always a good time and a chance to bring out your family members to enjoy a great day of model boating. See you at the meeting!

Mike

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Admirals Club Officers

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

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Fast Electric	10	11	12	13 Club Meeting	14	15 Sailing Regatta
16 Fathers Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 Admirals Picnic	24	25	26	27	28	29

Schedule of Events for June 2013

DATE	DAY	EVENT	LOCATION
June 5-8 th	Wknd	NAMBA Fast Electric Nationals (Lake Minden)	Minden California
June 9 th	Sun	Fast Electric Summer Series 12:00 pm	75 th Street & Shadeland
June 13 th	Thurs	Club Meeting – Clay Township Government Center (6:30 – 9:00 pm)	106 th St and College Ave
June 15 th	Sat	Tug Wilson One Meter & V-32 Series 10:30-1:00 pm	Village of West Clay
June 16 th	Sun	Father's Day	
June 23 rd	Sun	Admirals' Picnic (& Scale Fun Run)	Castleton Farms
June 27–30	Wknd	Michigan Cup Fast Electric Race (MMEU Club)	Michigan

■ = Admirals event. ■ = Non-Admirals event

May Admirals Meeting



Twenty-eight attended the May meeting at the government center. Commander **Mike Yount** began with the safety message: what to do in case of stroke ponds. Following Mike's message was the



Purser's report from **Dave McCreary** who reported we are in satisfactory financial shape.

Among the items brought for perusal were a fine looking V-32 by **Gene Wisner** which was for sale, and **Marie Glaspie's** Dumas tug "**Jersey City**" under construction which she hoped to be ready to float at the scale fun run at Castleton Farms later in May. As you can see by the additional photo of the model afloat here and on page 5, she made it! Great job, Marie!

(Your editor extends his sincere thanks for all the superb photographs submitted for use in the newsletter this month and, well, all the time! When I cannot attend an event you, our members, always come through with photos and descriptions! There are more than a few spectacular photos in this issue from you! Thank you for contributing and making this newsletter better!! John Louk, Ed)



Tug Wilson Series Regatta



No, sail number 82 does not have an illegal sail extension on his main. That's sail number 93 off his port quarter.

Your editor did manage to drop by the Hourglass Pond in the Village of West Clay for part of the V-32 portion of the May Tug Wilson racing series. Not exactly a blustery day, the V-32 yachts did manage well with tactics and reading the available puffs of breeze playing the major role in determining winners. That plus the chore of keeping the boats out of the emerging weed crop which appears to be expanding rapidly this spring on the pond.

The numbers of competitors is low considering the number of boats in our club members' homes.



In the above two photos, the skippers maneuver for starting position (left) and upon the starting bell all (right) ultimately cross the start finish line to pursue their own strategy for winning.

Scale Fun Float at Castleton Farms



Castleton Farms was the site for our first outdoor scale fun float May 19th. The pictures tell the story. **Marie's Jersey City** gets its inaugural run! A great time, great venue, and great fun for all! The fast electrics got in some run time while **Mike Yount** is ready to recover boats from the raft. **Bill Glaspie** launches his



excellent Coast Guard model. We have a picnic coming up this month on the 23rd here, too!



Spring Fling!



Talk about a variety of sailing yachts! The May 11th **Spring Fling** was all we hoped it would be.... A day of relaxing sailing with a variety of yachts. For complete identification of the types of yachts

above, email the editor. Great photo, **Gene!** The skippers look as intense as if they're racing!



Dave Richie Wins Again!



Dave Richie made his annual trek to the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum** in Manitowoc, WI and the Midwestern Model Ships & Boats Contest to collect more Gold and Silver awards as well as a special **2013 Dana McCalip Best Miniature Award** for his remarkable USS Olympia. As a result, Dave's name is added to the big board in the Model Ship Gallery of the museum. His Coast Guard lifeboat won the Gold for Best Operational, the Olympia Silver in static. It has to be difficult to be humble when you're as good as Dave. Congratulations on your continuing outstanding results, Dave!

Scuttlebutt

FLASHBACK



Dave Hampton (right) helped start the Indianapolis Admirals radio-controlled boat club in 1984. On June 21, 1987, he waded into the water for a boat while son Tavis, 9, stayed shoreside at a club event at the old Indianapolis Zoo in Washington Park. About five years after founding the Admirals, Hampton started the Scale Ship Modelers Association of North America. Tavis, now 25, lives in Indianapolis, and he and his wife are expecting a child. The Admirals will race boats at the Village of West Clay, Carmel, this weekend. (Joe Young / The News)

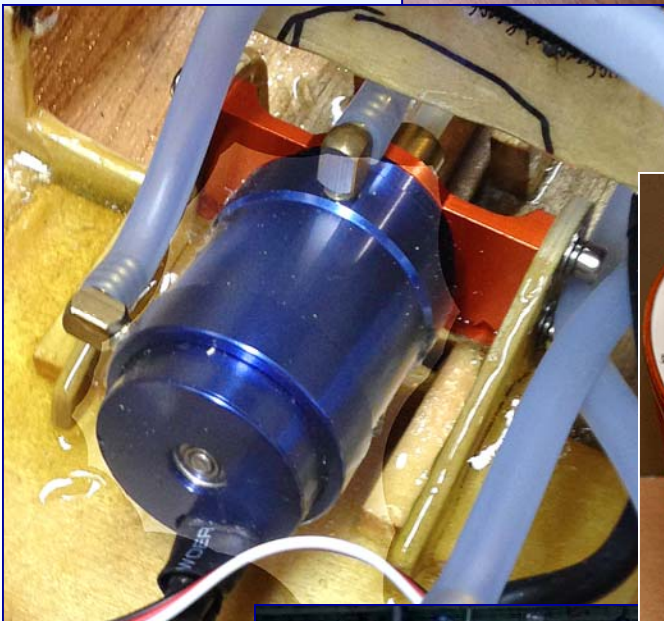
Look what the cat drug in!! Just kidding. This article and photo appeared not long ago, featuring the dapper **Dave Hampton and son Tavis** at the Father's Day event at the old zoo location. The fun float at the zoo was a popular event for the Admirals and spectators alike. In those days, newspapers carried articles and press releases we submitted for their weekend editions so the spectator turnout was always good. The rocky shoreline ensured extra care in launching and retrieval of boat models was exercised.



Fine Art Models' official 18 foot long Builders' Model of the RMS Titanic is moved to the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC. Check out Fine Arts Models on Facebook with photos of their great models! The Titanic is part of an exhibit about the ill-fated ship.

Greg Vollmer acquired the 43 inch long fiberglass-hulled schnellboote that was offered through Gene Wisner last week at a bargain price! Although Greg has plenty to keep him busy (including construction of a lobsterboat racing boat), he says he will refinish the model as well as complete missing details and add radio control operation.

Speaking of racing lobsterboats, the brushless motor pictured to the right, an Aquastar 3900kv is installed with a 70 Amp ESC in your editor's Cranberry Isle lobster yacht "**Piece of Ship**". It promises a speedy trip across the pond when the trigger is pulled. Water cooled motor and ESC.



Last, check out the no-doubt expensive paint job on the boat pictured to the right. It not only sports shark's teeth but gills, eyes, gums, snout and skin texture as well! I wonder what statement the boat's owner was making when he ordered up that paint job?

(We have a full month of fun planned for June. Please continue to take and send event pictures to me. Thank you! Your skills and help make this job fun! Jd louk)





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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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