

Ship's Log

FROM THE BRIDGE

Mike Yount



Well the weather certainly has not cooperated with club activities so far this spring. Our sailing event has been postponed more than once and the first Scale Fun Float in April was cancelled. Indianapolis might break the record for rainfall in April, which was 8.6 inches back in 1893. The one event we did have was pond clean up on April 21st, at the 75th Street & Shadeland pond. Several members turned out to help pick-up trash and re-establish the course. We are trying a new kind of buoy that will hopefully be more visible, especially in the late afternoon when drivers are looking due west into the sun.

One of my goals is to make updates needed to our club Constitution, mainly in regard to changes in dues and officers' duties. As I've become familiar with it, I'm reminded of the club objectives: "To foster and encourage the hobby of Scale Model Ship building, encompassing R/C controlled models powered by a means other than internal combustion engine." Also "To assist fellow crew members in all phases of construction and operation of scale ship models." These are good reminders as to why the club exists. Key words to me are FOSTER, ENCOURAGE, ASSIST...CONSTRUCTION and OPERATION. This is what I think about to maintain focus.

Last month's meeting had a great turnout. We had a full room of members, which included two of our newest members, **Marie and Bill Glaspie**. I would like to welcome both Marie and Bill to the club. I've seen pictures of their tugboat and they should fit right in. Hopefully, if the weather cooperates, one day we'll get the chance to see it in operation. See you at the May 9th meeting!

Mike

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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

May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Fast Electric	6	7	8	9 Club Meeting	10	11 Spring Fling
12 Mothers Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Scale Fun Float	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	28	30	31	

Schedule of events for May 2013

Date	Day	Event	Location
May 5 th	Sun	Fast Electric Summer Series 12:00 pm	75 th Street & Shadeland Pond
May 9 th	Thurs	Club Meeting – Clay Township Gov. Center (6:30 – 9:00 pm)	106th St and College Ave
May 11 th	Sat	Spring Fling V-32 & 1M Regatta 10:30 am – 3 pm	Avon
May 12th	Sun	Mother's Day	
May 19 th	Sun	Scale Fun Float / Fast Electric Racing – 2:00pm	Reflecting Pond, Carmel
May 27th	Mon	Memorial Day	

April Admirals Meeting

We had a good turnout at the April meeting. The safety message dealt with actions to be taken in the event of severe weather at an event. Our bank account is solid, and best of all, we welcomed new members **Marie and Bill Glaspie**.

Photos, clockwise from top right **Brian Brozek** with what looks to be a new fiberglass IOM sailing yacht hull; **Marie and Bill Glaspie** converse with **Dave**



Hampton; A superb tug project by **Marie Glaspie** (Thanks to Bill for forwarding us photos!); what appears to be a Vosper patrol boat...a **Dave Hampton** Toledo acquisition.



Speaking of Toledo, Dave talked about a 3D scanner and printer that takes a scan of you and makes a model of you to place into your model.

Mike Yount discussed changes to the club's constitution and other changes needed to bring it up to date and consistent with current officer positions and duties.

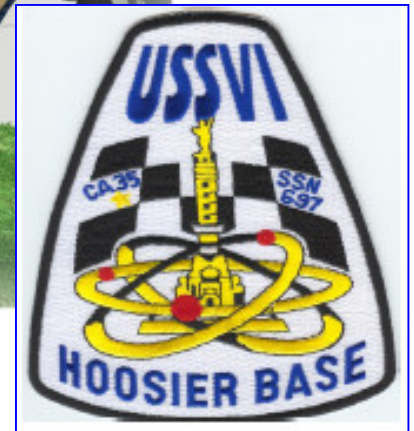
The Admirals will participate in the Indiana State Fair on Saturday, August 10, 7:15pm to 8:45pm at the DNR pond. (Continued pg 4)

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We are ordering new Admirals business cards. Clockwise from the right: **Mike Cline** bought the superbly crafted Monitor and Scorpion static models from **Dave Richey** while **Gene Wisner** bought Dave's HMS Skirmisher. **Brian Brozek** brought this powerhouse sail winch; **Brian, Gene, and Bob Dyson** watch Brian baptize his IOM hull. (heh heh) **Dave Richey** brought this Revell Chevy motor model which appears to be a marine conversion.



USS Indianapolis SSN 697 Sail Memorial



UPDATE.....

This sketch is an artist's rendering of the USS Indianapolis SSN 697 Sail Memorial to be erected at a future date on the grounds of the Indiana Military Museum at Vincennes, Indiana. Several years have passed and many individuals have contributed to making this project a reality. Hoosier Base is now in possession of all necessary documents from the museum's board of directors allowing the placement of the memorial on their property. We also have in our possession all documents from Naval Sea Systems Command of the Department of the Navy stating that they are honored to transfer the ex-USS Indianapolis conning tower sail structure, diving planes and rudder to the museum under a public memorial loan agreement. The USS Indianapolis is tentatively scheduled for recycling in 2016. It is our desire to see this project rescheduled to a closer date.

Knowing it will require structure component transportation and construction expenses it is time for members of Hoosier Base to schitt or get off the pot. For this reason Base Commander John Tumilty and Hoosier Base Treasurer, Bob Smiley are asking for volunteers to work on the fund raising needed to complete this task. Please give careful consideration for availing your services with the project.

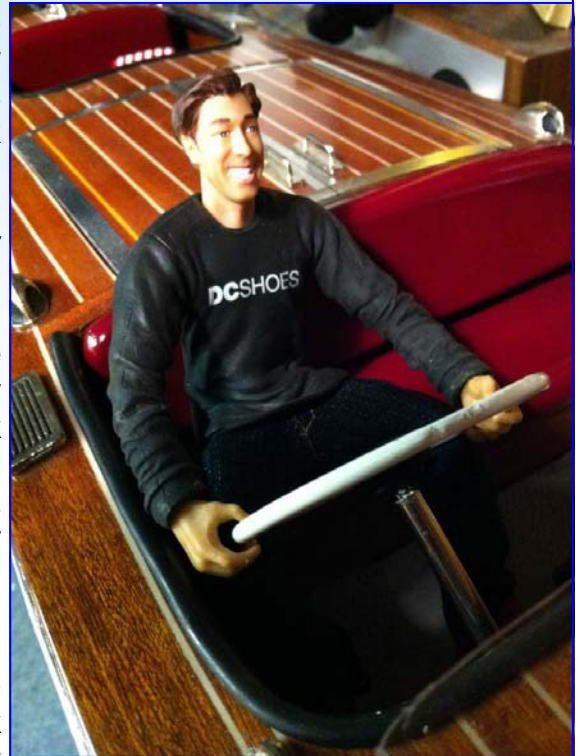
Great Boat Skippers!

Scott Black

Every time I go to a store with a toy department, I veer off from the family and head toward the action figure aisle (yes, my family thinks I'm weird). You never know what you might find there. There were some Avatar figures a few years ago I found that were the perfect scale and look for my Midwest Liberty Tug. While most of what you will find in toy shelves are superheroes and wrestlers, occasionally, you find something that's just right for modeling.

Last weekend, we went to Target up in Castleton. I came across these "Street League" skater figures that were really great. They are about 1/8th to 1/10th scale, and they look like normal young men... like I've said, that's hard to find! The other super cool thing is that they are made out of a very flexible rubber compound so you can easily bend their arms and legs to fit your favorite boat.

The downside is their price. They are \$13.00. As a result, I only bought one. There are four different figures in the group. All that the particular Target I stopped at had in stock were three. When they are off the shelves, you will probably be able to find them on eBay.



Scuttlebutt

Thanks to **Greg Vollmer** for the following recent pictures of the Carmel Veteran's Memorial Reflecting Pond. He captioned this: "Not Yet Ready for Primetime". The next photo reveals that:



OHMIGOSH!
There really is
a gator in the
pond!!!!



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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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