



Ship's Log



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FROM THE BRIDGE

Gene Wisner

As I write this it seems the weather is about right for this time of year, unlike the rest of the year when the weather has been crazy at times. With the cooler weather and colorful leaves we all know that Fall has arrived and 2012 is coming to a close. I hope that everyone has had a great time this year, whether by running a fast electric, or racing a sailing boat, or running a scale boat or submarine. I know this has been a fun year for me.

We once again had a great day for the Columbus Kiwanis Duck Splash. The weather cooperated and the scenery at **Mill Race Park** was spectacular. The pond in this park is just wonderful and makes a great place to operate scale boats. It could also be a nice place to race fast electrics. I know that everyone who attended this event had a good time; for those that did not make it, well, you missed a great time.

One of our biggest and most popular events is yet to come this year: the **Annual Club Christmas Party**. Please see the flyer later in this newsletter for all of the details. If you can make the November meeting I will have a sign-up sheet, but make sure to bring your checkbook to put your deposit in. For those that cannot make the meeting, please send your check to Dave McCreary. NOTE: there is a deadline of November 15th to indicate if you plan to attend or not. We need to tell the people catering the party how many people are attending.

Make sure and plan to come to this month's meeting on Thursday November 8th, to make sure you have the latest scoop on all of the Admirals upcoming events.

Gene

Dave McCreary's address is: **7629 Fall Creek Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256**

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Admirals Club Officers

<i>Commander</i>	Gene Wisner
<i>First Officer</i>	Scott Black
<i>Scale Director</i>	Dave Hampton
<i>Sailing Director</i>	Lee Shroyer
<i>Purser</i>	Dave McCreary
<i>Minimono Director</i>	Ray White
<i>Newsletter</i>	John Louk

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 VOTE	7	8 Club Meeting	9	10
11 Veterans Day ISM	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Schedule of Events for November 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Nov 8 th	Thurs	Club Meeting – Clay Township Government Center 106th St and College Ave (6:30 – 9 PM)	
Nov 11 ^{th*****}	Sun	Scale Fun Float / Fast Electric Racing – 2PM	Reflecting Pond, Carmel
Nov 11 ^{th*****}	Sun	Admirals demo Warship Models at the Indiana State Museum in honor of Veterans Day from 11AM to 4PM.	

***** Date of Scale Fun Float may change due to scheduling conflict. Email and web site notice will be posted when this issue is resolved at the November Admirals meeting.

October Meeting

We apparently had a chemical foam demo by Commander Gene at the last meeting. Looks interesting! I didn't get any additional info on the experiment. However, based upon info visible in the photo of Gene (right) submitted, I can guess the results of the Scale Regatta were discussed as well as the upcoming Kiwanis Duck Splash scheduled later in October.



It's always a good idea to bring projects, demonstrations, and cameras to our meeting so that when your editor misses a meeting, the activities and discussions are recorded for the newsletter. And, having nothing else from the meeting:

It is a fact that the average age of our Admirals club members continues to rise as time passes, a natural occurrence. In an effort to aid our elder members in identifying by name all other members in our roster (over fifty members), your editor took it upon himself to offer a proposed new Admirals name tag (right). Sufficiently large to be easily read regardless of eyeglass prescription, the proposed name tag is a tad bit of a nuisance while operating models and such but empirical data from field testing indicates a positive increase in greeting each other by the correct name! It is worn by affixing a string from an upper corner, behind the wearer's neck and then to the opposite upper corner of the tag. A night time version is also in development which is fully illuminated by a few hundred LEDs powered by a handsome designer belt-worn battery pack containing four 5000mah 3S LiPo batteries wired in parallel. (Prototype name tag manufactured by **Dave/Linda Hampton**)



4th Annual Scale Fun Run

The fourth annual Scale Fun Run Oct 6th was a successful event with Admirals members reversing the trend of past years to give our awards to skippers who are not Admirals members. All first place winners in the afloat competitions are Admirals members! Good work!



The pond looked good but boy, it was cold first thing in the morning! (Below) **Mike Banks** maneuvers his Coast Guard boat through the precision steering course.



(Right) **Dave Richey** checks the thingamajig on his good looking woodboat. Or, perhaps Dave is checking to see if the drain plug was inserted?

On the next page at the bottom are two models from Michigan modeler **Greg Rice**. Their beautiful finishes are only part of the story, especially for the "streamliner" metal topped "Thunderbird". It took Greg over four years to build it from scratch and he has actually driven the real boat!





Greg Rice's hand forming of the metal cabin superstructure is a study in patience, Hand forming, annealing, more hand forming, more annealing.....all added up to more hours than most would consider expending on such a project. I will bet that Hacker, which built the original prototype, would love to have had this model on permanent display. The fact that lights and FOUR working helms on the real vessel are duplicated here and also work! That double cockpit runabout is just "perfect, too. It is amazing what a difference real chrome plating of cutwaters and other details can make. Also ask **Brad Lucas** about chrome plating model parts. He wrote an excellent article for the Fort Wayne **Three Rivers MBC** newsletter "**Scuttlebutt**" recently. It was sure nice to see all the excellent models brought to our event.

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I believe that's **Brady Holderread's** live steamer **Manitou Islander** below and in the inset to the right. The intricate steam, feedwater, and lubrication systems coupled with burner and steam throttling are all art



forms in their own right. Brady's modeling skills as well as his mechanical excellence are superb!

Brad Lucas has been working on this model of the USS Laffey DD-724. The real Laffey is at Patriot's Point, South Carolina and Brad has a ton of photos from which



he can work on details.

Here are the results of the competitions:

<u>Event</u>	<u>1st place</u>	<u>2nd place</u>	<u>3rd place</u>
Precision Steering	Greg Vollmer	Mike Yount	Victor Banks
Conning	Larry Dorsett	Greg Vollmer	Victor Banks
Predicted Log	Greg Vollmer	Brad Lucas	Bob Billingsley
Straight Running	Gene Wisner	no winner	no winner
Fast Electric	Ed Hughey	Dave McCreary (no pic)	Parker Hughey (no pic)

Editor regrets no pictures of Dave McCreary or Parker Hughey were taken at awards. The rest, however are on next page.



Greg Vollmer—First, Precision Steering



Mike Yount—Second, Precision Steering



Victor Banks—Third, Precision Steering



Larry Dorsette—First, Conning



Greg Vollmer—Second, Conning



Victor Banks—Third, Conning



Greg Vollmer—First, Predicted Log



Brad Lucas—Second, Predicted Log



Bob Billingsley, Third, Predicted Log

Gene Wisner—
First, Straight
Running



Ed Hughey
First, Fast
Electric



*You are invited to join us at the
2012 Admirals holiday party
December 13th,
Castleton Farms Clubhouse
7500 Castleton Farms W. Dr.
(On 75th St. between Shadeland Dr and Hague Rd)
Meet and greet 6:30pm, dinner 7:00pm
Gift Exchange following dinner*

We are happy to announce the Admirals R/C Model Boat Club's annual holiday party. You and a guest are invited to join us for a catered dinner

provided by QLs Bar- B-Q of Muncie, Indiana. There is no cost to you but as we have done in the past, your reservation for you and your guest must be secured by a \$25 check made out to the Admirals which will be returned to you when you arrive. If you are a no show, the check will be retained to cover the cost of the dinner. Please confirm to Dave McCreary by providing him a check and head count by no later than

November 15.

We will also do a gift exchange, one exchange for women and one for the guys. So, if you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift of no less than \$10 in value and labeled for either a man or a women. For the guys, a hobby related item is suggested. You are welcome to bring a bottle of wine for your table if you desire.

If you are not at the next meeting you can mail your check to Dave. List on the check the number of people attending.

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Scale Fun Float



The October 21st Fun Float and Minimono event was held as scheduled. We saw some shovel nose hydroplanes on the water as well the Minimono racing which was as intense as ever. Racing results for the day were:

- First Place - Parker Hughey
- Second Place - Greg Vollmer
- Third Place - Jacob Hughey
- Fourth Place - John Louk
- Fifth Place - Bob Kaltenbach
- Sixth Place - Dave Hampton



Virginia Class submarine heads to sea.

Photo: Electric Boat Co.



Scuttlebutt

1. Here we are, the last formal meeting of the year coming up and a new club commander is needed. I have often spoken with a number of Admirals members on the subject and have come away from those conversations frustrated. I'd be lying if I said the commander's job is a no-brainer. But just as Gene found out when he assumed the commander's role years ago, there's a lot of help in this club to get the job done. There are members to take charge of specific events so the commander doesn't have to plan each and every event. I admit it's going to be virtually impossible to find another **Gene Wisner** who sails, runs scale, cooks on the barbecue, used to run RC combat, has a home which must be an annex of some huge nautical model store, and who participates so often in so many diverse events, all with good humor. All that said, we must be ready to nominate and elect a new commander this November meeting. Please carefully consider how you want our club to go forward.

2. Check out this nifty tape holder/dispenser! The design and construction appear easy enough. Using wood blocks to hold and to center the various types of tape is neat! Looks like just the thing to put together on a dreary winter day.



3. (Below) **Scott Black** snapped this shot while visiting Washington, D.C. with his family a while ago at the **Smithsonian Museum of American History**. It is named the **Philadelphia** and appears to be a 19th century ship. Sporting a classic clipper ship hull with accommodation for the steam plant, she is



certainly a good looking vessel. The Smithsonian, like most museums, works hard to obtain the best quality and most historically significant items for display. There are many treasures to be found in the countless museums both large and small across the country. Visit one and be pleasantly surprised!



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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) 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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