



Ship's Log



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FROM THE BRIDGE

Gene Wisner

First, I want to wish everyone a very safe, happy and joyous Holiday Season. This is a wonderful time of year to spend with friends and relatives.

Next, I hope that everyone has signed up to attend the Annual Admirals Christmas Party. The party this year is looking like it will be a great time with **Dave Hampton** and **Dave McCreary** leading the way in the planning. This year the party will be Thursday December 13th at the **Castleton Farms Clubhouse**. This is where we held our summer picnic, which was a terrific place for that event, so it promises to be a great location for our Christmas Party. See the information later in the newsletter (pg 9) for all of the info you need to know about this great event.

Third, I want to thank everyone for everything they have done to help me over these last 5 years I have been the Admirals Commander. As I have said all of these 5 years, this is YOUR club, not my club. I did not accomplish anything over these last 5 years, but we as a *club* have moved battleships (OK, I had to change mountains to battleships). One of the things that I hope everyone enjoyed while I was commander was "fun", because that ultimately is what this hobby should be: "fun"! So once again, I thank everyone for all their support throughout these last 5 years.

And last, I want to welcome **Mike Yount** as our new Admirals Commander. I hope you give Mike all the same support you have given to me. If you do, I know Mike will be successful and enjoy being Commander. More importantly the club will be a successful club with everyone having fun. Remember, this hobby is all about having fun. And, having fun with people that share your obsession with building and operating our little works of art is

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Admirals Club Officers

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

PRICELESS !!!!!

Gene

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Admirals	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29

Schedule of Events for December 2012

Date	Day	Event & time	Location
Dec 13	Thursday	Admirals annual Holiday Dinner/Party with gift exchange and sailing/Minimono awards and more. 6:30PM - ???	Castleton Farms Clubhouse

Merry Christmas!



November Meeting

The November meeting is not normally known for suspense or energy but this year's meeting generated some anticipatory nerves; a year ago Admirals Commander **Gene Wisner** announced that following the 2012 calendar year he would no longer continue his service to the club as its commander. Having served as Commander for five years was long enough and it was time to let another member rise to the occasion and lead us into the future.



As it turns out, **Mike Yount** had been seriously considering that opportunity and thus he accepted the nomination and election by acclaim to be the Admirals' Commander for 2013. Mike's brief biographical sketch is included on page 5 of the newsletter.

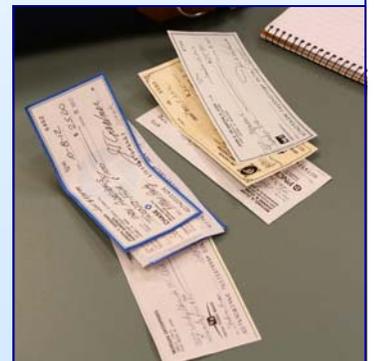
Dave Hampton brought his huge (1/6 scale) Vietnam era PBR he is rebuilding. (right) Purchased used, he's removed the gasoline engine (25cc) and prop and replaced it with two brushless motors driving twin water jet Jacuzzi-type pumps, just like the original PBRs. He also brought it to the scale fun float. Pictures from that on page 7.



Dave Richey brought in part of the superstructure of his Coast Guard motor lifeboat he's been building. (below) Known for his annoyingly perfect building and finishes, Dave will likely create another museum-worthy model.



(Below, right) These are just some of the checks that Dave McCreary collected at the meeting to secure reservations for the 2012 Admirals Holiday Dinner at Castleton Farms club house.



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November Meeting (Continued from page 3)

I believe **Luke Conover** brought this handsome sailing yacht to the meeting. (right) There is just something totally soothing about a good looking and graceful sailing yacht that's good for the soul. Such craft tend to ease tensions and have a decidedly calming effect.



(above) **Gene Wisner** brought this period barrel-back racing boat and attendant water bottle. What I said about Luke's yacht applies to good looking mahogany runabouts, too. They totally relax you when you get to see them.

(Below) Future member **Clancy Arnold** displayed this stern wheeler he's assembling. It ran well at the Scale Fun Float Nov 18th.



(Far right) **Bob Kaltenbach** has been busy adding detail to this Bristol Bay and making it more realistic in the process. It is amazing what some creative craftsmanship can do to enhance a rather basic model into a believable representation of a prototype.



It was again great to see so many neat projects brought to the meeting.

Biographical Sketch - Mike Yount

I have been a member of the Admirals for many years. In 1985 I began attending meetings at Ralph's on 96th street. I remember going to mall shows in Glendale and running boats at "James Pond" (which I still test on once in a while). Before the Admirals, in the early 80's, I raced nitro boats with the Indy Model Boat Club and also raced R/C cars in the Danville Armory on concrete floors.

In 1986 I graduated High School and attended Purdue. I started spending time with Admirals member, **Ted Sturm**, who became a father figure. Every week Ted would pick me up at the dorm and take me to his house where we worked on his fleet of model ships and boats. He and his wife, Helen, lived in a house he built himself, which had a wood shop/garage where he kept a Model T & Model A Ford. When it was warm enough we would take a few ships to a farm pond to run. We also drove down to Admiral's meetings, mall shows (Glendale, Lafayette Square), and the old zoo on 30th street. We called ourselves the Lafayette branch of the Admirals.

After graduating from Purdue life changed very quickly for me. Within one year I graduated college, started working, got married, and bought a house. I now live on the northeast side of Indianapolis and still love R/C model boats. My main interest is fast electric. I work as a manufacturing engineer at a major aerospace company, which has sharpened my skills in designing and building model boats. I especially enjoy building things no one has and improving existing designs. Some of my projects include: snow blower for R/C car, Jet pumps (before there were many), contra rotating propellers (on the same axis), custom made propellers and hulls. I've always got something cooking in my home shop, which usually involves my metal lathe. Other interests include full size antique boats and outboard motors.

My greatest teacher was my father, who passed away in 1999. My father was a boyhood friend with the Hughey's (Ed, Dee, Kenny). I have been lucky enough to spend much of my life around Dee and Ed Hughey, who together have too many accomplishments to list here. David Hughey (Dee's son) is my best friend and Kerry (Kenny's Daughter) is my wife of 21 years. I'm blessed to have a wife who helps and encourages me in hobbies and life.

Mike

Fun Float

November 18th

We lucked out. There's no two ways about it. Who would have bet on fine weather in the middle of November? That's about as improbable as this year's mild weather here for Super Bowl week! But since this is Indiana, it happens from time to time. We were pleased to welcome Galesburg, IL member **Rod Galloway** and his fleet of superbly finished and well running boats including his *Miss Bardhal* as well as his mahogany beauties.



Scott Black's Kermit enjoyed his sail around the pond in the dingy *Miss Piggy*.





There was plenty of higher speed activity as well besides *Miss Bardhal*. The Minimono boats concluded their racing year with a seven heat finale followed by additional racing of the boats like you see above! There's serious speed being achieved by most of the racing boats!



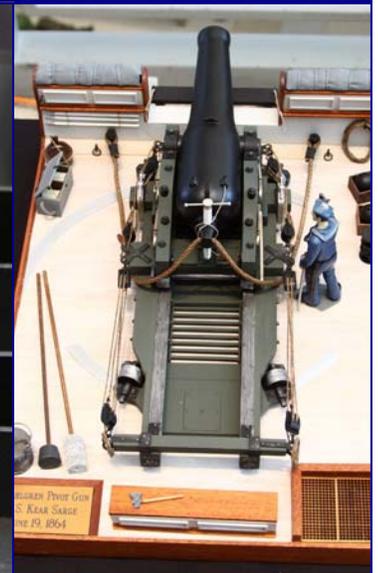
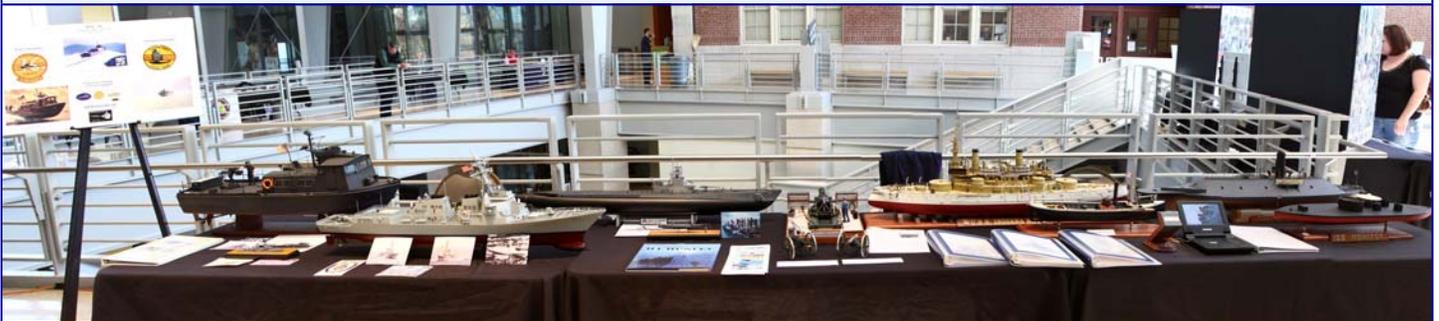
(left) **Ray White** brought his float-equipped fireboat for some patrolling on the pond while **Dee Hughey** (below) minded the Hughey fleet.

Last but not least, **Dave Hampton** performed sea trials on his PBR with its twin jet-pumps. It looked great on the water and exhibited some of the same performance characteristics as the real, or prototype PBRs. (below) A show stopper!



Veterans' Day at ISM

For the second year in a row **Dave Richey** and **John Louk** were asked to participate in the Indiana State Museum's program honoring veterans in the museum's "**Heartland Heroes**" program on November 11th. Our focus was Navy Veterans with models of warships from pre-Civil War up to today's modern destroyers.

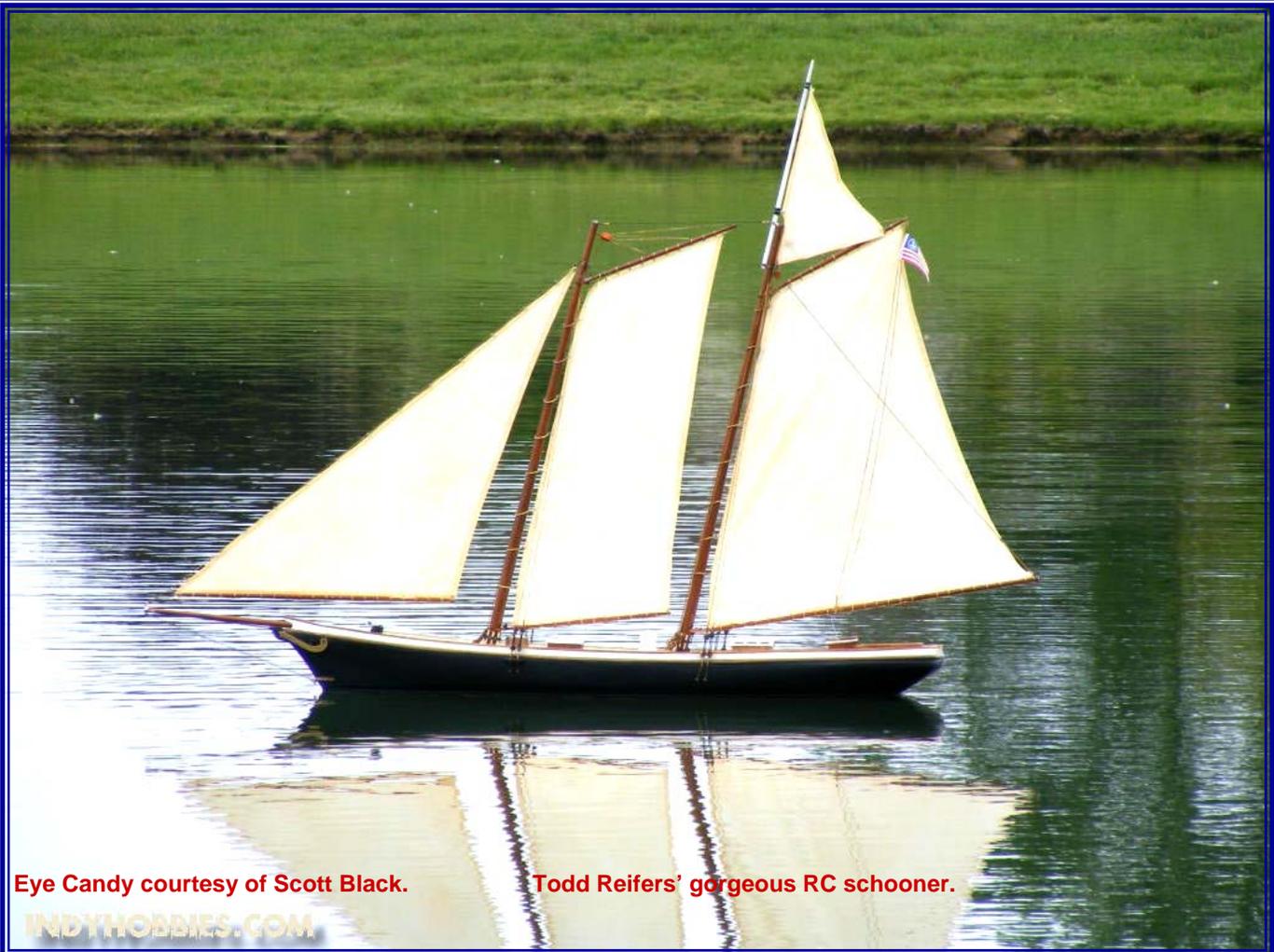


(above) Dave's interior detail on his USS Monitor and a Dahlgren gun diorama. As ever, Dave's exquisite models with their obscene attention to detail drew the most interest and comment.

The **Indianapolis Municipal Band** concluded the afternoon with a patriotic concert.

*Here is information about 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*



Eye Candy courtesy of Scott Black.

Todd Reifers' gorgeous RC schooner.

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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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