

Ship's Log



FROM THE BRIDGE

Gene Wisner

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This winter seems to be flying by right now (at least for me). Hope everyone is keeping up. Our monthly meeting is Feb 9th. Our first meeting at the Clay Township Government Center seemed to work out fairly nicely. Even though it was a blustery-windy cold night we still had 20+ members make it to the meeting. I am not sure if they were anxious to see the new meeting place, or missed the excitement of the club meeting, or maybe they just needed to get out of the house after all of the Holidays. Anyway, I hope as many, or more, members can make this month's meeting. Come check out the new meeting place.

We also held our first Fun Run of the year, Saturday Jan 14th at the Carmel High School. Everyone that was able to make it enjoyed an excellent afternoon of running boats. Again we had everything from scale boats to fast electrics. We even had a sailboat make it onto the pool. The HS had a couple large fans running and as long as he stayed in front of the fan, he could get it moving fairly well. For those that missed event, do not despair, we will have another Indoor Run at the Carmel HS on Saturday Feb 11th from Noon until 3 PM. I hope everyone can make it out for this fun event.

Admirals Club Officers

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

By the time this newsletter was out I had hoped to have posted the 2012 calendar. There is still at least one date conflict that may or may not exist in October that has not been scheduled or finalized. We need to get what we have out there so everyone can make plans for the year. We will get it done ASAP and post it...then please, take a look at the calendar and make sure you keep those event dates open so you can come out and join us. AND if you do not see an event that needs to be added to the Calendar, let me or John Louk know so we can keep the calendar up to date.

Hope everyone is keeping warm. And hope to see everyone either at the meeting or at the Indoor Fun Run.

Gene

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

February 2012

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

Schedule of Events for February 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & time</i>	<i>Location</i>
February 9	Thursday	Club Meeting, 6:30pm	Clay Township Government Center
February 11	Saturday	Indoor Fun Run, noon to 3pm	Carmel High School Natatorium

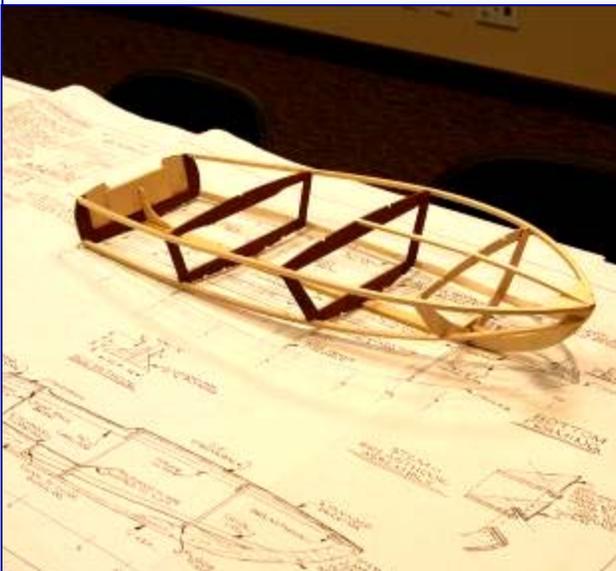
(Directions on web site www.indyadmirals.org)

Meeting Pictures

There were 22 members present at the first club meeting of the year which was also the first meeting at our new meeting location in the Clay Township Government Center. **Joe Gardner** passed over it all with his Christmas present "Air Swimmer" (left), a radio controlled helium filled tropical fish. He also has a shark!



(right) **Dave Richey** created this Union picket boat for static display and to enter in this year's Wisconsin Maritime Museum Contest in which he won a Gold Award last year. (Right) **Bob Kaltenbach** adds more lights to his working tug. (Below) **Scott Black**, using a set of plans and a hull frame from **Chris Atwood** is building a scale model of **Chris' Glenn-L "Zip"**. Chris built the full size boat (bottom/right) ! Nice! Full size boat pic from Chris' Facebook™ page.



Scuttlebutt

1. V-32 for Sale (Sail?): First up this month is from **Gene Wisner**:

"Dave Reidhead sold me his V-32 sailboat. So now I have 3. I will keep Dave's V-32 for now because it needs just a tad of work done on it. So I am selling my spare V-32, the one I brought to the pond for anyone to use. This sailboat is complete, radio and all. The only thing you will need is a receiver battery. I sailed it a couple of times last year when I had problems with my main V-32, and it sails well, and is fast. This boat has a white hull and both the jib and main are white. I am asking **\$170**. First response to me {*Gene Wisner*} gets the boat."

2. Minimono Sale at Tower Hobbies:

I sent an email to all members with email/Internet access last Wednesday, Jan 25th before 9am. The email pictured an excerpt from a Tower Hobbies **two day** sale (Jan 25-26) advertising the Aquacraft Minimono™ brushless racing boat for \$119.97, well below the list price of \$159.99 and the "normal" Tower and HobbyTown USA price of \$139.99. That was a bargain even with shipping. I hope many who want to participate in this year's Minimono racing series (under development) and needed a boat were able to take advantage of this deal. Interestingly, if you had filled your online Tower Hobbies shopping cart with the boat but did not order it by the 26th, you could still buy it for the sale price on the 27th if your shopping cart wasn't deleted by you before you left the site earlier. That's what I did. But, if you started from scratch on the 27th hoping to take advantage of the sale price, you were out of luck because everything was back to "normal".

Lesson learned? If you think you want a sale-priced item from Tower but are not totally sure, go ahead and put it in your shopping cart (if you're a registered Tower Hobbies' customer) while you think about it. It will likely still be available at the sale price when to go back to your shopping cart a day after the sale closes. Just saying....

3. Another Hull Source:

Dave Hampton sent the following link as an additional source of apparently well-made hulls, not complete kits. Check it out. There are a bunch of subjects, many of them unusual.

www.modelsbydesign.co.uk/model_boats.aspx

4. Midwest Model Yachting:

How many members are aware that Admirals member **Brian Brozek** has a web based RC sailing yacht supply business? It's true! The web address is: www.midwestmodelyachting.com



Check out Brian's web site and offerings!

5. Urgent Help Request and Response. *On Tuesday, January 19th, I received an urgent call for help from Ann O'Haver, widow of former member George O'Haver. You will remember that George passed away last year. To make a long story short, Ann was in dire need of money for some bills which was needed by Wednesday noon, January 20th. Ann was offering several unbuilt model ship/boat kits for sale from George's hobby room to raise the money and wanted the Admirals' help in selling them quickly.*

I sent out an urgent email to the club to that effect and also said that donations would be accepted if anyone cared to donate for this one-time need.

I am more than pleased with the terrific response from the club! In one day we got Ann \$487 for the two models and from donations which were augmented one day later with another \$120 for a grand total of \$607!!

Admirals members can take pride in such a heartwarming and rapid response to this one-time need which was so well met.

Ann O'Haver sent a note of thanks to the Admirals:

"Dear All Indianapolis Admirals Members,

Thank you all who have helped me. I am very grateful to all your help. God Bless all of you.

Thanks again -

God Bless,

Ann, John O'Haver"

6. Indoor Fun Run:

Don't forget the indoor fun run to again be held at the Carmel High School Natatorium this coming February 11th from noon to 3pm, two days after our next club meeting! Let's make it a safe and fun one again just like last month's!!

(Even more Scuttlebutt on the next pages!!)

Scuttlebutt (Continued)

7. **Boats for Sale:** Member **Jeff Woloshin's** busy schedule precludes his continuation in model boating and he is selling most of his gear including the completed Midwest Patriot fire boat and the Cranberry Isle Lobster Yacht pictured here. Each of these models goes for \$75.00!! Also,



Jeff has two Mini Rio boats at \$50 each and a V-32 that has been sailed maybe 10 times complete with 2.4GHz radio for \$150!! You need to contact him ASAP on these great deals. He's at phone: 581-1633 or at jwoloshin@indy.rr.com.

- 8 **Member Greg Vollmer** offers proof that he's busy on the building boards at the Vollmer shipyard with this construction project now underway. He finds time between trips to his South Bend office from his Carmel office. I'll let readers of this newsletter guess what model kit this is that Greg is building.



9. **From Member Scott Black:** Scott forwarded some info and pictures from *R/C Car Action* magazine that should have good application is our hobby as well. Also forwarded was info on a



**Hitec
Waterproof Servo**

Hitec is understandably really proud of its new waterproof HS-5646WP servo that it says is truly submersible. In fact, this servo is the first RC servo to be rated for immersion in water as deep as 1 meter. The speed rating is 0.18 second and the torque is 179 oz.-in. at 7.4 volts.
35646S, \$59;
hitecrd.com

new **DX3C Spektrum** pistol grip \$130 radio system that does, actually, include a porcelain kitchen sink. (JUST KIDDING!!)

Scott's input reminds me that many other crafts and hobby magazines not related to our boating hobby contain a lot of material suitable for our use. Ask **Dave Richey** about the

model railroad fittings and details on his Union picket boat shown in the meeting pictures.

**MaxAmps.com
Water-cooled LiPo packs**

While these hard-cased water-cooled packs are ideal for electric RC boats such as Traxxas Spartan, you just have to appreciate how cool (bad pun) they are even if you don't have a need for them. After all, the Lust List is mostly about what we want as opposed to what we need. These Race Edition packs have a 6500mAh capacity and a micro pump is included. Like other MaxAmps.com packs, these are 100-percent waterproof. While this pair of packs with pump is sold for the Spartan (or similar boats), there's nothing stopping you from you installing it a land-loving RC vehicle.

Item no. varies, \$300;
maxamps.com



H L HUNLEY FULLY REVEALED FOR FIRST TIME



AP photo

The heavy steel truss used to lift the Confederate submarine HL Hunley from her 136 year watery grave and to hold her while work continued on her excavation and preservation for almost eleven years was removed late last year, giving an unhindered view of this national nautical treasure for the first time since 1864. The 39 foot long submarine was lost after her successful attack on the Union blockading ship USS Housatonic off Charleston, South Carolina on February 17, 1864. The Hunley did not return to her home port after that attack until she was lifted from the bottom of the Atlantic in the year 2000. She is being studied to determine the cause of her loss as well as being preserved for future generations where she will be displayed in a purpose-built museum in North Charleston, SC.

The panels removed from her hull have been carefully removed to excavate her interior and facilitate preservation, recover the remains of the eight man crew for military burial in Magnolia Cemetery, to recover and study artifacts from her interior, to understand her technology which was 50 years ahead of her time, and ultimately to discover and study any clues that are revealed that will help determine why she was lost at sea.

CHINA'S AIRCRAFT CARRIER SPOTTED AT SEA BY SATELLITE



The People's Republic of China purchased the unfinished ex-Soviet aircraft carrier Varyag, a 64,000 ton semi-mothballed carrier several years ago with the intention of completing her for use. It was spotted in the Western Pacific quite by accident in images taken from a European weather satellite a month ago.

The vessel is nuclear powered and features an angled landing deck area as well as starboard side island and conning station much like Western carriers. She also features a jump-ramp bow for aircraft launching much like British carriers.

As yet un-named, her wake suggests she's making about 20 knots through the water in this view.

China appears to have every intention of becoming a Western Pacific sea power.



LAST SPACE SHUTTLE LAUNCH PHOTO FROM SPACE STATION

Photographed from the International Space Station, the space shuttle Columbia's fiery exhaust plume draws a curved line as the shuttle ascends into space from Florida on her final, historic flight last year.

Carmel Fun Run

Our first event of the season after our January 2012 meeting was the indoor fun run at the Carmel, IN high school Natatorium on January 14th. Luckily, the weather cooperated with milder than normal temperatures placing less stress on our models as we transferred them from car to poolside.

We were pleased to experience no sinkings or serious mishaps although the seriously overloaded barge being pulled by **Dave Hughey's** Mr. Darby tug came as close as possible without actually sinking to the bottom.

A good time for all! We had a PT boat formation, too



One boat found a unique berth at the pool's edge (next page, center left) An impromptu fast electric course brought out the serious go-fast crowd for a



modified oval run. The famed white goose/swan

made its appearance along with the clearly radio controlled Chris Craft runabout sans driver.

Your editor could not bring himself to run his scale boats while the shovel nose hydroplane and other go-fast boats were in the pool. It was exciting, that's for sure. We'll



do it again
Feb 11th!!
Let's hope
the weather
again is
moderate!





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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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