



Ship's Log



FROM THE BRIDGE

Gene Wisner

Once again another Admirals' Year is coming to a close. And once again I feel like we have had another very successful year. This year we once again put on numerous events with most members attending one or more of these events. I hope everyone got something special out of at least one of the many club events scheduled this past year whether it was attending one of the regular club meetings, a monthly sailing regatta, one of the scale Fun Runs, either participating in the MiniRio races or one of the special events. How about the Scale Run, the National Subregatta, the Kiwanis Duck Splash, the State Fair Fun Run day, the club picnic, the Outdoor Expo? Or perhaps getting together to attend an out of area event like the Watseka Sailing event, the Toledo Weak Signal's show, the International Hobby Expo in Chicago, or the St Louis Admirals regatta?

I believe that the Indianapolis Admirals have something for just about everyone, for just about anyone's special interest in model boating. BUT, if you *still* find something lacking in our club activities, do not hesitate to send me an email or give me a call. Our club is always looking to expand upon the great variety of fun activities that we conduct or attend. Above all, and I really stress this, most club members strive to make this a fun club, a club where members "WANT" to come out for our events. This is a club where members enjoy one another and want to spend some time together. I personally believe we have such a club, but we are always open for new ideas.

One of our most popular annual events is still to come! Our annual Christmas Party! If you have not already informed me that you are coming to the Christmas Party, be sure to let me know. We need to provide a count to the restaurant of how many Happy Admirals members and their significant others will be attending. And remember, if you want to participate in the gift exchange be sure to bring that hobby related gift for members and/or a ladies' gift for the other gift exchange. See page 8 of this newsletter for details.

I hope everyone has a safe **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**.

Gene

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- Commander Gene Wisner
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- Scale Director.....Dave Hampton
- Sailing DirectorLee Shroyer
- PurserDave McCreary
- Newsletter.....John Louk

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Admirals Holiday Dinner	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	28	30	31

Schedule of Events for December 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & time</i>	<i>Location</i>
December 8th	Thursday	Admirals Holiday Dinner at 6:30pm	Stone Creek Dining @ Hamilton Commons (just off I-69, exit 10 (Deer Creek exit))

Meeting Pictures

Bob Dyson

By the looks of **Bob Dyson's** photos, there was a good variety of models (yes, including an RC car brought by **Scott Black**) at the November meeting.



Bob thinks the good looking schooner was brought by **Dave Hampton** while the USS Monitor is clearly **Dave Richey's**. I'm not sure whose colorful tug was photographed but I suspect it's **Bob BluBaugh's**. The table full of PT boats



and USS Missouri may be items brought to the Pot O Gold show in South Bend.



Indiana State Museum Veterans' Day Program

John Louk



Dave Richey and I were privileged to participate in the *Indiana State Museum's Veterans Day* programs. Our assignment was to present warships used in the course of our nation's history.

With 12 models ranging from the pre-Civil War steam "torpedo boat" *David* to the modern *Arleigh Burke Class* destroyer, the display featured an amazing array of combat vessels of all types.

Of great significance to



Indiana, Dave's magnificent model of the battleship **USS Indiana BB-1** was, hands down, the highlight of the display. His now completed model ship features on-deck crewmen as well as interior, exterior, and navigation lighting !

The museum's program ended with a patriotic concert by the **Indianapolis Metropolitan Concert Band**.

iHobby Expo

Scott Black

(This is Part 2 of the article begun in the November 2011 Ship's Log.)

The most impressive R/C boat display was by **Ark Model**. www.ArkModel.com Apparently, they are a manufacturer from China, but they had all sorts of incredible ships including warships, submarines and civilian ships. They were selling at the show and just about everything they had was gone by early afternoon except the show models. Something tells me they probably sold those too rather than ship them back. I'm going to learn more about them when I get time. (Photo #7 & #8 & #9 & #10). Really neat stuff!

Horizon Hobby was there showing all of their Pro Boat offerings. (Photo #11) **Aquacraft** was also there displaying the new Minimono (Photo #12) that our club is considering for a one-design club racer for 2011 and all of their "Grim Racer" accessories as well. Also present was **Traxxas** with the new SPARTAN vee hull that they are offering. It's a beast! Club member Jeff Littlefield is the proud owner of one of these. With 6S lipos, they say this boat will go well over 50 mph! I would love to own one someday too! (Photo #13)

The neatest new thing I saw at the iHobby Expo was the latest release from **Dumas**. It's another Chris Craft, but this time, it's all painted! The 1936 Painted Racer is true to scale and the nice part is that you build the hull from balsa wood and then fiberglass it. Much easier than sanding mahogany! For me personally, I'd rather have the beauty of the wood despite the work required. But, it is a neat option for future builders. Remember, you saw it here [first](#) in the Indianapolis Admirals Newsletter! (Photo #14 & #15).

I plan on returning to iHobby again next year. The boys had a great time and ate like Kings at **Giordano's Pizza** on the way home. The waitress said that "one large deep dish would feed 4-5 adults." I had 1 ½ pieces...those guys polished the rest of it off! That would have put me in food coma! It was just a meal to them. Ah to be young again.... (Photo #16)

-Scott Black





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Admirals Holiday Dinner

The **Indianapolis Admirals** holiday dinner will be held Thursday, December 8, 2011 beginning 6:30pm at **Stone Creek Dining** in Noblesville located in the Hamilton Commons shopping complex which is immediately West of Interstate 69 exit 10(Deer Creek exit).

The menu is a condensed version of their normal dinner menu because offering us the full menu would likely result in a big delay in serving all of us. The menu offers a variety of tastes and prices to satisfy our needs. The menu is printed on page 9. If, after looking at the menu you cannot find anything you like, please notify **Gene Wisner** to have your name removed from the list of attendees.

We will have a wrapped gift exchange, something in the value of \$5-\$20, anything hobby related or it could be a gift certificate. Only those who bring something will participate. We will have one gift table for men and another table for the ladies. We will be doing blind selection of the gifts. Don't forget to remind your significant other that they can also participate in the ladies gift exchange. If you do not want to participate in the gift exchange, do not bring a gift.

Finally, **Sandy Hughey** will be collecting items to donate to the Homeless Vets (Veterans, not veterinarians) Organization. Items such as; winter gloves, long johns, underwear (polo shirts, briefs and boxers - all sizes), canned meat (Tuna, Chicken, etc.). are acceptable items for donation to bring and donate.

Please notify Gene Wisner as soon as possible if you will attend the Admirals dinner . Call him at his home in Brownsburg at 291-2781 or email him at wiseoneg@att.net

We hope to see you and your significant other there as we wind down from our busy year and get into the holiday spirit!

Merry Christmas!



Admirals Dinner Menu at Stone Creek Dining December 8, 2011

Smothered Chicken: Grilled chicken breast topped with bacon, honey mustard, cheddar and mozzarella cheese. Mashed potatoes and vegetable medley.

\$10.99

Grilled Pork Chop: Grilled pork chop, mashed potatoes, and vegetable medley

\$10.99

Ponzu Glazed Salmon: Grilled salmon topped with ponzu sauce over sticky rice.

\$11.99

Campfire Fettuccini: Andouille Sausage, chicken, mushrooms, spinach, scallions, tossed in a spicy red chili cream sauce. Topped with a BBQ Shrimp

\$14.99

Beef Stroganoff: Tender Braised Beef, Mushrooms, tossed in a bleu cheese cream sauce with fettuccini pasta

\$15.99

Blackened Mahi Mahi: Topped cilantro aioli and guacamole, served with dirty rice and black bean cucumber salsa

\$19.99

½ Rack Baby Back Ribs: Served with French fries, and vegetable medley

\$15.99

Horseradish Dijon Crusted Sirloin: mashed potatoes and vegetable medley.

\$17.99

Tuscan Penne: Italian Sausage, Roasted Chicken, mushrooms, scallions, tossed in a smoked gouda cream sauce

\$13.99

House or Caesar salad with dinner \$2.99





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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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