



Ship's Log



FROM THE BRIDGE

Mike Yount

December is a time to count your blessings and I have many to count. **The Admirals** is a first class model boat club with a strong membership roster. Our members' variety of skills and knowledge keeps my drive alive to continue to build and run model boats. No matter what kind of boat or what kind of propulsion, it's fascinating to see the many different styles. During the November meeting we elected the officers for next year. All of the current Officers have been re-elected for next year, including myself. My hope as Commander is to continue enthusiasm across the club toward model boating.

The Admirals is a diverse club with four main areas of interest: scale, sail, fast electric, and yes, steam. We have embraced each area and elected a director to each (except steam). It's important to remember this diversity is what keeps us strong as a whole. If one area is struggling then the others can help and support. This is why the club is strong in membership and activities. The 2014 Calendar of Events is full again. We place emphasis not to schedule two events on the same day. This is so members can enjoy and participate in all of our many fun events. Be sure to print out a copy of the calendar early and put it on your refrigerator. Things get started quick with our first Indoor Run in January.

Let's talk about December, first. The Admirals annual Christmas party is Thursday, December 12th, at **Castleton Farms** club house. This is an annual event which takes the place of the December club meeting. This is a well deserved time to meet and bring your significant other for a great meal (and don't forget presents). Both Kerry and I will be there.

Last, as you read this newsletter, note it's not just the last one for the year it's the last news letter...period. It appears the idea and concept of a monthly news letter is giving way to modern ideas and methods. Email, our website, and Facebook page will need to carry the information and pictures out to the membership. Let me say without hesitation, the Admirals newsletters have been the finest newsletters of any club I've seen. This is due to the hard work and dedication of John Louk. John has carried this duty for over 20 years! The success of the club can clearly be linked to John's hard work. His words and pictures have inspired us all. John, you should be proud, I know I am.

See you at the party!

Mike



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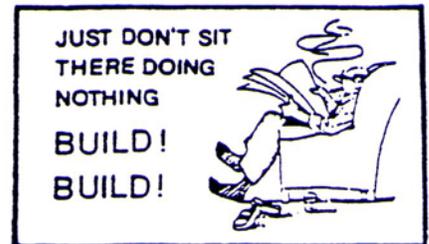
Admirals Club Officers

- Commander* Mike Yount
- First Officer*..... Scott Black
- Scale Director*.....Gene Wisner
- Sailing Director*Brian Brozek
- Fast Electric Director*...Mike Yount
- Purser*Dave McCreary
- Communications*.....John Louk

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Admirals Dinner	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Event for December 2013

Date	Day	Event	Location
Dec 12	Thursday	Admirals Holiday Dinner 6:30PM to ???	Castleton Farms (see map page 5)

Merry Christmas to all!



November Admirals Meeting

Twenty-one attended the November Admirals meeting at the government center. There were plenty of models brought to the meeting with a decided trend toward the fast electric racing scene.

Admirals Commander **Mike Yount** showed off his two first place award certificates for Precision Steering and Predicted Log which he earned at the Fall Fun Run in October. A \$50 cash prize was awarded with each, a reason to smile broadly.



Mike also displayed a nice plaque received from the Columbus, IN Kiwanis presented to our club for the continuing Admirals' participation and support of the October "Incredible Duck Splash" events for the past three years.

We had two new members added to our roster. The addition of **Jose' Dominguez** and **Jerry Reynolds** brings our roster to 59 members! It's great to see us continuing to grow! Speaking of membership, your membership is assured again for 2014 by paying your \$25 annual dues. If you have provided **Dave McCreary** with a \$25 check to reserve your place at our Holiday Party on December 14th and you do attend, you may allow Dave to cash your reservation check and use it to pay your 2014 membership dues.



(Left) A "Springer" boat under construction brought to the meeting. We have not seen much in the way of these small models which are hugely popular elsewhere. The cut lines in the wood sheets appear very clean.

In other action at the meeting, the Minimono class of fast electric racing boats will join the fast electric racing at the Shadeland pond next year, leaving the scale fun runs strictly for scale use at the Carmel Veterans Memorial Reflecting pond.

November Admirals Meeting *(continued)*

Mike covered the results of the officer elections on page 1. He did, however streamline the organization slightly by creating the position of **Communications Officer** which I will endeavor to adequately fill. That job is described elsewhere in this newsletter. The "official" officer positions are listed on the front page of this newsletter. All officers and changes to the club officer positions were voted upon and approved by acclaim at the meeting.

Purser **Dave McCreary** reported on the club's finances which will diminish with payment for the meals and such for the annual holiday party coming up in a couple of weeks.



(Left) **Tom Busick** continues to reaffirm his modeling credentials, this time by bringing to the meeting his battleship *USS Missouri* and a fiberglass hulled *USS Arizona* under construction (since ?).

(Below) the scale motor from **Mike Yount's** *Miss Madison* hydroplane.

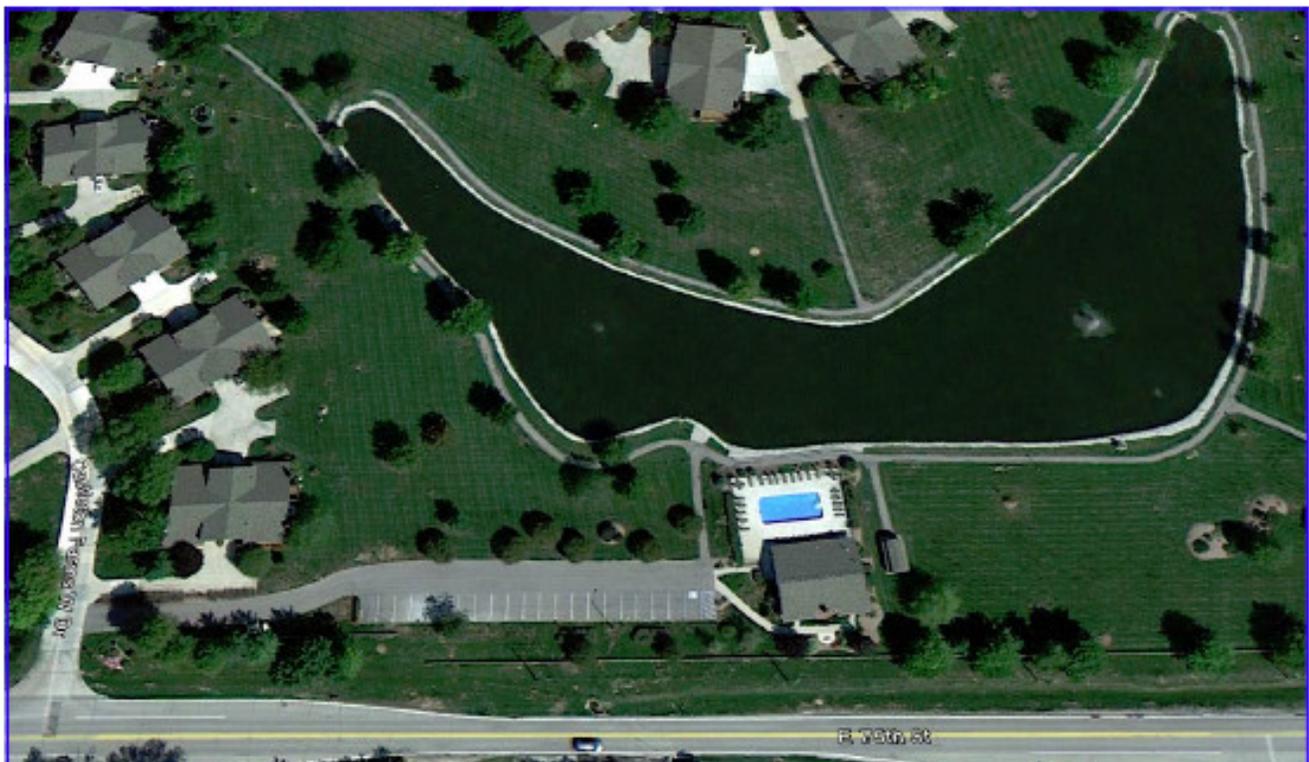


(Left) The ubiquitous monohull *Supervervee 27R* is likely one of the dominant reasons fast electrics are so popular. This RTR boat is fast, versatile, and fun! It can be tamed by use of a 2S LiPo in confined waters.

Castleton Farms



Castleton Farms is located just two left turns off of 75th Street East of the intersection of 75th Street and Shadeland Avenue. In the picture above, "Bayview" is the fast electric pond and "Castleton Farms" residential area is labeled. When you turn off 75th Street into Castleton Farms you turn right immediately where you see the parking spaces in the photo below. We hold our annual picnic at this location as well.



Scuttlebutt

This month, we tie some loose ends together to clean up an incredible year for **The Admirals**.

1. **Holiday Party/Dinner.** Besides the directions on page 5, you should know that setup will begin about 5pm at the Castleton Farms clubhouse and extra elves are welcome to help set up tables and chairs, set centerpieces and tables for the gift exchange as well as food serving lines. We are all reminded that delicious, gooey desserts are not only welcome, but expected. **Les Morgan**, our food coordinator says we'll have fried chicken and roast beef for our entrees. If you want wine for your table, you must bring your own. Otherwise we'll enjoy soft drinks. Also, the gift exchange is voluntary.
2. **Veterans Day at the Indiana State Museum.** Again this year, members **Dave Richey** and **John Louk** set up a model warship display for the state museum's "Heroes of the Heartland" Veterans Day program on Sunday, October 20th. As usual, Dave's USS Indiana BB-1 was the featured museum quality model on our display. The *Indianapolis Municipal Band* set up in the



museum's atrium, playing a variety of patriotic music and ending the concert with excellent renditions of the armed forces theme songs and finishing with the familiar and inspiring "Anchors Aweigh" theme for the United States Navy.

3. **Correction.** Here is a correction to the announced winners in the fast electric series run this year. In the **Scale Hydro** racing class, **Dave McCreary** is the 2013 season winner, not Mike Yount as previously announced. A belated, but hearty congratulations for your deserved win in this popular and hotly contested racing class, Dave!

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4. **Communications Officer.** After at least a minute of discussion **Mike Yount** has made accommodations, with the consent of the membership attending the November club meeting, for this writer to continue to serve the club to the extent possible by defining the position of Communications Officer. This position continues the tasks I've agreed to continue with the club which include: liaison with the city of Carmel for use of the Veterans Memorial Reflecting Pond; signatory and club representative for the use of the Clay Township Government Center to conduct our club meetings; maintain and distribute the club roster, originate email communications to the club in behalf of the club and forwarding of timely notifications of importance and/or major interest to club members; receive, handle or distribute to appropriate club officers inquiries received on the club web site; support both the club web site and Facebook with timely input relevant to the club.
5. **2014 Event Calendar.** We are quickly approaching the new year and a lot of work is ongoing to ensure that no two Admirals events are scheduled for the same date. You should all, however, be aware that **Dave Hampton** has set the dates for the January and February 2014 indoor fun floats at the Carmel High School Natatorium. Those dates are **January 18th** and **February 15th** from noon to 3pm each event. Both are on a Saturday.
6. **Busted my nose!** Well, I didn't but **Greg Vollmer's** shovel nose did. During recent testing at the reflecting pond, Greg's enthusiasm may have overcome his boat's control capabilities and he tried extending the pond's side with the boat. OUCH! Greg's an accomplished builder and restorer of all sorts of things so the "ouchie" didn't last long. Welcome to the select few (but growing list) of those who have accomplished similar "pranging".



DUEL In the POOL

Indoor Fast Electric Boat Racing



Who: The Indianapolis Admirals

Where: Carmel High School Natatorium

When: Saturday January 18, 2014 Noon
Saturday February 15, 2014 Noon

Classes: Mini Mono[®]

Offshore Marathon



Mini Mono[®]:

Stock Aquacraft Mini Mono

3S battery

Le Mans Start

Triangle shaped course

10 Laps

3 Heats 12:30, 1:30, 2:30



Offshore Marathon:

Offshore scale boats (deep-vee, catamaran)

2S MAX

Le Mans Start

Triangle shaped course

4 Minutes (count total laps)

3 Heats 12:30, 1:30, 2:30



Note: the 2S Max limitation in Offshore. This is a swimming pool.
Some ESC can't be run on 2S due to low voltage cutoff

End of an Era?

John Louk



The short answer to the above is “Yes”. This is no big deal. I’ll try hard not to stretch this out any more than necessary.

As **Mike Yount** commented, this is most likely the final edition of **Ship’s Log** since I am not aware of any volunteers surfacing to take the helm. In some ways it’s sad because although I cannot continue on as editor/publisher, I’ll miss doing it. It’s been hard work but it’s also been fun and I thank you for the support you’ve given me. My departure from newsletter editing is exciting because it demands a new look at our club’s communications.

Bob Groves, retiring club president and newsletter editor/publisher et al of the **Screaming Eagles RC Club** in Plainfield, IN is simultaneously stepping down from newsletter publishing after a long term serving. His club also begins the new year without a newsletter but a recognition for the need for more immediate communications to the membership. Thus, our situation and the Screaming Eagles’ situation are similar and they parallel many other clubs’ organizations which are experiencing this paradigm shift as well. Bob and I agree on many of these issues. No surprise.

By necessity, a newsletter is like a newspaper or magazine. It’s really a history report on last month. Those who participated in last month’s events know what happened. Those that didn’t attend are not shut out because our Facebook page has documented what has happened with brief text and great photos within hours of completion of events this year. Thanks and congratulations for a job super-well done must go to **Scott Black** for the excellence and timeliness he brings to our online presence: our web site and our Facebook page! And Scott knows graphics!

Today immediacy is everything. From instant messaging and cloud-based data exchange to face-to-face video conversations, technology has dropped onto our laps tools of incredible reliability, convenience, speed, and mobility. We’ll be using them much more now.

One thing we can do with email that we could never do in our newsletter is discuss club-sensitive issues and other topics we’d prefer not to tell the world. Believe it; by statistical count our newsletters have had a world-wide reach!

But, we have issues to resolve. Currently six members do not have easy access to the Internet or email and I’ve used snail mail to reach them. That effort stops after this newsletter. We will have to assume some personal responsibility to our member-friends to print and/or deliver important communications from email to them or encourage visits to use the Public Library’s computers to view our sites or create email accounts. I don’t have the answers but together we have to get them.

Again I thank you, Admirals members, for your encouragement and good humor as you followed my ramblings in this fun-filled journey. You are appreciated and respected.

I’ll close **Ship’s Log** in the tradition of the sea services: **“Fair Winds and Following Seas”**,

John Louk



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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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