



# Ship's Log



## FROM THE BRIDGE

*Gene Wisner*

**J**ust a quick reminder that SPRING is right around the corner. Soon, the Admirals will be deep into our outdoor activities; sailing regattas, scale runs, and a multitude of other events. I hope everyone is getting rested up! I believe it is going to be a great season!

The meeting this month will be Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, back at the Clay Township Government Center. This location seems to be working out quite nicely. I hope everyone can make it.

Our second indoor Fun Run is now in the books. Once again we had a great time. We even had several members of the Three Rivers Model Boat Club from Ft Wayne in attendance. I believe we were more organized this time, with specific times set aside to run scale boats and fast electrics. There seemed to be quite a few fast electrics running the short loop that Mike set out using two buoys. The action was, , , well, , , fast!

The month of March will see our last indoor Fun Run. But this time we switch it up and move down to Plainfield, to the Plainfield Aquatic Center, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM until 1 PM. Note the longer time to run, so make sure to bring more boats. Also, remember that the Plainfield pool is not one large pool, but several smaller interconnected pools. So running fast electrics is more problematic. BUT this makes it more conducive to running scale boats. We will probably still have set times to run fast electrics, but because of the pool setup the scale boats can continue to operate. They will just need to move to a different section of the pool. Hope to see everyone there.

Note, that the 2012 calendar has been put up on the website. Keep a close eye on the calendar so you can plan on attending as many events as possible.

I hope everyone is preparing your boats for the upcoming season. See you out by the water!

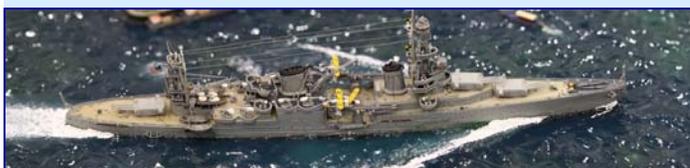
*Gene*

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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
- Newsletter*.....John Louk



← Photo from IMPS competition March 2011

# ADMIRALS CALENDAR

## March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Club Meeting	9	10 See Below
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Indoor Fun Run
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### Schedule of Events for March 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event &amp; time</i>	<i>Location</i>
March 8	Thursday	Admirals Club Meeting - 6:30pm	Clay Township Government Center @ 106th St and College Avenue.
March 17	Saturday	Indoor Fin Run - 9am - 1pm	Plainfield Indoor Aquatic Center, Plainfield, IN
March 10	Saturday	1. Hobby Show & Swap Meet at Fort Wayne Coliseum (SEE PAGE 9) 2. Roscoe Turner IPMS show and swap meet Indianapolis (SEE PAGE 9)	

# Meeting Pictures

The February meeting appears to have been well attended. **Joe Gardner** brought his air swimmer "Shark", **Gene Wisner** brought his V-32 which was/is for sale and I see a number of other models present as well. Many, many thanks to **Bob Dyson** and **Scott Black** for the photos at the meeting.

That's a neat looking motor-sail yacht below. I don't have info on owner or the model..

One thing I do want to emphasize, however, is that in our new meeting home we can bring a lot of items for display and discussion. We would like to offer programs, too. Sorry I missed the meeting. I'm back to what I deem "normal".



More pictures page 4.



Meeting Pictures (continued)

A nifty amphibious plane with a snazzy Spektrum radio system made an appearance as well as the nicely turned out Patriot fireboat.



"I've got this eerie feeling someone is watching over our shoulders."



Entertain us.



# Scott Black's Impulse 26 Paint & Trim



Photo Jay Nichols

Using the inspiration of the full size boat (above), Scott Black has taken the paint and trim scheme on his Proboat™ Impulse 26 to a new level! There's no doubt she's a beauty and should be easy to spot on the water! Outstanding job! Graphics are a forte with Scott!



**I**t's all really basic and easy. To get to the Plainfield Aquatics Center take US 40 / West Main Street in Plainfield west past SR 267 until you get to Vestal Road. Turn right (north) onto Vestal Road and follow it to the Center. It will be on your right.

Our running time is 9am - 1pm.

Remember the precautions about hot/wet and cold/dry environments and the issues they can cause with models. Let's hope the weather



**Directions to Plainfield Aquatic Center Fun Run**



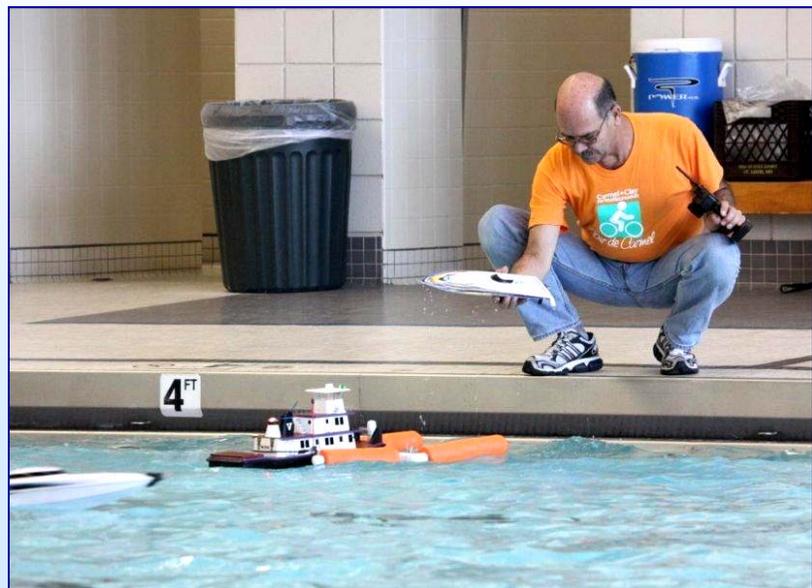
cooperates like it did for the Carmel fun runs. Be ready to have maximum fun!



# Scale Fun Float

**F**ebruary 11th turned out to be a reasonable weather day and the turnout for the Admirals' February Fun Run was excellent! There was a lot of waterborne activity and **Bob Kaltenbach's** implemented suggestion to run fast and scale boats alternately under Bob's timing of the segments proved a good idea. Nobody, I repeat nobody wants to run a scale model upon which much time and effort has been expended into the same body of water that the frenetic fast electric boats are running, often under marginal radio control. There were issues with the Minimono boats. Prop shafts were becoming too frequently loose from the couplings in many cases: some even pulled out of the boat and onto the bottom of the pool. The driveshaft and couplings need to be improved for reliability. Work continues to develop a solution suitable for all.

All that said, the following couple of pages are more photos provided by our outstanding members since I could only visit the pool briefly.



# Scale Fun Float



Not downplaying all the fun at these winter events, but the club benefitted with the acceptance of new members as well! We welcomed **Brad Lucas** from Fort Wayne, IN into membership at the pool. Brad as well as others from the Fort Wayne **Three Rivers MBC** often attend our club events and are, of course, welcome anytime. We think of Brad, Bernie, Mike, Bob, Terry et al as part of our extended family. We now number 59 members!

Judging by the number of youngsters with their noses pressed against the glass partition to the pool, we had a large and appreciative audience.

# Scuttlebutt



1. The Minimono small fast electric has garnered a good start in numbers of boats in the club. As of this writing, there were eleven (11) boats in the club with a likely addition of three or four others. These boats compared to the Mini Rio are the next step up in speed and handling performance. Their price is reasonable considering they come with a 2.4GHz radio system. You will need a 3S Lipo battery of 1000 or 1300 mah capacity and a charger to match. Those batteries are actually available from HobbyPartz for \$8 and \$10 respectively plus nominal shipping. That's a bargain. If you have not seen them run at all, drop by the Plainfield Aquatic Park at our March 17th Fun Run. I am sure there will be some running there!
2. March 10th there are two worthy places to visit. One is the RC Model and Hobby Expo and Swap Meet at the Coliseum in Fort Wayne. It's off I-69 Exit 112A and goes from 10am to 4pm. You can rent a table before March 5th to sell or swap your junk for someone else's junk for \$15, or at the show for \$20. The other event is the IPMS show and swap meet in Indianapolis at Raymond Park Middle School from 9am to 4pm. There are 72 Contest categories! A great place to pick up odd 'n ends for your modeling projects. The picture below is from last year's show and contest of a 1:799 scale cruiser complete with crewmen visible on the microscale size ship! Don't go if seeing these models makes you think about stomping your own!





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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, 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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