



Ship's Log



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FROM THE BRIDGE

Mike Yount

I must admit when the Admirals have an indoor pool event like we did again in February, I become like a kid in candy shop. The chance to test your electric boat in an Olympic size pool doesn't happen very often. Dave Hampton's PBR boat with actual twin jet pumps was most impressive as he put it through its paces. Not only is it a high performance model, it also plays music and has details only Dave can produce. David Hughey was testing his new smoke machine in his "Dr. Jack" aka Mr Darby. This new unit makes water vapor which looks like smoke. I teased David of needing an apprenticeship just to be able to operate Dr. Jack, due to its complexity. Watching all of the different models run in the pool was proof that the inventive spirit is alive and well in the Indianapolis Admirals.

At the last meeting, I asked if any of our woodworker members would be willing to make a gavel to use at meetings. I didn't seem to get much reaction, so I dropped the idea. When I arrived at the Carmel high school pool, I was greeted by club member **Bob Kaltenbach**. Bob said he had a surprise for me and handed me a plastic bag. I was shocked and surprised after opening the bag to find a beautiful walnut gavel and block! I can't make the March meeting, but I'll have it at the April meeting. Make sure to come see and hear it. I promise I won't let it go to my head! Thank you so much, Bob.

Just because I will miss the March Meeting, doesn't mean you should too. Last meeting was filled with great models and information, especially on everyone's favorite tool they use on models. The most popular were the Dremel tool, and Exacto knife. The March meeting subject is "scale". For example, what does it mean if a model is 1/8th scale or 1:40 scale and how do you determine the scale of a model.

Hopefully people will bring in articles or calculators to help explain it all. April's subject will be radios. Until next month...

Mike



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Admirals Club Officers

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

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Admirals Meeting	15	16 Tug Wilson Sailing
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 (31 Easter)	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30

Schedule of Events for March 2013

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & time</i>	<i>Location</i>
March 14	Thurs	Club meeting at Government Center 6:30pm	Government Center @ 106th and College Avenue
March 16	Sat.	Tug Wilson sailing regatta: One meter @ 10:30am, V-32 @ 1:00pm.	Hourglass Pond, Village of West Clay
March 31	Sun.	Easter Celebration	Everywhere

Admirals Meeting

OK crew, we're in a rut. It seems for the past five meetings we have not exceeded a total 21 attendees present regardless of the number of visitors. We number 60 members now! Where are all of you hiding? Although we try and keep business minimal, we still must conduct some at the meetings and our direction, focus, and future plans rely upon you to help chart our course. (I knew you'd like that nautical lingo!)

Dave Richey's 36 foot Coast Guard motor lifeboat is coming together superbly! Dave's attention to detail like the instrument panel (inset) is just one of Dave's signature superscale touches.



(Bottom left) **Tom Busick** likely has a treasure chest of models. This model is a partially completed Forrest Sherman class destroyer from BaD Ship Models. (Find them online at www.badshipmodels.com.)

(Bottom right) In addition to his gavel making skills **Bob Kaltenbach** is scratch building a tri-hull model along the lines of the LCS USS Independence.

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Mike Cline's two models, the *Myrtle Corey* (left) and the *Chris Craft* woodie with the neat trailer (right) found new homes with **Bob Kaltenbach** and **Jeff Littlefield**, respectively. Sold at below-kit prices, these two models were more than a bargain for the new owners. Mike has often expressed the desire to keep model boats he sells in the club, preferring to sell to Admirals club members whenever possible which he facilitates by offering them at prices below what he could receive on eBay.



Scott Black's Carry-Box: Scott brought this neat carry-box and also wrote an article about it:

For Christmas, my son Kyle asked for a Spektrum DX3S radio. Mom and Dad were happy to grant that wish!

To protect this nice radio, we wanted to find a carry case for it, but as you may know, they are stupid expensive, especially the OEM ones.

When I was at Meijer in the Sporting Goods section, I found they had a Plano "Field Ammo Box" that looked about the right size, so I bought it to try out. When I got it home, I found out it was EXACTLY the right size! It would also fit other Spektrum radios and other brands likely too. The best part is the price, \$8.99! You can't beat that for a nice secure, dry box to carry your transmitter in. Foam can be added too if you want. On the Plano website, www.PlanoMolding.com, it is product #1312-00. They are also for sale via Amazon and Sears (but for about \$12.00 at those outlets).



So, grab one or two of these neat carry boxes from Plano! With the built-in carry handle, they are really handy for lots of things we need at the pond to run our boats.

Scott Black



Indoor Fun Float at Carmel HS

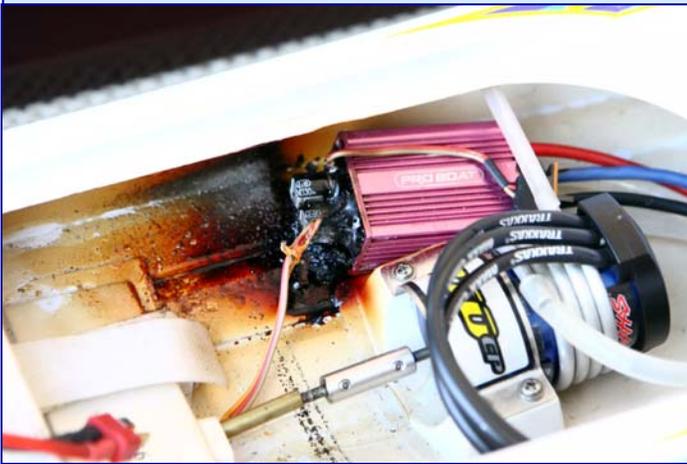
We did it again! We conducted our second running event of the year again at Carmel High School's fantastic natatorium on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. It was teething time for some of the boats, good running for some and real unintended smoke for at least one other. Most everyone had a good time and I saw a Minimono keep up and even pass an SV-27! I had to leave early due to an out of town commitment but thanks to the photography skills of others, I received additional pictures to add to my batch.



(Above) **Dave Hampton** with his PBR project gets further along each time we see it. Anyone with a doctorate in electrical engineering or mechanical engineering can easily fathom his work. The twin .50's are incredible in 1:6 scale!!



(Above) **Mike Yount** preps one of his fleet for a run. (Right) **Kyle Black** maneuvers his Lucas Oil racing boat to give an upside-down H&Y Racing SV-27 a push back to poolside.



(Above) **Jeff Littlefield's** ESC exhibits some unintended cooking. **Dave McCreary's** red & white hydro moved out nicely! We can't wait to see fast electrics on the Shadeland pond this year!



(Above) **Gary Bussell** checks out his WWII U-boat for action. (Right) **Scott Black** being instructed by his son **Kyle** in proper hand/eye coordination techniques as applied to RC boat operations.



(Above) This is what we're about! (Right) **Scott Black's Wendigo** at speed (?). Scott exhibited great modeling skills, using plans to scratch build this boat and to pioneer new materials.(Sintra)



(Above) **Gene Wisner's Jitter Bug** makes an appearance while (L to R) **Dave McCreary, Gene Wisner** and **Kenny Kiger** get together for some general schmoozing and operating boats.



(Above) **Joe Gardner** and **Greg Vollmer** watching Greg's *Vrolukheid-Xmjqrwbzdf* cruise by? No.



Gene Wisner's Jitter-Bug at rest with a couple of sharks hoisted above her cockpit. **Jeff Littlefield** watches **Bob Kaltenbach** at the controls.



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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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