



Ship's Log



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FROM THE BRIDGE

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The year continues to move on. And the Admirals season is really gearing up. We have had our first sailing regatta of the season and our first scale Fun Run and Minimono/Rio races. In May, we continue our normal schedule of events. For most of my newsletter inputs this year so far, I have mentioned the weird weather. Well April has been "more normal"; it has actually been "more Spring-like", just like it should be. Hopefully, May will start warming up and will give us more incentive to get outside, AND GET THOSE BOATS OUT!

April always brings us the Toledo Weak Signals Show. And for those that went, it once again was a very good show. I am sure the guys that went will be able to share some stories of all the neat equipment and parts available and all of the great models. If you haven't seen pictures of it yet, you need to check out the flying dragon model. Just a superb model and paint job. There were also a couple of large scale airplanes with Alabama Bulldog paint schemes that were just awesome. And of course there were a couple of really, really nice boat models!

I hope everyone decides to get out and join us at one or more of the Admirals events this year. This year promise to be a very fun year, with a lot of fun events scheduled. Also, notice the updated calendar. The club picnic has been set for this year. Thanks to Dave McCreary for getting us a great location for the picnic this year, at Castleton Farms located at 75th and Hague Road. The date June 24th. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

I hope to see everyone at as many events as possible this month!

Gene

Admirals Club Officers

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

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting	11	12 Spring Fling
13 Mothers Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20\ Scale & Fast Electric	21	22	23	24	25	26 Wat-seka Sail
27	28 Memo-rial Day	29	30 Hoo-sier Burn Camp	31		

Schedule of Events for May 2012

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & time</i>	<i>Location</i>
May 10 th	Thurs	Club Meeting – Clay Township Government Center (6:30 – 9 PM)	106th St and College Ave
May 12 th	Sat	Spring Fling V-32 & 1M Regatta 10:30 AM – 3 PM	Avon
May 13th	Sun	Mother's Day	
May 20 th	Sun	Scale Fun Float / Fast Electric Racing – 2PM	Reflecting Pond, Carmel
May 26 th	Sat	Watseka Sailing Event	Watseka, IL
May 28th	Mon	Memorial Day	
May 30 th	Wed	Hoosier Burn Camp, 9:30 AM till Noon	Camp Tecumseh, Lafayette

Meeting Pictures

We had 19 members and one visitor at the April meeting. It appears that the government center where we meet is a good place for displaying models and ongoing projects.

Larry Dorsette (Left), for example, brought the test bed for his work on producing a paddle wheel vessel.

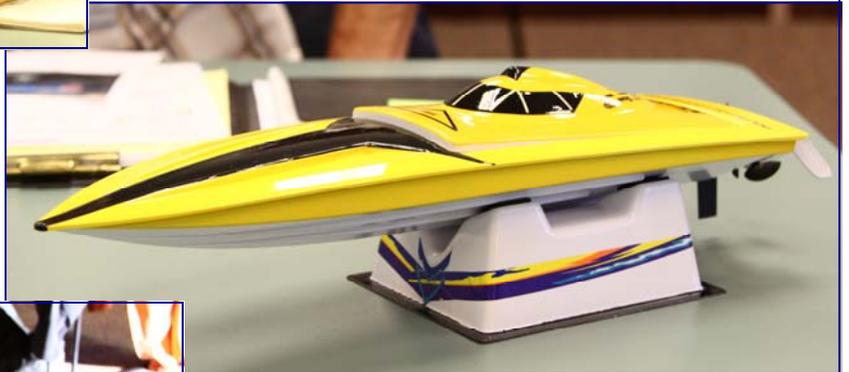


(Below) **Bob Kaltenbach** brought his very yellow Minimono fast electric which he's painted to differentiate it from the crowd of Minimono craft in the pond. Because so many have been purchased thus far, painting is one way to tell them apart.

Mike Cline brought a pair of nice wood runabouts in the form of a Chris Craft Cobra and a double cockpit barrelback to sell. Mission accomplished! These two beauties were a great bargain for

whoever was fortunate enough to snag them (Below).

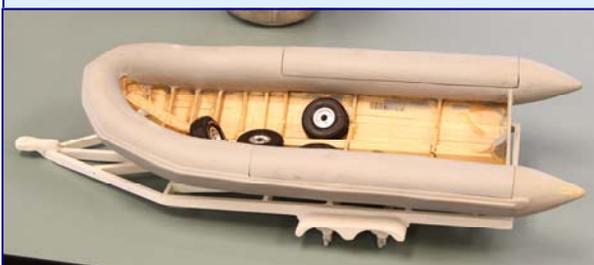
Also a part of the evening was a nice Graupner Shark dynamic diving



submarine, here pictured below with a shovel nose wood three point hydroplane under construction.



Last, (Below) **Gene Wisner** brought the trailer mounted inflatable to sell.



Toledo 2012

PHOTOS BY CHRIS ATWOOD & MIKE CLINE

What can I say about Toledo and the RC Expo here that has not been said too many times already? Very little. For sheer spectacular concept and execution, this gas turbine powered flying dragon was the hit of the show. The beast's head turned, the LED eyes lit up, and the pooper was the real jet engine exhaust! The finish was beyond words. I guess it flies, too.

The more traditional, but excellent boat models were again examples of superior craftsmanship.

Your editor along with three other Admirals members attended the show on Friday and thus there were fewer models on display than on Saturday or Sunday and I have no details to provide.

Many thanks to **Chris Atwood** and to **Mike Cline** for taking the pictures you see here. Chris posted his pictures online on Picasa. I'll gladly forward the URL upon request. Also RC Groups and other sites have photo coverage of the Expo.



Scuttlebutt

1. Member **Greg Vollmer** forwarded an additional picture of his scratch built model nearing completion. Trivia question: The **Vrolukheid**, out of the port of **Madang** was featured in what movie? (The boat's hull is really white.)
2. The results for the April competitions for sailing are in and posted online.

V-32

- 1st - **Brian Brozek**
- 2nd - **Gene Wisner**
- 3rd - **Chris Atwood**

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- 1st - **Pete Pippin**
- 2nd - **Brian Brozek**
- 3rd - **Gene Wisner**

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- Brian Brozek**
- Pete Pippin**
- Lee Shroyer**



3. **Lee Shroyer** and **John Louk** met with Westfield, IN city officials **Sarah Reed**, **Jennifer Miller** and consultants **Betsy** and **Steve Henke** in April to exchange information and explore ideas for the development of Westfield's Grand Park and the Admirals participation with RC boating events there in the future. From left to right in the photo are Jennifer, Lee, Sarah, Betsy, and John. Steve took the iPad photo. The schemes thus far revolve around two of the park's many ponds. A number of ideas and suggestions were presented and discussed by all involved and it was evident that Westfield welcomed the Admirals' potential use of the ponds for major events in the future. We look forward to future developments as we continue to exchange and brainstorm ideas to benefit both the park and the Admirals. *(Scuttlebutt continued next page)*



Scuttlebutt (Continued)

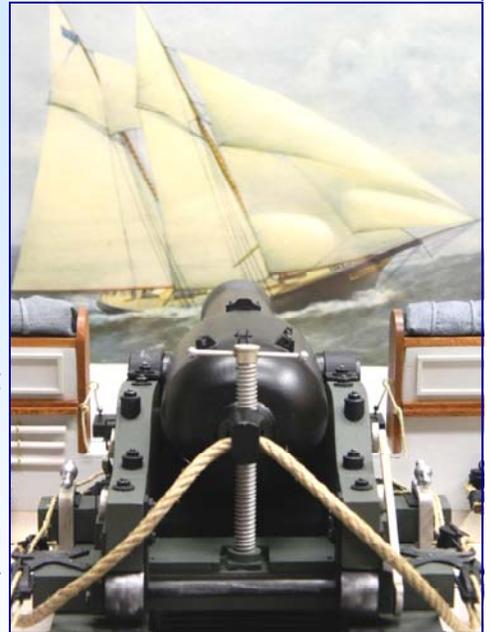
4. Neat PT boat. Contrary to many sea stories, 40+ knots was an exceptional speed for a PT. This boat, PTF-26 was the officially fastest PTF boat built. Her armament consisted of (bow to stern) a, 81mm trigger-fired mortar (identical to Swift boat), a 20mm twin mount and a 40mm single mount aft. They would run through San Diego harbor on one engine at idle speed to keep the wake low. Those sweet engines had to be heard and seen to be believed! As vibration-free as a turbine!

(Photo and text below courtesy of the Historic Naval Ships Association)

PTF-26, "Liberty", was the last PTF built. PTFs, Fast Patrol Boats, were the Vietnam War version of the famous WW II PT Boats. They were heavily armed near-coastal gunboats, used mostly by Special Forces. PTF-26 is also the last of only four Osprey-Class PTFs, the bigger, aluminum-hulled brother to the Nasty-Class boats. She was powered by twin T-1837K Napier Deltic engines. These exotic diesels put out 3100 HP each using 3 crankshafts, 18 cylinders and 36 pistons. During a 1970s speed run, PTF-26 was clocked at 51 knots! PTF-26 currently serves as both an operational museum and a youth training vessel.



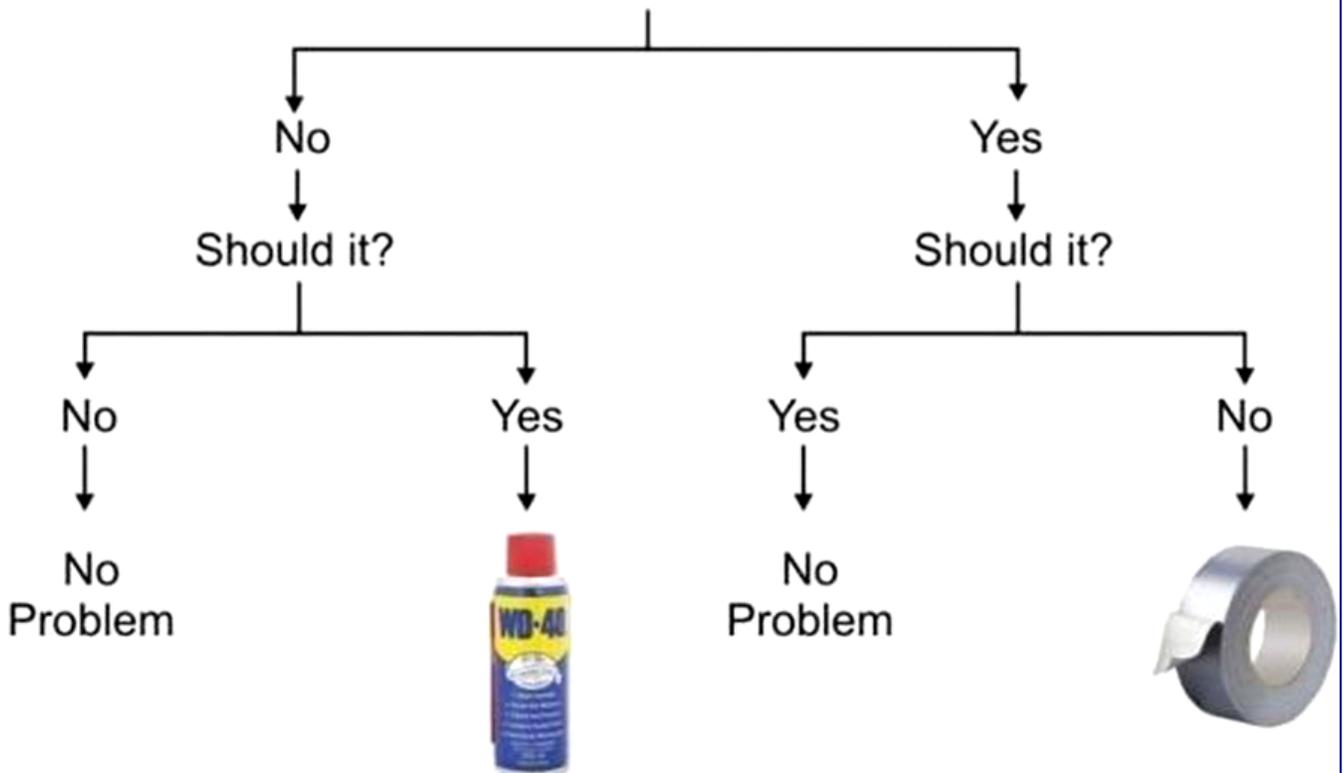
Scuttlebutt



5. **Dave Richey** is again competing in the 36th Annual Midwest Model Ships and Boats Contest and Display at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum at Manitowoc, Wisconsin this month with more of his excellent work. Seen here in an effective pose, Dave's 11 inch Dahlgren naval gun looks as real as a model can appear! At last year's competition he won Gold and Silver awards with the two models he entered!

Engineering Flowchart

DOES IT MOVE?



Minimono Racing

Last Sunday, April 29th was our first Scale Fun Float and Fast Electric Racing of the Season at the Carmel reflecting pond. The weather was not the best; it was cool and windy out of the East making a significant chop on the water. Worse, our friends in the Public Works Department of Carmel failed to shut down the fountains or to open the rest rooms so the conditions were even more difficult for models and skippers alike!

On the plus side, about 15 people showed up to run and we had additional spectators as well. There were plenty of Minimono skippers so that two separate fields of four and five boats were required with each heat alternating with the other. Also on the plus side was the fact that **Greg Vollmer's** Mini Rio was competitive in the choppy water!

On the negative side, the choppy water kept **Ray White** and **Dave Hampton** busy retrieving upside down Minimono boats after virtually every race. Some skippers also continued to experience loose driveshaft problems with the couplers despite the application of attempted "fixes" to the problems.

As of April 30th, **Dave Hampton** had initiated a phone campaign to Hobbico, distributor of the Minimono to both inform them that their boat has design issues and we want a fix. We are encouraging all Minimono skippers to call Hobbico's customer service line at **(217) 398-8970** to complain about the driveshaft issues. You'll have to wait past the automated attendant answering device and talk to a technician who will ask what your issue is, what boat, where you bought it, what your address is so they can send you at no charge a replacement driveshaft and coupler which may prevent future issues of the same kind. Just do it! We need this issue solved! What racing was accomplished at the fun float was awesome! See pictures following this article.

Also on the negative side is the fact that I got no pictures of the many scale models brought and run at the fun float! I got a few of the Minimono racing because I spent most of my time at that end of the pond. I should mention that I broke my Minimono rudder driving to the pond from home even though the model rested upon a soft towel for the entire trip and nothing fell on it or hit it to the best of my knowledge! Spare Minimono rudders do not currently exist in the USA so I used a Mini Rio rudder which fits but is much shorter and the flat for the set screw is on the wrong side of the shaft. It worked, though. Here are the results:

First Field

1. **Mike Yount** (24 event points, four victories)
 2. **Tim Shipp** (21 event points, one victory)
 3. **Jeff Chambers** (9 event points, no victories)
- Guest **Miko Woodward** (20 guest event points, one victory)

Second Field

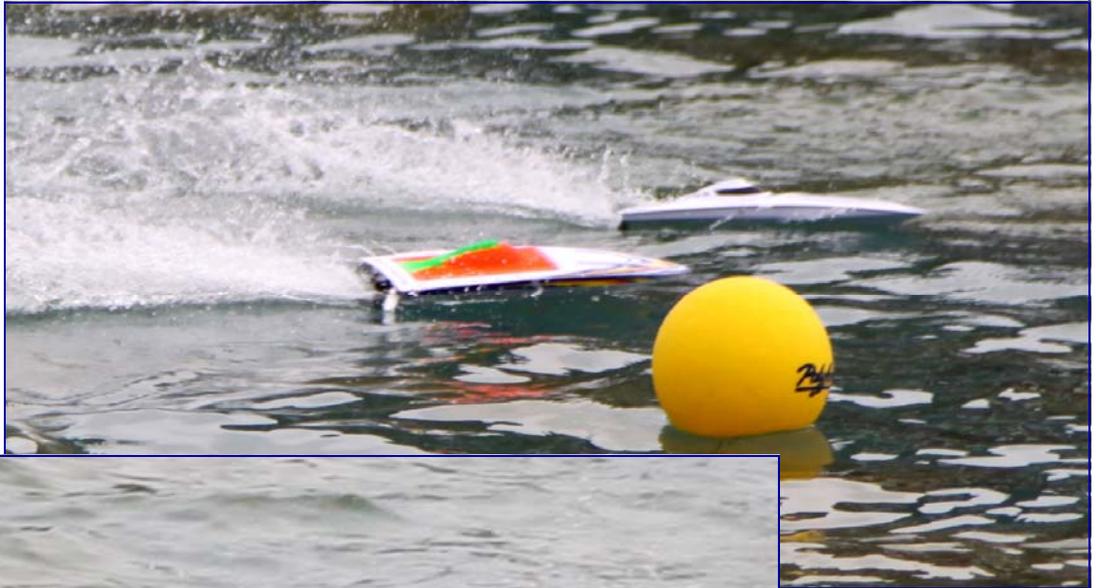
1. **John Louk** (16 event points, one victory)
2. **Parker Hughey** (12 event points, two victories)
3. **Jeff Littlefield** (11 event points, one victory)
4. **Greg Vollmer** (9 event points, no victories)
5. **Jacob Hughey** (6 event points, one victory)

MINI-MONO SEASON STANDINGS FOR 29 APR 12

- 1st **Mike Yount** (12 season points, four victories)
- 2nd **John Louk** (12 season points, one victory)
- 3rd **Parker Hughey** (9 season points, two victories)
- 4th **Tim Shipp** (9 season points, one victory)
- 5th **Jeff Littlefield** (6 season points, one victory)
- 6th **Jeff Chambers** (6 season points, no victories)
- 7th **Greg Vollmer** (3 season points, no victories)
- 8th **Jacob Hughey** (2 season points, one victory)
- Guest **Miko Woodward** (9 guest season points, one victory)

All points and stand-
ings will be posted
online.

Stay tuned. As we get
the boats sorted out
we will have some
more spectacular
racing this season!





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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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