



FROM THE BRIDGE

Gene Wisner

The main part of our Admirals Season is starting to wind down. Only 3 club sponsored events that I can think are still on our club calendar; the November club meeting (Thurs, Nov 10th), the last scale Fun Run of the season (Sunday, Nov 13th), and the Club Christmas Party (date and time still to be determined). Of course, there are still other events that members can still get out to: those being local club Swap Meets, and of course any impromptu running of any kind of RC boat.

At the October meeting there was a long discussion on how to get the Fast Electric racing up and moving. There were several discussions including the possible introduction of a new boat, the Aquacraft Minimono™. Hopefully this boat will be more reliable. I know that several people have had issues keeping their Mini Rios operational. The flip side of that, is that there are several people that have had no issues at all keeping their Mini Rio's running (and running fast). So if you are interested at all in running fast electrics make it to the November meeting, I am guessing we will have further discussions on this issue.

The officers held an impromptu meeting a couple of weeks ago. On the discussion block was how to get more members out to attend some of our events. Of course nothing has been finalized, (that takes the club's full input), but look for some further fun events (to be announced at a future meeting) that hopefully will entice more members to get out and participate in our events. Some of these events may have little if any RC boat activity involved.

We will be making plans for the Club Christmas party so look for emails on the subject or attend the November meeting; I am sure it will be a topic of discussion.

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Gene

ADMIRALS CALENDAR

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting	11	12 Pot O' Gold
13 Scale Fun Float	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Schedule of Events for November 2011

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Event & time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Nov 10	Thurs	Club Meeting – Carmel Lutheran Church (6:30 – 9 PM)	Carmel
Nov 12	Sat	Pot O' Gold Show (swap meet) in South Bend, IN	
Nov 13	Sun	Scale Fun Float / MINI RIO Racing – 2PM	Reflecting Pond, Carmel

Nov 25th

Thanksgiving

Meeting Pictures



Twenty members attended the October meeting at Carmel Lutheran Church. Discussions were lively and centered around fast electric boat racing, the Hoosier Outdoor Expo, the upcoming holiday party, and officer elections. Club Commander **Gene Wisner** announced that he will not accept nomination for another term next year.

Scott Black brought his *Wendigo* dive boat model and demonstrated its spiffy lighting which includes nicely done deck floodlights (below & right).



Dave Richey brought his under construction *USS Monitor* to show the scratch interior turret detail (below & left). He's adding a great deal of accurate detail to the rather plain Dumas

kit. The resin gun sitting on top of the model is is



the casting for a scale gun which Dave intends to incorporate into a diorama to be entered in the next Wisconsin Maritime Museum model contest. Another gold award at that contest for Dave would not be a surprise.



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Mike Yount brought an older shovel nose hydroplane he's been messing with while **Jeff Littlefield** brought and discussed some fast electric boats including his new *Traxxas Spartan*



as well as his new *Aquacraft Mini Mono* brushless V-hull racer.

Below and left we see a side by side comparison of the Mini Rio brushed motor racer alongside the two inches longer brushless Mini Mono.

There's high club interest in the new Mini Mono.



(Left) **Ray White** discusses his *Captain Gary Henry* fireboat. Later in this issue of *Ship's Log* you'll discover new additions to this more-than-ever seaworthy craft!

Gene Wisner showed off his new dual duck retriever which you'll see underway in the *Kiwanis Duck Splash* report also later in this issue.

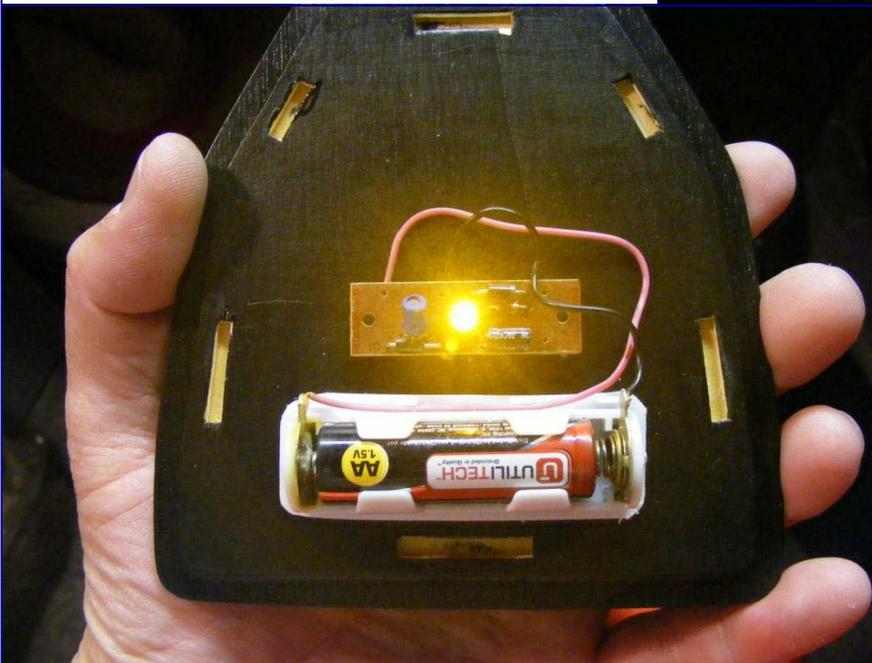


Cabin Lighting for Model Interiors

Scott Black

These photos are of the installation of a pilot house light I did on my Liberty Tug. The “guts” came from an automatic outdoor solar powered LED night light I bought at Menards last year for \$10 each. You’ve seen lights like these which are used to illuminate sidewalk paths and outdoor stairs. They charge in daylight and glow at night. I have three left if you’re interested.

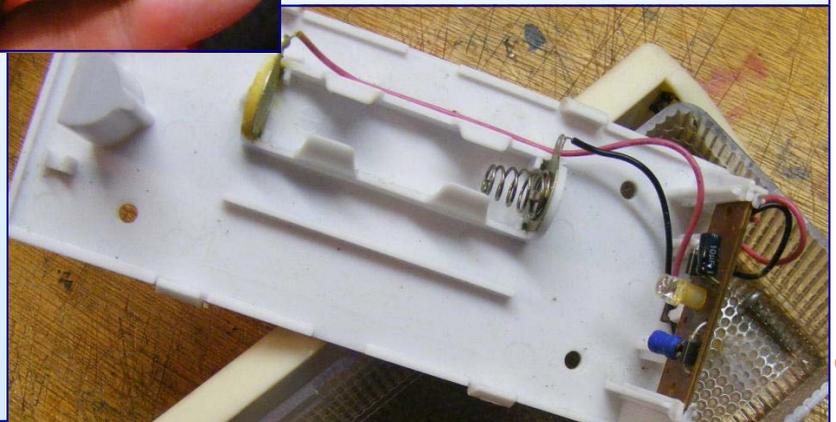
I got rid of the solar charger and powered it with one AA battery which is plenty. The



light is BRIGHT, lasts all night with a fresh AA battery and the yellow cast of the light looks “right” in the tug boat’s interior. It is an LED so its lifetime is measured in years.

I left the battery holder white so it would show up in these photos but I plan to paint it black, too.

This time of year when Christmas holiday decorations are beginning to show up in stores it pays to look over the new stuff. There are always new things and LED equipped decorations are easily adapted to our model boat use, too.



Kiwanis Duck Splash



Multiply the little plastic critter to the right by 15,000 or so and you'll see a sea of yellow in the Mill Race Pond at Columbus, Indiana during the annual "Duck Splash" charity event. All that yellow stuff inside the floating barrier amounts to 15,000 or so of those little plastic critters! Gene



has already reported at the meeting how the event was run and what we did, but suffice it to say we had a ball in absolutely perfect weather, with plenty of opportunity to run our boats in this excellent venue. (right) Gene arrived with his Highlander™ packed full with Liberty tugs, scale models, a barbeque grill with all the food and drinks and more! His dual-duck version of the "Duckinator" made its debut (below).





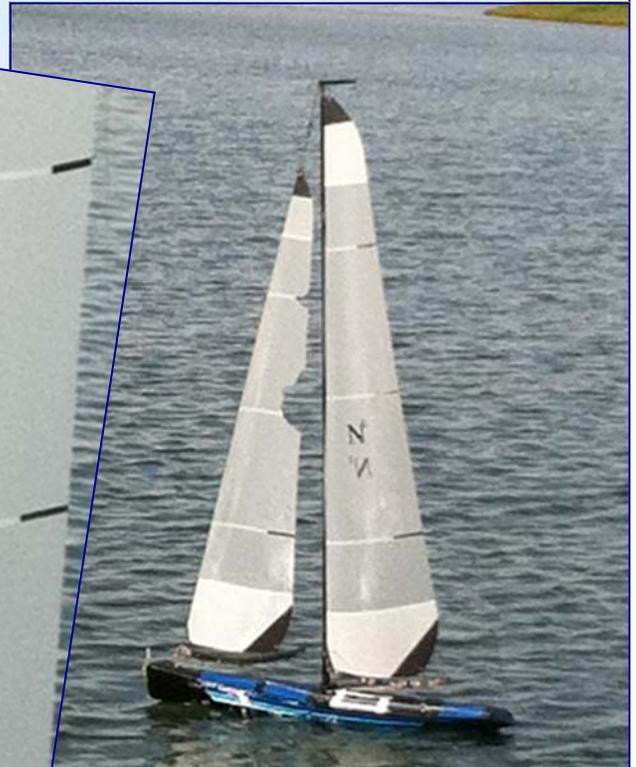
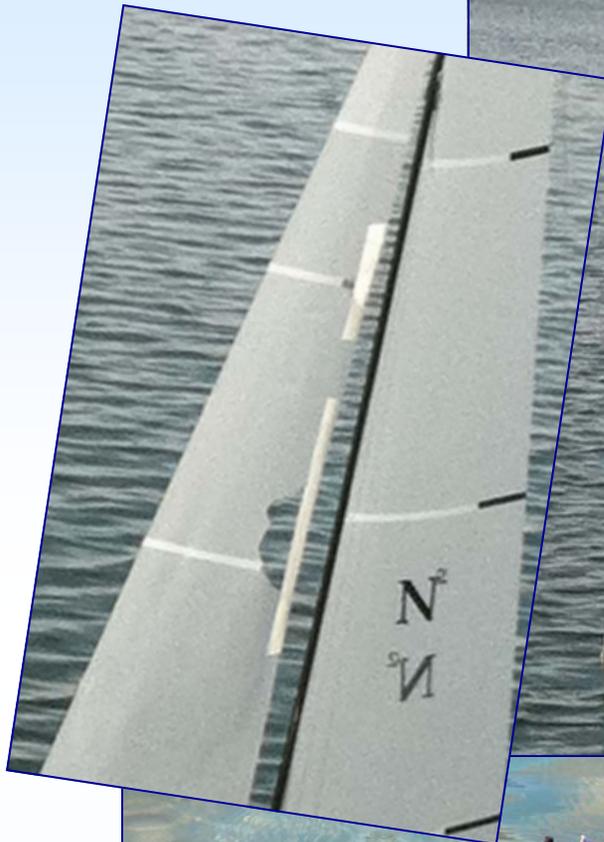
Lots of ducks and even more after six loads were dumped by the helicopter! The Duckinators were used to select the winning ducks.

Scuttlebutt

Odds and ends of neat stuff you might not otherwise encounter without this special section of the Ship's Log.

1. Gene Wisner's

One Meter yacht suffered sail damage at the scheduled Tug Wilson Regatta Oct 15th due to high winds which shattered the sail material. The races were postponed until Oct 22nd. A temporary fix with electrical tape seemed to help the jib maintain its proper shape.



2. **Ray White** borrowed from the aviators a set of light aircraft pontoons and attached them to his fireboat to both add additional stability and as an aid to the recovery of dead in the water models. They're light and effective!



3. Hourglass Pond gets a tad weedy during the summer and when the wind blows toward our launching area someone gets to wade out in the stuff to rescue entangled yachts. In this case we see **Chuck Keith** rendering aid to a pair of V-32 yachts which apparently drifted off together to mate or something. Next month we may publish a Paula Dean recipe for



baked pond sludge parfait for your enjoyment. We have plenty of this stuff to go around.

4. SubRon 6 visited our scale pond on Saturday, Oct 22nd. Their dedication to having fun is keen; their turnout was better than our scale fun run the next day. They came from all over the Midwest...Kentucky, Minnesota,you get the idea. A close look at the U-boat (right) reveals attention to detail. **John Schagane's** latest project, a really neat model of the USS Nautilus (SSN-571) glides by during sea trials. She will be most impressive when completed!



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(right) SubRon6 members gather for a group shot with their undersea models.

These four subs belong to one person. The two in front are painted in "Carmel Reflecting Pond Measure 1 camo". That's **John Shagane's** USS Nautilus at the back of the table.

Do you have ANY idea how hard it is to drive an RC sub up into the



bushes? OK, you caption the photo below.



5. OK, we've talked about electric boat racing at the meeting. We have seen the *Minimono* at the meeting and at Shadeland pond, too,

thanks to **Jeff Littlefield**. There is a growing level of support for the *Minimono* to be the next step upward from Mini Rio racing. (It will work just fine in the reflecting pond.) Here's a clear photo **Scott Black** took at the Chicago iHobby Show. I'd like to see it run again. How about you? Shadeland pond anyone? Jeff?





The above Navy ship now serves a foreign Navy. It was much in demand for three of its unique capabilities matched by no other ship class in the United States Navy. Two of these capabilities were often called upon even in peacetime. Can you name the class of ship and the three major capabilities she possessed? (*Hull numbers are air brushed out by editor in this picture.*)

6. **BIG NEWS!!!** The Admirals have a new meeting space for 2012 at no cost to the club and much closer to I-465 for the benefit of those who don't live in Carmel. It's a mouthful but here it is: we're going to meet in the Community Room of the Clay Township - John W. Hensel Government Center located at **10701 N. College Avenue, Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46280** from 6pm to 9pm the second Thursday of each month except December 2012. In simpler terms, the facility is located 200 feet North of the intersection of College Avenue and 106th Street. I will publish a map in the January edition of Ship's Log so you can easily get to the January 12th meeting at this new location.



7. Your newsletter editor and **Dave Richey** will be at the Indiana State Museum on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 11am to 4pm as the museum honors Veterans. Our display and talk is Navy oriented and will cover a wide variety of warships from 1864 submarines to current day destroyers. Dave's USS Monitor and CSS Virginia will be there as well as his fabulous USS Indiana. Drop by and schmooze! We'll be on the second floor overlooking the main floor area and our area requires no fee to visit.

iHobby Expo

Scott Black

(This is Part 1 of a two part article. Part 2 in the December Ship's Log.....editor)

I was able to visit the **iHobby Expo** at the Donald E. Stephens Convention center in Rosemont, IL (Chicago Westside) on October 22nd. My son Kyle and his buddy Jared also came with me. I was hoping for an extra Admiral as well, but I understood it was a long-day commitment. We had a great time, and I'll give you a summary of the day...

It takes about 3 ½ hours to drive from Indianapolis to the show. Not bad. The iHobby Expo is the largest hobby show in the world, they claim. It's primarily a chance for all the hobby manufacturers and distributors to meet in one location with hobby shop owners and industry people. On Saturday and Sunday, they open the show to the general public so that we can see the latest and greatest stuff out there for hobbies. Yes, as far as I'm concerned, if there is a Heaven, this is what it will be for me! (Makes the thought of taking a "dirt nap" someday a little more acceptable.)

At the show, you will find the latest radio control planes, boats, cars and accessories. Also, there are Model cars, model railroads, military miniatures, gaming figures like WarHammer and many, many hands-on demonstrations. One of the highlights of iHobby is the "Make and Take" area where guests (mostly kids) can go and build a free model, train box car or similar project for free and take it home to enjoy. Kudos to whoever absorbs the cost of the hundreds of free kits given away. They are definitely helping newbies learn about hobbies!

I'm interested in just about all of the hobbies that were there. But, since this is an **Admirals** newsletter, I will focus on things that would interest most of you.

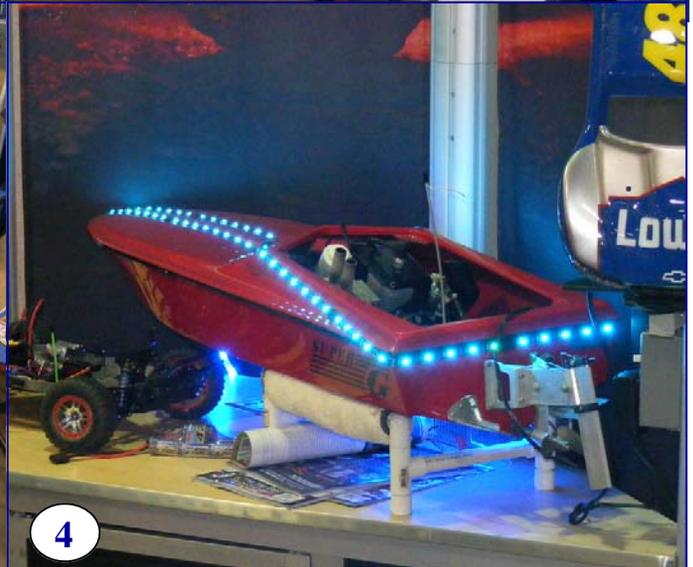
The guys from **Central R/C Hobbies** in Peoria, Illinois were there with gorgeous fiberglass boats. All of them were jumbo size and featured gas engines. (Photos #1 & #2 & #3). They said that several guys have re-fitted the hulls for electric. But, they were not able to point me towards those guys or any forums. Maybe electric conversion is wishful thinking on their part. In today's world, it certainly is possible. The paint jobs on their boats were exceptional!

There were some really bright and attention-getting LED light systems being offered by **Sunshine Systems**. They normally make LED grow lights for horticulture they told me, but they are getting into the hobby business. I really liked the lights they showed on boat models for night time running. I assume they are water-proof, but dumb me forgot to ask to be sure. (Photos #4 & #5) Their lighting systems can change color too! Not good for a scale boat, but for fast electrics or others they would be neat.

The plastic model manufacturers were there with all sorts of amazing models. There were some neat re-releases, too of models I built back in the 1970's including the Batmobile and some other great memories. Scale ships were all over. This is the U.S.S. Olympia with amazing detail done in brass and brass photo-etch. (Photo #6)

(Part 2 next month in the December Ship's Log)

iHobby Expo Photos by Scott Black.





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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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