

## INDIANAPOLIS ADMIRALS MODEL BOAT CLUB NEWSLETTER



# Ship's Log

## FROM THE BRIDGE

*Mike Yount*



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The end of an era is coming soon. Beloved long time member and newsletter editor **John Louk** is hanging up his quill and ink pad. The December newsletter will be his last. I can't remember when John took over as editor, but it's been a very long time. Over the years John has improved the newsletter to award winning standards. What started out as a typewriter document copied and mailed to members has evolved into a computer published work of art emailed to most members. I always get excited every month looking forward to the latest edition. John is not leaving the club and still wishes to continue with many of his countless other duties with the club. I can't thank John enough for his years and years of service as newsletter editor. THANK YOU John!

What does this mean for the future of the newsletter? It means the position for newsletter editor is open for this year's officer elections. If any member is interested they can volunteer. You have a couple of months to think about it. If no one volunteers by January, we'll need to decide what direction the club should take. With computers and growing social media outlets the means of communication to members is expanding. This subject can be discussed at our next meeting.

Before our next meeting is our 5th annual Admiral Fun Run. On Saturday October 5th, starting at 9:30 am, this promises to be a great time. If you think you have a great model, come out and prove it. There are three different events: Precision Steering, Predicted Log, and Straight Running. Straight running has been modified to allow for more scoring and more chances. Don't miss this opportunity to win cash and prizes for doing something you love. It's also a great time to meet fellow boat modelers from around the state and region.

Lastly, October 27th will be the season finale' of the Admirals fast electric racing series. I've been pleasantly surprised at the amount of participation throughout this summer. The points for every race have been added up and the highest points total for each class will be awarded a trophy and crowned champion. Second and third places will also receive awards, so racers and watchers alike come out and see who gets crowned champion for each class. In addition to the season points total, the outboard class will be racing for an additional trophy called the Polar Bear Cup. This cup will be awarded to the outboard with the most points on October 27. This is to restart an old tradition started by **Dee Hughey**. He always ran an outboard race late in the season called the Polar Bear.

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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
Minimono Director.....	Ray White
Competition Dir....	Dave Hampton
Newsletter.....	John Louk

See you at the pond!

*Mike*

# ADMIRALS CALENDAR

# October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Scale Regatta
6	7	8	9	10 Club Meeting	11	12 Sailing & Duck Splash
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Scale Fun Float	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Fast Elec- tric	28	29	30	31		

## Schedule of events for October 2013

Date	Day	Event	Location
Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Scale Regatta	Reflecting Pond, Carmel
Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>		iHobbyExpo	Schaumburg, Illinois
Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs	Club Meeting – Clay Township Government Center (6:30 – 9:00pm)	106th St and College Ave
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Kiwanis Duck Splash	Columbus, IN
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Tug Wilson One Meter & V-32 Series 10:30-1:00 pm	Village of West Clay
Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Scale Fun Float / Fast Electric Racing – 2:00pm	Reflecting Pond, Carmel
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Fast Electric Summer Series 12:00 pm	75 <sup>th</sup> Street & Shadeland Pond

# September Admirals Meeting

Nineteen members attended the September meeting at the government center. The safety message considered the dangers at the pond's edge when spectators' kids sit and dip their feet into the water. Not a big deal when stately scale models ply the waters but a definite danger when fast boats are running. It is everyone's responsibility to be alert and to take corrective action whenever dangerous actions are spotted. (below) **Scott Black** showed off some laser cut/etched items his dad etched on wood: a neat field box and a



charger/transmitter stand. Scott hopes to market several items of interest to modelers soon! (Below) **Mike Cline** brought four mahogany boats to sell. The two on the right in the picture went to **Bob Kaltenbach**.



**Greg Vollmer** took home Jim Snyder's massive Yamato scale kit. (Massive= >5 weekends to build.) **Doug Campbell** offered a Billings Coast Guard motor lifeboat (below) A large Mr. Darby (below, right) also made an appearance. For sale? Other subjects covered included **Mike Yount's** announcement he would seek

another term as Admirals' Commander. Your editor fully endorses Mike, a capable leader. He deserves to be re-elected to his post as Commander. **Dave McCreary** announced the club is solvent with a healthy bank balance. Also, details for the



Hoosier Outdoor Experience were finalized. Last, **Dave Hampton** reviewed details for the annual Scale Fun Run to be held October 5th.



# Hoosier Outdoor Expo

Gene Wisner & friend Anne



Many thanks go out to the crew who showed up to work... and work they did! **Dave Hampton, Kenny Kiger, Dave McCreary, Larry Dorsett, and Gene Wisner**...the mainstays of this event.



**Gene Wisner's** photos plus the shot by friend **Anne** tell the story. Counter-clockwise from the top of this page: Kenny's truck holds the Admirals banner plus keeps folks away from the

shoreline; the area is set up at 8:30AM; the first "customers" of the day; the boats got a lot of time on the water! (Below) There's a story behind this photo. Our intrepid Admirals put up a



sign saying they were taking a lunch break between 1PM and 2PM. At 1:45PM there was no line. At 1:55PM THIS is what happened! WHEW!

(Right) **Kenny Kiger** assists a brand new to model boats youngster as he intently maneuvers the RC model on the pond. (Thanks, Anne, for the great photo!)

Let's face it, scenes like this are why we do outreach with our public demonstrations. Sure we may have encouraged a new modeler some day in the future but most of all we have opened his eyes to the fact that there's a lot of creative fun to be had beyond the iPad, smartphone, etc. There's the pride of accomplishment as our model creations perform realistically and in so many ways duplicate the prototype in miniature.



# Scuttlebutt

It's been a while since we've published a bunch of mini-articles and trivia bits. Your input to the newsletter is always welcomed and our first bit of nautical trivia comes from an Air Force dude, **Dave Richey**.

## Cannon Balls!!!

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old warships. But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem. The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. This a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon. There was only one problem...how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey. But if this plate were iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass....hence, Brass Monkeys.

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey. And all this time most folks think that was just a vulgar expression!



# Scale Fun Float



The pond was in great shape for the Sept. 22nd Fun Float and Minimono races. Carmel city workers have done a great job of tackling the waterfowl messes and the water clarity with a lot of hard work! A note to all: there is a Carmel city ordinance prohibiting feeding waterfowl so if you see someone feeding ducks or geese at the pond, let them know that it's illegal and bad for the waterfowl, too.

**Bob Kaltenbach** ran his Schnellboot for the first time and showed off his retriever powered by a Minimono!

Of course, the two boys and their tugs displayed power, agility, and just plain fun!

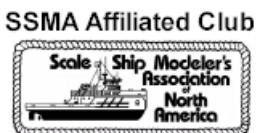
Your editor observed the first Minimono heat and saw a flawless race with no DNFs! Skill levels have improved this year!





## Indianapolis Admirals Model Boat Club

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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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