

helpful historic information about the Club, and the end result is our new Constitution and Bylaws. Thanks for your help, Frank, smooth sailing and calm winds. You will be missed.

Looking forward, we had a Regatta committee meeting to discuss plans for our 20th Regatta on September 20-21 at Union Station. We looked at things that worked well in the past and some things that we felt could be improved. We are experiencing the same cost increases as everyone else, so this year will unfortunately bring some additional expenses for Regatta participants. You are going to have to pay for parking this year, but we have been able to get participants a fee of \$5 per day, as opposed to the standard fee of \$16. While having to pay anything isn't good, at least we won't be paying anything near the standard price.

And since we are an operating RC model boat club, we are going to insist on seeing award entries actually be IN THE WATER AND OPERATING before they will be considered eligible for judging and competing for awards. You want an award - you have got to get your boat wet!

I am looking forward to a busy season of model boating, so stay busy, get your boats and ships out on the pond, and enjoy the great Midwest outdoors.

Commodore Jim

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May 5, 2008 sail at St. Ferdinand Lake 1:00-5:00PM (weather permitting) 5:00 PM Dinner at Applebee's, 2309 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033, and 7:00 PM meeting at St. Stephens Church.

Membership Dues **###Please take note of the following: ###**

The May 1st through April 30th annual dues for the St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club are \$30.00. Dues are payable anytime during the year but not after June 15th of the year. Then they are delinquent.

Dues for new members will be prorated on a per month basis based upon our beginning of May 1st dues. Please make checks (no cash) payable to "St Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club" in the amount of \$30.00. Send checks (no cash) to

Dave St. Clair
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PS If you would like to have your e-mail address included for receipt of the Broadside and other publications, please include it on a separate sheet of paper, to my attention. If you have moved since your last renewal, please note change of address, etc.

Thank you,
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St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club

Minutes for April 7, 2008

Because of pending severe weather conditions, the Commodore Jim canceled the March meeting.

Commodore Jim called the April 7th 2008 to order at 7:27 P.M. twenty six (26) members attending.

Moment of Silence

Commodore Jim called for a moment of silence, in memory of Frank Berchek. Frank was a valued, long time boat club member. He will be missed greatly.

Health Concerns/New Members

Welcome to Steve Landrum a new member of the boat club.

Secretary's report

Minutes for February as published in the newsletter and approved. With no meeting in March, no minutes were presented.

Treasurer's Report

He reports sending a check to Frank Berchek's Memorial Fund, on behalf of the boat club.

Commodore's Comments

It was observed, that beginning at 7:00 (normal time for opening the meeting) that there was considerable social interaction (bull session) occurring. After polling the flag officers it was decided to allow this to continue for a while.

The membership appeared to be enjoying this activity (having fun).

Commodore Jim decided & announced that this activity would continue, agenda permitting. Therefore the business part of the meeting will be called to order about 7:30.

Jane Rivers was complimented for her effort in keeping the "Broadsides" interesting despite the absence of meeting minutes.

All material for the updated web site shall be sent to Commodore Jim. The Union Station Regatta committee will meet immediately after the close of this meeting. It is known that participants in the regatta will be required to pay \$ 5.00 per day for parking.

Old Business

Background: At prior meeting the annual picnic was set for Sunday May 18th. At this time NO ONE has offered to organize the picnic.

At today's meeting, Ed Gant, Events Chair, told us of an invitation received from the St. Charles Antique Wooden Boat Club, to display our boats with them at the Melvin Price Lock & Dam, Saturday, May 17th, Noon to 5:00 P.M. During the discussion there was concern that the dates were so close together as cause poor attendance at both events.

Kathleen Bray made a motion seconded by Bob Chapman that the boat club cancel the picnic and attend the St. Charles antique boat show. After more discussion, Kathleen withdrew her first motion, with Bob's concurrence & presented a second motion. This motion provided for members to attend one or both events, which ever they choose. Motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

It was discovered that the club call list failed completely, in getting the word out concerning Frank Berchek's funeral arrangements. This was due in part to it being the Easter weekend Sunday. This issue must be reexamined fully.

The Frequency Scanner has been purchased & will be in the custody of the Impound Chair.

Dave St. Clair will accept membership renewals as of this meeting. He will be issuing temporary membership cards to be replaced at a later date.

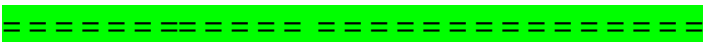
Show & Tell:

Fred Hoeffken showed his second RC model boat ever. The tug "Lackawanna". It has many working features. A very nice job Fred!

Dave St Clair showed a rowing boat he repaired for a client. The rower and the oars worked providing propulsion. Uncle Sam is the rower! Cool !!

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



St. Charles Antique Boat Show
MIDAMERICA RIVER EXPO
East Alton, IL

Saturday, May 17, 2008

9 am - 5 pm

[National Great Rivers Museum](#)

#2 Lock & Dam Way, off of IL-143

This event kicks off the upcoming summer recreation boating season with a safety celebration, hosted by the St. Louis Coast Guard Auxiliary. Activities include: food, antique boat show, Segway rides, live pelican shows, boating classes, water safety programs for kids along with an appearance by Seamoor, the water safety sea serpent. Visitors also can get a first hand look at radio controlled tugboats, submarines, ships, and sailboats.

For more information call 618-462-6979



Picnic Date – May 18, 2008

St Ferdinand, Florissant, MO

Tentative 2008 meeting dates are:

June 2, 2008	July 7, 2008	August 4, 2008	September 8 (Labor Day is on the 1st),
Regatta on September 20-21		October 6, 2008	November 3, 2008 December 1, 2008

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.



Solution to a problem:

First, the problem...

Each year, the St. Louis Admirals are invited (or requested) to attend a couple of events where the sponsors literally build a pond for us to put our boats into. At, at least one of these places, we have arranged to allow the spectator children to run our boats. The problem then is how to keep the kids from running the boats at full speed and crashing into other boats, as children are wont to do. They don't know discretion and probably couldn't care less. They press the trigger and FULL SPEED AHEAD. Look out! Here I come!

I have come up with a solution, other than to remove the boats from the water. I have figured out ways to restrict the speed of the crafts to a very slow respectable state. In some, I use the computer capabilities in the transmitter, where I can dial down the speed to zero if I want to. In the case of inexpensive transmitters, I limit the travel of the throttle trigger with restrictor plates or little blocks of wood glued into the appropriate spot.

Here is a picture of just one of those "fixes"

Dave St. Clair

MODELING THE "J. THROCKMORTON" 1939 TOWBOAT

This boat, and two identical "sister" workboats were contracted to be built in late 1938 by the U.S. Government for dredging operations. They were in the service of the U.S. Army Corp. Of Engineers. The two "sister" boats were auctioned off in the late 80's.

The J. Throckmorton pilothouse was raised 4' in the 1950s and it remained in service until around 1992, then put up for auction. During private ownership, the boat was used in logging work on the middle Mississippi until 2001, when the gearbox went out. It was sold to a stone quarry owner who intended to use the Diesel engine in one of his trucks. However, this was never done and the owner realized the age and history of the boat may be of interest and he offered it to any non-profit group that would take it.

The present owner was instrumental in procuring the boat in 2004 and is a member of Historic Sternwheeler Preservation Society, Inc., a non-profit group focused on the restoration of vessels having historical significance. He renamed the boat "Elizabeth Lea," from his wife's and mother's middle names. He hopes to have the restoration completed and the boat launched in 2009 for its' 70th birthday.

Model info: The model is 26" long with a 7-1/2" beam. It will mirror the restoration changes as much as possible.

Construction--plank on frame and fiberglass/epoxy. Plywood superstructure.

Power-- 6 volt, 4.5 amp battery

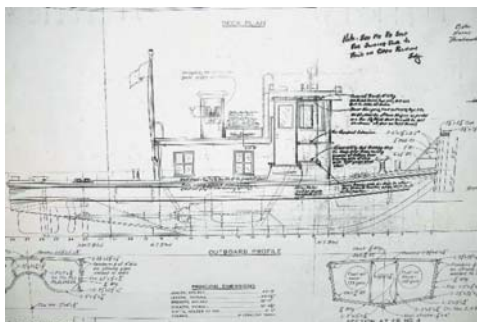
Motor-- Graupner 500 with 3:1 Planetary gearbox

Prop-- 2" dia. brass, three blade

Radio-- Futaba "Attack" 2 channel w/ rudder servo

Speed Control-- Hi-Tec ESC

Pete K.





- **St Louis Admirals 2008 Regatta**

Dates for this year's 20th Annual Regatta are September 20 and 21.



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Efforts Increase To Save Delta Queen

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HANNIBAL, Mo. (AP) -- One-hour ceremonies are planned in St. Louis; Alton, Ill.; and other Mississippi River cities in case this year's voyages of the iconic Delta Queen are its last.



The 82-year-old sternwheeler is headed for the scrap heap unless it gets another exemption from the Safety at Sea Act.

Supporters are stepping up efforts to save the passenger cruise boat.

The Queen has wooden decks, and federal law requires fireproof construction.

Critics have charged the debate is more about party and constituency politics than it is an effort to keep passengers safe. They claim Democrats are getting back at the boat's owners for not hiring union workers.

The Hannibal Convention and Visitors Bureau says a mothballing of the Queen would "be a loss historically."


Information from the Hannibal Courier-Post, <http://www.hannibal.net/>

Last month Broadside had an interesting article on how to make flags. I made my Japanese "brag line" flags using flags that I located on the Internet. Just grab the image and copy it onto your desktop. You can then copy that into a Word blank page where it can be further copied, flipped and then printed on an Ink Jet printer using regular paper. I then sprayed the printed flags using a flat varnish or flat Krylon, being careful not to get the flags too wet, lest the ink run on the page, bleeding the colors. Once dry, I cut them out and applied them to elastic thread (from Michael's). Instant flags of just about anything you can find.

Jim Schwinkendorf
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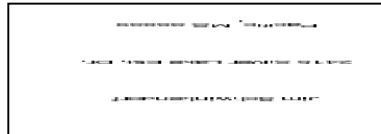


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← Fred Hoeffken's "Lackawanna".



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