



**The St. Louis Admirals R/C  
Model Boat Club**  
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**NOTICE:**

**The next meeting will be held on July 7, 2008 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church,  
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

**NOW HEAR THIS**

**FROM THE BRIDGE**



At our latest Boat Club meeting, we had a great presentation given by Kurt Van Dahm on airbrush techniques. First, thanks, Kurt, for taking the time and making the effort

to come down here from Chicago to give us your excellent presentation. I have been airbrushing models for about 40 years, and I learned some things that have come to pass over the years that I have not kept up on. Like acrylic paints. So it was both a refresher and an introduction to some new skills that I will be working on.....

This brings me to the topic at hand – skills. Whether we really think about it or not, we have acquired many skills in the pursuit of our model boating hobby. Sometimes it is how to properly use and apply paint, what type of glues to use that will give the best results, and what is the correct way to wire things up inside the hull to make our latest model realistically sail across (or under) the water.

Some of us have acquired the skills of pouring through history to search out photos and plans of

long gone boats. Some of us can draw plans to be used to construct a new craft. Some of us have computer skills, allowing us to research, draw, correspond, and perform many things that would have been impossible just a few years ago.

When you stop to think about it, each of us has some unique skills that we use to build and run our models. In playing the role of captain of my sub, I have found it most useful to try to set my mind up so as to always be on the bridge, and run the boat accordingly. I run into fewer things that way, and it makes little difference if the actual boat is coming toward me or going away. As long as I am on the bridge (in miniature fashion), I can pretty well see the world as the captain would see it and make appropriate changes in speed and direction.

A blessing of belonging to a club is the ability to tap into the numerous skills of the other members. I plan to try to make time at meetings and meets so that we can better share our skills. Then each of us can become more knowledgeable and have even more fun with our hobby. Happy sailing.

Commodore Jim

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**July 7, 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.

**July 19, 2008** sail at St. Ferdinand Lake 2:00-4:00PM (weather permitting)

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

Dues for new members will be prorated on a per month basis based upon our beginning of May 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
4623 Dulin Creek Road  
House Springs, MO 63051

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, Dave St. Clair

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## **St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club**

Minutes for June 2, 2008

The June 2, 2008 was called to order by Commodore Jim at 7:12 P.M, twenty-one (21) members attending.

### **Secretary's report**

Minutes for May as published in the newsletter and approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** Report approved.

### **Health Concerns/New Members**

Don Taschner appears to be doing well with his treatments. He acknowledges that after a treatment he feels very tired and listless.

### **Commodore's Comments**

Today was a very good day for running boats. The weather was sunny and the temperature was pleasant with spotty wind.

### **Old Business**

The Kathleen Bray, Union Station Regatta committee chair asked for help with the Regatta chores. There are ten (10) rooms set aside for Regatta participants at the Drury Inn. Pre registration forms are out to hobby shops. The Regatta has an added sponsor. It is "Glidescope Hobby Shop". Kurt Van Dam will do a write up of the Regatta for our Ships In Scale sponsor. He asked that quality digital photos be taken of the event and sent to him. So that he can put it all together. Parts for the 08 awards are on hand and insurance has been applied for.

Ed Gant events chair was absent this evening. Reports were given by members, in his stead. The Great Rivers Museum was successful with eleven (11) members present, showing thirty (30) boats.

The annual picnic did not fare well. The weather was terrible, with only 7 or 8 members present. Running boats was very difficult because of the weather.

In the area of potential events, we have been invited to attend a one-day show, on June 21, 2008. This event is to be held at the Marina at Alton, Illinois. Because of the late date and other activities, the issue was considered by the membership and voted down.

Time to start thinking about the Grafton show June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. This is about the fourth year of our attendance. We have a history of putting on a good show, let's do it again

Dave St. Clair reports that the membership renewals are going well. He also indicated that all of June would be a grace period for renewals. He also said that he would have some business cards printed up with his name and phone number, to give to interested people at our shows.

Dave also announced in response to a question on our web page that the St. Louis "Thunder Boaters", a fast, gas powered boat club, are alive and well.

### **Raffle**

The Mark Twain raffle took place with Luther Disher and Kurt Van Dahm initial winners. Kurt put his prize up for a redraw, making Alden Clark the winner.

A break was taken from 7:53 to 8:05.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Kurt Van Dam began his Power Point presentation on the subject of "Air Brushing Fundamentals". It is certain that air brush memories were renewed and information gaps filled. Kurt also provided handouts of his talk.

At the conclusion of his airbrush talk, Kurt asked if the members would like to see photos of some of the models shown at the 08 version of the annual Manitowoc Museum show. These photos were interesting to see because they displayed a remarkable amount of craftsmanship and knowledge of the project entered. Hopefully, some of the boat club members will be encouraged to enter the 09 show.

Kurt also announced that the 2008 convention of the Nautical Research Guild will be held in Chattanooga, TN. Contact Kurt at 1-630-968-3189 or [Kurt@modelshipyard.com](mailto:Kurt@modelshipyard.com).

Kurt, thank you very much for an excellent presentation on both counts. It was most enjoyable.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

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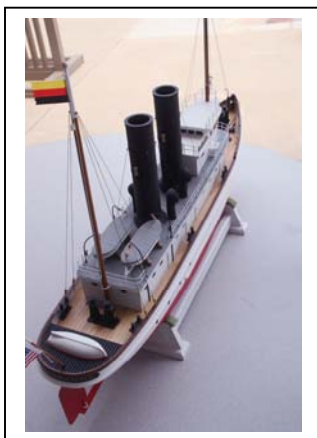
### **Tentative 2008 meeting dates are:**

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.

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Great River Museum  
Event – Alton, IL  
Photos by  
Steve Landrum  
May 17, 2008





- **St Louis Admirals 2008 Regatta**

Dates for this year's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta are September 20 and 21.

From Kathleen Bray

Block of Rooms (10) at Drury Inn, 201 S 20<sup>th</sup> St, St Louis, MO 63103

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Non-Smoking – Double Deluxe \$149.00



**FROM Ellen O'Dell**

Members please bring your checkbooks to this meeting. As you are all aware Tom's first thoughts and hopes were for the club. I would appreciate your auctioning of Tom's books, blue prints, one large half hull, some small pictures, large black and white pictures and a couple of past plaques, all proceeds to go to the Admirals club treasury.

Editor's comments – lets make this a great success!!!

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ST. LOUIS ADMIRALS  
**R/C Model Boat Club**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta**

*Union Station in St. Louis, MO*

**September 20 – 21, 2008**



**IN MEMORIUM**  
**Past Commodore**  
**Cap'n Shanghai**  
**Tom O'Dell**  
**January 15, 2008**

The St. Louis Admirals are proud to announce their 20th Annual Regatta at St. Louis Union Station Lake. This event is open to the public and anyone interested in model boating at no charge. The only cost is to enter a boat in competition at the show. As usual, we are inviting electric and sail (sorry, no gas powered boats or steam boats due to Union Station regulations) to join in the fun. We will have trophies to be awarded in 9 classes plus Best of Show, Skippers Choice, and the Union Station Award. **Each boat must qualify as a fully operational R/C Model as determined by club officials.**

Please be sure your correct frequency is marked on your transmitter and that you have attached a nametag with phone number. Boats that won 1<sup>st</sup> place in their class, Best of Show or Skippers choice last year cannot be judged this year. The awards are for amateur builders, not professional builders. All such decisions will be made by Club Officials.

Registration starts at 0800 hours (8:00 a.m.), until noon Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The fun will begin at 10:00 a.m. lasts all day and evening until 2200 hours or (10:00 p.m.) Sunday, September 21<sup>th</sup> starts at 0900 hours (9:00 a.m., or start earlier if you like) until 1300 hours (1:00 p.m.) Awards will be presented at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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PERSONS IN CHARGE OF REGATTA

Jim Schwinkendorf, Commodore      jасhwink@aol.com      Dave St. Clair, Vice-Commodore      636-671-5353  
Kathleen Bray, Registration      314-837-7603

For more detailed information on the Regatta or lodging, call or e-mail Kathleen Bray at 314-837-7603 or [kdlt@yahoo.com](mailto:kdlt@yahoo.com)  
**PLEASE NOTE: Hwy 40 is closed between I-170 and Ballas Rd., along with additional construction to the east. Please take this into consideration when making arrangements to attend the event!!!**

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**First, second and third place trophies** will be presented in each of the nine classes.

**Ships in Scale Best of Show Award** will be chosen by a select group of judges.

**Skippers Choice Award** will be selected by all who have entered a boat.

**Union Station Award** will be chosen by the Union Station Marketing Staff.

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Copy this form and **use one for each boat entered**. Your club name: \_\_\_\_\_

## 20<sup>th</sup> REGATTA REGISTRATION FORM – Fill out one form for each boat!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Vessels

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Boats

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Pleasure

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name & Description \_\_\_\_\_

### CLASS (check one)

- Sail Boats
- Commercial
- Tug Boats
- River Work
- Mil & Gov.
- Submarines
- Runabouts,
- Miniature Boats
- Scratch Built
- RTR/Not Judged

Radio Frequency

Return form & check to: Kathleen Bray, 1760 Arundel Drive, Florissant, MO 63033

Make check payable to: St. Louis Admirals Model Boat Club

Pre-registration Fees: \$15 one boat. Two boats \$25. Each additional boat – FREE!

Day of Event Registration: \$15 one boat. Two boats \$30. Each additional boat – FREE!

Be sure all of your boats are finished and in good running order!

**For safety reasons transmitters will be impounded!**

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### YOUR MODEL BOAT WILL FALL INTO ONE OF THESE CLASSES

#### **SAIL BOATS**

Includes all boats powered by wind. They may also have Auxiliary motors.

#### OCEAN GOING COMMERCIAL VESSELS

Types include cruise ships, ocean liners, freighters, cargo ships, tankers, trawlers/fishing and research vessels

#### **TUG BOATS**

Types include all tugs.

#### **COMMERCIAL RIVER WORK BOATS**

Types include towboats with or w/o barges, powered gambling boats, ferries, all types of paddle wheels and other working river craft.

#### **RUNABOUTS & PLEASURE BOATS**

Types include all racing and speed boats, fast electrics, mahogany runabouts, cabin cruisers, pontoon boats, house boats, sport fishing boats and personal watercraft. No gas powered boats.

#### **MILITARY & GOVERNMENT**

Types include Navy, Coast Guard, Marine, Army, Army Corps of Engineers, landing craft, police, fireboats, buoy tenders patrol and rescue craft of any nation.

#### **SUBMARINES (Nuclear and Non-Nuclear)**

Any type, size or country.

#### **MINIATURE BOATS**

Any type of R/C model boat that is no more than 16" in overall length OR no more than 3" at maximum beam. \*Your boat may exceed one but not both dimensions and still enter this class. \*Sidewheelers will be measured across the hull, not the paddle boxes. Outriggers, catamarans and trimarans will have all hull and outrigger hull dimensions added together for a total hull measurement not to exceed 3".

#### **SCRATCH BUILT**

Any type or size of boat allowed. Builder can bring plans and/or other documentation to aid the judges. The hull, deck and superstructure must be scratch built.

#### **READY TO RUN / ARFs (Not Judged)**

Types include all crafts bought ready to run.

**Judging Rules:** Peer judging applies. All entries and judging shall be reviewed by a committee.



Picnic 2008 – St Ferdinand Park, Florissant, MO  
 Photos by Jim Schwinkendorf



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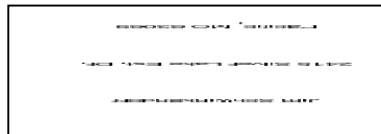
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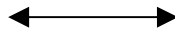




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Great River Museum, Alton, IL  
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