



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2008 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS



FROM THE BRIDGE

Well, as I write this, it is less than a week before the Regatta. In my usual state of procrastination, I am very busy putting a fresh coat of paint on my big sub, *Silversides*. Of

course, I have only had most of the summer to get this project done, but no, I have to wait until the last minute to get motivated. But maybe, that's why we have such things as a Regatta.

Each of us must set our own goals to get things accomplished. An event outside of our control, such as the Regatta, gives us the impetus to get some positive things accomplished. I hope you are moving forward to get your boat or boats ready to run. The general public knows little about the technical aspects and the effort each of us puts forth to make a great looking and great running boat.

Looking at the weather forecast for the Regatta weekend, at this point it looks pretty good. Certainly a lot better than having the remnants of a hurricane thunder across overhead. Out here in Pacific, I measured nearly five inches of rain in just

over four hours on Sunday morning. It's a good thing my house sits on the high ground in Pacific, as the Meramec River can make the lower lying homes look like a submarine diving in short order.

As most of you know, I love to read, especially about naval history and WW II in particular. Passing former hurricane Ike reminded me of reading about one of our greatest Admirals, William "Bull" Halsey. Two books, *Halsey's Typhoon* and *Sea Cobra* are both excellent accounts of how Admiral Halsey managed to get his fleet into the middle of a typhoon, and not just once, but twice. I recommend those books as pleasurable reading, especially when the next rendition of a former hurricane heads over St. Louis.

But back to the Regatta and our Club. As host for the Regatta, we should not only look forward to a good time for ourselves, but also involve ourselves in making this a successful event. And, come to think of it, not just the Regatta. Active participation in attending meetings and running boats, when possible, makes for a strong and fun Club. If we just sit back and let someone else do all of the heavy lifting, we are not going to feel the pride of accomplishment. When we work together, we can

get a lot of things done and have a lot of fun doing them.

Commodore Jim

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October 6, 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: ###**

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

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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, Dave St. Clair

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Minutes for September 8, 2008

The September 2008 was called to order by, by the Commodore Jim, 7:17 P.M, twenty-one (21) members attending.

Secretary's report

Minutes for August as published in the newsletter are approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer report was given.

Health Concerns / New Members

Don Taschner has had his final chemo treatment and is awaiting results from the lab. He says he is feeling pretty well, but after a treatment he feels very tired. He hopes to be at the Regatta. Larry Hall is recovering broken clavicle,

New member CRAIG JONES was welcomed to the boat club. He's got talent; see Show and Tell.

Commodore's Comments

Part of the November meeting will be a swap meet. Coast pre table will be \$ 5.00. Tables may be shared.

Commodore Jim received an invitation from the National Park service via Richard Schaumburg to run models on the pool(s) at the Gateway Arch grounds. Accessibility is difficult and due to the Regatta September is very busy. The membership declined.

The University City picnic will be held September 14th from 3:P.M. until 7: P.M. at Lewis park for those interested in attending.

Jim and Pete Kubatzky traveled to the Town and Country mall to check on the site. They reported that the lake is finished and very nice. Access to the water is difficult due to the sloping rock riprap.

Finally the Indianapolis Admirals Boat Club will be hosting a Regatta on October 25th, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. until.....? It is a great site, with three and one half feet of CLEAR water, the area of a football field and easy access. Contact www.indyadmirals.org and click on calendar for more info.

Break:

A brief break was taken at 8:05 the program resumed at 8:20.

Old Business

Union Station Regatta committee announced that parking this year will be \$ 5.00 per day per car. Union Station has discontinued free parking starting in 2008.

Phil Danielson will again provide a REAL boat for setting and retrieving on the water equipment.

Jane Rivers again appealed to the membership for MORE articles for the newsletter.

New Business:

Ed Gant, Events Chair, announced that the Paducah show would be very much the same as in 2007. Show dates will be September 26th and 27th, 2008. Those of you planning to go should advise Ed of your intentions as soon as possible.

For the next meeting, October 6th, bring your favorite glue. Be prepared to tell us how it works, why it works and why you like it so much.

The Christmas Party was set for December 1st, 2008. Jane Rivers has agreed to coordinate. The party will be similar to the 2007 party. Cost \$ 5.00 per person, every one should bring a desert to share. "Bandana's will prepare the bar-b-q. Jane would appreciate some volunteer help,

Show and Tell:

Pete Kubatzky brought in photos and work in progress model of a REAL tow boat that had been abandoned in the Cincinnati area and is now being restored in real life and in R/C form. The owner is doing a great job and so is Pete.

Our new member, Craig Jones brought in the fiberglass hull of a towboat that he made from scratch!! He told us he made a plug of rigid plastic foam to the shape he needed. He then overlaid it with fiberglass cloth and polyester resin. After it hardened he hogged out the foam, reinforced the shell with wood as needed. There you have it a fiberglass hull built to suit your needs. Boy, this guy is going to be an asset to the boat club.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Tentative 2008 meeting dates are: November 3, 2008 December 1, 2008

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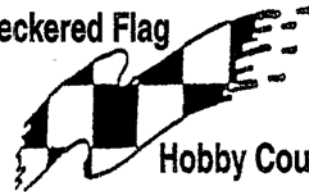
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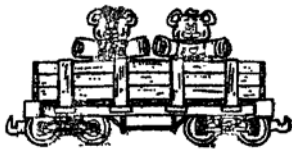


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Something New!

Fred (Hoeffken) and I are about to embark on a new project. We have both chosen to build the same model of boat. I am not sure what details he plans to use but I have a new idea for mine.

But before I can tell you about how my boat is going to work, I need to tell you something about airplanes. The normal airplane has four major parts, which are the fuselage (main body), the wings (with ailerons and flaps) to hold everything up in the sky, the vertical fin (and rudder), and finally the horizontal stabilizer (with elevators). The ailerons control “roll”, which people often call banking. The rudder controls “yaw”, which is actually the direction of the airplanes’ path. And finally, the elevators control “pitch”, which makes the airplane point upward or downward to ascend or descend.

A few airplanes combine certain control surfaces. For example, the rudder and elevators can be combined into what is known as a “V-tail”. When the surfaces move together in the same direction, they control “yaw”.

However, when they move in opposite directions, they control “pitch”. By moving them at the same time, but in different amounts, they can control the airplane in radical ways.

Another example is to combine the ailerons and flaps together. Then they are called “flaperons”. The flaps usually only move downward to give the wings more “lift”. And recall, the ailerons control “roll”. Using them both together makes them more effective.

Now, let’s apply all this to a boat. In this case, we need a boat with two propellers. As you may know, by reversing one propeller and keeping the other one forward, we can make the boat turn, or at least help it in the turns. Usually, both are moving in the same direction to cause the boat to move forward. But if we change the speed of only one propeller, it will cause the boat to turn in the direction of the propeller going the fastest. The other one is actually causing braking action on one side of the boat.

So, let’s take this one step further and use the whole idea on a boat with side paddle wheels. Apply what we said in the previous paragraph and see what I mean.

Ok, so how do we make this happen? It is so easy, you might laugh. One way is to buy a certain radio that has a little switch on the front and all you need do is to turn it “on”. Another way is to buy a computerized radio. They almost always have this function available in the programming. Lastly, for those who don’t want to buy another special whole radio, you can buy this little gizmo that plugs into any radio and you have two functions combined into one control stick.

The last thing you need is to know how to plug your separate speed controls for each propeller (or paddle wheel) into you radio. But we can talk about that in another article.

Dave



Trophy Assembly

Dave St Clair’s basement – Dave St Clair, Tom Eckert, Norm Kalaskie and Ray Sepanski and Jim Schwinkendorf (photographer and worker)

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