



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on January 5, 2009 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS



FROM THE BRIDGE

Since my last message to you, our Club has had the misfortune of learning that our Secretary, Ray Sepanski, had a stroke. The good news is that Ray is out of the hospital and is

now at home. I talked with him this morning (December 15), and he is in good spirits. My call found him in the basement. Effects of the stroke were fortunately minor, and time will aid his continuing recovery. It's good to know he will be at home for the holidays. All of our members wish him well.

Today has dawned COLD. Last evening we had bouts of freezing rain, sleet, and snow telling us all that winter is upon us. Every time that I venture down to my basement, I look at my big sub and think about the great sailing days that I have had this past year. In my segment of our boating hobby, every day when the numbers of dives has equaled the number of surfaces is a good day. I did have a close call when I didn't double check the pressure hull, but I was able to get the boat back to shore before it slipped beneath the waves when it wasn't

supposed to. For all of you who model only surface vessels, I can only hope that you avoid this kind of excitement!

So we are rapidly approaching Christmas and a New Year. I hope that all of you have a great holiday season. Since I model warships, it may seem that the Christmas season of wishing good for your fellow man is somewhat out of sync with warships. But that isn't necessarily the case, because the whole purpose of having warships is to protect the liberties in America that permit all of us to be able to do just that – wishing peace for our fellow man.

A great old submarine movie is *Destination Tokyo* with Cary Grant and a list of many familiar supporting actors. In one scene, two crewmates are discussing their beliefs, when into the quarters comes a group of other crewmembers singing Christmas carols, complete with one member playing an accordion. They shift into loud voice and exit, entering into one of the loud engine rooms. I haven't found many such movies that have this special Christmas theme. Maybe I am just a soft touch for such things, but this a good time of year to reflect upon wishing that there could be a lot more peace in the world.....

Here's wishing all Admiral members, their families,
and all model boaters a pleasant and peaceful
holiday season.

Commodore Jim

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January 5, 2009 sail at St. Ferdinand Lake 1:00-5:00PM (weather permitting) and 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

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, Dave St. Clair

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St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club
Minutes for December 1, 2008

Commodore Jim opened the meeting at 7:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recent news was that our Secretary, Ray Sepanski, had suffered a stroke on November 29 and was in the hospital. Early indications were that the stroke had been relatively mild, but that Ray would be in the hospital for rehab. All the members wished him a speedy recovery.

We then moved forward with our Christmas Social, with a fine dinner organized by Jane Rivers. The club wives, who were present, assisted in helping pass out the fine food from Bandana's. There were also plenty of delicious deserts to add calories.

Santa paid us a quick visit and passed out a candy cane to each of us. The Club expressed thanks to Paul Kirby for making Santa possible.

Following the dinner and Santa, nomination of officers for 2009 was closed and the Club elected the following:
Jim Schwinkendorf – Commodore
Dave St. Clair – Vice Commodore
Ray Sepanski – Secretary
George Kirby – Treasurer

The Club held its regular monthly raffle for \$10 Mark Twain Hobbies cards, winners: Bob Olson and Fred Hoeffken. In addition two special raffle awards of \$25 each were won, winners: John Ziemer and Alma Hull.

Presentation of Club awards followed. These awards were given to those folks who made significant contributions to the Club. Winners were:

Mariners Award

Jane Rivers
Kathleen Bray
Todd Bray

Master Model Shipwright

Fred Hoeffken
Dave St. Clair

Commodore's Award

Ed Gant

Commodore Jim asked the Club if the members wanted to schedule a picnic for 2009. Following discussion, it was agreed that we would plan for a picnic, with date to be determined. It was suggested that the picnic be held at past Commodore Tom O'Dell's home. Jane Rivers will be in contact with Mrs. O'Dell to work out details, reporting back after the holidays.

Commodore Jim advised that the website had been updated with many photos from our 2008 Regatta at Union Station. Several other messages from the website were discussed.

Following a report of the general status of funds in our Club treasury, a motion was passed for the Club to donate \$300 to St. Stephen's food pantry.

Future Club meeting dates are January 5, February 2, and March 2. Commodore Jim emphasized that winter meetings would not be held if the weather and road conditions were too bad.

The Holiday Social adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Members at the annual
Christmas Party –
A good time had by all!



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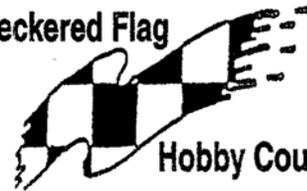
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January 5, 2009	February 2, 2009	March 3, 2009	April 6, 2009
May 4, 2009	June 1, 2009	July 6, 2009	August 3, 2009
September 8? Or 14, 2009	October 5, 2009	November 2, 2009	December 7, 2009
September 19 and 20, 2009 Regatta			

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

Master Model Shipwright



Dave St. Clair



Fred Hoeffken

Mariners Award



Jane Rivers



Kathleen Bray and Todd Bray

About that “Myrtle Cory”

One day at the hobby shop, I spied a boat kit on the shelf. It didn't look like much but as the days went by I found myself being drawn to it. Besides all that, I didn't have a project to work on and I was just going nuts! So, I bought it and brought it home with me.

The kit was of an old river boat, steam driven, paddlewheel on the stern. It was boxey and rather plain . As the days went by and the thing began to take shape, I got more interested in it. The kit was very easy to build. There were no curves or fancy fixin's. Most of the construction was plastic with a mahogany veneer, which I treated to a weathering effect, so it looked all washed out. It had an internal steam boiler made of plastic, which went together quite well.

In the mean time, I had decided to have “smoke”. This meant that I had to figure out how to get the smoke from the smoke generator to the two tall smoke stacks sticking up into the sky. Eventually, this meant digging into the boiler and rearranging the plastic a little to make a passage from point “A” to point “B”. The whole roof comes off so you can get into the deck where the boiler and motor are located. This was necessary because I had not been able to obtain a motor for that model from the kit manufacturer, (Dumas). And they were giving me the runaround about when it would be shipped. (I waited about four weeks and never did get it from them.) Eventually I gave up and the hobby shop owner decided to get some material from a new distributor. So, I asked if they might have my motor. Guess what! They did! So I bought two, just in case. Also, in the mean time, I went to a local electronics supply house and they just happened to have a dozen of the very type of motor I would need for such projects. This motor was special because it had a 65:1 gear ratio. At 12 volts applied, it turned at a very slow but powerful rate. The substitute wasn't an exact replacement but it would do nicely. Besides that, it was \$40 cheaper than the ones from Dumas! So, now I have several in case anyone else needs one.

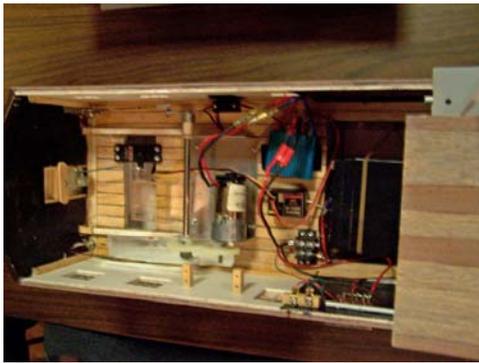
The radio installation was standard so there isn't much to tell about that. The same goes for the battery and speed control. Because this boat had all the cargo space and engine on the main deck, that left the second story for pilot house and cabin area, living quarters, etc.. I also made the upper story roof removable. I installed some furniture and wired in some LEDs to make the place more homey. Since it was the late 1800s era, I kept the motif appropriate. I used a couple of “oil lanterns” to light the rooms. The overall effect was quite pleasing. I have not had it in the water (except for the bath tub) yet, but that is another story anyway.

My next project will be another “Lackawanna” from Dumas.

More later.

Dave





“Myrtle Cory”
by Dave St. Clair





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