



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2011 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



The holidays are now all behind us for the better part of the year. Today I was reintroduced to my snow blower, reminding me that a session of imminent sailing is not in the cards, unless my

sailing event occurs UNDER the ice. So if I am to consider doing something with model boats, this would be a good time to get busy getting a boat ready to sail when the weather again gets warm.

Last fall ended on a high note (or in my case, perhaps an underwater note), as the SS 236 was readily diving beneath the waves, under control and with reasonable trim. For one who models submarines, it was a great way to end the season. Although I have contemplated undertaking a new boat building project, I have decided to improve my existing boat and perhaps add some new electronic devices. I think a great addition would be to have a diving alarm sound just before I have the boat slide beneath the waves. Aooooogh! Aooooogh!

I think I will also add a device to equalize the pressure inside the water tight compartment. When I dive a number of times, a vacuum is created, and a fail safe won't let me dive in this condition. But I

know that the boat has not taken on water – it's just lost some of its internal pressure. A simple valve should give me the flexibility to correct this situation. Of course, it will also provide me with the opportunity to sink the boat rather permanently if I'm wrong about a water leak.

So you don't have a submarine, and you ask, "What does all of this mean to me?" The point is that you don't have to start on a new boat project this winter if you don't want to. After all, this is your hobby and it is up to you how to have some fun. Just working on one of your older boats will keep your interest through the cold winter months, and by spring your old boat will have some new functions, new features, or a new paint job. Or you'll correct that slight starboard list that it's had since you first built it. Or maybe you just bought an RTR that needs "something" to improve its operation or looks.

With winter going on in St. Louis, it's just a good time to check things out on the workbench or plan and tinker with some modification. Having a hobby is a good thing. It keeps our minds and hands active. And it can be fun. So get 2011 underway and give us something to talk about at a future Boat Club meeting. Many times we can all learn something from a member's project, and then

it can be a lot of fun for the whole Club. And you'll have something to talk about and keep me off of submarine topics. But don't count on it. Christmas brought me a whole bunch of fresh reading material on my favorite interest..... Aoooogah! Aoooogah!

Commodore Jim

5:00 PM Dinner at Applebee's, 2309 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033, and 7:00 PM meeting at St. Stephens Church



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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

Tom Eckert
10121 Pinehurst
Overland, MO 63114-1527

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, Tom Eckert

Tentative 2011 meeting
dates are:

March 7, 2011

April 4, 2011

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

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Minutes for January, 3, 2011

Opening

January 3, 2011, meeting was called to order by Commodore Jim at 7:20 P.M. twenty (20) members attending. The members were lead in the "The Pledge of Allegiance by Commodore Jim.

Correct minutes for December to read The Toy Show will take place **Sunday, February 6, 2011, starting at 9:00 AM.** Otherwise minutes were approved as written and published in the "Broadsides"

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported was given.

Committee Reports

It was reconfirmed that the Toy Show will take place starting at 9:00 A.M. February 6, 2011. Please be on hand to support the boat club.

Regatta Report: Tom Eckert and Commodore Jim will arrange a meeting with the Boathouse people to resolve a number of issues about the possibility of having the Regatta in Forest Park.

Old Business:

Contact Ray Sepanski at 618-656-3428, if you need help getting machine-embroidered shirts.

Raffle

Many thanks to Mark Twain Hobby Shop for their raffle tickets and continued support of the boat club.

The January winners were John Ziemer and Jeff Manning - congratulations.

New Business:

A motion was made by John Ziemer, seconded by Paul Kirby that the SSMA Membership for the club officers be paid for by the boat club at the officers' option. The motion passed unanimously.

SSMA membership dues are now due, re-up time for 2011. Any Questions? Contact: Ken Griffin at 412 W. Gard Dr., Crown Point, IN 46307 or kegriffin@sbcglobal.net.

Commodore Jim addressed the issue of poor driving conditions. Simply put: ***if you feel that driving conditions are too hazardous, please stay home!!!!***

The remainder of the boat club will most probably stay home too. We need for everyone to stay **ALIVE.**

Two boat runs penciled in at the boathouse in 2011; they will be in May and October. More details after meeting with the boathouse people.

Please note that "Hobby Station" has modified its hours of operation. They will be open until **5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday.** Nothing was said about Saturday or Sunday.

Dave St Clair is offering a high intensity class in electronics. This will be a small class, meeting weekly at a site of his choosing. Class size will be limited. Interested individuals should contact Dave directly at 636-671-8316.

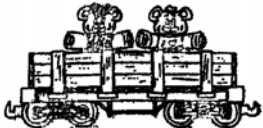
Adjournment

The meeting closed at 9:25 P.M. Those choosing to participate in the Swap Meet were free to do so.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2011.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Sepanski, Secretary

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From Kendall Waller

I have attached a couple of pictures of my version of the Darby which I named after my son. It is nearly done with only a couple of railings to be added. The one picture is my attempt to photograph the lights, which was limited by using a phone camera. All lights work. Running lights, searchlights, deck lights are all on different circuits and may be configured for how the ship is running. Both radar work and move and are counter rotating. It has two smoke units wired to work in conjunction with the throttles. I modified the Futaba transmitter to have ratcheted controls on left and right for the two motors. The rudder and bow thruster are on the horizontal sticks. Deck lights are on channel five.

Can't wait to see it on the ice – oops I mean water.



Last sailing date of the season.
November 1, 2010 Sailing at St Ferdinand Park, Florissant, MO
Pictures by Mike Alligood





Hope to see you at the Toy Show

Sunday, February 6, 2011, starting at 9:00 AM., Westport Plaza, St Louis, MO



Please don't let your boats look like this – get ready for the running this Spring.

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