



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on January 3, 2011 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



With the holidays rapidly approaching, a calm has slipped over the waterways. Many of the pleasure craft are quietly resting in the marinas in the warmer climes, perhaps with the owners contemplating a cozy Christmas and New

Year's Day on board, complete with planned feasts and celebrations.

Along the waterfront, many of the tugs and tow boats are quietly bumping against their piers, with the lines properly secured and the crews generally off the boats and at home to enjoy some time with their families, away from the rigors of normal work days. Even those boats out still attending to some shipping chores have taken on a more festive atmosphere, with the red, green and white running lights adding to the holiday atmosphere.

Over at the Navy facilities, the big ships rest at anchor and the smaller vessels are alongside their piers. For those remaining on board there is again a holiday feeling, greatly enhanced by the cooks and bakers who have planned a special Christmas dinner for the crew. Special food on the menu reminds all that this is holiday time. The smells of the food being prepared find their way throughout

the entire ships and boats. The people on watch are looking forward to the cuisine soon to be enjoyed, along with a special jovial mood of all personnel. The crew seems to especially enjoy each other's company – the conversations are livelier, the jokes seem funnier, and the complaining has disappeared.

This is the time of year when we all wish that there would indeed be "peace on earth." It just seems like the year end celebrations bring out the best in everyone and everything. So it is in the real world of ships and life on the waters, and so it should be for those of us who get our enjoyment from building and sailing model boats and ships. While there always seems to be wild activity in getting ready for the holidays, remember to take some time for a few moments of quiet time to enjoy this season. Think a little about activities when the weather again gets warmer. Do some quiet planning on that next boat project or a refit job during this winter.

The holiday season is indeed a blessing for each of us, so let's not waste it. Enjoy it to the fullest! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of the Admirals and to all others who share an interest in boating.

Commodore Jim



Jim presenting award to Dave



Jim receiving award from Dave



Dave and his bookends



Christmas Party - good friends, good food – enjoyed by all



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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:

February 7, 2011

March 7, 2011

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club

Minutes for December 6, 2010

December 6, 2010 meeting was called to order by, the Commodore Jim, at 7:30 P.M. eighteen (18) members attending. As this was the date of the boat club's annual Christmas party, a number of gusts where also on hand. The members and guests where led in the "The Pledge of Allegiance" and moment of memorial silence for those no longer with us, by Commodore Jim. In addition "Grace before Meals" was led by Alma Hull

Dinner:

A delightful dinner catered by "Bandanas" organized by Jane Rivers-Chapman and served with the generous help of the ladies of the boat club.

Minutes

Minutes for December where approved as written and published in the "Broadside".

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer reported was given. In keeping with long tradition, Norman Kalaskie moved that the boat club donate \$ 200.00 to the "Food Pantry. The motion was seconded by Phil Frisch and passed unanimously.

Special Visitor:

About the time desert was being served an unexpected visitor arrived in the form of Santa Claus. He brought a generous supply of candy canes for all the good girls and boys. Perhaps not all of the boys were as good as they might have been. Santa was not too picky about the recipients. Many thanks to Santa, and his able assistant Paul Kirby for the visit.

Special Awards:

Dave St Clair took over for a moment to make a very special award to our Commodore, Jim Schwinkendorf. This award was given to Commodore Jim for his unstinting service to the boat club. It would take much more than words can say for all of Jim's tireless hard work, effort and patience expended to make the boat club the success that it is. The award was signed by the membership and staff of the boat club. Thank you very much Jim.

Now it was time for Commodore Jim to resume his normal place and to also present an award. This award was given to Dave St Clair. The award was the Commodore's Award, for 2010. Dave has been an asset to each and every one of us in many ways. He excels as a teacher, is a model builder beyond compare.

He helps us in many ways to understand what makes a boat club and a boat go. We hope he will be with us for a long time to come. Along with the usual plaque, Dave received a set of marble bookends with boat club logo plates attached. Congratulations and thank you on receiving this much deserved award.

Old Business:

In keeping with the by-laws, Commodore Jim announced that the nominations for 2011 club officers are now closed. He then asked for nominations from the floor, and the membership voted by acclimation to the reelection of the current set of officers. This was done at the speed of express train. Did someone say railroad???

The officers for 2011 will be Jim Schwinkendorf - Commodore, Dave St Clair - Vice-Commodore, George Kirby - Treasurer, and Ray Sepanski - Secretary. Good luck gentlemen.

A reminder, we will do a static boat display Sunday, February 12th, from 9:00 A.M. at West Port Plaza. BYOB, bring your own boat, or at least one to show.

Raffle

The December Mark Twain raffle winners were Dee St Clair, Jane Rivers, Mike Alligood and Chris Kunz. Congratulations to all.

New Business

Ray Sepanski announced a new source for embroidered boat club logo patches. Samples were shown at the December meeting. The new supplier is Susan Scobbie at S and K Embroidery Creations, 332 Jo Lee Lane, Glen Carbon. IL 62034. Her phone number is 618-288-4984. She can be reached during normal business hours. The cost if you provide the shirt is \$ 15.00 for each.

You may also buy shirts from Susan's stock at added cost. You may choose to provide Ray at the next meeting with a shirt that Susan will complete before the following monthly meeting, when Ray will return it to you.

Tom Eckert, chairman, of the newly established 2011 regatta committee provided a preliminary overview of the committee's beginning efforts. Tom asked the membership to provide **in writing** all ideas for the 2011 regatta. Chris Kunz has provided a comparison outline of proposed new and old regatta sites. The committee needs all the help it can get.

Correction the Swap Meet will be at the January meeting

Adjournment

The meeting closed at 8:25 P.M. With wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Sepanski, Secretary

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Dave St Clair – lights, lights, lights



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