



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2010 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



The days are getting longer, especially with the addition of Daylight Saving Time. I can now hear frogs chirping from the farmer pond nearby, and spring is just around the corner. (I also know this because the broken snow blower has now been repaired and is ready

to clear the driveway and sidewalks – go figure). And there are signs at the Boat Club meetings that all of us are looking forward to a great season of model boating and having fun.

Besides our usual events that the Club has historically done, the 2010 season may have some new adventures in sailing and in being able to expand our most interesting hobby to others not in the Club. We are working on two concepts that involve sailing at Forest Park in St. Louis. There are some really great ponds in the park, but our previous attempts to gain access have not made much progress. It's something different this year, as we have been asked to do things there.

First, we have been approached by the people who run the Boat House restaurant to see if we would be willing to sail boats in the water just outside the building. The waterway extends all of the way to the Grand Basin. So if all goes well, we are going to try a Monday afternoon sailing event, hopefully on May 10th. We normally sail on the first Monday of the month, but had to move our date so as not

to conflict with St. Stephen's rummage sale. While things are still in the planning stages, I am hopeful that we can have a second sailing location that will give us additional public exposure and potentially give us the opportunity to expand our hobby to those passersby who see us sailing.

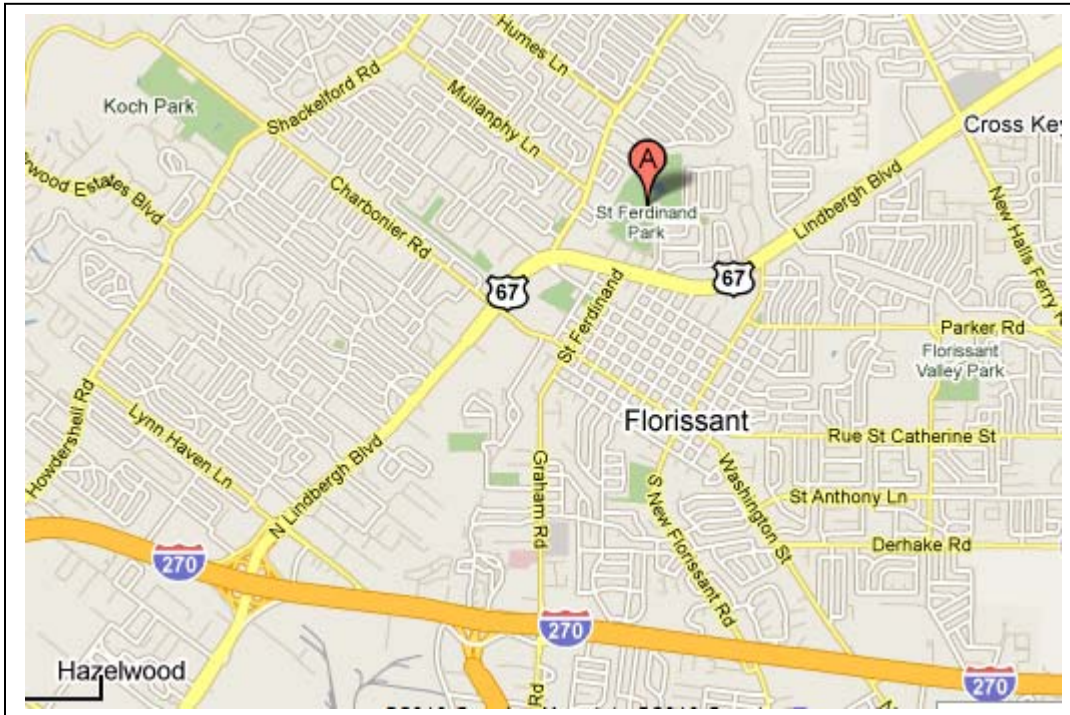
A second request for us came from the Forest Park Muni people, who put on various entertainment productions throughout the summer. This year they will be presenting the play *Titanic* and also the musical *Showboat*. We have been asked to have boats on display as well as sail in the pond in front of the Muni. Both events provide the opportunity to show off our craft and promote our hobby. Sinking of boats in conjunction with the *Titanic* show is strictly optional. So we have some new opportunities, and I'll be letting you know how we are doing in future reports.

Our Club meetings have been getting a steady dose of interesting (and hopefully helpful) programs on several aspects of radios, batteries, electronics, and mildly disguised physics, given largely by Vice Commodore Dave St. Clair and me. These have been well received by the members and are a really good reason to be a Club member and to attend the business meetings. It's just about time to renew your Club membership with Dave, so this would be a good time to shell out a few bucks and come to the sailings and meetings even if you don't currently have a boat ready to cast upon the seas. Just being with other involved members will whet your appetite to get a boat ready to sail. Or maybe not..... That's OK, too. Just come on out, enjoy the nice weather, and watch boats sail. It can be most relaxing. I hope to see you at

our sailing events and/or meetings. Model boating is fun! Commodore Jim
Come and enjoy.....

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April 5, 2010 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.

Third Sunday every month – Sailing at St Ferdinand Park, Florissant, MO



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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 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
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 MARCH 1, 2010

Commodore Jim opened the meeting at 7:20 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty five members and one guest were in attendance.

Commodore Jim updated the Club on the status of Secretary Ray Sepanski. Ray continues to make progress in the recuperation center, but does not know when he might be released. It was also learned that Jane Sepanski had been in the hospital with pneumonia, but had just gotten back home. The Club wished both Ray and Jane their best and hope for better health. It was also learned that Bill Zumwalt had undergone surgery and was now in a nursing facility in Columbia. Cards will be sent to all.

Father Tom Keller introduced his guest, Darin Schuld. Commodore Jim advised that Darin had been selected as the new webmaster for the Club.

The Minutes of the February meeting as published in the *Broadside* were approved, as was the Treasurer's Report given by George Kirby.

Upon being introduced as the new webmaster, the Club members felt it appropriate to make Darin Schuld an Honorary Member. Further discussion also determined that it would be appropriate for Jane Rivers to be elected an Honorary Member, given all that she does and has done for the benefit of the Club. Motion was made and passed.

A report of our participation at the Westport Toy Show was made by Ed Gant and other attendees. We had a good showing of many types of boats and we received much interest and many questions. Ed advised that the Grafton show was scheduled for June 19-20, and the members indicated that they wished to participate at it, and also at the Alton show as well. The Club will plan to participate at both events. Vice Commodore Dave advised that he had been sailing with the Indianapolis Admirals, a very active club. We will cooperate with the Indy club, and ascertained that our website is linked with theirs.

Commodore Jim reported that he was working with the Forest Park Boat House people to tentatively set up a sailing date there on May 10. The plan is to sail that afternoon, have dinner there for those who wish to do so, and then drive to St Stephen's for our business meeting. More information will be forthcoming as the planning evolves

Vice Commodore Dave advised that the first Muni show, *Titanic*, was scheduled for Monday, July 5th. The Muni people would make tables available for boat displays and asked that we operate boats in the Forest Park pond near the Muni. Commodore Jim will line up insurance for our Forest Park sailings.

Commodore Jim again asked for a temporary replacement for our Secretary in order to take meeting minutes, but no one stepped forward.

The Regatta at Union Station is scheduled for September 18-19. Write these dates on your calendar and get those boats ready. Discussion was held for a theme for this year's trophies. The Club decided that we would use a boat cleat and a knotted rope for the trophies. Motion made by Bob Chapman, second by Ed Gant, and was approved. John Ziemer and Commodore Jim would investigate getting cleats and advise back to the Club. A committee will be formed to resolve the trophy categories and other issues involving the Regatta.

Commodore Jim said that responses to the Questionnaire were coming in and a report would be given to the Club on the findings.

Paul Kirby gave a Show & Tell presentation of a cabin cruiser that he had repaired and made improvements to. Commodore Jim showed the Club what was going inside of his next submarine project - many parts to fit inside of a long, narrow hull and interior tube.

Commodore Jim gave a presentation on wiring inside boats to minimize radio interference, as well as interior antennas and getting maximum signals to your boat. He was assisted by Vice Commodore Dave.

Our future meeting dates will April 5, and May 10 (tentatively also a sailing date at the Forest Park Boat House), and June 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM. Minutes presented by Commodore Jim.

Tentative 2010 meeting dates are:
Grafton, IL – June 19 and 20
Union Station - September 18 and 19

May 10, 2010 Forest Park June 7, 2010
Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

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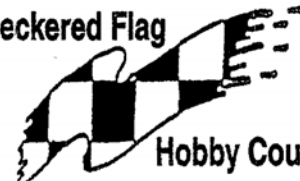
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INDY ADMIRALS AT THE BOATSHOW

Last weekend I went to the boat show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. I had received an invitation from their president and it sounded like a great idea.

Normally I get off from work at the hobby shop at 2:00 PM. Normally I go home and take a nap for a while. This time it was different. I didn't go home at all. I got into my car and headed straight out for Indianapolis, Indiana. My plan was to get there and get a motel so I would get a good nights' sleep and be fresh for the next day, which was Saturday.

I met the guys at a prearranged meeting place and then followed them over to the fair grounds and around to the entrance we were to use. Luckily, we only had to carry the boats inside a door and into the building a few feet. Our location was the next to last booth in that area.

They had to bring all their own tables etc. I heard that the one-day rental for one table was \$45.00 each. So they had a conglomeration of large and small tables. At first I wasn't sure we would have enough for all the boats I saw. But somehow, it all worked out and with about 10 or 12 people showing up, there were in the neighborhood of 40 boats. I had brought 5 boats myself and there were a few others that think like I do about bringing boats to a function.

At first, there were no people about at all. But as more time went on, the place began to fill up. If you have ever been to a boat show, you know what it is usually like.

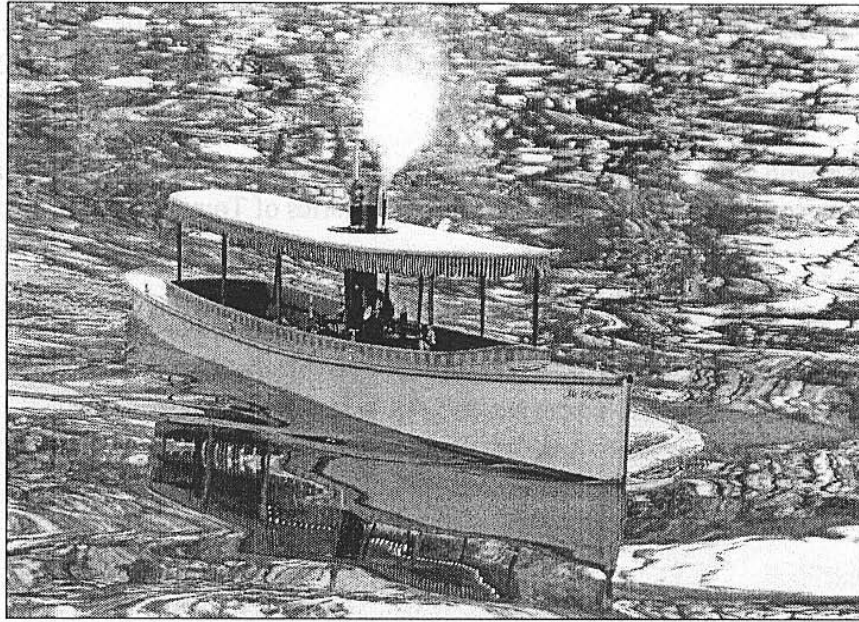
Next to us was "Twiggy" the waterskiing squirrel.. They had erected a shallow pond like a swimming pool about 50 feet in diameter. Because the rodent only had shows about three hours apart, they allowed the boat club to use their pond to run smaller boats. This was an excellent opportunity for a dynamic display. The people really seemed to enjoy it and it brought them over to the tables where they could talk and ask question. Of course the most common question was, "How much does it cost?"

For those of you who have done static boat shows for our club, you know exactly what it was like. All day long we chatted with anyone who wanted to chat. Otherwise, we sat around waiting or playing with the boats. Because I still had a long drive home, I left before 3:00PM. Even with my boats gone, the tables were still crowded. The road and driving conditions were good so I got home around 6:00PM. After eating and watching a little TV, I finally got that nap I mentioned earlier. I didn't wake up until nearly 6 AM the next day.

Dave



San Francisco Model Yacht Club



“Mr. D’s Fancie” by Dave Gallagher

History: In the late 1800’s model powerboats began to appear on our lakes and ponds. They were powered by steam, at that time the only source available for model-boat power. Early models featured “hand crafted” engines and boilers fired by dry fuel tablets, kerosene, or coal. Commercially made engines, boilers and accessories were simply not available.

By the mid 1920’s, model steam engines were available as “raw castings” which required extensive skill in machining, woodworking and model engineering. By the 1940’s, pre-built engines and boilers came on the market. It wasn’t until the 1990’s however that the development of smaller, more powerful and reliable propane/butane units became available.

Today steam technology is still advancing. Using higher quality materials and modern manufacturing design techniques, companies like Monahan Steam Models have made great strides in developing highly detailed scale engines and boilers with increased performance, run-time, reliability, and ease of operation. See it all at the show.

LAKE EXPRESS - HIGH SPEED AUTO/PASSENGER FERRY LAKE MICHIGAN



Lake Express is the first high speed auto/passenger ferry to operate on a route on both the Great Lakes and within the Continental United States. The aluminum hulled catamaran was built at Austal USA, LLC's aluminum shipbuilding facility in Mobile, Alabama and was launched on March 20, 2004. The ship began service on the route between Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Muskegon, Michigan on June 1, 2004.

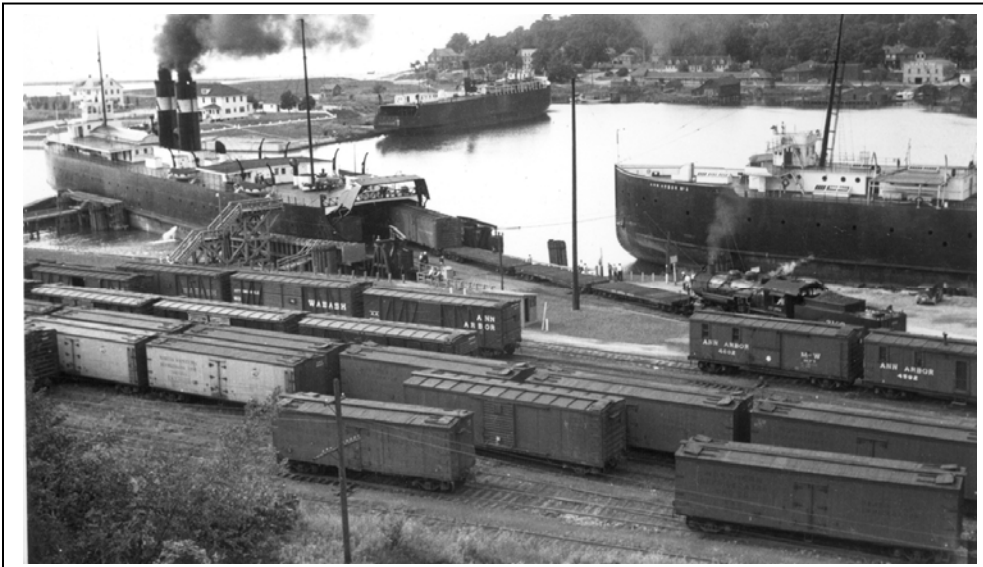
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At the time of its launch in November 1910, the #5 was the largest ferry on the lakes. It was also the first launched with a seagate; a safety device designed to keep water from flooding in the low stern. With a capacity of 30 railroad cars and engines capable of generating 3,000 horsepower, the #5 was frequently called upon to clear ports and channels. The ship's career was uneventful. After more than fifty years of service, in 1965 the ship was retired. Between 1967 and 1969 the ship's hull became the temporary breakwater at South Haven. In 1970 the vessel was sold for scrap



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