



# The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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### NOTICE:

The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2010 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,  
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135

## NOW HEAR THIS

### FROM THE BRIDGE



I hope that you all had a pleasant holiday season. We are now into the cold weather outdoors, and with the holidays having passed, I hope that you are finding some time to spend on model boating, either in doing research,

planning construction, or actually getting a project going on your workbench.

In my case, I have a twofold effort going. First, I am involved in the research and planning for the next sub model, the *USS Rasher*. I have been in contact with the author of a book, *Red Scorpion*, a non-fiction book about the real WW II fleet boat. The author's father served on the boat, and was able to answer several important questions that I was unable to find answers to elsewhere. I tracked the author down in Florida, using computer searches to get his phone number. The computer can be a great information gathering tool.

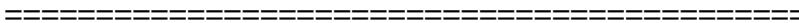
Secondly, like any good skipper, I am looking ahead for how things are going with the Boat Club. I am reviewing what we have done well in the past, and looking at some things the Club may do this coming

year, both old things and some new. On January 14<sup>th</sup> I have a meeting with some people who appear interested in having us sail at Forest Park. I'll let you know what comes from this meeting.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you are going to find a Questionnaire, something that I have been considering since I became Commodore a couple of years back. The purpose is to get a better idea of what our Boat Club really is what members like to do, and the resources available to continue doing things or to try something new. And always with the idea that this hobby is for our fun and enjoyment, I appreciate you thoughts and comments either written, emailed, or discussed with me and your Boat Club officers.

A great device that came along in WW II was radar, giving the captain the ability to chart a good course or specify some targets. My hope is the Questionnaire will act as our Club radar device. It's good to know where one is going or how to hit a target. Please take the time to complete and return it. You're likely to have a better Club if we have YOUR input. Thanks.

Commodore Jim





Please answer the following questions:

Approximately how many years have you been a Club Member? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your age group? Under 30\_\_\_ 31-50\_\_\_ 51-65\_\_\_ 66-75\_\_\_ Over 75\_\_\_ (check one)

How many completed boats do you own? \_\_\_\_\_

How many boats are under construction? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times per year do you go sailing? Under 4\_\_\_ 5-10\_\_\_ 11 or more\_\_\_ (check one)

Do you usually attend the Annual Regatta? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that you get your money's worth out of being in the Club? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like about the Club? Sailing\_\_\_ Meetings\_\_\_ Regatta\_\_\_ Learning programs\_\_\_  
Guest speakers\_\_\_ Show and Tell\_\_\_ Newsletter\_\_\_ Website\_\_\_ Picnic\_\_\_  
Getting together\_\_\_ (check all that apply)

Do you regularly attend Meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

How far do you have to come to attend a meeting (one way)? Under 10 miles\_\_\_ 11-20\_\_\_  
Over 20\_\_\_ Don't attend\_\_\_

What operational boats do you have, and how many of each? River tow\_\_\_ Tugs\_\_\_  
Stern/paddle wheelers\_\_\_ Sailboats\_\_\_ Subs\_\_\_ Military\_\_\_ Pleasure craft\_\_\_

What types of radios do you have? 27 mhz\_\_\_ 75 mhz\_\_\_ 2.4ghz\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_

If you ranked your enjoyment of model boating, what would be your most enjoyable?  
Sailing\_\_\_ Building\_\_\_ Club activities, meetings, seminars\_\_\_ No ranking; I like them all\_\_\_  
Other\_\_\_\_\_

Do you research boats?\_\_\_ Just buy and/or build what I like?\_\_\_ I don't have any boats\_\_\_

If I could suggest one thing to improve the Club, it would be: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What keeps members interested in the Club? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you like St Ferdinand Park as our normal sailing site? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an alternative sailing site for investigation? \_\_\_\_\_

Are days and times for sailing and meetings OK? \_\_\_\_\_

Any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for taking the time to answer the questions. Please return the Questionnaire by February 10<sup>th</sup>.  
It's YOUR Club!! Please mail to:

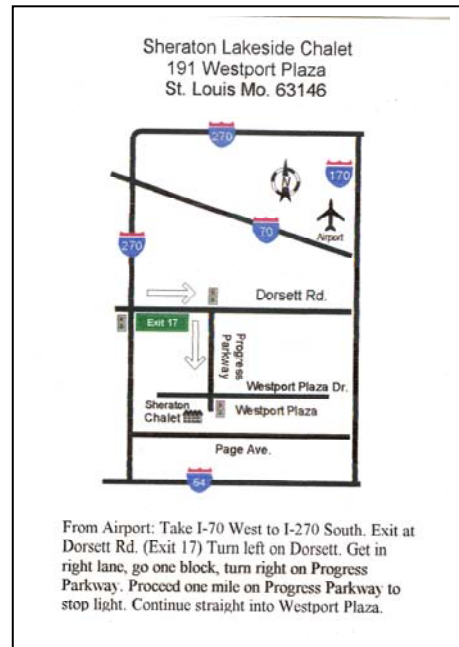
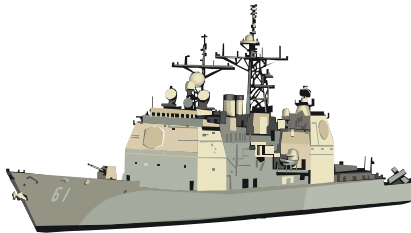
**Jim Schwinkendorf**  
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**February 1, 2010** sail at St. Ferdinand Lake 1:00-5:00PM (weather permitting) and 5:00 PM Dinner at Applebee's, 2309 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033, and 7:00 PM meeting at St. Stephens Church.

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**PLEASE JOIN US**

**Westport Toy Show  
Sunday, February 7,  
from 8:30 AM to 3 PM**



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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 January 4, 2010

The January 4, 2010 was called to order by, the Commodore Jim, at 7:10 P.M, fifteen (15) members attending. The members were led in the "The Pledge of Allegiance" by Commodore Jim.

### **Minutes**

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer was excused from this meeting, therefore there is no report.

### **Member News**

Ed Gant is ill with something undefined. Ed get well real soon.

Kathleen Bray is in the hospital for testing. Please pass your tests so that we can see you once again.

## Old Business

A meeting with the Forest Park Boathouse people is still pending; hard water could be the problem.

It has been decided by the Committee (er..., flag officers) to discontinue registration of the boat club as a not for profit corporation. This decision was made because of the paper work and the fees involved.

## New Business

*Reminder: The Annual RC Regatta is penciled in for Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, 2010 at Union Station. Get building!!!!*

An officers planning meeting will be held very soon. Please pass along ideas. The same goes for the regatta awards.

The monthly raffle sponsored by Mark Twain Hobbies, will resume at the February meeting. It will be a dual raffle because January was omitted.

## Show and Tell

Dave St Clare displayed his work in progress. To quote an astronomer "This boat will have millions and millions of lights". They will turn on in sequence or at random or which ever way Dave wants. Each lighted cabin will display life like activities taking place in the stateroom. The lighting is multi-colored as needed to do its job. We look forward to seeing this boat completed; it will be a marvel of electrical engineering.

## Learning Time

After his lighted boat display, Dave gave a talk on the subject of electric motors and their application in various models. He spoke of power, speed, windings, magnets, brushed and brush less motors

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Commodore Jim at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Sepanski, Secretary

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**Tentative 2010** meeting dates are:

March 8, 2010

April 5, 2010

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

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## Australian World War II shipwreck filmed

**AP** Associated Press



AP – in this underwater photo taken off Moreton ...  
Mon Jan 11, 6:37 am ET

**SYDNEY** – Shipwreck hunters have captured the first underwater footage of an Australian World War II hospital ship that sank in 1943 and left 268 people dead.

A search team led by U.S. shipwreck hunter David Mearns sent a submarine robot more than 6,500 feet (2,000 meters) below the surface to snap the images of the Centaur on Sunday. The footage showed the ship's bright red cross and a corroded number 47, its identification number.

The Centaur sank off the Queensland state coast. Just 64 of the 332 people on board survived.

Australia said the ship sank after being torpedoed by the Japanese, but Japan says the circumstances surrounding the sinking are unclear.

Mearns found sonar footage of the Centaur on Dec. 20, 30 miles (50 kilometers) east of the southern tip of Moreton Island at a depth of 6,755 feet (2,059 meters). Sunday's images helped confirm the wreck was that of the Centaur, he said.

On Monday, Mearns and his crew sent the submarine robot into the depths again to take a second round of pictures, which included an image of the ship's bell and an escape hatch that one survivor climbed through just before the Centaur sank.

"We found the bell with the name on it. You can't get any better than that," Mearns said.

On Sunday, Queensland Acting Premier Paul Lucas called on Japan to apologize for the sinking.

"Whilst the Japanese have certainly apologized for their actions during the Second World War, it would be appropriate for those involved to express an apology," Lucas said. "In this barbaric act, people lost their lives. Sailors, soldiers, nurses, doctors, orderlies. It was totally senseless and a wanton act."

Monday was a national holiday in Japan, and phone calls to the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo went unanswered, as did calls to Japan's embassy in Canberra.

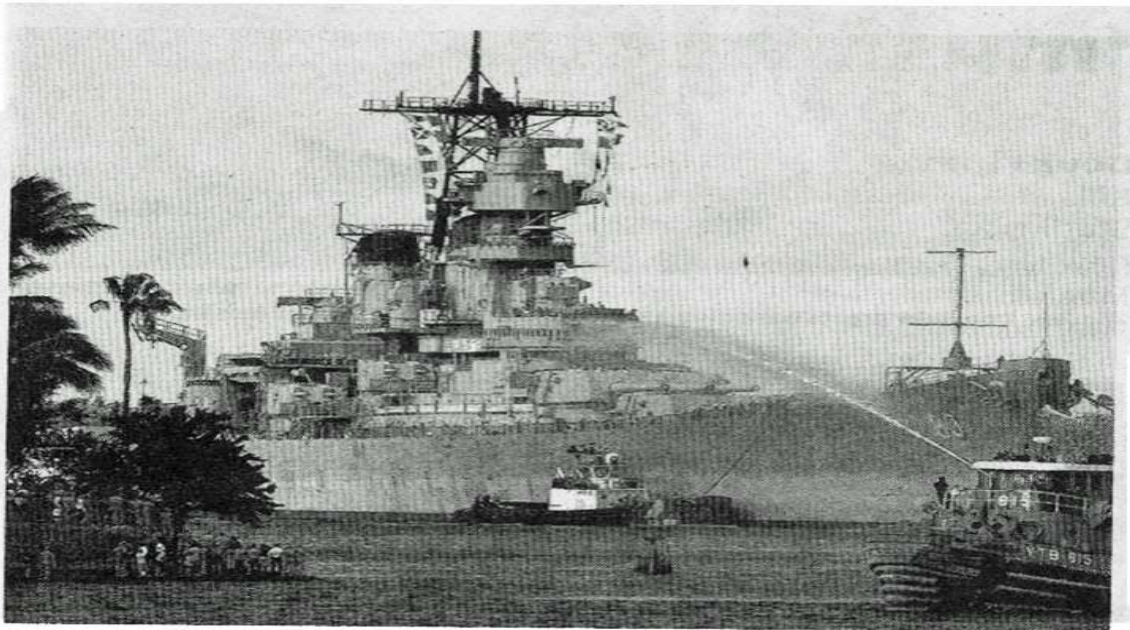
Queensland Premier Anna Blight said the Centaur will be marked as a military gravesite and protected.

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## COMMUNITY

# Battleship Missouri is ready for action

WWII museum will open Jan. 30 after three months of repairs.



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

The Missouri, the battleship on which the Japanese surrendered to end World War II, is led through the channel as it enters Pearl Harbor in its final voyage June 22, 1998.

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

**PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII** • The battleship where officials from Japan and the Allied Forces signed surrender documents ending World War II came out of drydock this month after three months of maintenance and repairs.

Workers sandblasted the Missouri, which is now a World War II museum, to remove old paint and sea growth, in the \$18 million overhaul.

They resurfaced the hull with 300 square feet of new steel and covered it with 1,600 gallons of paint. It had been 17 years since the battleship had major work done.

"She had about six inches of sea growth on board. We blasted all of that off and identified 26 holes in the hull that needed to be repaired," Victor Rhoades of BAE Systems told Hawaii News Now.

"It was a lot of hard work, a lot of paint. It was amazing working on a ship like this," said Craig Morte, a BAE systems painter.

Tugs pulled the vessel the two-mile journey from its drydock at Pearl Harbor

Naval Shipyard to its pier next to Ford Island.

The "Mighty Mo" is moored a few hundred yards from the Arizona, a battleship sunk in Japan's Dec. 7, 1941, attack that forced the U.S. into the war. The surrender documents were signed on the Missouri's deck on Sept. 2, 1945, in Tokyo Bay.

The battleship was also used in the Korean and Persian Gulf wars before being decommissioned in 1992. The memorial opened in January 1999.

The renamed Battleship Missouri Memorial is due to begin welcoming visitors again after a soft opening this month. The ship will officially reopen on Jan. 30, one day after the 66th anniversary of the battleship's launch from Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The USS Missouri Memorial Association operates the battleship as a historic attraction and memorial, overseeing its care and preservation with the support of visitors, memberships, grants and donations.



Hope we don't see this kind of weather

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