



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2010 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



A shrill blast from a boson's pipe cuts through the cold night air, followed by, "Now hear this! Now hear this. The Commodore wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. That is all." This message

just came from the bridge, extending the Commodore's wishes to all those below.

OK. So I'm not a real Commodore, although in today's US Navy, the rank of Commodore is not an official rank, but an honorary one. So using those standards, as Commodore of the St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club, I guess I have the authority to send out my wishes to all of my boating friends.

A short while back, we held our annual Christmas Social with some fine food and deserts. My thanks go to Jane Rivers-Chapman, who again organized the event for this year, and to the ladies who assisted in distributing the nice meal. Santa made his usual appearance (I understand he's a close friend of Paul Kirby), and we closed out the year with an election of the Club's 2010 officers. They would be I as Commodore, Dave St. Clair as Vice Commodore (or the person in charge of vice???), Ray Sepanski as Secretary, and George Kirby as Treasurer. So,

nothing new there that you haven't been looking at for the past year.

We also handed out Mariner Awards to Mike Alligood, Chuck Greco, and our officers Dave, Ray, and George. All have made significant contributions to our Club's wellbeing throughout the year. And the Commodore's Award went to Jane Rivers-Chapman, the force largely behind the scene that keeps our Club glued together and running efficiently. My personal thanks to all of you who have helped make being a member an enjoyable experience.

At Christmas, it is a good time to enjoy our families, including our Boat Club family. In the Club, we share the successes and failures of being together in a hobby that brings many good things to each of us as a person. We learn some things, solve some problems, and enjoy each other's company. Kind of lends itself to being warm and comfortable when it's cold outside.

I look forward to again being Commodore in 2010. We are going to try some new things, retain some favorite old things, and have fun. Any ideas for things for the Club to do are appreciated. After all, it's your Club!

I probably won't get a lot of actual boating work done over the next couple of weeks, what with the holidays, family visits, traveling, and just too many other things that take up my time. But I am thinking ahead of projects, both personal and Club related, that bring enjoyment. "Those are the things that dreams are made of," an important movie quote. Can you name the movie and the actor? A famous actor (who later played a ship captain) ended a classic movie

with that line. It's all of our ideas that keep us going. I am looking forward to a fun 2010, and I hope you are as well.

So, from the bridge, I hope that you all have a great holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Commodore Jim

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January 4, 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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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 December 7, 2009

The December 7, 2009 was called to order by, the Commodore Jim, at 8:03 P.M, twenty-five (25) members and spouses attending. This being our annual Christmas party, the attendees where was led in the "The Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence in memory of members whom we lost this past year, by Commodore Jim.

Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer report was given and approved.

Christmas Party

Munch time!!! Once again Jane Rivers-Chapman, arranged for food from "Bandana's". The food was served by the ladies of the boat club. Deserts and cookies were provided by the membership. It was apparent that the food was tasty and plentiful. A round of applause was heard for Jane and her helpers.

Old Business

Notations for officers for 2010 were closed, with a motion from John Ziemer.

A second motion was made to elect the current officers by acclamation.

At this point the normal flow of business of the boat club was suspended for the annual awards for outstanding service and participation in the boat club.

Mariner's Award

Mike Alligood for long time consistent helpful, friendly, service and support of all aspects of boat club.

Chuck Greco for planning, organizing and putting on an outstanding 2009 picnic at the O'Dell estate.

Dave St. Clair

George Kirby

Ray Sepanski

As individuals or as a team these three guys provide unstinting support to the boat club and Commodore Jim. They do their elected jobs and whatever else needs to be done to keep the boat club moving forward.

Commodore's Award: Jane Rivers-Chapman

Be it publishing the "BroadSides", our news letter, organizing dinner at Appleby's, or the Christmas party, Jane does it all, often without being asked or told. She just gets it done.

It was a memorable event.

Other Festivities

Door Prizes:

Norm Kalaskie and Bob Olsen each won a set of plans for "Polo Tugs"

Larry Hull won a \$ 25.00 gift card.

Raffle

John Ziemer and Ray Sepanski won gift cards from Mark Twain Hobbies.

New Business

Norm Kalaskie made his annual Christmas motion to donate \$ 250.00 to the St. Stephens food pantry. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

After issuing Seasons Greetings and encouraging all to continue socializing, Commodore Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted, Ray Sepanski, Secretary

Tentative 2010 meeting dates are:

February 1, 2010

March 8, 2010

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.



Mariner's Award
Mike Alligood



Mariner's Award
Dave St Clair



Mariner's Award
George Kirby

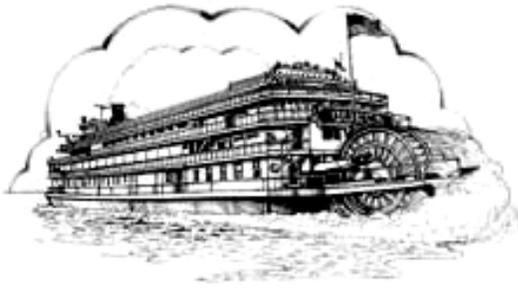


Mariner's Award
Ray Sepanski



Commodore's Award
Jane Rivers-Chapman

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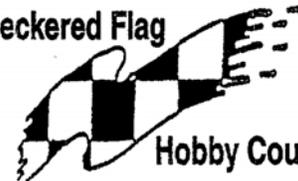
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New submarine Missouri to be christened Saturday with home-grown champagne



Jan. 29, 1944 - Mary Margaret Truman, sponsor of the U.S.S. Missouri, holds the bottle of champagne, prior to christening the sea giant at the Brooklyn Navy yard. Looking on, from left, are: Rear Admiral Monroe Kelly, Rear Admiral S. S. Kennedy and Sen. Harry Truman, Dem-MO. (AP)

By Tim O'Neil

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

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The new submarine Missouri, the fourth U.S. Navy ship to bear the state's name, is to be christened Saturday in a New England shipyard with a bottle of bubbly from the Stone Hill Winery in Hermann, Mo.

The last time a Navy vessel named Missouri received a champagne sendoff was on Jan. 29, 1944, when Margaret Truman, daughter of then - Sen. Harry S Truman, smashed a bottle across the bow of the famous battleship Missouri in the Brooklyn Navy Yard. On Saturday, the honor goes to Rebecca Gates, wife of Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

The ceremony begins at 10 a.m. St. Louis time at General Dynamics Corp.'s Electric Boat works in Groton, Conn., where the \$2 billion submarine is being built. The Missouri is afloat in a construction dock and is scheduled for sea trials in March.

In St. Louis, about 200 high school students and others will watch an Internet feed of the hour long ceremony on two big screens at the St. Louis Science Center's Taylor Community Resource Center, at 4900 Manchester Avenue. Navy and science center personnel will describe the atomic-powered submarine's technology. The event is open to the public.

LAND AND NAUTICAL MILES

The term nautical miles may have some mystification for some of you, so here is a brief explanation of the unit, "The Mile". It comes to us from the Romans, who had a distance of a thousand ("Mille") double-steps. A Roman Mile was just over 1400 meters long. Later, when the Normans conquered England, William I divided up the country, other than crown lands, amongst the nobles who supported his adventures. The common people living on these "manors" were required to give their services free for three or four days a week to the Lord of the manor in return for such privileges as having a cottage and garden grazing rights on common ground, and the right to collect as much firewood from the Lord's forests as they were able. As time went on, however, people began to commute their services by paying rent. The yeoman farmer developed and the manorial lands were slowly broken up. To establish ownership, some unit of measurement was required. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, an Act of Parliament was introduced which stated that one mile should be 5,280 feet in length. At sea, however, the term "miles" has a mathematical basis and the nautical mile is the length, in fact, of one minute of angle of latitude. As the earth is not a perfect sphere, but flattened at the poles this minute of area varies between 6,046 feet at the Equator to 6,108 feet at the poles; a mean of 6,076 is thus actually used.

The US Navy officially uses yet another dimension for a nautical mile. Its nautical mile equals 6000 feet, or 2000 yards, as used in most applications of range.

"KRUISEN" ALONG

"Cruising" comes from the Dutch word "kruisen," which means "to cross." While the pirates were searching for treasure ships to plunder, they would sail in a zigzag pattern moving through the shipping lanes. Obviously this form of sailing was not done on schedule, so many years later yacht owners borrowed the word and applied it to any carefree pleasure voyage.



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