



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2011 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS



FROM THE BRIDGE

What a wet, cold spring! I can't believe that it is now May and I am getting my boat in the water for the first time. But then, I can't blame everything on the weather – it has just been a busy time. But our first Club outing looks good, and we are

sailing at the Boat House in Forest Park, the site this year for our Regatta on the weekend of October 1-2. And we have another event or two planned as the warmer weather returns, so I'm looking forward to a bunch of sailing.

This brings me to the topic of discussing our Club members being in a position to meet and greet the public, many of whom know little about model boating and our Club. So in addition to getting our boats ready to sail, it's also time to tune ourselves up to promote our hobby and Club.

In terms of the model boats out on the water, we are likely to get a number of questions. "How can I get started in the hobby?" A good idea for such a question is to suggest that they go to one of our local hobby shops, look at various boats, and ask the clerk

some questions. A good first selection might be one of the very nice ready to run models currently available.

The next question will probably be, "How much is this going to cost?" That's something of a loaded question, and the complexity of the boat and RC gear determine an initial outlay of bucks. But as with any hobby, there is going to be a requirement to probably part with \$250-\$500 to get a decent boat and radio. So let's be fair; it's going to cost some money to get into this hobby.....

Another thing to consider is the quality of the radio that might come with a RTR boat. Many of these are of the 27 MHz variety, and not really the best choice. But it's also possible to upgrade the radio at something less than a small fortune, and you can find a nice 2.4 GHz radio for, say, \$150. Buy that radio, install it in a boat, and you will have a good working model that doesn't get interference from the nearby McDonald's drive-thru! And the new boat owner will start to get some confidence and real ownership in HIS boat.

Now the new boater can start looking at possibly building something that he really likes. This lends itself to doing some research, an interesting and rewarding facet of model boating. And here's where being a Boat Club member is a real asset. The new

guy can ask others and get advice in what to buy, how to build, and how to solve problems. We've all been helped through our contacts, and this help when needed is a great asset and another confidence builder.

this hobby. Many times you will find some very interesting people, and some who might even have some very interesting backgrounds and experience. Learning can be a good thing. Happy sailing!

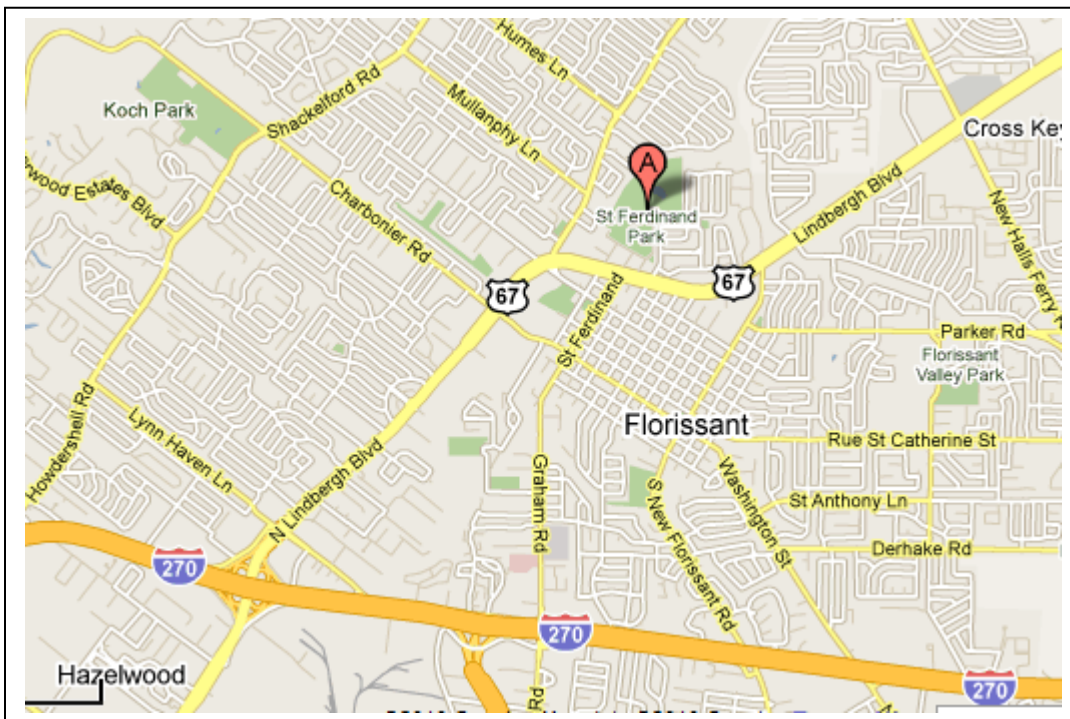
Commodore Jim

So as we enjoy our sailing opportunities, let's share our good times with others, and get them involved in

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June 6, 2011 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

Tom Eckert
10121 Pinehurst
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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

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Meeting Minutes
For May 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Jim at 7:15 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by the members. George Kirby relayed a message from Bob Olsen that he is quitting the club. Bob, one of the founding members, is 80 years old and no longer has a strong interest in boats, although he is thinking about coming to the picnic on June 18th. Minutes for the April meeting were approved, as published in the Broadside. Our Treasurer provided a report of our Club funds.

Commodore Jim has a box of name tags to be used at meetings and events. Take your name tag out of the box when you arrive and return it to the box at the end of the event or meeting.

The next event will be a sailing on Saturday, June 4th at Benton Park from 1 PM to early evening. The Benton Park Neighborhood Association will provide tables, a tent pavilion and free food and drinks. Parking will be along Arsenal Street where there is a walkway down to the lagoon. We will put up our banners on the bridge over the lagoon.

The Club picnic will be held Saturday, June 18th starting at noon at the O'Dell pond in Bunker Hill, IL. Please bring a dish to share. George Kirby is arranging for fried chicken to be delivered.

Planning continues for the Regatta to be held October 1st and 2nd at the Boathouse in Forest Park. We need 6 volunteers to be class captains. We also need a volunteer to help Ed Gant with the technical check of registered boats. Dave St. Clair's wife and daughter have volunteered to work with Alma again at the registration table. Be thinking about a night sail on Saturday and an obstacle course in the harbor at the Boathouse as part of the Regatta.

Bob Keeler and Mike Alligood won the Mark Twain raffle gift cards.

The Director of Kirkwood Parks has asked us to return to the Greentree Festival in September. Walker Lake has been re-worked, with 2 black top paths from the parking lot to the dock in the lake. The Director said he would remove the railings on the dock so we could launch our boats from there. Tom Eckert and Chris Kunz will talk with festival officials to get more details for discussion at our next meeting. The Hobby Station in Kirkwood is closing May 31st.

Dave St. Clair commented that we need more boats at events. He is willing to lend boats to members who will be responsible for their safe return. Dave also brought the Mt. Washington (Dumas kit) to the meeting to show how to reinforce boats with plastic hulls.

Mike Alligood showed his PT boat which leaked around the rudder shaft and how he fixed the problem.

Respectfully submitted Chris Kunz, Secretary

Tentative 2011 meeting dates are:
July 11, 2011 Meeting

Forest Park Boathouse – Regatta
October 1 and 2, 2011

June 4, 2011 – Benton Park June 18, 2011 O'Dell Picnic
Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church.

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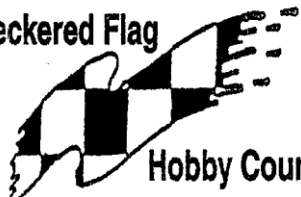
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Landing Ship, Tank (LST) was the military designation for naval vessels created during World War II to support amphibious operations by carrying significant quantities of vehicles, cargo, and landing troops directly onto an unimproved shore.

The majority, a thousand, were laid down in the United States during World War II for use by the Allies. Eighty more were built in the United Kingdom and Canada

The British evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940 demonstrated to the Admiralty that the Allies needed relatively large, ocean-going ships capable of shore-to-shore delivery of tanks and other vehicles in amphibious assaults upon the continent of Europe. As an interim measure, three 4000 to 4800 GRT tankers, built to pass over the restrictive bars of Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela, were selected for conversion because of their shallow draft. Bow doors and ramps were added to these ships which became the first tank landing ships, HMS Misoa, Tasajera and Bachaquero. They later proved their worth during the invasion of Algeria in 1942, but their bluff bows made for inadequate speed and pointed up the need for an all-new design incorporating a sleeker hull.

Here SHE is, the USS New York, made from the --- World Trade Center!



By VERENA DOBNIK (AP)

NEW YORK — The USS New York, built with steel from the rubble of the World Trade Center, was put into Navy service Saturday both as a symbol of healing and strength.

“No matter how many times you attack us, we always come back,” Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus said at the amphibious assault ship’s commissioning. “America always comes back. That’s what this ship represents.”

He spoke on a Manhattan pier where hundreds of Navy officers and sailors joined first responders and families of Sept. 11 victims.

“I hereby place the USS New York in commission,” Mabus announced.

And with a long drum roll, the ship’s crew was set on the first watch, obeying the order, as traditionally worded: “Man our ship and bring her to life!”

From atop the vessel, decked in red, white and blue bunting, black smoke rose into the chilly fall morning to signal that the USS New York was powered up. A loud cheer accompanied a flyover by Navy planes.

The 7 1/2 tons of steel debris from ground zero had been melted down to form the bow of the USS New York as “a symbol of our unshakable resolve; this is a city built of steel,” said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, representing the Obama administration.

Clinton was a U.S. senator from New York before she became the nation’s top diplomat.

She noted that many of New York’s iconic structures were made from steel, including the Statue of Liberty and the Chrysler building.

“But the strongest steel of New York has always been in the spines of its people,” Clinton said, calling New Yorkers “strivers and seekers, immigrants from every country, speakers of every language.”

The ceremony was staged on the Hudson River pier that is home to the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum — against the backdrop of the new vessel docked at the next pier.

Among the dignitaries were newly re-elected New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York Gov. David Paterson and the USS New York's new skipper, Cmdr. Curtis Jones.

A native of Binghamton, N.Y., he will oversee a crew of 360 sailors on a vessel transporting up to 700 Marines to war zones and humanitarian missions.

The \$1 billion warship was built near New Orleans by workers who survived Hurricane Katrina.

"They had to rebuild their lives and their homes at the same time as they built the ship," said Irwin F. Edenzon, general manager for Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding-Gulf Coast, which built the USS New York.

The new ship is "about healing," said Mike Petters, president of Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding. "It symbolizes much of what is great about America and Americans."

Arriving in New York on Monday, the ship passed the World Trade Center for the first time and gave the site a rifle volley salute.

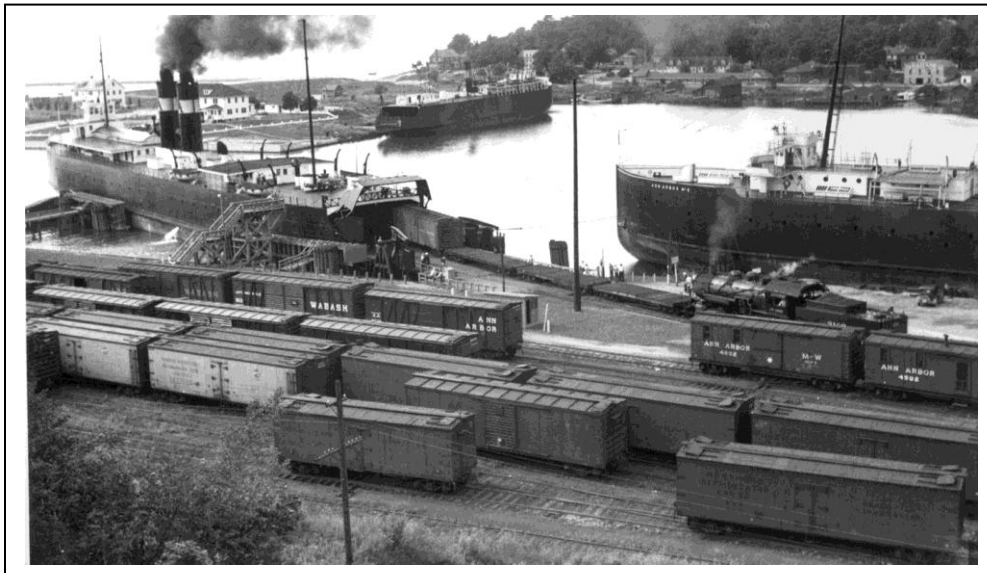
The Navy has named two of the USS New York's planned sister ships the USS Arlington, to mark the attack on the Pentagon, and the USS Somerset, named after the Pennsylvania county where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed.

Saturday's ceremony began with a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, where an Army major fatally shot 13 people and wounded 29.

The USS New York will be open to the public before returning to its home port of Norfolk, Va., on Thursday.

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SS ANN ARBOR #5 - RAILROAD FERRY - LAKE MICHIGAN



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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