



**The St. Louis Admirals R/C
Model Boat Club**
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NOTICE:

**The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2011 at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church,
33 N. Clay Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135**

NOW HEAR THIS

FROM THE BRIDGE



Let me just say that this has been a less than great year weather-wise for model boating! I have managed to sail but three times this year, and on one of those times I managed to lose my boat! My

idea of having a pleasant model sailing experience is having reasonable temperatures and no rain or storms. Now things don’t have to be perfect, but dangerous heat and lightning and rain are not my idea of even reasonable qualities that would yield anything resembling fun. But maybe the weather people can come up with some better times for the rest of our sailing season.

Even when the weather doesn’t cooperate, we can still have a good time of getting together and

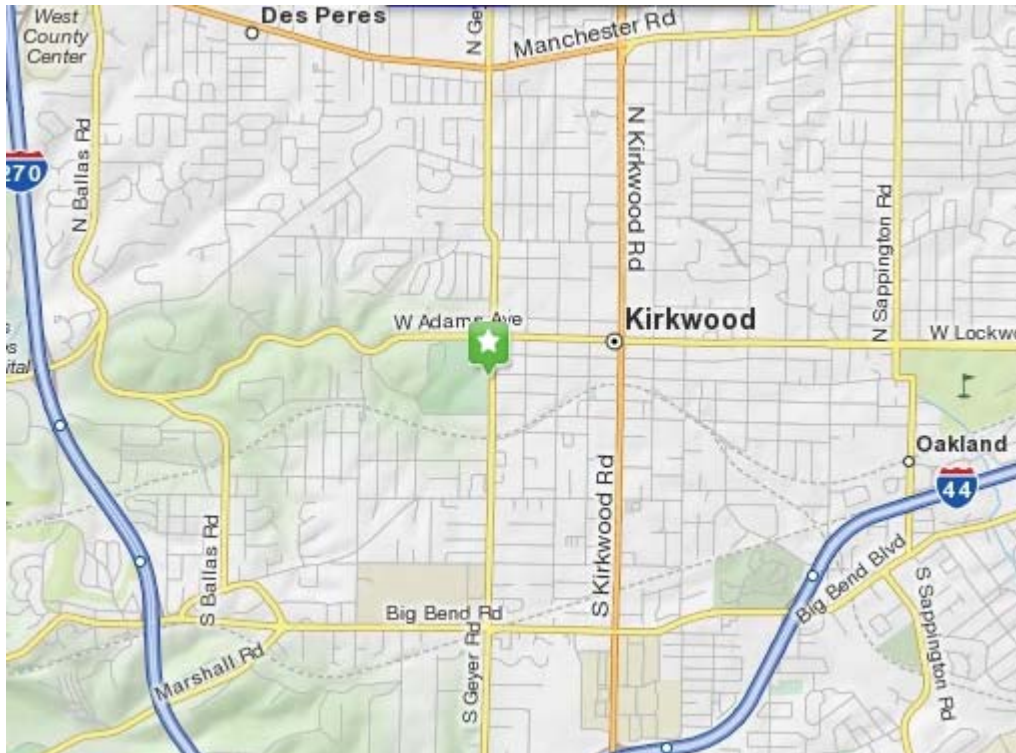
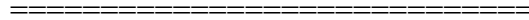
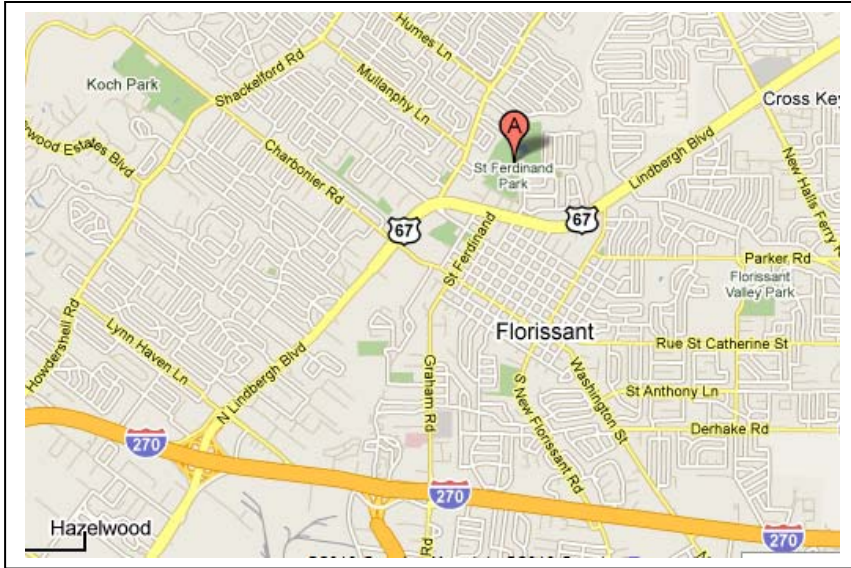
planning for better times. I am looking forward to several more outings and events, including our Boat House Regatta at Forest Park in October. It will be a new experience and location that will hopefully yield a great sailing time and a chance to look at lots of different boats and discuss our model adventures, solve problems, and talk about our interests.

I know there is a lot going into the newsletter this month, so I am going to keep this short (all right – please keep the Hurrahs down!). But always keep one thing in mind – THIS SHOULD BE A FUN HOBBY! Happy sailing.

Commodore Jim

September 12, 2011 - 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 - Weather permitting (55° plus)



Sunday
September 18, 2011

Sailing time begins at 10 AM; come earlier to get your boats & equipment set up. The last sailing of the day is from 2 – 3 PM

Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Rd, Kirkwood, MO



St. Louis Admirals RC Model Boat Club
Meeting Minutes
For August 1, 2011

Commodore Jim opened the meeting at 7:10 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. It was reported that Fred Hoeffken is recovering from surgery and Dave St. Clair is receiving treatment for back trouble. [REDACTED]

Reading of the Minutes as published in the BroadSides was approved. There was no Treasurer's report. We have 31 members current on their dues. Please contact Tom Eckert at (314) 426-6244 or see him at the September 12th meeting to renew your membership. The newsletter is distributed only to current members.

The Oct. 1 & 2, 2011 Regatta planning and preparation continues. Tom Eckert advised that there is no weed problem in the Boathouse inner harbor and that a weed clearing operation in the bay and surrounding water will be undertaken shortly before the Regatta. Buoys/lighthouses will be used to mark shallow areas of the bay where the boats leave the harbor. Members were advised to bring cushions for the hard chairs at the Boathouse or to bring their own lawn chairs. The members decided that every registrant will receive a free ticket for the raffle of donated merchandise from sponsoring hobby suppliers.

Members are encouraged to participate in a sailing on Sunday, September 18th on Walker Lake at Kirkwood Park. The lake is directly behind the Kirkwood Community Center at 111 S. Geyer Rd (corner of S. Geyer & W. Monroe Ave.). Enter the parking lot from W. Monroe Ave. and look for the handball courts on the left side, next to the lake. There will be reserved parking next to the handball courts. Two black top paths lead from the reserved parking to the dock. The Park Dept. will provide tables, chairs, security tape and cones to protect the boats on the tables, trash barrels and a porta-potty (regular restrooms are in the Community Center). Food and drink is available in the park in connection with the Green Tree Festival. Sailing time begins at 10 AM; come earlier to get your boats & equipment set up. The last sailing of the day is from 2 – 3 PM.

Dave St. Clair and Skip MacEwen won the Mark Twain raffle gift cards. The four RC boats and equipment donated by Michael Louis of Dwight, IL will be auctioned at the September 12th meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can bid by phone or email beforehand. Please contact Commodore Jim at (636) 271-8316 or at jaschwink@aol.com for information.

Commodore Jim announced he will be retiring from his post at the end of the year. He appointed a Nominating Committee to search for new leadership --- Dave St. Clair, Don Taschner, and Chris Kunz. The nomination period opens October 1st and closes with a vote at the December meeting.

Dave St. Clair demonstrated his automatic anchoring buoy and lighthouse mechanisms. Almost two years of design refinement has paid off with super results. Dave does it again!

Future meeting dates are September 12th and November 7th. NO October meeting due to sailing events.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Minutes as presented by Chris Kunz, Secretary

Tentative 2011 meeting
dates are:

NO OCT MEETING

Nov 7 – Swap Meet

Subject to availability by St. Stephen's Church

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
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

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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT INFO ON 2011 REGATTA**

Breaking with tradition this year, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regatta of the St Louis Admirals is being planned for a new location and at a slightly different time than in the past.

**Dates: OCTOBER 1-2, 2011  
Location: The BOAT HOUSE in FOREST PARK**

For those from out of town who may not be familiar with this location, it is just west of downtown St Louis in the area that was once the home for the 1904 St Louis World's Fair. The Club has sailed boats in the lagoon area at the BOAT HOUSE several times last year, and found it to be an excellent location for the Regatta.

The Forest Park area includes the sites of the Art Museum, the St Louis Zoo, History Museum, Muny Opera, and the Science Center. In addition to the Boat House restaurant itself, there are many nearby motels, restaurants, and facilities that are close to the park.

As our planning moves forward, we will be providing many more details. But for now, please mark you calendars, get your boats ready, and plan to attend a fun event in a beautiful setting.

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MODEL BOAT AUCTION

Recently I received an email from Michael Louis, a gentleman living in Dwight, Illinois, who advised that he had four complete RC model boats that he was willing to donate to our Club. He said his health precluded him from sailing any more, and he wanted the boats to find a good home. Admirals' member Bob Keeler was good enough to change some travel plans, pick up the boats in Dwight, and bring them to St Louis for our Club.

All four boats are of wood plank, board on board construction, painted, lacquered, and fully detailed. Here are descriptions of the boats:

A two-masted schooner sloop rigged, with the name "We're Here." It is 34" long bow to stern, and a total of 43" overall length over the spar. Includes the detachable keel weight.

A work fishing boat named "Eileen," with a length of 34." It has a sound system with amp, speaker, and recorded engine sounds.

A smaller fishing boat named "Ben 10," with a length of 28." It currently has the mast down on the deck, but all rigging and components are there.

A live steam flat-bottomed canal type boat named "LaSalle," with a length of 33." It has a whistle that sounds like the "African Queen." Comes with a bottle of alcohol (for the boat!).

Each boat comes with a 2 channel Futaba RC radio. Three boats have 75 MHz radios, and one (unknown yet which boat) has a 72.910 aircraft radio. There are no batteries in the boats. Servos are installed. Photos of the boats show what nice models they are.

In addition to the boats, there are two boxes of miscellaneous boating parts, details, planking, rigging – a real treasure trove of boating goodies.

At the Boat Club meeting on Monday, September 12 (a week later than normal due to Labor Day), we plan to hold an auction for the four boats and for the boat part boxes. In an attempt to be fair to all members of the Club, any member who is out of town and/or will not be able to attend the meeting may submit a bid for the boat of his choice. We will also take bids from the floor at the meeting. If a floor bid is higher than a non-

attending bidder, then the floor bidder will get the boat or parts. If the non-attending member is the highest bid, then the boat is his. The winner must provide transportation for the boat in a timely manner.

So in summary, there will be five auction bids accepted for each of the four boats, or for the pair of boat part boxes. The auction winning bid gets the boat and radio, or parts boxes, as is. If you have any questions as to the process, email jaschwink@aol.com or phone 636-271-8316. THESE ARE VERY NICE MODELS!
Thank you, Mr. Louis!

BOATS TO BE AUCTIONED OFF AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

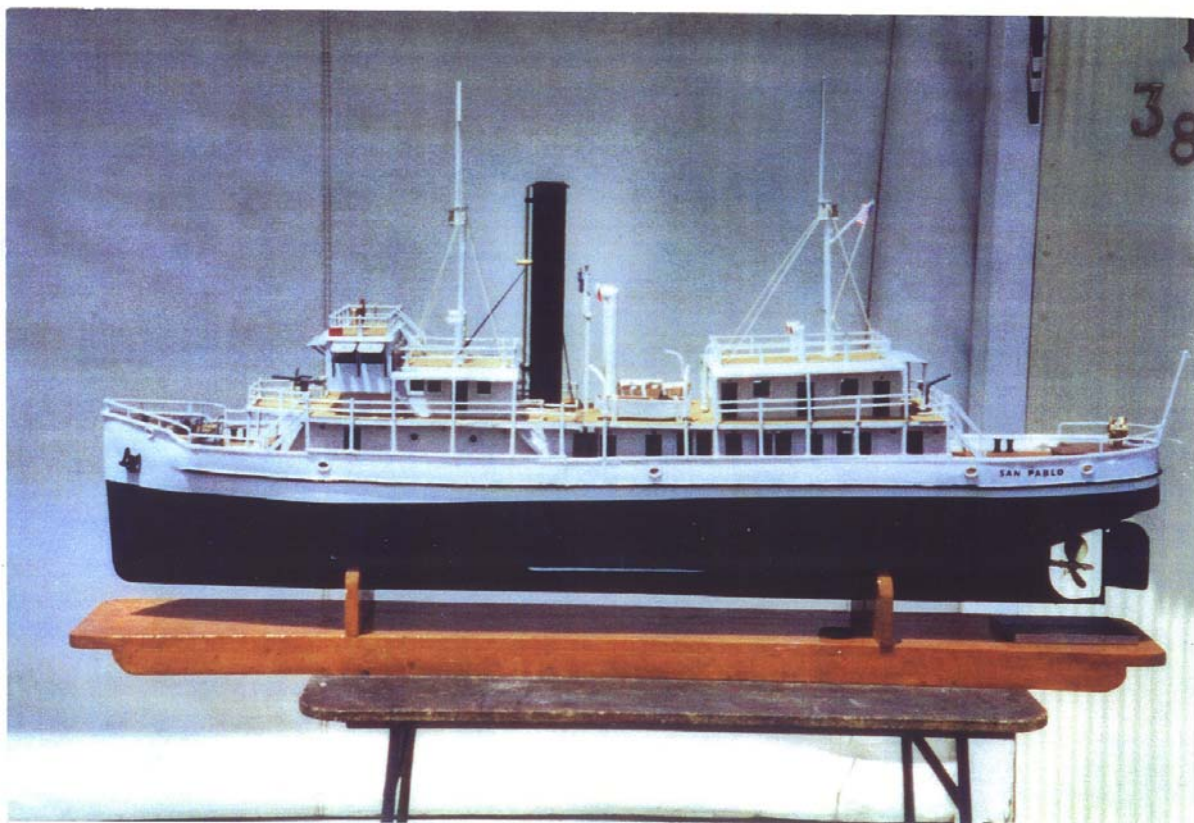


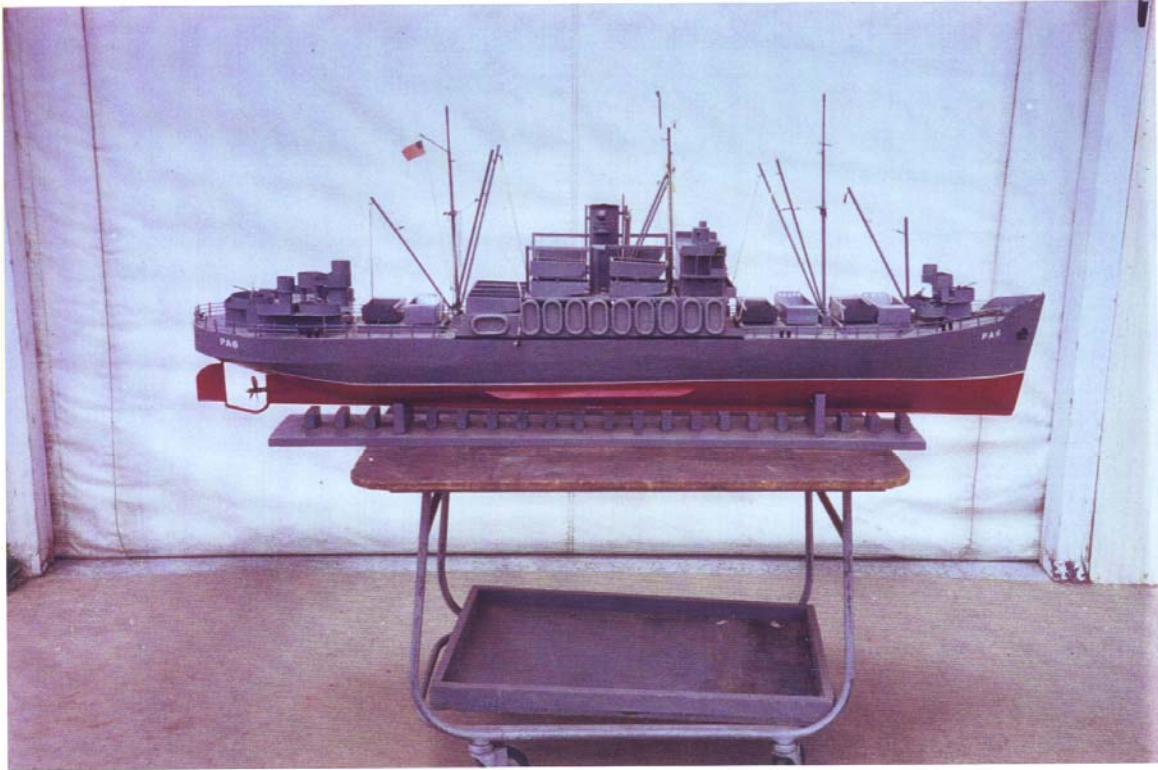
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USS San Pablo - Under construction
Powered by single 19.2 Volt Motor
Driving 3" - Four Blade Pro

USS San Pablo - featured in the movie "The Sand Pebbles"





USS Heywood PA6 - Attack Transport -
Earned seven Battle Stars - Leyte Gulf, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and many more
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