



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

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## BROADSIDE

29 July 2019

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### NOW HEAR THIS YOUR COMMODORE FROM THE BRIDGE



During our June meeting, Ralph Blaszkiewicz mentioned that he, Kent Morgan and Bob Shissler would like to be able to run their boats at a larger lake. Your Commodore did contact Forest Park to see if there was a possibility to utilize their Emerson Grand Basin, unfortunately, I received information from the Forest Park, Park Commissioner, that they do not have lakes where they allow model boats. I will do some more research.

Last month Lin Blaszkiewicz brought an article about the Steel Deck Navy to the meeting which was published in the Kirkwood newspaper and your Commodore and husband Michael were fortunate enough to catch up with Jim Tuxbury (Steel Deck Navy) and his wife Ann at their home, and we had an enjoyable visit together, and we invited them to join us for dinner on 7 August at Hendel's and we hope to have them attend follow-on club meeting.

Scheduled Events	
Wednesday, 7 August 2019	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 4 September 2019	Monthly Meeting
Saturday, 28 September 2019	Regatta – Watson Trail Park
Sunday, 29 September 2019	Regatta – Watson Trail Park

### NOTES

#### Next Gathering: Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Prior to our 5 PM monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday-of-the-month dinner-meeting, sailing is from 2-4 PM at our usual St Ferdinand Pond, Florissant, MO – weather permitting. Dinner set for 5:00 PM at our **Hendel's Restaurant**, 599 St Denis, Florissant, MO 63033, followed by our 7:00 PM meeting at our meeting place at the **Old St. Ferdinand Shrine**, the **Old School House**, 1 St. Francois Street, Florissant, MO.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month (2-4 pm)**, March thru November: Sailing at St Ferdinand Pond -- weather permitting.

Gratefully,  
Jane  
Commodore

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# Secretary's 3 July 2019 Meeting Minutes

## Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance:

Commodore Jane opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. at Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, the Old School House. There were 9 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lin Blaszkiewicz.

## Reports, Administration -- Segment

### 1. Commodore's Opening Comments:

- A. A big thank you to everyone who was able to attend Dave St. Clair's memorial service on 22 June 2019 in Cedar Hills. Dave's family very much appreciated our attendance.
- B. Received an e-mail from Fred Burk in Kirkwood informing us that he is retiring from the Kirkwood Greentree Festival Committee due to limited participation at the event and thanking the Admirals for their past sailing participation.
- C. I spoke with Jessica Eppler, Manager of the Boathouse on 2 July 2019, and thanked her and the Boathouse for allowing us in the past to have our Fall Regatta at their location. I explained to her that we have made other arrangements and that we wanted to let those at the Boathouse know that we cancel this year's Regatta there (Sunday, 29 September 2019). I also explained to her that we really appreciated their graciousness for allowing us the use of their facility in the past.
- D. Commodore Jane received telephone call from Mr. Gerald Brown, Parks Director, Sunset Hills on 3 July 2019 and he put our Fall 2019 Regatta (Sept 28/29) on his calendar, and he will contact us a week prior to the event for more details, i.e. tables, shelters, etc. Mr. Brown also informed me that they will advertise our event on Facebook. We really appreciate all the assistance Gerald provides to make this a successful weekend Fall Regatta.
- E. We need to think about Regatta award plaques, times for the Regatta events, and also how to advertise our Regattas. (Times agreed on are 9AM- 4PM on Saturday; 10AM - 2PM on Sunday.)
- F. Commodore Jane moved to appoint Bob Keeler as Director of Regatta plaques; seconded by John Ziemer. Motion passed.
- G. Commodore Jane moved to appoint Kent Morgan as Director of Member Recruitment; seconded by Bob Keeler. Motion passed. Some suggestions might be to draw up a strategic plan and implementation measures. For example: contact Colleges, High Schools and any other organization with inducement to people who are interested in our boat/ship model craft. This includes scratch building, kit building, or servicing boat model acquisition – including access to master craftsmen and technical presentations.
- H. As a reminder of member recruitment inducement, our Admirals club CONSTITUTION reads:

#### SECTION 1

The objectives and purposes of the Club shall be:

- 1. To promote and foster interest in model R/C boating.
  - 2. To stimulate through social and technical meetings an understanding of model R/C boat design, construction and operation.
  - 3. To advance education and technical understanding of R/C model boating.
- I. Received a nice email from Mike Toole, Editor, of the SSMANA JOURNAL "Another great issue! Our (Newsletter) Thanks for all you do-and I appreciate your contributions to the SSMANA JOURNAL!"
  - J. **BlueSky Apparel t-shirts:** T-shirts can be ordered. The cost is with only the front logo up to

size L \$10.00 plus tax, and with logo on back and front up to size L and XL is \$15.00 plus tax. Sizes 2XL and larger and long sleeve are an additional cost. Patches hat size and shirt patch are \$10.00 each.

Kent Morgan asked if the club could get polo shirts with the new logo. Commodore Jane will check into this. Bob Keeler asked what the club wanted to do with the remaining patches with the old logo. It was agreed to give them out at the Regatta to interested people.

2. **Secretary's Meeting Minutes Report – Bob Keeler:** Presented the minutes of the June 2019 meeting which were published/printed in the June 2019 Broadside newsletter. Motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed was made by John Ziemer, seconded by Kent Morgan. Motion approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report – Lin Blaszkiewicz:** Lin gave her report for June 2019. Commodore Jane made a motion to accept the June report; seconded by John Ziemer. Motion passed.
4. **Vice Commodore -- Comments/Actions – Kent Morgan:** No report.
5. **Asst. Vice-Commodore Comments – John Ziemer –** No report.
6. **Secretary Comments – Bob Keeler –** No report.
7. **Commodore -- Comments/Actions:**
  - A. **Amendment of By-Laws: Amendment of Constitution and By-Laws:** under revision (as previously voted on). We are making progress, as some of the officers have provided input to the revisions.
  - B. **Fall Regatta 2019:** Saturday, 28 September and Sunday, 29 September 2019 at Watson Trail Park in Sunset Hills, MO. Times agreed on are 9AM- 4PM on Saturday; 10AM- 2PM on Sunday. Kent Morgan will make flyers with map and times to be distributed to hobby shops.

### **Boat Club Items and Notices of Interest -- Segment:**

1. Bob Goulding, from the Innsbrook Armchair Sailing Society, has again started the sailing season; but it is now temporarily on Tuesday. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Commodore Jane for information.
2. **Dues:** Commodore Jane requests all to please keep dues current. Dues are \$30 per year if you receive newsletter by email; \$40 if you receive newsletter by mail. *Please make check out to Lin Blaszkiewicz. Check made out to St. Louis Admirals Club will be returned.*
3. **SSMA Individual Membership Renewal Information:** Let Bob Keeler know when you have renewed so he can keep track for club insurance purposes. If you haven't joined yet, give it a try. They have a really nice and interesting magazine well worth the price of membership. Send dues to the SSMA Membership Director: Heinz Ricken, SSMA Clubs/Membership Director, 514 Cranford Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.
4. Collection was held for St. Ferdinand School House by Lin Blaszkiewicz.

### **Articles/Presentations/Show-and-Tell/ Meeting Segments:**

1. **Articles Meeting Segment:** Admiral's Club Newsletter Voluntary Articles (as of 3 July 2019, updated monthly): Completed and submitted voluntary articles to be published in an appropriate month of the Admiral's Club Newsletter. Please contact Commodore Jane if you have any ideas, thoughts or wishes for future presentations or article topics.

## 2. Presentations Meeting Segment:

### A. Past Presentations

#### Phase 1:

##### *R/C Components:*

Propellers – October 2017 – Kent Morgan  
Electric Motors -- February 2018 meeting: Bob Keeler  
Batteries – March 2018 meeting: Michael Benefield  
Servos- April 2018: Bob Keeler

#### Phase 3:

##### *Ship/Boat Structures:*

Sailing/Sail Boats -- January 2018 meeting: Michael Benefield

#### Phase 7:

##### *The Practical/Attainable Workshop:*

Making our model boat-building hobby easier, faster, safer or just more fun – November 2018 meeting: Bill Kammermeyer.

**B. Future Presentation Topic Schedule/Sequence** (as of 3 July 2019): All topic presentations are temporarily held in abeyance, and in the interim, they will be individually conducted on an ad hoc basis. In addition, during this temporary period, topic presentations and presenters will be announced whenever practical (*refer to the April 2018 Newsletter for Phase details*).

Phase 1: *R/C Components (continued), Electronic Speed Control, etc.*

Phase 2: *R/C Systems: Transmitters, Receivers, Components, etc.*

Phase 3: *Ship/Boat Structures (continued), hulls, superstructures, etc.*

Phase 4: *Ship/Boat Kit- and Scratch-Building Common Areas*

Phase 5: *Ship/Boat Kit Unique Building Techniques*

Phase 6: *Ship/Boat Scratch Unique Building Techniques*

Phase 7: *The Practical/Attainable Workshop (continued)*

**C. Presentation Ideas List** (as of 3 July 2019): Suggested ideas for future Admiral's club-meeting presentations and related published articles (including non-presentation articles) for the Admiral's Club monthly newsletters. Please feel free to suggest to Commodore Jane additional ideas that a club member may want to have added to this list:

History of SS Admiral  
History of Eads built Civil War Gunboats  
History of the USS St Louis  
Special Mississippi and Missouri River boats  
Unusual barge loads and boats (i.e. aircraft and submarines)  
Barge Designs  
Lock and dam operations.

**3. Show and Tell Meeting Segment:**

- A.** Emil Wolfshoefer brought in a couple of large metal cutouts depicting US Army Insignia and MIA/POW which he got at a flea market. He is rehabbing Bob Chapman’s tramp freighter “Ergenstrasse”
- B.** John Ziemer is still working on a fire boat.
- C.** Mike Alligood is updating some of his boats.
- D.** Bob Keeler brought in a Sterling Kit of 42-foot cabin cruiser that had been started by a railroad friend who was cleaning his basement and he no longer wanted it. Emil Wolfshoefer took is giving it a new home.

**Round Table Discussion – Meeting Segment:** None

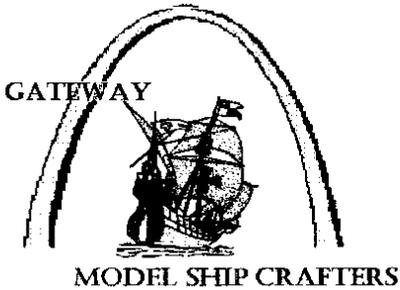
**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 7 August 2019 at Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, the old School House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M.  
Respectfully submitted, Bob Keeler

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**Tim Jovick, Sec’y**  
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**Meeting: 15 August 2019**  
Gather at 6:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

**The Workshop of Bill Kammermeyer**  
**1533 Carman Rd**  
**Ballwin, MO 63021**  
**636-230-3921**

**NO JULY MEETING**

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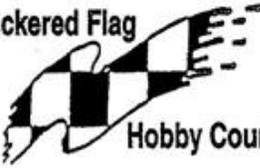

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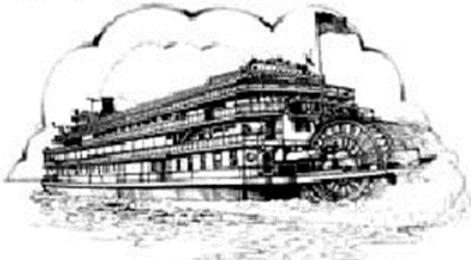
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While enjoying our dinner at Hendel's prior to our meeting, our member, Ralph Blaszkiewicz, mentioned that the history of the Mary Celeste, a "ghost ship" had a very interesting history. Here is the history from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

***Mary Celeste***

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary\\_Celeste](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Celeste)  
*This article is about the real ship.*



An 1861 painting of *Mary Celeste* (named *Amazon* at the time), by an unknown artist

History Canada Name: Amazon

Port of registry: Parrsboro, Nova Scotia

Builder: Joshua Dewis, Spencer's Island, Nova Scotia

Launched: May 18, 1861

Fate: Ran aground Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, 1867, salvaged and sold to American owners

*Mary Celeste* (/səˈlest/; often misreported as *Marie Celeste*) was an American merchant brigantine, discovered adrift and deserted in the Atlantic Ocean, off the Azores Islands, on December 5, 1872. The Canadian brigantine *Dei Gratia* found her in a dishevelled but seaworthy condition, under partial sail, and with her lifeboat missing. The last entry in her log was dated ten days earlier. She had left New York City for Genoa on November 7, and on discovery was still amply provisioned. Her cargo of denatured alcohol was intact, and the captain's and crew's personal belongings were undisturbed. None of those who had been on board were ever seen or heard from again.

*Mary Celeste* was built in Spencer's Island, Nova Scotia, and launched under British registration as *Amazon*, in 1861. She transferred to American ownership and registration in 1868, when she acquired her new name, and thereafter sailed uneventfully until her 1872 voyage. At the salvage hearings in Gibraltar, following her recovery, the court's officers considered various possibilities of foul play, including mutiny by *Mary Celeste*'s crew, piracy by the *Dei Gratia* crew or others, and conspiracy to carry out insurance or salvage fraud. No convincing evidence supported these theories, but unresolved suspicions led to a relatively low salvage award.

The inconclusive nature of the hearings helped to foster continued speculation as to the nature of the mystery, and the story has repeatedly been complicated by false detail and fantasy.

Hypotheses that have been advanced include the effects on the crew of alcohol fumes rising from the cargo, submarine earthquakes (seaquakes), waterspouts, attack by a giant squid, and paranormal intervention.

After the Gibraltar hearings, *Mary Celeste* continued in service under new owners. In 1885, her captain deliberately wrecked her off the coast of Haiti, as part of an attempted insurance fraud. The story of her 1872 abandonment has been recounted and dramatized many times, in documentaries, novels, plays and films, and the name of the ship has become a byword for unexplained desertion.

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Having found the interesting history of the Mary Celeste, your Commodore found this article.

## Remains of 500 year-old shipwreck retrieved from bottom of Baltic Sea in almost PERFECT condition

Peter Lloyd for MailOnline

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The remains of a 500-year-old ship that is so 'astonishingly preserved' it looks like it 'sank yesterday' were revealed today following its discovery on the ocean floor.

Experts found the incredible shipwreck - located 24 nautical miles from the Swedish coast - while scanning the icy depths of the Baltic Sea with a sonar device.

Now, further investigations by a team of international scientists, including a group from the University of Southampton, have revealed its pristine remains using underwater robotic technology.

The vessel, which dates back to the Late 15th or early 16th Century, still has its masts in place, swivel guns on deck and even parts of its rigging remain.

This, experts believe, is because a lack of oxygen in icy depths helps to deter sea animals from ravaging the remains.

The vessel is older than previous historic findings, including the warship Mars, which was blown to pieces in the First Battle of Öland in 1564, and Henry the VIII's Mary Rose, built in 1510.

Unlike the Mars warship, which had its remains scattered after being blown to pieces, this unnamed, newly discovered vessel has its hull almost completely intact. Maritime archaeologist Dr Rodrigo Pacheco-Ruiz, who has spent more than a decade exploring and mapping sea beds, said the boat dates back to the days of Christopher Columbus and Leonardo Da Vinci.

The underwater expert revealed the vessel is older than previous historic findings, including the warship Mars, which was blown to pieces in the First Battle of Öland in 1564, and Henry the VIII's Mary Rose, built in 1510. Dr Pacheco-Ruiz today said: 'This ship is contemporary to the times of Christopher Columbus and Leonardo Da Vinci.'

'But it demonstrates a remarkable level of preservation after 500 years at the bottom of the sea, thanks to the cold, brackish waters of the Baltic. It's almost like it sank yesterday - masts in place and hull intact.'

'Still on the main deck is an incredibly rare find - the tender boat, used to ferry crew to and from the ship, leaning against the main mast. It's a truly astonishing sight.'

Underwater imagery also shows other rare discoveries, including a wooden capstan, used to reel in rope for the mast, and bilge pump.

Also still on the deck is the 'incredibly rare' tender boat, which would have been used to ferry crew to and from the shore.

However, the name and origin of the Renaissance sailing ship are not yet known. Scientists have called it 'Okänt Skepp', Swedish for 'unknown ship'.

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Sailboat on Lake Carlyle, Illinois

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