



The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club

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BROADSIDE

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NOW HEAR THIS YOUR COMMODORE FROM THE BRIDGE



Since Kent Morgan, our Vice-Commodore was out of town, there was only Emil Wolfshoefer and the Commodore at Hendel’s for dinner. After having enjoyed a delightful dinner, we proceeded to the Old School House for our meeting and to our surprise the lock had been changed. Fortunately, I had a contact telephone number and within a short time a nice gentleman named Doug came and opened the door for us; luckily, he lives close by, so we didn’t have to wait too long as the weather was quite cool. I have since contacted Carol, the person who is in charge and she provided me with the new access key. As you can see from the minutes everything proceeded nicely.

I have tried to contact the Administrator for Village North where the beautiful lake is, but unfortunately, he is out of town for a couple of weeks, so I will have to wait until he returns before I can get additional information regarding running boats on that lake.

Scheduled Events	
Wednesday, 3 April 2019	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 1 May 2019	Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, 5 June 2019	Monthly Meeting

NOTES

Next Gathering: Wednesday, 3 April 2019

Prior to our 5 PM monthly 1st 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.

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

Gratefully,
Jane
Commodore

Secretary's 6 March 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 6 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Keeler.

Reports, Administration -- Segment

1. Commodore's Opening Comments:

- A. Norm Kalaskie had an accident at home and he is now recuperating in a Rehabilitation Center. We wish him a speedy recovery. Also, Judy Kirby has been in the hospital but is now at home recuperating. We wish her a speedy recovery as well.
- B. With great sadness I again report that Dave St. Clair passed away on 6 February 2019. Please keep his wife and family in your thoughts and prayers. His family will provide us with services information as soon as they can.
- C. Your Commodore had the pleasure of presenting the Emeritus Award to Luther Disher on Monday, 4 March 2019, at his home, and he was very pleased and appreciated the honor of receiving the award from the membership.



Commodore Jane presenting Emeritus Award to Luther Disher

- D. **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.
2. **Secretary's Meeting Minutes Report – Bob Keeler:** Presented the minutes of the February 2019 meeting which were published/printed in the February 2019 Broadside newsletter. Motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed was made by Phil Frisch, seconded by Mike Alligood. Motion approved.
 3. **Treasurer's Report – Lin Blaszkiewicz:** Lin Blaszkiewicz and Bob Keeler opened a new account at American Eagle Credit Union. Lin was unable to make it to this meeting and the report was given by Commodore Jane. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Phil Frisch, seconded by John Ziemer. Motion approved.
 4. **Vice Commodore -- Comments/Actions – Kent Morgan:** No report, out of town.

5. **Asst. Vice-Commodore Comments – John Ziemer** – No report.

6. **Commodore -- Comments/Actions:**

A. **Amendment of By-Laws:** under revision (as previously voted on).

7. **Secretary Comments – Bob Keeler** – No report.

8. **Treasurer Comments – Lin Blaszkiewicz** – No Report - Absent

9. **Membership Comments – Lin Blaszkiewicz** – No Report - Absent

Boat Club Items and Notices of Interest -- Segment:

1. **Annual Regatta:** The Boat House in Forest Park, only Sunday, 29 September 2019 for our Fall 2019 Regatta
2. An alternate location option is to hold our Fall Regatta at Village North Lake on our usual Saturday weekend day in September (in this case, 28 September 2019). I am still in the process of obtaining information from Village North about the possibility of holding a Spring Regatta (Semi-Annual) in the May time frame at the Lake.
3. **Dues:** Commodore Jane requests all to please keep dues current. Lyn Blaszkiewicz made a motion to send reminder postcards to members at renewal time after the May meeting; Paul Kirby seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dues are \$30 per year if you receive newsletter by email; \$40 if you receive newsletter by mail.
4. **SSMA Individual Membership Renewal Information:** Bob Keeler reported that he had sent in renewal applications for club renewal and applications for insurance for St. Ferdinand Park, City of Florissant, Old St. Ferdinand Shrine and School house, and West Port Plaza for the toy show. Please let Bob Keeler know when you have renewed so he can keep track for club insurance purposes. If you haven't joined yet, please give it a try. They have a very nice and interesting magazine well worth the price of a membership. Send dues to the SSMA Membership Director: Heinz Ricken, SSMA Clubs/Membership Director, 514 Cranford Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016.
5. Collection was held for St. Ferdinand School House.

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

1. **Articles Meeting Segment:** Admiral's Club Newsletter Voluntary Articles (as of 6 February 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 6 Feb 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 6 Feb 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.

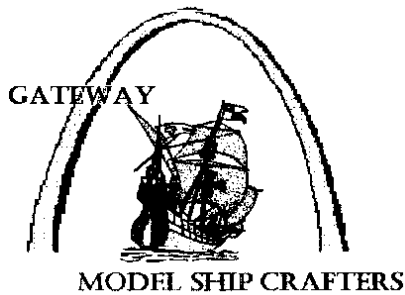
3. Show and Tell Meeting Segment:

Bob Keeler showed the Commodore's Regatta training tug boat which he had worked on. Bob Keeler continued, that, as received, the boat only ran in forward. He replaced the ancient transmitter/receiver with a current Spectrum 2.4 GHZ 2 channel transmitter/receiver and when that didn't work, he replaced the speed control. That still didn't solve the problem, so the motor was replaced. When that didn't work, the only thing left was the reduction gear set. The gear was greased. That allowed the boat to back up but poorly. At the meeting, reversing still didn't work. Emil Wolfshoefer took a look and suggested that the gears were too tight and lessening the gear contact would help. We'll see.

Round Table Discussion – Meeting Segment: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 April 2019 at Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, the old School House. Sailing at St. Ferdinand Pond from 2PM – 4 PM weather permitting, before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Bob Keeler



Meeting: 10 January 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**

February Meeting Highlights:

We again reviewed progress of Shipcrafters latest efforts on their individual elements for our Ironclad Project and their anticipated follow up activities. Dr. Mike displayed more of his brass machining's (Photo 1) for the two main steam engines These included the "Stepped Ladder Arms" (Qty: 8) and links for the poppet valves which are unique to sternwheeler engines which were mounted on 14-degree ramps to align with the paddlewheel axle (Photo 2). The plan is to make all of the engine details from brass parts which should be spectacular.

Bob brought his recently completed TurboCad drawings for the ironclad's Launch (Photos 3 & 4) and its three Cutters (Photos 5 & 6) made from previously published "Body Plans", but with individual accurate section cuts for use in making either "Bread & Butter" or "Plank-On-Frame" models for our ironclad. The rudders and tillers are not yet completed; however, these elements would normally be un-shipped and stowed in the boats bilges until launched to protect them from handling damage.

Dry-fits of individual sample armor plates provided by Tim for the bow and side casements were unsuccessful due to plate widths, but revealed an inconsistency between the number of plates (14) between the gun ports shown on the NPS 1981 sister ship "USS Cairo" drawing (Photo 7) and the actual number plates (16) on the "USS Cairo" as reconstructed at Vicksburg (Photo 8). However, the number of armor plates between gun ports (9) on the bow casement is consistent on these two sources (Photo 9 & 10). Assuming that the actual "USS Cairo" armor plating was recovered (Photo 11) and re-used for its reconstruction and that the plates were all 13-inches wide with 1-inch rabbets on each side per the HSR specification, we will remake our sample armor plates for a second dry-fit using a quantity of 16.

"USS St. Louis" Project Status:

The new drawings for the cutters and launch, superimposed on the 1981 NPS "USS Cairo" cross-section drawing which included the boat davit geometry were used to simulate their launching and recovery (Photos 12 & 13). Although this activity would require some manual effort to help clear the gun-wale of the boats with the chine of the ironclad, it appears to be quite feasible and the validity of the geometry is reinforced by davit attach point elements recovered with the "USS Cairo".

Bill has essentially completed planking and "trennaling" the bow (Photo 14) and stern (Photo 15) decks which are just extensions of the gun deck beyond the bow and stern casements and has begun fitting the internal spirketting and external horizontal layer of casement planking (Photo 16 & 17) which form the intersection with the decks. This also includes completion of the mooring bits and manual bilge pump "Elm Tree" housings.

The port side casement framing, planking and spirketting continues to be fleshed out (Photo 18) while concentrating on the port side casement to stern casement intersection (Photo 19).

Once the four casement locations have been stabilized, the next modeling activity will consist of another Hurricane Deck separation and removal along the upper edge of the casements. This will allow us to resume completion of activity on the gun deck and in the engine and fire rooms below, including installation of armament, engines, crew figurines and junior officers' quarters while continuing exterior casement planking and armor plating, in preparation for a final assembly phase.

Note: For those interested in more detail on this project, we have been creating a scratch build log on the "NRG Model Ship World Forum" web site under the title "USS St. Louis" Ironclad. This forum can be browsed by anyone and accessed for full participation by simply registering a "user name" and "password" on line.

We still have a few other unassigned interesting model subassemblies for anyone interested. Please contact me if you are interested in this aspect of our ironclad project

I hope to see you there,

Howie





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Article from Ropewalk, Newsletter of "The Shipwrights of Central Ohio"

Ships on Deck:

Mary Powell (model)

Lee has been working on the "Walking-Beam" engine for his sidewheel steamer and painting the hull.



Mayflower (model)

Stan Ross is ready to start rigging his Model Shipways *Mayflower*. He says the rigging plans are awful. Anyone have a good plan for rigging the *Mayflower*?

Skipjack

Crew is aboard and ready to dredge.



Ulises

Alan Phelps has made progress on his radio-controlled tug.



Odds and Ends

Nautical Terms

Fair – A smooth curve, usually referring to a line of the hull which has no deviations; to make something flush; a line is fair when it has a clear run; a wind or current when it offers an advantage to a boat.

Fairlead - A ring, hook or other device used to keep a line or chain running in the correct direction or to prevent it rubbing or fouling.

Fake - To coil a rope down on the deck to enable it to pay out without fouling.

Fall - The part of the tackle that is hauled upon.

Fantail - Aft end of the ship, also known as the Poop deck.

Fathom - A unit of length equal to 6 feet (1.8 m), roughly measured as the distance between a man's outstretched hands. Particularly used to measure depth.

Felucca - A traditional wooden sailing boat with a rig consisting of one or two lateen sails, used in protected waters of the Red Sea and eastern Mediterranean and particularly along the Nile in Egypt and Sudan, and also in Iraq.

Fend off - A command given to the crew to stop what they are now doing and to immediately manually prevent the boat from banging into the docks or other boats.

Fetch - The distance across water which a wind or waves have traveled; to reach a mark without tacking.

Glossary of Nautical Terms Wikipedia;

A New Year's Story

Can a steamship be in the Southern Hemisphere and the middle of summer and also be in the Northern Hemisphere in the middle of winter and at the same time be in the new year while also in the previous year?

The *RMS Warrimoo*, an Australian/New Zealand passenger ship, steaming from Vancouver to Australia in 1899 is best remembered for doing that. On December 31, 1899, the *Warrimoo*, crossed the International dateline and the equator at midnight which would have her in two hemispheres, two different seasons and two different years at the same time.

Her navigator had determined that the ship on December 30th, 1899 was 40 miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Timeline. He notified her captain who adjusted speed and direction so that at midnight on December 31, 1899 the ship was at that intersection.

2019 SSMANA Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

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If this is a renewal, what is your Membership Number? _____

Are you a member of a local club? Yes _____ No _____

If so, what club?

Please indicate what types of ships interest you (mark all that apply)

Military _____ Fast Electric _____ Pleasure _____

Coast Guard _____ Civil War _____ Submarines _____

Work Boats _____ Paddle Wheel _____ Sail _____

Type of construction you do (mark all that apply)

Kit _____ Scratch _____ Partial Kit _____ R-T-R _____

Type of power you use:

Electric _____ Steam _____ Wind _____

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