

# CMBC Newsletter

**Meetings are at Wally's Restaurant I-75  
East Ridge Exit 6:45 PM the Fourth  
Monday of the month.**

- 1. Meeting Minutes January**
- 2. Schedule Set For Year**
- 3. Shop Tips - from Bruce Zeller**
- 4. Get you Dues ready for 2004 Year**

**Meeting Minutes** **Old Business:** Gowan thanked the group for its effort on making the Christmas party another success.

Dave went over the list of mall visitors and assigned two names to each member who volunteered to call the interested parties and invite them to a meeting.

Dave also passed out the one remaining race award from HobbyTown USA.

**New Business:** Dave had been asked by one of the employees of HobbyTown to get a list of items that boat members would like to see stocked by the store. Several members volunteered their ideas and wishes.

The calendar for this year was discussed and approved. (See attached.)

Sid Wood asked whether the club would be interested in purchasing an ad in the upcoming Golden Gloves event to be held here in Chattanooga. The club passed on the offer.

**Program:** Bruce Zeller gave us a "modeling tip for the month". He gave a first person account for the use of safety glasses when doing any grinding. This

includes the use of the Dremel tool grinding wheel. Barry Smith added his own personal experience with an eye injury as a result of using a grinder. Bruce will continue to give us a short tip at each of the meetings. Bottom line...**always** work with eye protection!

Gerald Shaw went to considerable effort to put together two booklets for the members. One was on planking a wooden ship and the other was on making a duplicator for a miniature lathe. Additional copies are available , just give Gerald a call.

**Show and Tell:** Again, many good boats in the works. Andy brought in his fiberglass hulled *Sequin* with its Cheddar steam plant. He showed how he converted the vertical boiler to a horizontal plant.

Bruce took the old vintage model of the *Mayflower* and had great fun in converting it to a ship that defies definition. It glitters, it glows, it sparkles and it looks somewhat like a miniature Marti Gra float. I hope the enclosed photo does it justice. What a fun boat.

George Driese had two boats. The completed *CS Jackson* which at 11 7/8" was going to the Confederate Museum in Columbus GA. Very fine miniature work. He also had his RC fishing boat, the *Nordkamp*, planked and ready for the fiberglass. George explained how he used thread and an etching pen to make the deck planking on solid sheets of plywood.

Dave brought in the *Champion of Detroit* tug which is now completed to the top deck and an unpainted pilot house. Lots yet to do.

And then there was Sid Wood's Submarine. At this time we are still awaiting the firing of the torpedo. I make that singular for a reason. Sid is rapidly running out of motors, switches and batteries. But he has an infinite supply of patience and perseverance. Maybe next time.....

A good "show and tell" as you will see from the

picture page. The meeting ended around 9:00 PM.

## PROFILE OF A BUILDER

It was my pleasure and privilege to meet with the North Florida Orcas RC boat club on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville Florida. The first boat club member that I met was Andy Anders, a gentleman who at age 82 showed me I still had a lot to learn about building. For thirty years Andy was the captain of the city of Jacksonville's fireboat and he was all that you might imagine of someone who had spent a lifetime on the water. Most of the model boats that he has built he designed and built from scratch. Many were, by my standards BIG, from 3 to 6 feet and as a wizard with fiberglass, were very unique. The most interesting examples of his innovative style were his fiberglass creations of sharks, dolphins and Orca whales, all motorized and radio controlled. Andy wouldn't let me leave without giving me one of his sailboat hulls. While another member was there at the pond offering to buy the hull, Andy said "I will get you another one from home" and he turned around and gave me the one he had there at the pond. 'This fellow tells me he doesn't have a sailboat!' said Andy. While I only spent from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the Jacksonville group, it was WARM, the pond was clean for boating, and the members super friendly. Was able to run my Dumas Victory Tug along side another Victory Tug that was ultra equipped with lights, horn and an engine exhaust pump. I also ran my Jim Walters tug which was a big hit with their club members who seemed to like work boats as much as I do. It's great to visit other clubs and view their work. Especially great to meet such a remarkable builder as Andy Anders. Here are some examples of his work.



The Shark was highly maneuverable and worked well. What a crowd pleaser this must be at a regatta.

## Why is a ship called "she"?

There's always a bustle around her.  
There's usually a gang of men nearby.  
She has a waist and uses stays.  
It takes a lot of paint to keep her looking good.  
It's not the initial investment; it's the upkeep that breaks you.

She can be all decked out.  
 It takes an experienced man to handle her.  
 Without an experienced man, she's absolutely out of control.  
 She shows her topsides, but hides her bottom.  
 When she comes to port, she always heads for the buoys. (Jay Parson's contribution to this month's newsletter.)



George Driese's 12" Model of the C S Jackson which is bound for the Civil War Museum



Andy's new steam powered Sequin at 600 hours!

## Calendar of Events

**Feb.23rd 2004 Regular Monthly Meeting at Wally's 6:45 PM Election of Officers**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Monthly Meeting. (5 Mondays in March) Install Officers**

**DUES TIME AGAIN  
 \$16 WILL GAIN YOU RENEWAL  
 MEMBERSHIP AND A YEAR'S  
 WORTH OF FUN.**

**MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO : David Amstutz and mark them CMBC Dues for 2004**