



The Binnacle

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Yahoo! Newsgroup : VIRCB
Vancouver Island Radio Control Boaters

Western Speedway



Photo by Glen Newmeyer



Good sailing for Dave Nelson



Our cooks Bill & Bev Andrews



Jim Cox rescuing his ship with help from Pascal Smyth



Victoria Model Shipbuilding Society

General Meeting – July 12, 2012

Call to Order at 7:30 PM

Noted that this was our final meeting at Garden City United. The church had their various small assets spread out all over the room so we had a more casual; meeting arrangement with every one sitting in one clump or another.

No guests or new members are present.

No outreach items

Mike Creasy not present but the report is that we have not taken any money in but we also haven't spent as well so we are holding on to the previous slightly profitable year.

Noted that next month's meeting will be at St. Peters on St. Peters. Same time, more parking, no stairs to climb.

Events report

All Fun weekend coming on July 21 – 22 at Western Speedway. Need a work party for Friday to sweep out the pond liner. That will be around 10:00 AM. The BBQ will be there for hotdogs on Saturday and Burgers on Sunday.

Air museum display on August 4. Setup will be around 8:30 to 9:00 Saturday morning. The dock at Harrison has moved closer to the sidewalk on one end and some of our well mannered citizenry have been anticipating having their young children walk out on it.

Everyone was warned/informed that this was the last chance to pick through the Library and take whatever books they would like. It was also pointed out that we have donated the Library Bookcase to the Crofton Art Group. A very nice card (see back cover) was received from them thanking us for the donation. In addition it was noted that a few boxes of donuts were sent down for us to enjoy and that we had also picked up some coffee so that the break would include coffee and a don't for anyone wanting to partake.

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Your Executive meets the last Thursday of every month!!

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Meeting Moments



Tom Gardner displays his new tug



Dave Denton demonstrates working with styrene



Romain's sailboat at HMYP. I wonder how it dives?

The break was taken and the 50/50 tickets sold.

Show and Tell

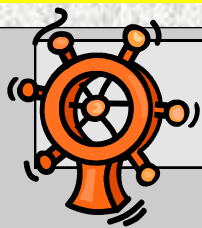
Tom Gardner showed off his new project, a large tug that he has recently picked up. He showed the main pieces and that included a very good-looking working winch.

Rob Ross showed parts of his next torpedo version the highlight of which is a motor that will drive counter-rotating props right out of the box. Very small and very neat.

Barry Fox told about a way to keep small metal parts from heading for the floor. Use the fridge magnets that come as either calendars or business cards and work over top of them.

The entertainment for the night was **Dave Denton** showing us the laser cut Thomas Tug kit and some ideas on how to glue it together. The bookcase was loaded, the books were taken away and we adjourned for the last time at Garden City.





The Prez Says...

Prez Says

Well here we are in August and about to move into our 3rd meeting place since I became involved in the club. Maybe changes are good because we had a pretty good revitalization after our last move.

That said, we have been pretty busy this past month. It started out with a gorgeous day at the Strawberry Festival and a huge crowd of people there to take it all in. We did well and kept a variety of boats out on the water all day so we should get good reviews for that effort.

Then off to Western Speedway for All Fun weekend with two great days on the water, sailing off the island in the middle of the lake, and pretty pristine water as well. Both days featured good lunches from our own BBQ and a good time running around on the water. And another good turn-out of boats.

And now we have just finished a day out at the Air Museum showing off our wares in front of another good crowd. And having a good time exchanging ideas and expertise.

And that is probably one of the biggest benefits of being a club member, the amount of expertise that is filed away in the minds of all of our members. These days where we hang out with our boats and have time to ask some questions and find solutions are really a huge value. Personally, I enjoy virtually every discussion about how things are done or used in our hobby. Even if some of the methods and materials don't look like they will apply to what I do, they often make me think of ways to improve how my boats function or how I go about building them.

When our guest speakers, most of whom these days are our fellow club members, start talking about building, materials used, what adhesives are better for one thing or another, etc. I try to pick



ON THE RADAR

INFORMATION ON UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1st, 2nd & 3rd: Saanich Fair



Meetings: Second Thursday 7:30-9:30
4050 Carey Road
Next is: September 13th, 2012



POWER: Sundays 10 – 12
Harrison Model Yacht Pond (HMYP)
Dallas Road at Government Street



SAILING: 1st and 3rd Sundays 1 – 3 PM
Beaver Lake
Next is August 19th, 2012



LANGFORD LAKE NAVY
Wednesdays 9:30
Langford Lake, Leigh Rd at Trillium

through what they have to say. Somewhere in the middle of most every presentation I find an invaluable hint.

Of course, if you don't come out (and bring your boat!!!) then you don't get to see and learn from these excellent modelers. But you wouldn't do that, would you??

Next up is our grand exhibition at the Saanich Fair. The sign up sheets will be out at the meeting this month I am sure so make sure that you do at least one shift and help us show the world what we do.

When September rolls around we will be looking very seriously for individuals to run for office for this great club. Get ready to say yes when asked. See you at the fair and at the lake.

-Barry





THE SUB SUBJECT

Once more the health and growth of the VMSS has required an update of the “The Sub Subject.” The tedious but necessary task every couple of or so years. This one goes back to August 2009 and forward to October 2012.

I’d appreciate more intense reading of the column. Going by some of the questions I get, this is not always happening.

<u>2009</u>	August:	State of the model submarine fleet – The ravages of neglected MAINTENANCE
	September:	January 2006 to September 2009. (Index)
	October:	USN decommissioning procedure of nuclear powered submarines. (With a flashback to the July 1999 column.
	November:	A 2 nd time book review of <u>Model Submarine Technology</u> by Norbert Brüggen. Now translated from original (German) publication back in December 2000 <u>Binnacle</u> . The English text rests in the VMSS library.
	December:	An update on the RCN’s four (former <u>Upholder</u> class) of the RN’s used submarines.
<u>2010</u>	January:	Visiting the “Russian” museum sub at New Westminster
	February:	A follow-up on the Russian sub, now open to the public in San Diego, CA, U.S.A.
	March:	Part I of IV columns, dealing with the WWII midget submarines. Part I deals with the diverse lot (many types) of the DKM.
	April:	Part II, the JIN’s midgets.
	May:	Part III, the Italian midgets and manned torpedoes.
	June:	The RN’s X-Craft and the Chariot (two-man human torpedo).
	July:	The Russian’s supercavitating Skhval rocked torpedo. (Amplified in the <u>Binnacle</u> ’s July 2012 issue).
	August:	The new Russian submarines – Borei Class. (Which translates into North Wind.)
	September:	The JIN’s plans to attack (and destroy) the Atlantic’s entrance to the Panama Canal.



- October: "Model Submarines 101" Part A. Foreword and "A". Before any Physical Start."
 November: Part B. Building a first boat. Keep it simple and other recommendations.
 December: Ballast tanks. Only gas-operated systems are detailed – while others are mentioned.

2011

- January: Part "D" of "Model Submarines 101" Trimming and Tuning the model
 February: The late Gibb's Tally Ho. (His principal and first model sub.).
 March: The CIA's attempt to raise the wreck of the Soviet's K-129. Known as PROJECT AZORIAN.
 April: Details about the Lockheed-Built Recovery Vehicle (RV) to raise K-129.
 May: The CIA's hiring, handling and accommodations toward maintaining the secrecy of Project Azorian.
 June: HMB-1. The submersible barge built for the effort to lift K-129. In all: "Project Azorian" was a remarkable feat of ingenuity and engineering.
 July: Final Column re: Project Azorian. Odds and sods that may be of interest but did not fit well in the texts of the March-June columns.
 August: Index of August 2009-October 2011 "Sub Subject" columns.
 September: A co-operative effort with **Jim Cox**, about his efforts to get U-25 (originally built by **Jack Plummer**) to perform the way it should have in the first place.
 October: The use of magnets in model's linkages. Some involve so-called "reed switches".
 November: Use of magnets continued. Some illustrations are included.
 December: Magnets in models Part III. Applied and suggested means of launching torpedoes from submarines or torpedo equipped boats.

2012

- January: Loss of the Russian Kursk, Some of the conspiracy theories are examined.
 February: The relative frequency of USN and Russian warship collisions. 19 instances summarized.
 March: **Jim Cox**'s travails and problems with sows ears and silk purses. (Fixing up U-25)
 April: The successful rescue (in 1973) of PIII, one of the Vickers Oceanics submersibles.
 May: Another update on the progress with the RCN's Victoria-class subs toward operational status. (Sourced from newspapers, TV and Radio news reports.)



- June: An investigative look at what makes the Márklin wind-up toy submarine dive and surface. Not high-tech, but clever.
- July: A follow-up on the July 2010 Shkval column, the Russian's supercavitating rocket torp.
- August: August 2009 – November 2012 "Sub Subject" index
- September: **Rob Ross's** pneumatic system for launching torpedos from his Schnellboot
- October: Canadian built WWI submarines. (in Montreal's Vickers shipyards).

That fourth or fifth INDEX clears the decks for the next couple of years. Readers who wish to go farther than August 2009 could try the net, Yahoo! Newsgroup: VIRCB, or get hold of the current or previous Editor. Failing that, the writer may be contacted at 1061 Joan Crescent, Victoria, BC, V8S 3L3. Digging through the files may take a bit of time, but if it's worth it to you, it's worth it to him.

Happy reading till then – topics for September and October already announced.

Romanus Unicum



As I sit writing this article on this hot long week-end, my thoughts lean towards our November meeting. I know what you're thinking, "Oh no, not another article about running for the Executive." It's not, but there is no greater service than volunteering for your club.

I am referring to the "Best New Build" awards. For our new members and as a reminder for everyone I'll go over the basics again. There are four categories: **Work, Pleasure, Military** and **Sail**. Your boat must be completed by the November General Meeting. It must be a new build. Adding a piece to an existing boat does not qualify. You can only enter a boat once. All entries must be brought to the AGM for voting by the General Membership.

Should you have a boat that meets the requirements and want to try for the award, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Your Awards Committee.



How I Nearly Became A Meal For A Cougar

A true tale

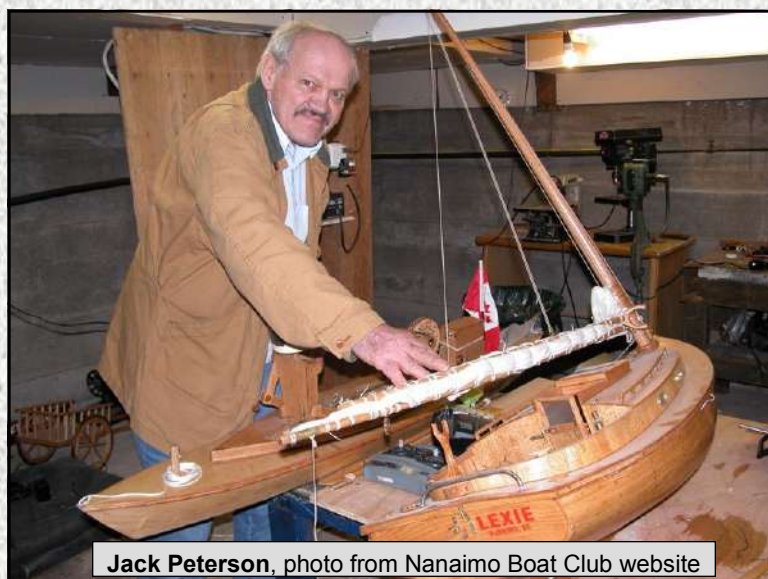
In the year of our Lord 2000 we still had a piece of property at Salmon Beach, a holiday and weekend property at Toquart Bay (2 quart) out side of Ucluelet. Overlooking this piece of heaven is Mt. Ozard, a radar system that monitors ocean traffic on the west coast of the island. The view from the top on a clear day is nothing short of breathtaking, you can see just about to Bamfield on the other side of Barclay Sound

One day I decided to go up there with my tripod and take a panoramic shot. I told the caretaker where I was going and when I expected to be home (always do this when traveling alone in the bush). I jumped on my bike and rode up to the "no entry gate" (first mistake, but I had done it many times before). I parked my bike and climbed around the gate. I didn't have a partner (second mistake), it is a 3/4 hour hike to the top so I put my head down and started the grind up to the top. I kept blowing my boy scout whistle—a good thing to do in bear country. It was my old boy scout whistle, two tone with no pea in side it to give it that staccato sound, just a wimpy phwee sound, very boring (third mistake, a bad thing in cougar country).

I was walking in the left hand track and was going around a corner, out of the corner of my eye I saw a tree shaking. There was no wind. My eyes locked onto that tree like a cruise missile. I heard a slight scuffle in the right hand track. I looked a saw a cougar in attack crouch. These are the things that went through my mind in lightning speed. My God what a beautiful animal. Hold on a minute there is no window in front of me! This is not television! Let me tell you I was blowing that stupid little whistle for all I was worth. I was blowing it damn near full time now, and his ears were going back I don't think he liked it. Look at those paws as big as dinner plates. Then one paw went either up or down .I thought listen to me I am sounding like a stuck pig (I may have invited the attack) All of a sudden his eyes said "menu"!!!! You know instinctively not to turn and run. You can't just stand there. The only thing left is to attack. I raised my tripod over my shoulder and went for him; I wanted to leave some cat fur on it so it would tell why there was this pile of steaming guts on the side of the trail. A swing and a miss, and the beast evaporated into the bush without disturbing a twig or a tree.

I decided that I didn't need the photo that bad so I headed back to my bike and on to camp. Let me tell you every time a grouse thumped I was up twirling around like a dervish, with eyes as big as saucers, I bet. Back at camp ,thinking of what went wrong and right we came to the above conclusions and some more; This could have been a training exercise for Junior, and momma cat was shaking the tree as a diversion. Maybe the cat was asleep on the trail and I woke him up. One thing for sure I read his eyes loud and clear, and they said "menu" He could not read mine because I had sun-glasses on. All in all an adventure to savor in the comfort of a lawn chair, rum and coke in hand watching the tide roll in. Dave (cougar bait) Denton

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Jack Peterson, photo from Nanaimo Boat Club website

Jack Peterson (of the Nanaimo Boat Club) recently passed away. The Nanaimo Club have a tribute on their website, link is below.

<http://nanaimoboatmodellers.webs.com/presidentspage.htm>

Mike Claxton



Sidney Air Museum
Open House

Photos submitted by **Mike Claxton,**
Bob Rainsford & Bill Andrews.





From Crofton Art Group

Thank You

