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South East Boat Modelers Newsletter

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From the Harbor Master

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Pirate Fleet



Booty Calls



New Cracker box Drivers

Paul Tufo's Chris Craft



Ahoy Mates,

We had quite a busy month of boat running. Some of us ran boats three Saturdays in a roll. We had the Night Float, the Chattanooga Regatta and our regular club meeting. Kudos to all of you that showed for all 3. It was hard but someone had to do it. Well, not really hard, just a lot of fun. Wish all of you could have made all of the meetings.

This next month we have two meetings. The regular club meeting is on the 15th and the Cure on the 22nd. Visitors to the club should come for the 15th Meeting.

I want to take this opportunity to tell all of you receiving this newsletter that next month is the very important Cure Picnic on July 22nd. We are volunteers at the picnic and we want to show up in force. So bring your tugs and towboats and your friendly attitude to help out. We let the kids drive our boats and help manage the flow of

transmitters to the kids and families, and keep the boats off the rocks, and help as required. The kids with cancer get 1st priority, of course. We want to set up near the water with gazebo type tents next to each other. So if you have one bring it. If you have any type of new give-away toy, bring it. We may ask our local hobby shops, if they want to donate some kind of small items to give to these kids and or families. It does get hectic, but remember, we have done this before. Wear your Club Polo Shirts. Hold open transmitters for unused boats up high and someone will probably need it. Keep an eye out for the Mister Mister kids that keep coming back and hogging up boat time. Some fast boat demonstrations and sailing during slow times can bring in the excitement and therefore some traffic. Lets have some fun and remember to take a break.

Aaaaaaaaarrrrrrr, pass me the grog.

Regatta Results

8 members of SEBM came to the Chattanooga Regatta this year. Doug, Phil, Carrey, Mike, Matt, Paul Tufo, Rick L. and myself were present. Paul Tufo wins 2nd place for Best RC boat for his very pretty Barrel Back 1940 Chris Craft. It took Paul with the help of Andrew Parks almost 14 months to build her. He won a gift certificate from Hobby Lobby. And Doug Smock ties for 3rd for best RC boat for his own design of the Diversified Recovery Boat. Congratulations guys for the wins and

your hard work. And next, to Doug for winning his First \$1 for a bet with CMBC member Dave Amstutz for a bet with Doug, if he could lap the last Hammer Boat in the stock class race. \$\$\$\$

**Have you heard about the new pirate movie?
It's rated AARRRR!**

**And do you know why?
Because of all the booty!**

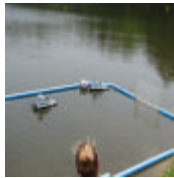




Best Race in Tennessee



*Diversified Recovery
WINS*



Doug's SEBM Diversified Recovery takes on CMBC's recovery boat. Diversified Recovery Wins ! It gets to the flipped over cracker-box boat faster and scoops it up before the Tennessee guy knows what hit 'em. Cheers from the crowd were roaring from both groups as the two boats neared the target boat. I even heard someone yell, "Take it out" on the Tenn side. Chattanooga's recovery boat is a manned plastic Coleman fishing type boat that is power by a trolling motor and a Tennessee redneck. SEBM recovery is powered by two bosch motors and rc controlled driven from shore by a Ga redneck. Imagine the embarrassment of the driver of the CMBC boat... I hear that they may put in a Mercury Outboard next time...hehehe

Setting the water on fire as usual



*Doug's Speed Vee gets
into a buoy*

We no doubtingly had the fastest boats on the water in Chattanooga, from the Zig Zags to the mono's and tunnel hull. We were the fastest! And best looking if I may add. Unfortunately mistakes happen, with racing come the Glory, the Frustration, the Risks, and the Accidents and not the fastest one always wins. For a non-racing club as the SEBM we did kick some booty and had fun doing it. The racing favored the home team, who has practiced the oval racing coarse for the last 10 years. Funny how those buoys will come out and grab you. However, since

Ray's Harbor

Phil introduces Tow Boat Soccer to the Regatta. The 20 foot arena made by cpvc and floating noodle hold up to 4 tow boats that try to score goals by pushing a soccer ball into the net on each end. Most of the adults seemed a little disinterested with the game in the Regatta venue, which is understandable considering all that is going on. The game is harder than you think, however, the kids seemed to enjoy it and we may have another game for the kids to play at the Cure picnic this year.

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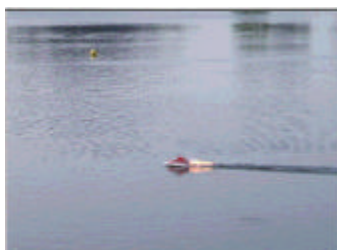


no awards or trophies were given, (except for Doug's dollar) the racing was just for fun. And we all came home with all our equipment still running and in tact. Even my Castle 125 esc and Doug's 80 made it. A few of us sat there at the lake after the day was over, after all the CMBC guys left, and we contemplated the fun day we had and how nice it would be to have a such a permanent lake race setup such as theirs. Then we ran our last Victory laps and packed up. We were the last to leave, as usual, and locked the gate as we left and headed home.

Zig Blast Zag

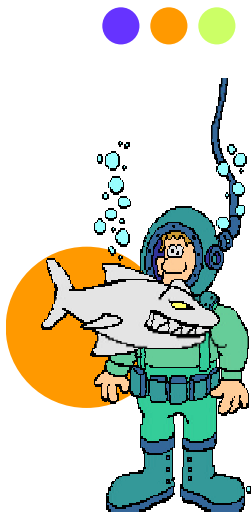
The Zig Zag is a good starting out radio controlled Ready to Run model for all. It is fun to drive, pretty quick and relatively cheap. Well, the Chattanooga guys race these stock boats as well. So, Doug and myself, after hours and hours of laughter, and then some more laughter weeks on end decide to build our own Zig Zag. A rocket powered Zig Zag. Yes, I said that. Rocket Powered. Going back to Chattanooga, the Zig Zag makes a blast at the start and takes Tenn guys by surprise. And wins both races. How's that? They were all too busy laughing and shocked to drive their boats. It's the

Shock and Awe syndrome. Anyways, it is by far the most expensive Zig Zag and weighs 1 ¾ oz. heavier than stock with the rocket installed and it is probably the only Rocket assisted Zig Zag in the world. The A size rocket was kept small for the fear of the unknowns and for testing reactions. It also forcefully ejects itself and produces a bang doing so. Myself, Doug and Mike, built it. Tested at midnight strapped to a toy car. Scaring the hell out of Mike. And driven by Doug. The rocket didn't do much as far as propulsion, but it was never meant to do that. It was built to see the look on those Chattanooga guys. Well-done guys.



Blast Off





Mister Mister

We still haven't heard back from the original Mister Mister. Doug is still waiting to give him a new boat to play with. You think we would have seen him again this last month since we were at the lake almost every Saturday. Besides the Regatta in Chattanooga, we had two official club meetings. Speaking of which, who planned the second club meeting on the same day as the biggest kids fishing tournament at the park? It wasn't the same person who was so concerned with the fast guys running into the fisherman's lines, was it? Hmmm? Ye may think a conspiracy theory is about. Nevertheless, the fast guys sat it out for a while until most of the crowd was gone. We didn't want to get too bombarded with questions from a thousand Mister Misters. So the sailboats and subs had the lake for a while and they too got a sample of

getting bombarded with questions. Some people left or didn't come because of the fishing tournament and that may have caused our club turn out for the second meeting to be a little low. Then afterwards, the park being relatively empty and trashed, we played. We did have one fatality to a boat directly related to the fishing though. A fishing line wrapped around a pinecone and then around a prop, causing the motor in Doug's cracker-box to over amp and burn up. Mister Mister why is that pinecone attached to the bottom of your boat?



Artistic Rendering,
of Pine Cone Cracker

They make 'em Big in Tennessee

I got a discount on the hotel room rate in Chattanooga. The room rate was to be \$79 + tax, but with a little flirtation with the big girl at the front desk I got the room for \$66.85 total! Tax included. (Sorry Phil) We got the room receipt to prove it. She wanted a pirate T-shirt bad. She even locked us out the room after seeing us the next day eating breakfast so that we had to go back and talk with her again. How sneaky was that? We had to get out of there though she was trying to show us a picture of herself that was a little revealing at checkout. Then, *Corsair Chris* gets a discount on dinner! I got \$ 1.00 off the same meal as Doug and Phil at the Cracker Barrel. This was also from a very nice, however a

very Large woman. Corsair Chris had her melting in a manner of seconds with his flirtations. She gave him a back rub, the biggest steak of the group, an invitation to come back and not to mention a dollar cheaper than everyone else's meal. Neither woman was really my type of woman. I was just having some bachelor fun and entertaining the group at my expense. Really, I do, favor a smaller woman, so please don't set me up with your cousin's wife's friend on her uncle's side, big Bertha. Who says flirtation doesn't pay?



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Continued Comments and Opinion

The Chattanooga newspaper and even tv media coverage came out to see the 12-foot Titanic first launch. It was definitely the biggest thing that I have ever seen for rc. Its size was enormous for this 10-year work in progress. However, the big announcements of its launch, was mistaken for just a float test. The model was not complete. The top decks and stacks were not installed or even present because of fear of high winds. The drive system nor the props were installed. No rc equipment installed either. It was just the lower hull. It "launched" when the 10 guys had to pick it up and set it in the water and it had to be towed around with a fishing boat. Not really a media event in my

opinion. Just a float test. A big great float test. A wonderful long awaited float test I'm sure. Not taking anything away from the builder, I felt disappointed that it wasn't complete. I believe that outsiders that came because of the media event probably felt the same. I don't want to get into discussions of technical terms of the word "Launch" or "maiden voyage" or whatever. However, if media coverage is wanted for future events, we should have the prettiest setup Launch area and a completed beautiful model that rolls into the water and sets off into the sunset, with applause to follow. Sorry if I offended anyone or appeared long winded.



*Deep
Conversation*

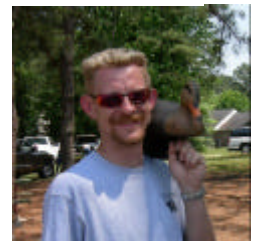


Got Crackers ?

Top Banana has a new home now with Phil Pace. So everyone out of the water.



Just wanted to say thanks
and see ya next month.
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**Also the dreaded
Duckaneer**

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