



## THE IRCWCC NATS 99 ISSUE.

August



The Year of Jeffrey Lee Poindexter, 1999. The other founder. President Steve Andrews (bad steve) awards Jeff with Class 5 trophy.

### OFFICIAL IRCWCC 2000 RULES BALLOT

(Write YES or NO in the blank. Check marks, Cross marks, etc. will not be counted.)

General: \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Empower the Executive Board to incorporate the IRCWCC as a not for profit corporation if the board determines that incorporation is to the club's advantage.

Constitution Modifications: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Add sportsmanship clause and procedure for disciplinary action.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Specifically empower the CD of sanctioned events to eject participants for safety or conduct reasons.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Move event sanctioning duties from Vice President to Secretary.

Shiplist Modification: \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Raise Class 1 Monitors from 1.0 unit to 1.5 units to correct transcription error from the 1999 ballot.

Construction Modifications: \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Disallow multiple motor pumps.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Pump outlets must be aimed within 10 degrees of horizontal or vertical.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Increase single rudder area by 25% to level playing field between single and dual ruddered ships.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Allow Nelson and Rodney dual sidemounts due to unusual turret configuration.

Battling Modification: \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Clean up scoring rules to get rid of hole counting between sorties.

Awards Modification: \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Add Brian Spsychalski Memorial Award (For Good Sportsmanship) to list of awards given at Nationals.

Annual Championship Site and Site Host: (Choose one of the two)

\_\_\_\_\_ Friends Park, Maryland. David Laurence as Site Host.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, Mike Torda as

Site Host.

Annual Championship Date: (Choose one of the two) \_\_\_\_\_ July 10 - 14 \_\_\_\_\_ July 17 - 21

To assist the Vice President in maintaining the Frequency List, club members are requested to fill in their Primary Frequency and circle their region. Primary Frequency: Channel \_\_\_\_\_

Region: Northeast, Southeast, Central South, Central Northwest, Southwest, International

Only current club members who have participated in a sanctioned battle in the last two years are eligible to vote. The vote of members who participated in either of the last two nationals counts twice.

I receive two votes because I participated at the: \_\_\_\_\_ 1998 Nationals at Hagerstown, MD \_\_\_\_\_ 1999 Nationals at Lake Junaluska, NC

I receive one vote because I participated at a:

\_\_\_\_\_ Northeast

\_\_\_\_\_ Southeast

\_\_\_\_\_ Central

\_\_\_\_\_ South Central

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

Regional after the 1997 Nationals.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ballot to: jch72@prodigy.net -or- Mail ballot to: Ron Hunt, 2611 Stratford Dr. Greensboro, NC 27408

\*\*\*Ballots must be postmarked no later than September 25th.\*\*\* \*\*\*Results will be posted on September 30th.\*\*\*

## REPORT ON THE IRCWCC RULES COMITTEE MEETING

By Ron Hunt

Elected Executive Board for the 1999-2000 battling season:

President: Steve Andrews Vice President: Chris Decker

Secretary: Ron Hunt Treasurer: D.W. Fluegel

Contest Director: Tom Tanner Site Host: Depends on selected Nationals site.

I would like to congratulate the club on a well run, amicable and efficient rules meeting this year. The rules committee formed two subcommittees:

The first subcommittee is to study the effects of CO2 pressure on projectile velocity, and to look into ways to improve the safety of our cannon systems. Committee members are: Stan Watkins (Chairman), Larry Ricci, Tim Filemeyer, and Don Fisher. The committee is to submit a report by March 1st.

The second subcommittee is to rewrite the campaign rules. The rewritten rules will be posted on the email lists before December 31 and will go out as a supplement to this year's rules package. The rewritten campaign rules will be field tested at the 2000 Nationals on Tuesday. A 2/3 majority vote of participating captains at the 2000 Nationals will be necessary to continue testing the rewritten campaign rules on Thursday, otherwise we will revert to the Campaign rules currently in place. The rewritten rules will be officially proposed at the 2000 rules committee meeting to replace the Campaign rules currently in place. Committee members are: Ron Hunt (Chairman), Marty Hayes, Mike Torda, Cameron Maury, Ron Thibault, and Chris Decker.

### SPECIFICS OF THE RULE PROPOSALS

1. The Executive Board will take the steps necessary to incorporate the IRCWCC as a not for profit corporation in a state of its own choosing as soon as possible. The current officers shall be the officers of the corporation. Membership shall be the same in the corporation as it is now.

\*Secretary's note - the officers of the corporation will change each year when a new Executive Board is elected.

2. Add to Article I Section A of the constitution:

"1. All members of the IRCWCC shall conduct themselves in a gentlemanly and sportsmanlike manner in all club forums and activities. Members found not to be conducting themselves properly will be subject to discipline by the Executive Board.

2. Disciplinary procedure

a. A captain may lodge a written complaint with the President of the Executive Board within 10 days of an incident.

b. The President may choose to mediate reconciliation between the parties or choose to present the complaint to the Executive Board for review.

c. The Executive Board, after reviewing the written statements of those involved may elect to discipline the offending captain by up to a 1 year suspension of club privileges."

3. Add to Article V of the constitution:

"D. The Contest Director of any sanctioned event may at his discretion eject a captain from an event for any safety or conduct reason for up to the duration of the event."

4. Move Article III Section C.2.c. of the constitution "Approves sanctions for club events and Contest Directors for those events." to Article III C.3.g. In Article V Section A Replace Vice President with Secretary.

\*Secretary's note - this moves the responsibility for sanctioning an event from the Vice President to the Secretary. The secretary needs to know what events are sanctioned and who was involved in order to effectively complete the rest of his duties.

5. In the Bylaws II.H.1 Warship Classes table and the shiplist move Class 1 "Monitors less than 7000 tons" from the 1.0 Unit to the 1.5 Units section in order to correct an error from the 1999 ballot.

6. In order to clarify that multiple stage and multiple motor pumps are not allowed, Change Bylaws II.G.3 from "A pump motor shall be no larger than the largest propulsion motor in the model." to "The pump motor shall be no larger than the largest propulsion motor in the model." Also change Bylaws II.G.4 from "All pumps must be electric." to "A pump shall have only one electric motor and one impeller."

7. Add Bylaw II.G.7 "A pump outlet will be aimed no more than 10 degrees above horizontal or within 10 degrees of vertical."

8. Replace Bylaws II.C.2 and II.C.3 with the following:

"All rudders must function. The maximum total movable rudder area shall be by model class as follows:

Ship Class Single Rudder Ships Dual or Triple Rudder Ships

7 5.00 sq. in. 6.00 sq. in.

6 5.00 sq. in. 6.00 sq. in.

5 3.75 sq. in. 4.50 sq. in.

4 3.15 sq. in. 3.75 sq. in.

3 2.50 sq. in. 3.00 sq. in.

2 2.20 sq. in. 2.65 sq. in.

1 1.90 sq. in. 2.25 sq. in.

1/2 1.25 sq. in. 1.50 sq. in.

\*Secretary's note - this adds 25% to the rudder area for single rudder ships, increasing their viability as combat ships and hopefully increasing the variety of warships on the water.

9. Add Nelson class to Bylaw II.H.1.a.iii (Allowed two side shooting guns in a single turret) in order to accommodate their unusual turret arrangement.

10. Replace III.8.a with:

"To determine the points awarded to a particular ship, the following computation is performed:

i The Total Damage Points of the opposing fleet is computed by adding all damage points for each ship in that fleet.

ii The Total Weight Factor of all ships in the ship's fleet is computed by adding a full-weight factor for each ship that participated in both sorties plus a half-weight factor for each ship that participated in only one sortie.

iii Each ship is awarded a portion of the Total Damage Points equal to their Weight Factor (full or half) divided by the Total Weight Factor.

iv Individual penalties assigned to the ship are deducted from the ship's battle points to produce the final score for the captain of that ship."

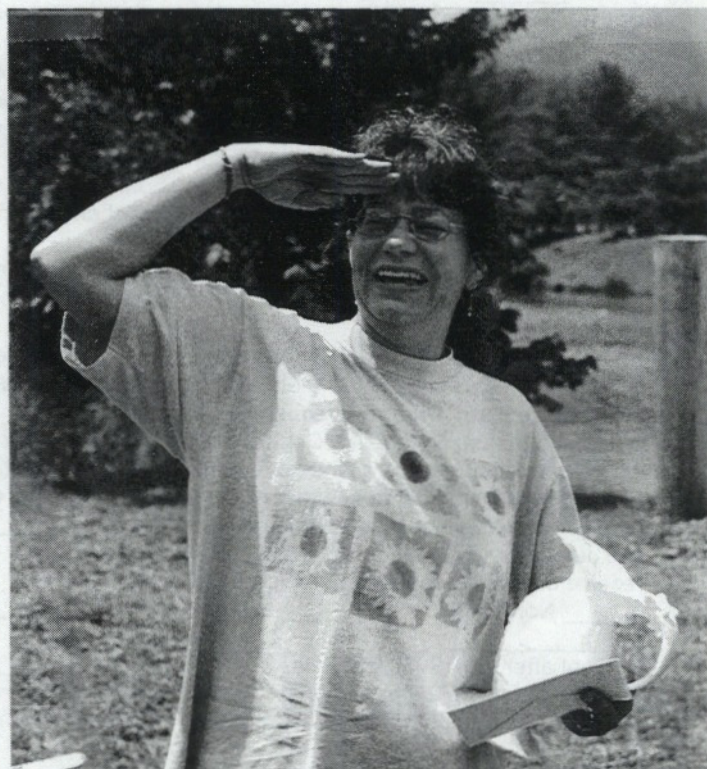
\* Note - This approach is easier to compute than the method used in the past, eliminates the need to count damage in between sorties, and yields the same individual standings. This approach was field tested at NATS '98 and NATS '99 with no problems.

11. Add Bylaw IV.B.8

"8. Brian Spychalski Memorial Award.

a. This is a voted award given to a captain who shows good sportsmanship, a spirit of helpfulness, and best exemplifies the

Queen of RC combat, Karen Torda, just after she was awarded the token gift. Thanks for all your hard, and kind work!



behavior we would like to see from all battlers.

b. A panel appointed by the Contest Director and/or the club President will chose who will be awarded this trophy.

c. The winner of this award will hold it until the Awards Banquet at the next Annual Championship. The winner is responsible for seeing that the trophy is present at the next Awards Banquet even if he is not able to attend."

\*Secretary's note - I was surprised that this award was not in our rules, especially since it is nearly as old as the Von Fluegel. I am also surprised that the "Most Feared" awards are not in the rules either, and best of scale is not divided into warship and convoy.

## Sunday, 7/14/99 North Carolina Nats.

By D.W. Fluegel

This was going to be a different Nats. After the recent, yet reasonably civil, civil war, there are now two clubs, sharing the captains. How would it work out?

Upon arriving there was open excitement for the quality of the

facilities. The area was nestled in beautiful mountains. The lake's shoreline was a strategists dream, curves, bushes, bays, docks, peninsula, almost too wonderful. The cabin we stayed in was new, the size of 4 motel rooms, with a complete kitchen, VCR two full bathrooms, and cheaper than a motel. It may have been too nice....like "off white" carpet. Yes, this was going to be a different Nats.

Sunday was testing day, and like the days before it to was raining.

Dave Larence's Nagoto failed the hull hardness test, and was stripped of its too-hard-hull-skin at lake side, by Dave. A number of helpful captains joined David and that night the Nagoto had a new, soft hull skin. That night the CD (contest director) lead the captains meeting. Twenty seven males were in attendance. A number of dads were there with their "captaining kids". A 10:00 AM start time was voted on for all fleet battles, replacing the traditional 9:00. Strategy meeting followed for about the next 40 minutes. Fluegel noted "there seems to be a polarization, two groups, good guys, and Allies".

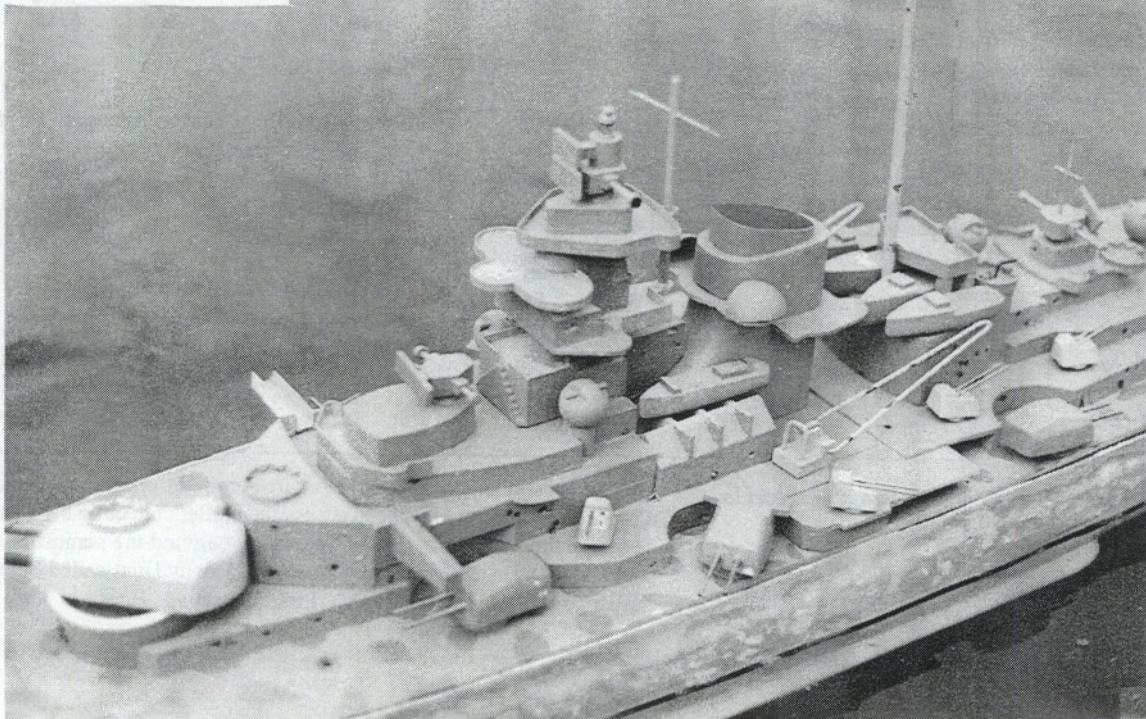
The teams had been advertised as one sided. The Axies were almost winners by default. But the announced

14 Axies to 3 Allies did not pan out. It was essentially a tie, with the Allies ahead in units, 49 to 46. The Axies admiral, Gross Admiral Mike Torda, split the Axies team into two large groups. Each group was a mix of slow WWI ("hug and slug") ships, as well as powerful, fast WWII ("run and gun") ships, with a sprinkle of cruisers for innocents. Admiral Torda's

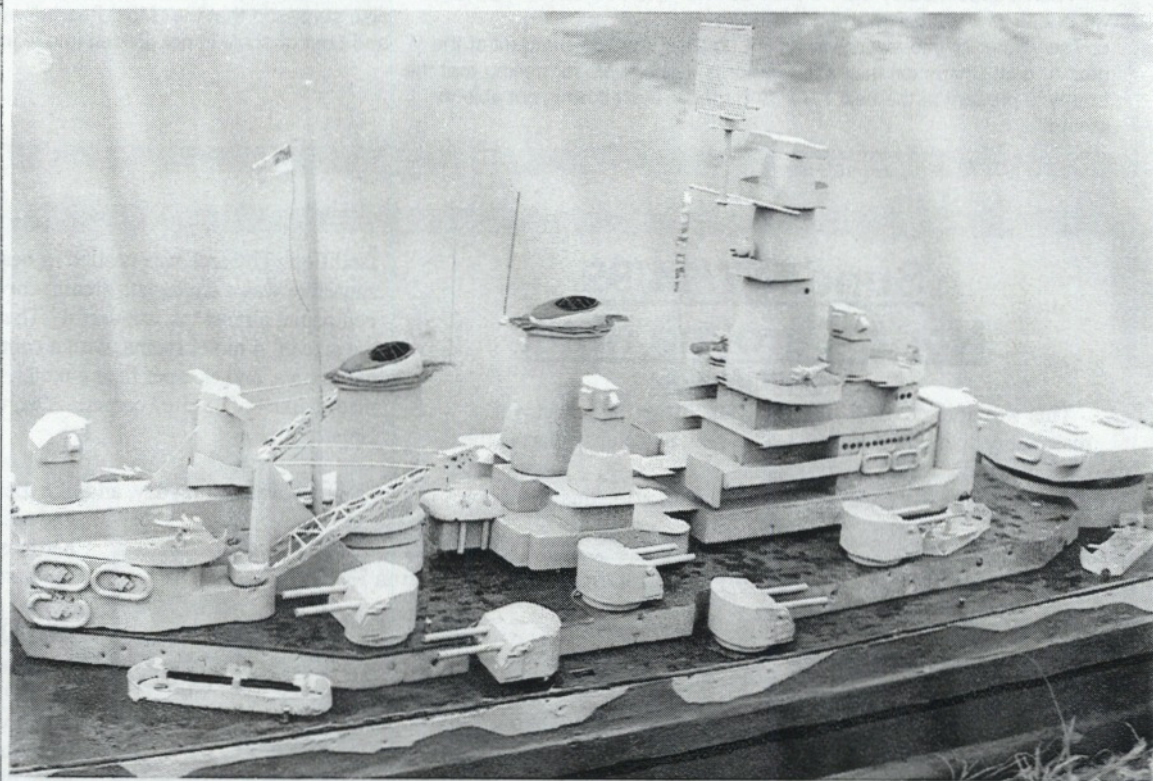
A relatively small Nats, but beautiful. 25 captains at North Carolina IRCWCC.



Orrial Ferguson's Terapiz



idea was that Allied admiral Steve Milholland would stay away from the short WWI ships, and concentrate on our fast ships, and rookies. The Allies would also dump their rounds fast, call five, and escape our (Axies) superior number of guns. By mixing the squads into blended ships they would have to battle WWI ships (hug and slug) every time they engaged their targeted ships. It was also felt that the Allies would not attack, but play it safe, and fight for a win in a low scoring battle. In order to force them into engaging the Axies, the two groups were deployed with the Allies between the two Axies groups, and then one group would sail out, away from the shore, then return into the Allies, the shore and the other Axies group. Like a fishing net, Allies would be caught, and isolated. The out numbered Allie(s) would be pummeled, and then another sweep of the Allies would hopefully "net" another victim. The scared, Allies would only be able to witness the carnage of their fellow allies. The Axies slogan was "no sinks". The anticipated lopsided battle would only grow to favor the larger Axies fleet. Walkie-talkies were used by each squad, and a predisposition towards a short battle was ordered, that would help prevent Axies sinks, remember, No Sinks was the slogan for our team. If we were having problems, we would be willing to have a short battle, then regroup. **No Sinks**.



## Nationals- North Carolina

Allied 75380 Axis 65588

## Battle 1 : Allied

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Adam Thibault		3	0	0	0			0	799
Matt Thibault		3	1	0	0			10	799
Cameron Mourey		5	35	2	4		200	600	1131
	Pav	5	37	0	6			670	1331
Don Fisher		6	31	3	2		100	485	1497
Doc Broring		4	59	9	2			915	1065
Stan Watkins		6	6	0	0		200	60	1397
Jeff Pondexter		5	7	3	0			145	1331
David Ricci		6	32	2	1			420	1597
Ronny Hunt		4	139	11	15			2415	1065
<b>Totals</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>5720</b>	<b>12010</b>

## Battle 1 : Axis

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
	Fluegel	5	31	5	2			535	636
Kevin Bray		3	3	0	0		200	30	181
Matt Mowry		4	32	6	10		200	970	308
David Laurence		6	38	6	15			1280	763
David Lewis		3	2	2	4			270	191
Tom Tanner		4	48	11	33	Y		3205	508
Oriel Ferguson		6	61	7	11			1335	763
Marty Hayes		4	23	2	2			380	508
Steve Andrews		4	13	1	22	Y		2055	508
Mike Torda		6	45	2	9	Y		2450	381
<b>Totals</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>108</b>		<b>400</b>	<b>12510</b>	<b>4748</b>

## MUDDY MONDAY

### North Carolina Nats

As Miss McGuffin was absent, due to sickness, this report is submitted by Fluegel

Still raining. Park in the mud, walk in the mud, look at the rain. Mud.

My Axies squad was assigned to charge around the peninsula, and in a pincer like movement, sweep across the battle, collecting a victim to be outnumber and sunk. Before we even got around the peninsula we could hear cheering, what had happened? Ronny Hunt sailed out to challenge us. We had our "fish". I told the squad "Ronny is our

**Battle 2 Allied**

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Adam Thibault		3	0	0	0			0	567
Matt Thibault		3	1	0	0			10	567
Cameron Mourey		5	51	6	6			960	945
Pav		5	42	3	8			895	945
Don Fisher		6	42	6	7			920	1134
Doc Broring		4	2	0	0			20	756
Stan Watkins		6	1	0	0			10	1134
Jeff Pondexter		5	114	8	4	Y		2440	945
David Ricci		6	30	1	0			325	1134
Ronny Hunt		4	42	5	2			645	756
<b>Totals</b>		<b>47</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>6225</b>	<b>8885</b>

**Battle 2 : Axis**

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Fluegel		5	18	7	10			855	741
Kevin Bray		3	8	1	2			205	445
Matt Mowry		4	17	0	1			220	593
David Laurence		6	28	2	13			980	889
Tom Tanner		4	56	4	23			1810	593
Oriel Ferguson		6	76	4	7			1210	889
Marty Hayes		4	4	3	5			365	593
Steve Andrews		4	15	6	32			1900	593
David Tuttle		3	14	0	0	Y		840	445
K. Lewis		3	25	2	4			500	445
<b>Totals</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>97</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>8885</b>	<b>6225</b>

boat, but the 34 second struggling Texas of founder Jeff Poindexter. He had problems the first half of the week finding the right combination of motors and props. We had our target at the shore, but he was somewhat protected in the bay. One of the Axios proud new rookies, Dave Tuttle sailed his Graf Spae through the powerful Allied battleships in order to attack the targeted Texas. The Texas could not ignore the cruisers guns and like the real Graf Spee sailed out of her harbor. There the Texas was attacked and sank. For her efforts the Graff Spee also sank, Young Dave said, "anything for the Axios team". At last an Allie had sunk! She was hard to sink, 114 holes above the water line, 8 on and 4 below were required to sink this relic. For young Dave's sacrifice, dedication, and courage, he was awarded the "Axis high Spirit" award. The score was bad, still much better than the first battle: Allies

target". Our attack was less than devastating. My guns stopped firing, and I thought I was out of CO2. Turned out that I had a bad radio receiver battery charger, and my batteries were too weak to let my gun servos fire my guns. A problem that would plague me all day. A few minutes into the Ronny slaughter (I wished) I realized that Admiral Torda's orders were to target the ships more easily sunk. I had disobeyed orders, and I considered leaving Ronny to look for an easier victim. But we had already expended a lot of our shots into Ronny, so I hoped we would save face by sinking one of their best two ships. We did not sink Him. Word came from my radio "head set" that the cheers we had heard as our squad came around the peninsula was the Allies cheering the declared sink of Gross Admiral Torda's Bismarck. Things were going badly. "No sinks" had turned into "first to sink". I told the other group leader that we were going to regroup, and my squad went out to the safe waters and called five..

The second sortie we continued to pound the Invincible of Ronny Hunt. I had hoped that the damage done in the first sortie plus the new damage we would inflict would add up to an Allied "top gun" sinking in the second sortie. It did not. Not only Torda's Bismarck, but now Tom Tanner and Steve Andrew sank, and Steve's was ram sank by his own team mate. Time for lunch, and Fleet battle two. Score, Allies 12,010, Axios 4,748.

The second fleet battle was better. The target was not the powerful I-

8885, Axios 6225.

The day had gone well for our enemy, we were shell shocked. This was supposed to be easy.?. Our one joy was that an Allie finally sank, and we had shown significant improvement. The Axis slogan "no sinks" was almost realized, but it was for the Allies. Tom Tanner wrote "With the 3 sinks and other damage received, the score was about 20,000 to 11,000 in favor of the allies at the end of the day. Mother nature herself, a die-hard Axis supporter, wept openly at the damage done". Rain wet captains shuffled off in search of hot showers and dry anything's. The Allies seemed to have more energy. And the rain came down. Mud.

1999 Rookies, David Tuttle, Kevin Bray, Dan McFuffen, Matt Mowry. Notice that there all Axios!



**TUESDAY**

**North**

**Carolina Nats 99**

By D.W. Fluegel, as was Sunday and Monday,

I hope I have more help at the other Nats.

Words of hope and encouragement were shared at the Axies captains meeting. The sun was out! Maybe the mean old Allied clouds would not rain on our Axies parade. Our Gross Admiral, was our host, and the tired new owner of a restaurant. He was too busy. In his absence, I, Fluegel, assumed temporary grossness. We would take any ships that had sank yesterday and launch them from a safe shore. After they had checked out there systems, they would sail into the war. Our target was a kid (I forgot his name, sorry) with a North Carolina. Seems like we could sink that?.

Unfortunately, his "drag prop" was knocked off and he became the 22 second speed wonder boy. The next target, in sortie two, would also be a "kid Captain", Cameron Mourey, the ship was the California. After



pounding it with 105 holes above the water line, 13 holes on, and 20 below, the California remained as youthful as her captain, almost dancing to the tune our Axies ships had intended to be her swan song.

Our youth however was not fairing as well. Kevin Bray, the Internet mouth, had mysteriously lost radio control. With ½ minute left in his five, she sank. Upon witnessing the sinking of Kevin's Lutzow Stan yells out "Fluegel, your under study just went under", then he laughs as his own cleverness. I could not help but notice that our unreliability was gifting the reliable Allies with easy kills. My old slogan, reliabilisty is the secrest weapon, still rings true. Scores for Fleet battle 3, the Allies and our unreliability 11,155pts, Axies 8,235pts. Many of the Axies felt we had won, the blue sky's had made us feel better than we were.

**Convoy # 1**

Our lunch was again, very good. The admiral was away, but had left brilliant orders that we followed to the letter. I told the Axies captains that our number one goal was to successfully complete our convoy runs. This was by far the most important of our tasks. If we won, these captains would all be heroes, and statues would be built in their honor in Berlin.

**Battle 3 : Allied**

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Adam Thibault		3	2	0	0			20	795
Cameron Mourey		5	105	13	20			2375	1324
	Pav	5	64	4	8			1140	1324
Don Fisher		6	66	14	22			2110	1589
Doc Broring		4	45	2	5		200	750	860
Stan Watkins		6	15	0	2			250	1589
Jeff Pondexter		5	59	1	4			815	1324
David Ricci		6	23	0	0		300	230	1289
Ronny Hunt		4	32	1	6			645	1060
<b>Totals</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>67</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>8335</b>	<b>11155</b>

**Battle 3 : Axis**

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
	Fluegel	5	24	1	7			615	772
Kevin Bray		3	47	2	5	Y		1470	463
Matt Mowry		4	6	4	8			560	617
David Laurence		6	49	10	20			1740	926
Tom Tanner		4	62	13	30			2445	617
Oriel Ferguson		6	102	14	5			1620	926
Marty Hayes		4	6	3	5			385	617
Steve Andrews		4	20	5	16			1125	617
David Tuttle		3	21	4	1			360	463
Dave Lewis		3	4	0	0			40	463
Dan McGuffen		4	6	0	0			60	617
Chris Decker		4	34	5	4			665	617
Tim Filemyr		4	12	4	7		100	570	517
<b>Totals</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>108</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>11655</b>	<b>8235</b>

**The Eleventh Naval Combat Fleet**

Albany, N.Y.

Ever since discovering this hobby a short time ago I knew this had to be something to look into. Upon attending the 1999 Northeast Spring Regional in Forest Hill, Maryland I knew I was hooked. I have found that not only I but others in my area

are fascinated with this hobby also! To my knowledge the Eleventh Naval Combat Fleet is the only affiliated group of the IRICWCC in Upstate New York. We are looking for new members to join the fleet. If you think you have what it

Hero Tim Filemyr, and Hero Tom Tanner. Both decorated, documented, supper stars.



Kormoran. Heavy seas had replaced rainy skies. The larger Axios convoy ships were hampered by the waves, but the smaller Allie ships were blasted by the waves, one ship even sinking without damage. Yes Tom, mother nature is Axios.

Joy in the Axios camp. We may have won the fleet battle, and we know we won the convoy. I had hoped we would run all 10 allowable convoys, this would more than undo our muddy Monday, but our unreliable convoy ships were only good enough to give us the day, not the undoing of Muddy Monday. We would need lots of small victories to chip away at the Allied lead.

Score: they had not been able to shoot down one of our targets, so we got 125pts. They got none. We had more successful convoys runs and sank more of their ships giving us 8475 pts to their 4000 pts. We had won the day, and our spirits were higher than our hopes. These were happy years of the war. Statues of Matt Mourey and Tim Filemyr can still be viewed from that event. Still, the memories of muddy Monday shadowed our sunny skies.

Only the most elite could serve in this group. Matt Mowry, Tim Filemyr, Oriel, and one other (I forgot who) would have this highest of honors, they would escort the convoys. The number two goal, although much less important, was to sink their convoy ships. The Viribus Unitases of Marty and "Bad Steve" would carry this out. Our cruisers would shoot their targets and McGuffin would protect our targets.

As Convoy is only conducted at one or two events per year, many captains do not understand the rules. Also, many of the captains had never seen a convoy. So our CD explained the general rules before the event started.

Ready or not, convoy was started. The Axios escort of the Hindenburgs showed moments of brilliance as they escorted my

1999 Rookie of the year, Kevin Bray.



takes, are a team player or just have a love of the old ships and the battles they fought, come join the Fleet! We are based in the capital area of Albany, N.Y. and have our meetings at different locations around the area. At this time, the Fleet is forming up, organizing squadrons and building a leadership staff so we encourage all interested persons to contact myself at the number below. Membership in the Eleventh Naval Combat Fleet is free and open to anyone. At the present time only the Fleet flagship (USS West Virginia) is

under construction at the Watervliet Electric Boat Shipyard (WEBS). Other ships that are projected are an Oregon City class CA (USS Albany), a Fletcher Class DD and a Narwhal class FF designed exclusively for Model Warship Combat. If interested please contact me at:

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

### NORTH CARALINA NATS.

By Fluegel, because the real author did not mail it to me!

Well, I was only at one battle during the day. Oddly enough, it's what happened off the water that was of most interest. One of the ships shot the deck of another. The Bee Bee bounced off the deck, and up a pretty high embankment. A car was passing by on a small paved road on top of the embankment, windows down, and a young man (18 years old?) was allegedly hit in the face with a bee bee. I will include a photo of Matt, you can see the embankment and water behind him. When he was,

Matt Moury, a fantastic rookie, with his Von Der Tann. Notice the water level at the lower left, and the embankment behind him just above his hat. A difficult bee bee orbit, don't you think.



#### Night Battle : Allied

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Cameron Mourey	Pav	5	71	10	28			2360	905
		5	18	2	4			430	905
Don Fisher		6	22	8	4			620	1086
Doc Broring		4	16	0	0			160	724
Stan Watkins		6	15	1	1			225	1086
Jeff Pondexter		5	36	1	3			535	905
David Ricci		6	9	0	0			90	1086
Ronny Hunt		4	37	1	1			445	724
<b>Totals</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>41</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>4865</b>	<b>7420</b>

#### Night Battle : Axis

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Kevin Bray	Fluegel	5	14	1	6			465	496
Matt Mowry		3	0	0	0			0	298
David Lewis		4	3	2	0			80	397
Tom Tanner		6	5	0	0	Y		1050	596
Oriel Ferguson		4	10	0	1			150	397
Marty Hayes		6	2	3	0			95	596
Steve Andrews		4	7	1	3			245	397
Mike Torda		4	1	0	2			110	397
Tim Filmyr		6	58	6	35	Y		3480	596
Kurt Lewis		4	32	10	15			1320	397
		3	30	5	0			425	298
<b>Totals</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>7420</b>	<b>4865</b>

I am not so sure he made it up as he went to the local security people and they came to see us in a bad mood. Anyway, things like that, real or not remind us of safety, and our vulnerableness to being sued.

On a lighter note, the Axies, who traditionally win night battle, even when we loose every other event, lost night battle this year. Mike Torda had a bad power switch, and no power. He sank about 8 feet from shore in very shallow water. His lights remained above the water as they were on the mast. Mike had radio control of the lights, and from time to time would illuminate a ship. When I turned on my ship's lights, they illuminated a cruiser with a transit stern. That would be American! After maybe two seconds of firing rear guns, the Axies ship Belgrono (sold to Axies Argentina before the end of the war, a former US cruiser) had 29 holes above the water line and five holes on the water

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kind of firmly, asked to leave, as he had no safety glasses, he said he was shot under the eye in his car. One of us apologized, and asked if he was ok (who ever that was, way to go!). He said he was ok, but it hurt. I saw all this first hand, and thought he was mostly hurt because he was asked to leave, and made up the getting shot story to put us on the defensive.

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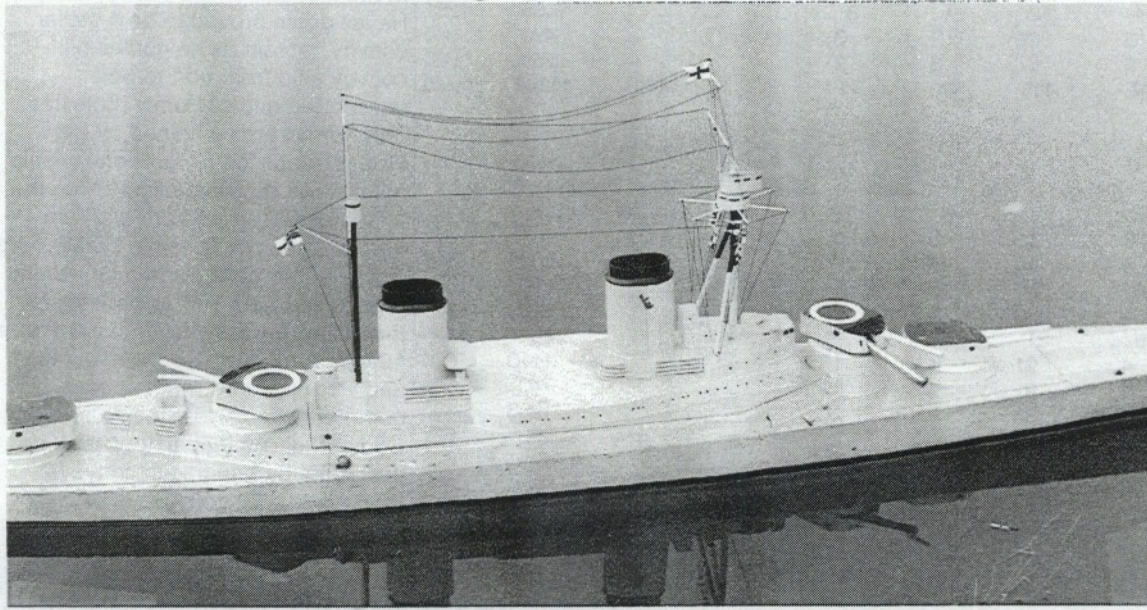
## The Day After

(or Thursday in North Carolina)  
by Tom Tanner, AP (Axis Press)

The day began bright and clear as the Axis, stung by their first loss in Night Battle in many years, took to the water on

attempted to draw in the allies, the allies had other plans, concentrating its power on the weakest Axis boats. The Dan McGuffin's Kongo and Mike Torda's Bismarck sank and Dave Tuttle's Graf Spee took substantial damage in the first sortie, while the allies suffered damage to Cameron Moury's California and Don Fisher's North Carolina.

Author, Tom Tanner's excellent Hindenburg.



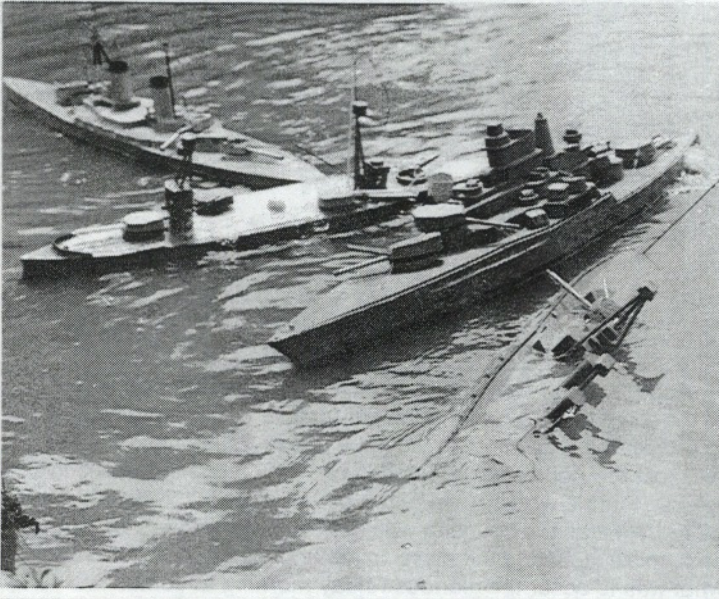
The **second sortie** was a battle to get the damaged boats, and the allies found themselves exhausting their ammunition in their defense as the Axis pressed against the Texas and the Maryland. The Axis, in a controversial move, launched the badly damaged Graf Spee into a bay on the left side of the battling area, in a spot not accessible from the main area unless you travelled outside the normal battling area boundary. The Graf Spee survived, but further launches in that area were "verboten." Meanwhile, the

Thursday morning. During a stirring speech by Herr Fluegel, he revealed a new strategy to draw the allies onto the rocky shore of the left side of the point with the 24 second boats, bringing them to the smaller 28 second ships. Rule number 1, however, was to stay away from Ronnie Hunt, whose all

Dan recovers.



Dan sinks.



too effective and reliable guns had devastated the Axis Fleet all week. After a moment of silence for the missing "Curly" Barrett, the Fleet broke to the stirring cries of the word of the day, "Discipline!"

Of course, as with all best laid plans, it didn't survive the execution. Even though the fast Axis Scouting Division

California called "Five" at the start of the battle as well, but was able to avoid the solo attack of Tom Tanner's Hindenburg (which ended the battle with a relatively light 30-5-5) with just 11-1-6, which makes me wonder why he was on Five??!

Another target of the battle was founder Jeff

## Battle 4: Allied

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Cameron Mourey	5	11	1	6				300	435
Pav	5	64	5	17	Y				2515
Don Fisher	6	50	18	18	Y				2850
Doc Broring	4	54	6	7			100	1040	1161
Stan Watkins	6	24	2	3				440	1892
Jeff Pondexter	5	92	4	16				1820	1577
David Ricci	6	23	1	1				305	1892
Ronny Hunt	4	63	1	8				1055	1261
Matt Thibault	3	29	2	3				490	946
Adam Thibault	3	8	3	2				255	946
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>81</b>			<b>400</b>	<b>11205</b>	<b>14420</b>

## Battle 4: Axis

Captain	Ship	Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Fluegel	5	41	8	25				1860	1121
Kevin Bray	3	1	0	0				10	672
Matt Mowry	4	10	2	2				250	896
David Lewis	6	55	12	5	Y			2100	1345
Tom Tanner	4	30	5	5				675	896
Oriell Ferguson	6	31	5	7				785	1345
Marty Hayes	4	21	4	16				1110	896
Steve Andrews	4	9	6	10				740	896
Tim Filemyr	4	33	9	28				1955	896
Kurt Lewis	3	15	0	2				250	672
David Tuttle	3	51	1	25				1785	672
Dan McGuffin	4	105	14	22	Y			3300	896

out of ammunition, still cruising the lake in search of targets.

Buoyed by their performance in the Fleet Battle, and remembering their victory in Tuesday's Campaign, the Axis surged forth right into the fray at the first call of "It's War!" Marty Hayes again proved to be a stellar convoy captain as he guided his convoy ship from port to port unescorted and seldomly molested. The Kormoran, captained by Herr Fluegel, and Kurt Lewis' convoy ship, meanwhile, received escort from the "Derfflinger Duo" of Tom and Tim Tanner, er, Tom Tanner's Hindenburg and Tim Filemyr's Derfflinger. Using their speed and bulk to park beside their charges, they never lost a ship in 10 plus runs over two Campaigns, and were rewarded with special commendations from the Axis High Command. As they helped rack up the points by bringing in convoys, Kevin Bray's Lutzow, Dave Lewis's

Don sinks.



Has anybody seen my Best Dressed or Von Fluegel trophies?



Poindexter's Texas, which was heavily damaged but in no danger of sinking, and ended the sortie with 92-1-16. Meanwhile, the Derfflinger, run by Tim Filemyr, took up the slack for Tom Tanner by taking 28-8-33, proving once again the superior damage control of German vessels. He was heard to remark that "the Scouting Division performed flawlessly. It hunted down the enemy and got the crap kicked out of it." But, for all the damage the Axis took, they chased the allies from the lake and at the end of the sortie there were five Axis boats, most

Aoba, and the Graf Spee, among other ships, shot down all of the allied targets, while Orrill Ferguson's Tirpitz used its bulk to protect the Axis ones (he saved 4 at 125 points each!) The Axis lost the Aoba after it reloaded and was launched with only reverse throttle working. In return the allies lost Don Fisher's LST. When all the counting was done, the Axis were victorious once more, deflating the allies spirits and giving them a taste of what was to occur the glorious Friday morning to come.

Score: Allies 7,300. Axis 9,100

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# FRIDAY, North Carolina, Nats

## By Steve PAVlosky

Friday morning dawned foggy in Asheville North Carolina, the sight of the IRCWCC Nats. Fog filled not only the sky, but the minds of the mighty Axis fleet Captains who were scratching their heads to come up with a strategy to salvage the week and close the gap with the Allies. The Axis strategy was simple, die a warriors death. The Allies equally simple, sink Fluegel.

War began with a large gaggle of ships hanging around the dock area with Fluegel poised in the middle ready to take on all comers. First to engage was Ronnie Hunt who terrified the Axis all week with his aggressive fearless tactics and his powerful guns. Balsa flew as Ronnie was joined by myself, Paul Broring, Stan Watkins, and Cameron Moury all intent on seeing Herr Fluegel sleep with the fishes. Both Ronnie and Fluegel were soon sent or five and headed away from the shore with a pair of Bacon Makers as escort.

ships in Orrill Fergeson's Tirpitz and host Mike Torda's Bismark who tangled with Dangerous Doc Fisher and Dead-eye David Ricci. At the end of the sortie heavy damage

Battle 5: Allied		Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Captain	Ship								
Cameron Mourey	Pav	5	35	5	11			1025	1169
Don Fisher		6	74	13	29	Y	100	990	1069
Doc Broring		4	15	2	2			3515	1403
Stan Watkins		6	60	2	16			300	935
Jeff Pondexter		5	42	3	10			1450	1403
David Ricci		6	38	4	4		700	995	1169
Ronny Hunt		4	84	12	8	Y		700	680
Matt Thibault		3	5	3	2			2340	703
Adam Thibault		3	23	4	4			700	225
Larry Ricci		3	21	5	5	Y		530	701
<b>Totals</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>98</b>		<b>1500</b>	<b>13335</b>	<b>10190</b>

Battle 5: Axis		Class	Above	On	Below	Sunk?	Penalties	Damage	Points
Captain	Ship								
Kevin Bray	Fluegel	5	86	15	21	Y		3185	1170
David Lewis		3	4	0	0			40	702
Tom Tanner		4	19	7	11			915	936
Oriel Ferguson		6	24	6	16		100	0	1404
Marty Hayes		4	50	0	1			100	1190
Steve Andrews		4	12	2	5		200	550	1404
Tim Filmyr		4	7	4	3			200	420
Kurt Lewis		4	36	6	11				320
Dan McGuffin		4	18	2	0				320
Chris Decker		4	51	3	9	Y	200	230	702
Mike Torda		4	14	3	2		100	200	1835
<b>Totals</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>		<b>600</b>	<b>1630</b>	<b>1404</b>

TOTALS	251	Sort Ave.			Von Fluegel
		Overall	Sorties	1 On1	
Kevin Bray	3	297.4	2761	11	1441
Kurt Lewis	3	297	2082	7	2082
David Tuttle	3	330.4	2047	8	2047
Matt Thibault	3	330	2313	7	2313
Adam Thibault	3	381	3807	10	3807
Larry Ricci	3	340.7	701	2	701
Matt Mowry	4	349.8	3748	11	330
Tom Tanner	4	340.7	3848	11	3848
Marty Hayes	4	358.9	3748	11	210
Steve Andrews	4	392.4	3948	11	3948
Tim Filmyr	4	374.9	2747	7	2747
Dan McGuffin	4	363.3	2250	6	2250
Chris Decker	4	363	1453	4	1453
Doc Broring	4	500	5501	11	2827
Ronny Hunt	4	448.6	5801	11	5801
Fluegel	5	449	4935	11	4935
Cameron Mourey	5	614	6751	11	835
Pav	5	650	7151	11	7151
Jeff Pondexter	5	342.9	7251	11	7251
David Lewis	3	538.4	2057	6	2057
Oriel Ferguson	6	446.3	5922	11	5922
Mike Torda	6	446	1785	4	1785
Don Fisher	6	782	8601	11	210
Stan Watkins	6	773	8501	11	8501
David Ricci	6		7701	11	895

was taken by Herr Fluegel, Ronnie, and the Bismark. The second sortie would be a blood bath. Second sortie found Ronnie and Fluegel embraced like two ballroom dancers with the rest of us Allies looking for a chance to cut in. Second sortie found Mikes Bismark aflame due to a loaned replacement pump. (note to rookies, before you loan a pump, ask if he's got 6 or 12 volts.) Second sortie found two slices of bacon maker wrapped around my Maryland. Second sortie found both Fluegel and Ronnie, sunk and in retaliation the Axis fleet turned on Founding father Stan Watkins. Poor Stan sustained record damage for his boat including having his rudder shot off. The final score for the week gave the Allies another victory over the stunned Axis who came into the week expecting a cake walk not a plank walk and even lost the right to chant Axis Rule the Night. The irony of the Allied victory this year was the victory can be highly attributed to the four young RATS captains who were last year shunned by their fleet and this year carried us to Victory. To everyone who battled, resheeted, loaned pumps, props or guns, I'd like to personally thank you for making NATs 1999 a most fun and enjoyable week, and remember Next Years Allied Battle Cry **"ONE FOR THE**

On the other side of the fleet, the axis launched their two big

**THUMB"**

Fluegel  
Can you post our NE regionals for Oct 2nd & 3rd at friends Parks in Bel Aire Maryland

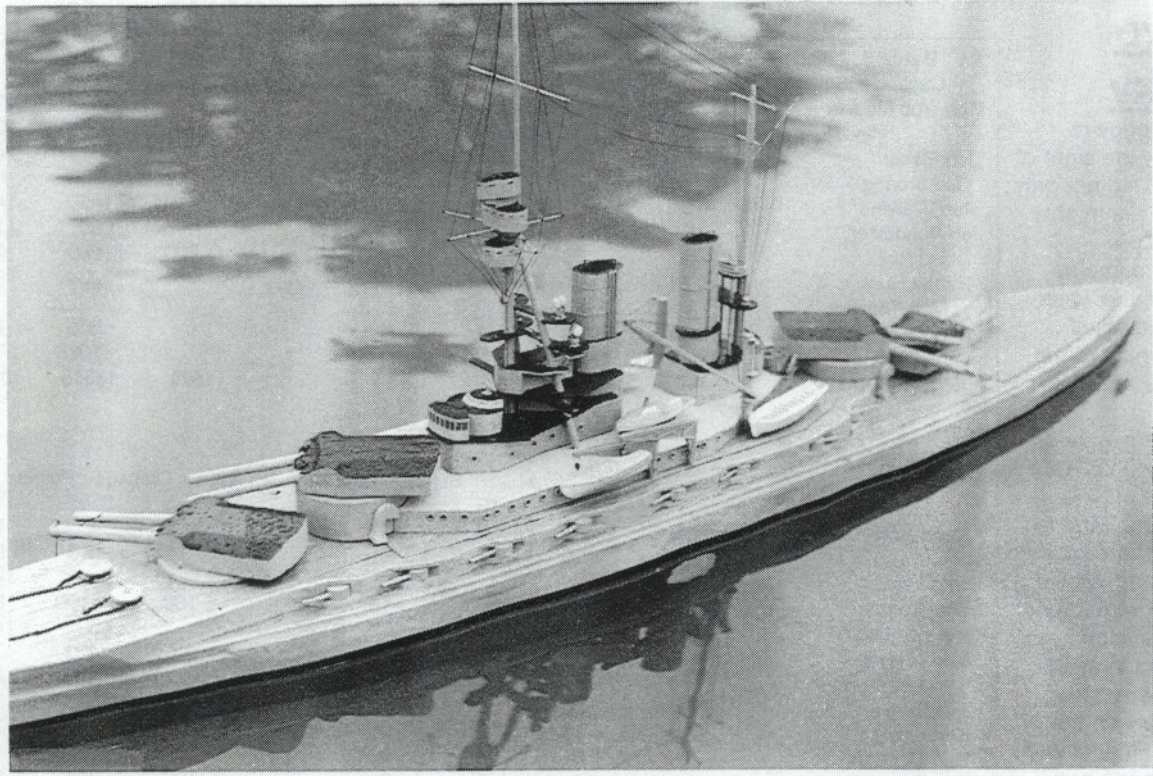
**CONCLUSION**

**FLUEGLE**

Thanks again for the help form the contributing authors. Honestly, I don't know if I ever used less authors for an issue. But, it's kind of a one topic issue. Usually I cover a Nats in two issues, but with two Nats I decided to keep the reports short, and use only one issue per Nats. This one is the IRCWCC Nats, and the next one it the MWC Nats.

I really did have a lot of fun at this Nats. It was a bit small, kind of sad, but allot of fun, I mean alot of fun! I feel like they were brothers.

For you only MWC members, the next issue will be yours, if there are authors. I worked way to hard on this one and expect some help.



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**North Caralina Nats results**

**Total Score was Allies 75,380 and Axis 65,588.**

**Awards:**

Fluegel (Baden) took most feared Axis and Best of Scale Warship A high honor indeed! Fluegel also took best of Scale Convoy ship with the Kormoran  
Ronnie Hunt with his I-boat took most feared Ally.  
Don Fisher took the "Von Fluegel" and "best dressed".

Curt Lewis (Axis) took the "Lifeline" award

Class champion awards (determined by high fleet points formula) were as follows:

- Class 3 Champion was Adam Thibault (USS Louisville)
- Class 4 Champion was Ronnie Hunt (I-Boat)
- Class 5 Champion was Jeff Poindexter (USS Texas)
- >Class 6 Champion was Stan Watkins (USS Washington)

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