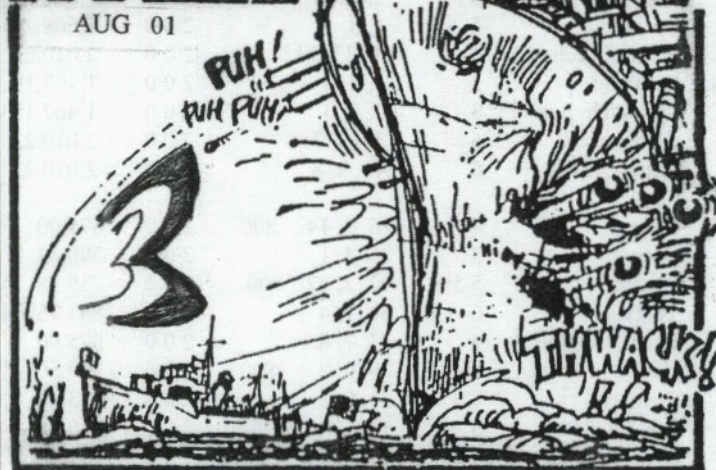


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mon denominator. By doing so, we are able to establish the "value" of a fraction. The idea is to look for the thing each fraction has in common and then add them together.

In our hobby, we need to focus on the "most common denominator". What I am saying is that while each of us has different interest and reasons we like the hobby, we are all in this hobby to MAXIMIZE our FUN. This is a "common" value that each of us share. When we get together like we recently did at NATS, each participant's fun is increased by sharing ideas, thoughts, and each other's company. In a recent survey I conducted, 14 captains responded. I wanted to know how much fun they had. Here are some of the comments made...

Chris Pearce: I'd give it a 9... Definitely one of the best NATS ever Dirty Dave Haynes: I would have to rate my fun at this Nats as a solid 9. Had the ship (read captain) worked better, it would have been a 10. I have fun whether the team I'm on wins or not. Larry Dahl: 8, 9 if I only had had one boat. Chris Grossiant: Gotta be a 10! Kevin Hovis: I'd rate a 9. It would be a ten if I didn't sink! Rick King: the site was good, battling fierce and competitive, camaraderie excellent. But for me, I guess that I would rate it at a 7, only because of all the radio interference problems I had. We never did get to the bottom of it.

Well, with a 1-10 scale and 10 being best, the average score was a 8.64. To me... that is a resounding success. So congratulations to this year's host(s) for putting on one of the best NATS ever.

Looking forward to Houston in 2002...

GO ALLIEDS!!! :-) Kevin A. Bray
Proud Captain USS MASSACHUSETTS BB-59

Greetings....By Kevin Bray.

In math, we are taught to take fractions to the "least" com-

Monday at MWC NATS!

By
Kevin Hovis

Monday at the MWC Nats started a little cloudy with the threat of rain. This was fortunate and kept the temperature relatively cool most of the day. Later in the week, we would be wishing for Monday to repeat itself! I began the day trying to get my ship up to speed; it had tested Sunday with 25.5 sec for a 24 sec ship, not exactly what you want to go into battle with the Allied heavy hitters with. The split fleet concept was again used this year due to frequency conflicts and the Axis Admiralty had split the fleet pretty much evenly. The "A" fleet Axis were ordered to defend the upper shallows of the pond and wait for the Allied "A" fleet to attack. I was able to watch most of the sortie. At the beginning, there were several minutes of stalemate, as each fleet did not want to give up position in order to attack. The Allies appeared to be the first to go on the attack and succeeded in sinking Dave Au's Nagato about halfway through the sortie. Dave wasn't pleased with being the first sink of the 2001 NATS. Later, the Allies sank Dave Lawrence's

Vertibus Unitis, but I don't know all the circumstances. Bart Purvis had the honor of being the first Allied sink with his Macon when the Axis fast ships ganged up to sink him late in the sortie.

My first sortie of NATS consisted of the battle between the Allied "B" and Axis "B". We were ordered to hold the narrows the same as the "A" fleet were. There were a few minutes of inactivity by both sides. However, the Allies South Dakota class ships, along with Chris Au's Malaya, came knifing into the defenses and attacked my Bismarck. After taking several triple stern shots, I decided the prudent thing to do was to call five and get the ship off the water. Things were pretty dicey for a while, but I survived my five. According to the score sheet, the Allies were able to put down



1710 Bryan Finster's Yamato in this sortie, but I can't confirm it happened! The second sortie between the "A" fleets began about the same as the first sortie. However, the team of Pearce and Beckett driving nearly identical North Carolinas began picking on the Axis ships. Chris Grossaint also participated in the carnage. I recall seeing Dave Asman's Nassau and Mark Roe's Scharnhorst being sunk. The attack by the Allied fast ships were relentless. In a blow to Axis morale, Herr Fluegel himself was sunk in this sortie. Exactly how, I do not know. No Allied sinks were recorded.

The "B" fleet sortie began much the same. I should have called five early due to the heavy damage, but I tried to fight. The SoDak attack completed the sink of my Bismarck with 3:30 left on my five less than 10 minutes into the sortie. No other sinks were recorded and the point totals pretty much says it all: Allied A-18,695; Axis B-6,750; Allied B-13,695; Axis B-9,135.

In fleet battle two, the fleets were Allied A vs. Axis B, and vice versa. I began sortie one being instantly attacked by Pearce and Beckett, along with the other NC ships on this fleet. I kept the ship near my fleetmates in the upper end but they were not able to capitalize on the opportunity. I called five about 20 minutes into the sortie and was able to survive. No sinks for either side was recorded and as best I recall, the fleets worked themselves into a stalemate for several minutes, not much action.

Kevin Hovis!



Battle 1A Monday Morning.

Captain	Ship	Units	Sink ?		Share of Scores
			Above, On, Below		
Chris Grossaint	Washington	6	24, 3, 13	2 0 0	2,010.22
Dana Graham	Prince of Wales	6	7, 2, 2	2 0 0	2,010.22
Patrick Clark	Houston	3	4, 0, 2	2 0 0	1,407.15
Bart Purvis	Macon	3.5	1, 0, 1	700 1 0 0	804.09
Tim Beckett	North Carolina	6	29, 1, 4	2 0 0	2,010.22
John Whitsell	Invincible	4	1, 0, 1	2 0 0	1,608.17
Chris Pearce	North Carolina	6	95 13, 21	2 0 0	2,010.22
Steve Reichenbach	Portland	3	3, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,407.15
Jim Coler	Savannah	3	0, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,407.15
Don Cole	Alabama	6	35, 4, 7	2 0 0	2,010.22
Alan Olster	North Carolina	6	46, 3, 8	2 0 0	2,010.22
David Asman	Nassau	4	26, 3, 14	800 2 0 0	675.00
Jamie Foster	Mogami	3	25, 3, 1	2 0 0	590.63
D.W. Fleugel	Baden	5.5	93, 7, 47	900 2 0 0	759.38
Andy Ray	Nagato	6	58, 1, 4	2 0 0	843.75
Lee Mckinzie	Veribus Unitus	4	43, 7, 4	2 0 0	675.00
Dave Lawrence	Veribus Unitus	4	28, 0, 2	800 1 0 0	337.50
Gary White	Bismarck	6.5	51, 0, 2	2 0 0	843.75
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	5	174, 30, 39	900 2 0 0	759.38
Dave Au	Nagato	6	84, 4, 4	1000 1 0 0	421.88
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	6.5	90, 4, 5	2 0 0	843.75
Allied Score from Damage Done to Axis			18,695		
Axis Score from Damage Done to Allies			6,750		

Battle 1B

Captain	Ship	Units	Sink ?		Score
			Above, On, Below		
Rick Whitsell	North Carolina	6	50, 2, 6	2 0 0	1,472.58
Grant Dahl	Invincible	4	9, 0, 1	2 0 0	1,178.07
Larry Dahl	Bellerophon	4	22, 6, 12	1 0 0	589.03
Austin Keels	Invincible	4	42, 7, 11	2 0 0	1,178.07
Frank Whitsell	Washington	6	17, 5, 4	2 0 0	1,472.58
Brian Eliassen	South Dakota	6	79, 6, 17	2 0 0	1,472.58
Chris Au	Malaya	5.5	46, 15, 23	2 0 0	1,325.32
Ted Brogden	Indiana	6	42, 3, 12	2 0 0	1,472.58
Ron Horbel	Arizona	5.5	19, 3, 0	2 0 0	1,325.32
Greig Stephens	Invincible	4	7, 2, 3	2 0 0	1,178.07
Mike Maxwell	Nashville	3	13, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,030.81
Curly Barrett	Posen	4	8, 1, 1	2 0 0	812.00
Bryan Finster	Yamato	8	78, 6, 2 1	200 1 0 0	507.50
Kevin Hovis	Bismarck	6.5	236, 24, 17	1000 2 0 0	1,015.00
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	4	4, 1, 2	2 0 0	812.00
Kevin Bray	Moltke	4	2, 0, 15	2 0 0	812.00
Lou Meszaros	Vittorio Veneto	6.5	73, 5, 7	2 0 0	1,015.00
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	4	41, 12, 25	2 0 0	812.00
James Foster D	Victoria	3.5	8, 3, 3	2 0 0	710.50
Charley Stephens	Von Der Tann	4	38, 4, 5	2 0 0	812.00
Dave Hanes	Mutsu	6	77, 3, 0	2 0 0	1,015.00
Jeff Lide	Kirishima	4.5	17, 2, 2	2 0 0	812.00
Allied 13,695					
Axis 9,135					

Sortie one of Allied B vs Axis A saw Chris Au's Malaya sunk by the Axis. How it happened I don't know, I was busily most of this sortie getting my ship ready. No other sinks were recorded.

Battle 2 Allied A / Axis B Monday after Lunch

Captain	Ship	Units	Above, On, Below	Sink ?	Score
Matthew Clark	Houston	3	38 3 1	2 0 0	1,043.44
Don Cole	Alabama	6	70 0 6	2 0 0	1,490.63
Jim Coler	Savannah	3	11 0 1	2 0 0	1,043.44
Steve Reichenbach	Portland	3	16 4 3	2 0 0	1,043.44
Chris Pearce	North Carolina	6	63 8 14	2 0 0	1,490.63
John Whitsell	Invincible	4	11 2 0	2 0 0	1,192.50
Tim Beckett	North Carolina	6	35 7 9	2 0 0	1,490.63
Bart Purvis	Macon	3	5 12 15	2 0 0	1,043.44
Chris Grossaint	Washington	6	14 4 11	2 0 0	1,490.63
Alan Olster	North Carolina	6	40 2 8	2 0 0	1,490.63
Dana Graham	Prince of Wales	6	23 0 2	2 0 0	1,490.63
Dave Hanes	Mutsu	6	110 7 24 1000	2 0 0	831.93
Charley Stephens	Von Der Tann	4	28 5 11	2 0 0	665.54
Bryan Finster	Yamato	8	109 11 21	2 0 0	831.93
Kevin Hovis	Bismarck	6.5	175 21 23 1000	2 0 0	831.93
Randy Stiponovich	Akizuki	1.5	4 0 1	2 0 0	332.77
Kevin Bray	Moltke	4	6 3 1	2 0 0	665.54
Lou Meszaros	Vittorio Veneto	6.5	87 3 11	2 0 0	831.93
James Foster D	. Victoria	3.5	12 1 0	2 0 0	582.35
Jeff Lide	Kirishima	4.5	40 1 4	2 0 0	665.54
David Asman	Nassau	4	25 0 5	2 0 0	465.54

Allied 14,310
Axis 6,905

Battle 2 Allied B / Axis A

Captain	Ship	Units	Above, On, Below	Sink ?	Score
Greig Stephens	Invincible	4	25, 7, 2 800	2 0 0	620.24
Frank Whitsell	Washington	6	21, 5, 9	2 0 0	775.29
Grant Dahl	Invincible	4	43, 7, 5	2 0 0	620.24
Austin Keels	Invincible	4	67, 13, 17	2 0 0	620.24
Rick Whitsell	North Carolina	6	10, 2, 5	2 0 0	775.29
Brian Eliassen	South Dakota	6	45, 7, 20	2 0 0	775.29
Chris Au	Malaya	5.5	47, 7, 19 900	1 0 0	310.12
Ted Brogden	Indiana	6	30, 5, 3	2 0 0	775.29
Ron Horbel	Arizona	5.5	71, 6, 6 900	2 0 0	697.76
Andrew Dahl	Inflexible	4	65, ,11 7	2 0 0	620.24
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	5	63, ,10 6	2 0 0	1,241.25
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	6.5	46, 3, 11	2 0 0	1,379.17
Jamie Foster	Mogami	3 5	1, 8, 0	2 0 0	965.42
D.W. Fleugel	Baden	5.5	20, 0, 3	2 0 0	1,241.25
Andy Ray	Nagato	6	27, 3, 3	2 0 0	1,379.17
Lee Mckinzie	Veribus Unitus	4	2, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,103.33
Curly Barrett	Posen	4	22, 2, 2	2 0 0	1,103.33
Gary White	Bismarck	6.5	17, 4, 0	2 0 0	1,379.17
Rick King	Scharnhorst	5	54, 1, 8	2 0 0	1,241.25
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	4	21, 2, 8	2 0 0	1,103.33
Dave Lawrence	Veribus Unitus	4	37, 2, 4	2 0 0	1,103.33

Allied 6,590
Axis 13,240

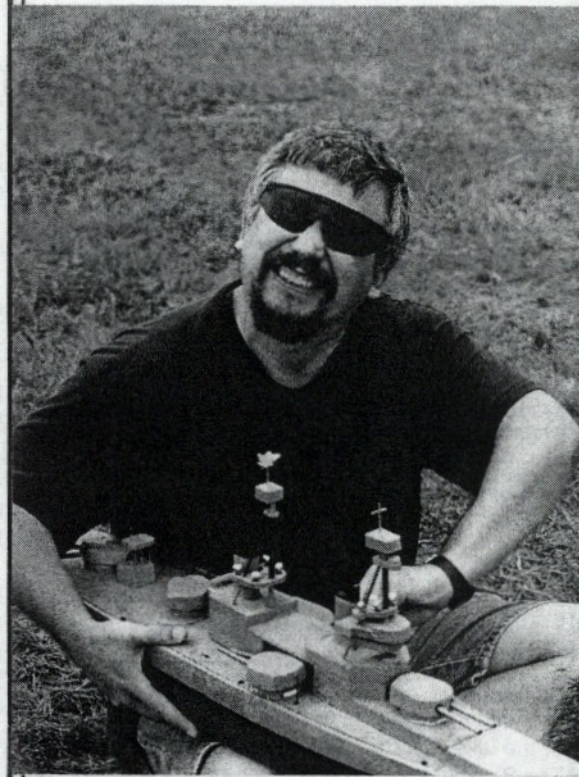
Sortie two for me began much the same as the earlier ones and I was attacked by the Allied NC's. I should have called five soon into the sortie, but called it too late and sank with 4 minutes left. Dirty Dave Haynes' Mutsu sank too. I just saw the bow go under with the Allies NC's around it. No other sinks are reported for either side.

Allied B-Axis A sortie two had a couple more Axis successes, Greig Stephens' Invincible was sunk and Ron Horbul's Arizona. I believe Ron's was declared sunk due to radio interference problems that plagued him for the rest of the time he was at NATS. Several others were complaining of problems too. I blame them on the B-2 bomber base at Whiteman AFB, only ten mile away.

Final score was: Allied A-14,310; Axis B-6,905; Allied B-6,590; Axis A-13,240. Axis A was able to eek out a victory!

Battle Report Respectfully Submitted to the Axis High Command
Kevin Hovis - Kaptian, DKM Bismarck

Lars, or Larry Dahl, with his proud Bellerophon.



Comeback Tuesday (at MWC Nat's)

by Lief Goodson

The Allies had won three out of the four Fleet battles on Monday two by vast margins. The Axis hopes for a three-peat were fading fast as Tuesday dawned warm and breezy. The Axis were counting on a comeback!

The Axis ships (@ 8 total) were all side by side in the shallows of the small end of the lake. The Axis were employing Vice Admiral Fluegel's strategy of staying together and making the Allies bring the fight to them. The battle began as a fleet stern to stern action with the Allies having 6 NC class battleships, a POW, Invincible and two US Cruisers. The battle was tedious with no one on either fleet wanting to get singled out. Mark Roe's Scharnhorst was the exception - dashing into the Allied line and absorbing significant punishment. The US cruisers (Steve R's Pennsacola, and Pat C's Houston) appeared to be having the most success sniping Axis ships from the far side of the battle line. Midway through the sortie, the battle appeared fairly even with the Allies slightly ahead due to the damage inflicted on the Scharnhorst. Then Tim B. and Chris P. out flanked the Axis line and attacked Wade's Bismarck and Gary W's Bismarck. Their journey into the Axis waters was not met with much resistance and Wade's Bismarck sank. Gary's Bismarck had taken serious damage and was pumping hard. Gary made a dash for the big/deep end of the lake with most the entire Allied fleet following. As the sortie came to an end, the Axis appeared to be having more success of the right (deep) end of the lake.

Sortie 1 (Axis B vs. Allied B)

If the Axis were going to have a comeback, it didn't look like Vice Admiral Fluegel's strategy would be the way to achieve it. The B Fleet Axis had decided to seek and destroy the Axis A Fleet, since it seemed the Axis B Fleet was much stronger than the Allied B Fleet. The first obvious targets for the Axis were Bart's big US cruiser that seemed to be having speed/control trouble near shore. Jeff L's Kiroshima made "hay" on Bart's ship. Shortly thereafter, Chris Au's Malaya made "hay" on Jeff's Kiroshima. Charlie S's VDT scored the final hits on Lars' Bellaphante (sp?) as she slid beneath the waves. As the sortie ended, it was clear that the Axis B Fleet controlled the seas and had won the sortie. But had they won this sortie by more than the Axis A Fleet had lost their's?

Sortie 2 (Axis A vs. Allied A)

The Allies began the sortie with an attack on Gary W's Bismarck. The Allies relentless attack on the Bismarck gave the Axis some sniping opportunities. Soon the battle moved to the large/deep end of the lake and the battle was very spread out. The Bismarck was the focal point of the battle - everyone thought he was doomed (he survived)! In the melee the Pennsacola was heavily engaged taking and giving punishment. Soon the Pennsacola headed for Davey Jones' locker (a deep water sink) with Gary's Bismarck and James Foster's Swedish ship putting in the finishing blows. Not too much later Chris G's NC sank as well, followed quickly by Rick K's Scharnhorst. The sortie ended without a clear battle victor.

Lief's transmitter switch would not stay "on". Consequently Andy

<u>Battle 3A Tuesday Morning.</u>						
Captain	Ship	Units	Sink	?	Score	
			Above, On, Below			
Frank Whitsell	Washington	6	33, 5, 11	2 0 0	1,691.77	
James Clark	Houston	3	11, 1 2	2 0 0	1,184.24	
Jim Coler	Savannah	3	2, 0, 2	2 0 0	1,184.24	
Dana Graham	Prince of Wales	6	17, 2, 9	2 0 0	1,691.77	
Chris Grossaint	Washington	6	41, 7, 3	1000 2 0 0	1,691.77	
Chris Pearce	North Carolina	6	50, 14, 14	2 0 0	1,691.77	
Steve Reichenbach	Portland	3	22, 1, 7	2 0 0	1,184.24	
John Whitsell	Invincible	4	8, 0, 3	2 0 0	1,353.42	
Tim Beckett	North Carolina	6	26, 9, 5	2 0 0	1,691.77	
James Foster D.	Victoria	3.5	9, 1, 1	2 0 0	491.19	
Gary White	Bismarck	6.5	211, 20, 29	1000 2 0 0	701.70	
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	4	4, 0, 1	2 0 0	561.36	
Andy Ray	Nagato	6	20, 0, 1	2 0 0	701.70	
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	5	168 16, 19	2 0 0	631.53	
Rick King	Scharnhorst	5	36, 3, 4	900 2 0 0	631.53	
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	6.5	66, 3 7,	1000 2 0 0	701.70	
Dave Lawrence	Veribus Unitus	4	31, 1, 0	2 0 0	561.36	
Lee Mckinzie	Veribus Unitus	4	28, 7, 4	800 2 0 0	561.36	
D.W. Fleugel	Baden	5.5	31, 2, 0	2 0 0	631.53	
Allied 13,365						
Axis 6,175						

<u>Battle 3B</u>						
Captain	Ship	Units	Sink	?	Score	
			Above, On, Below			
Greig Stephens	Invincible	4	17, 1, 1 2	2 0 0	643.75	
Ted Brogden	Indiana	6	24, 1, 3	2 0 0	1,054.69	
Don Cole	Alabama	6	77, 3, 11	2 0 0	1,054.69	
Andrew Dahl	Inflexible	4	54, 1, 22	2 0 0	843.75	
Grant Dahl	Invincible	4	16, 2, 14	2 0 0	843.75	
Larry Dahl	Bellerophon	4	17, 7, 15	800 2 0 0	843.75	
Brian Eliassen	South Dakota	6	68, 8, 7	2 0 0	1,054.69	
Austin Keels	Invincible	4	70, 4, 7	2 0 0	43.75	
Alan Olster	North Carolina	6	60, 7, 17	2 0 0	1,054.69	
Chris Au	Malaya	5.5	25, 9, 24	2 0 0	949.22	
Bart Purvis	Macon	3.5	132, 9, 33	2 0 0	738.28	
Lou Meszaros	Vittorio Veneto	6.5	40, 3, 6	2 0 0	1,466.67	
David Asman	Nassau	4	34, 4, 13	2 0 0	1,173.33	
Kevin Bray	Moltke	4.5	1, 1,	2 0 0	1,173.33	
Jeff Lide	Kirishima	4.5	26, 2, 2	2 0 0	1,173.33	
Curly Barrett	Posen	4	12, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,173.33	
Dave Hanes	Mutsu	6	34, 0, 3	2 0 0	1,466.67	
Bryan Finster	Yamato	8	123, 14, 12	2 0 0	1,466.67	
Jamie Foster	Mogami	3	4, 2, 1	2 0 0	1,026.67	
Charley Stephens	Von Der Tann	4	14, 2, 18	2 0 0	1,173.33	
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	4	21, 4, 3	2 0 0	1,173.33	
Kevin Hovis	Bismarck	6.5	77, 2, 3	2000 2 0 0	1,466.67	
Dave Au	Nagato	6	20, 5, 3	2 0 0	1,466.67	
Allied 10,125						
Axis 15,400						

Campaign 1 Axis B / Allied A
Tuesday after lunch

Allied 12,000
 Axis 3,150

Campaign 1 Axis B / Allied A
 11600
 3350

Ray agreed to stand with Lief and hold the switch on during the entire sortie. The battle began again with the Axis on the attack. Bart's ship was an early target but stayed above the waves. Chis Au's Malaya looked close to sinking, but survived mostly because all the Axis BB's were in Bart's ship. Apparently the same was not true for Kevin H's Bismarck which had some problems and sank or was declared sunk. At the end of the battle, the Axis B Fleet again controlled the seas.

Campaign 1 (Axis A vs. Allied B)

The Axis' substantial campaign preparation was nullified by some last minute changes. The Axis had to change it predefined Campaign fleets despite getting the CD's pre-approval. Additionally, based on an interpretation by the MWC president, we would be battling to the new campaign rules instead of those in effect prior to Nat's. So much for preparation!

The Axis plan to destroy the Allied targets was accomplished quickly with Jamie Foster and Lou M. getting the credit. The Axis plan to defend its targets also paid off with 14 targets still remaining at the battles' end. Jeff Lide gets most of the defending credit and would have been a hero had he not also sank a fellow Japanese ship (Randy S's destroyer) who sailed next to Jeff's Kiroshima for protection. The Axis merchant fleet did not fair well. The Bremen was sunk on its only run. The Kormoran was

Campaign 1 Axis A / Allied B

Allied 1,800
 Axis 3,425

Campaign 1 Axis A / Allied B
 1800
 3825

Lief's "on off" radio switch needed constant pressure, Admiral Ray enables Lief to battle.

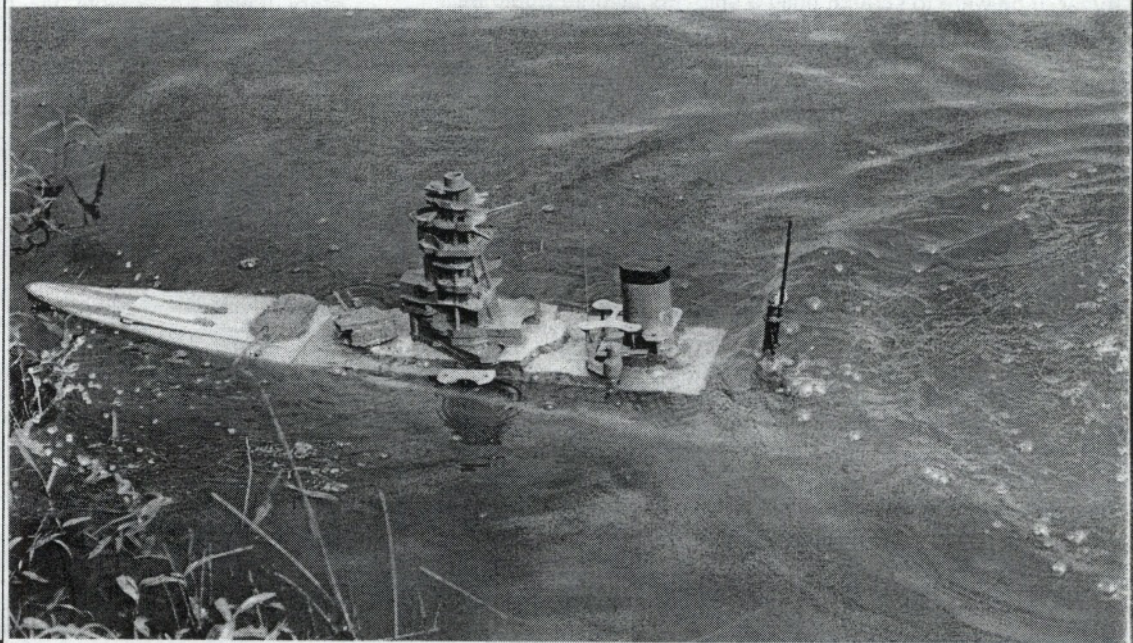


also sunk repeatedly. The Allied merchant fleet performed much better. More than half their missions were successful including runs by the Titanic and LST. But both ships were sunk during the battle also. The Allies appeared to have won this battle.

Campaign 2 (Axis B vs. Allied A)
 Again the Axis plan to destroy the Allied targets worked well (all destroyed by James Foster) as did its plan to defend its targets

(7 remaining - John W. gets the credit for many of the Axis targets destroyed). The merchant battle was much more even with big successes on both sides - the Bremen, Altmark, Titanic and Yorktown all making successful runs. The Yorktown and Bremen and Altmark were also sunk. Both sides learned the value of defending convoy ships. It was a fairly even battle with some giving the edge to the Axis.

Dirty's radio was his worst enemy.



Wednesday

by Dave Asmond

For Nats '01, the battling on Wednesday was a decided departure from the past. Usually considered an 'off' day, this Wednesday featured some knock-down, dragout battling that tested both the battler's skill and a ship's reliability to extremes.

EPIC FREE-FOR-ALL DEATHMATCH

The morning kick-off was an all class four, cut-throat style, 'Texas Deathmatch' with six captains participating. The only victory condition was that the last ship floating wins, with no damage point count considered. No battery change-outs were permitted. Captains were Kevin Bray (Moltke), Dana Graham (I-boat), David Lawrence (Viribus Unitis), Lee McKinzie (VU), David Asman (Nassau), and Randy Stiponovich (Von Der Tann).

Battle was declared andalsa began to fly in all directions, with each captain fully aware that 'friendly fire' was not an issue here. Lee McKinzie was the first to bow out, with a bad rudder servo (sortie #1) David Asman's Nassau lasted into the early part of sortie #2, and went down with pump failure (viz. forgetting to turn it on; please administer 'dope slap' here..). Dana Graham's I-boat lasted into sortie #3, and then elected to exit the fray in exactly the same fashion as Nassau—pump failure, as in failing to turn it on (Who *are* these California bozos?!?). By sortie #4, the field had been reduced to half..Moltke, Von Der Tann, and Viribus Unitis. David Lawrence's VU went under in sortie #5, but upon recovery and inspection, the VU went down with ram damage that was not declared. Both Randy and Kevin agreed to let the VU return to sortie #6. Sortie #7 saw the VU look more and more wobbly, and she finally went under. Sortie #8 now had Kevin Bray and Randy Stiponovich duking it out for the final honors, their battered BCs now both showing big, constant pump streams. Sortie #9 brought a merciful end. With no battery change outs allowed, Von Der Tann's dwindling battery power could not feed the bilge pump sufficient current to keep her afloat, and with guns still blazing, the VDT slid under the waves. The winner in an epic marathon: Kevin Bray (Moltke) Congrats Kevin!!

PARTICIPANT INTERVIEWS

Soon after the Deathmatch, more battlers began arriving for the day's one-on-one challenges, and this reporter interviewed some of the 'young lions', or those people who you will soon learn to fear on the water some time in the near future. My first interview was with Grant Dahl. At 14 yrs., this was Grant's first Nats, although he has been in the hobby for 5 years. Grant pilots the HMS Indomitable (I-boat) and on Wednesday challenged Dana Graham's I-Boat. In a close match, Dana won, but Grant will look to even the score next year. If he were to scratch build a ship, his favorite would be the Brazilian CL Bahia. My next interview was with Andrew Dahl, Grant's younger brother. Andrew captains an HMS Inflexible, and reports that his ship hull is older than him! (by about six years). Andrew battled 170 for James. Andrew would like to scratch-build a *combat* Yorktown and perhaps a light cruiser for campaign. I talked next to Jamie Foster, who like the rest of my interviewees, was enjoying her first Nats. Jamie is 15 years old and has been in the hobby for several years as well. Presently, she pilots an IJN Mikuma (Mogami) and is quite good at it, but loosing a close challenge match with Matthew Clark, 13-0-0 to 11-0-2. Jamie likes the more relaxed campaign scenarios than fleet battles and would like to build an I-boat in the near future. I talked to James Clark next, James commands a USS Houston, and shows some good skill out on the water, winning his challenge match against Andrew Dahl 170 to 355, James likes fleet battle better than the campaigns, and may like to try either building Prince of Wales or a DD for his next ship. Last but not least, I talked with Matthew

Clark. Matthew shares command of USS Houston with older brother James. Matthew did well in his challenge match, squeaking out a narrow victory over Jamie Foster 11-0-2 to 13-0-0. He thinks Houston is a good ship, but may need a better rudder on the next refit. He wants to model a SoDak or a DD for his next ship. So beware, grizzled veterans out there, these new captains appear to mean business!

LEROY'S MAGIC BURGERS

Again, Leroy never ceases to amaze. If not doing search and rescue for lost ships, he can crank out collosally good burgers and hot dogs for hungry captains. Kudos to you, kind sir.



NIGHT BATTLE

It was a dark and stormy night...ummm...no, wrong story. It was a dark night (viz. new moon) and the fireflies had the evening to themselves, that is until those garish, light-

Night Battle

Captain	Ship	Units	Sink	?	Score	
		Above, On, Below				
Frank Whitsell	Washington	6	5, 0, 3	1 0 0	798.44	
Larry Dahl	Bellerophon	4	14, 0, 1	1 0 0	638.75	
Chris Pearce	North Carolina	6	18, 5, 5	1 0 0	798.44	
Brian Eliassen	South Dakota	6	16, 1, 3	1 0 0	798.44	
Chris Au	Malaya	5.5	17, 2, 5	1 0 0	638.75	
Tim Beckett	North Carolina	6	5, 1, 0	1 0 0	798.44	
Patrick Clark	Houston	3	6, 0, 2	1 0 0	638.75	
D.W. Fleugel	Baden	5.5	21, 1, 3	1 0 0	240.61	
Randy Stiponovich	Akizuki	1.5	1, 0, 2	1 0 0	120.30	
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	4	14, 5, 6	800	1 0 0	240.61
Dave Hanes	Mutsu	6	79, 3, 6	1 0 0	300.76	
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	6.5 →	40, 3, 6 →	1 0 0 →	300.76 →	
James Foster D.	Victoria	3.5	12, 2, 2	1 0 0	240.61	
Andy Ray	Nagato →	6 →	61, 6, 2 →	1 0 0 →	300.76 →	
Jeff Lide	Kirishima	4.5 →	18, 0, 0 →	1 0 0 →	240.61 →	
Allied	5,???					
Axis	1,985					

wielding behemoths on the water arrived. Completely outclassed in raw electrical wattage from those shapes on the water, the fireflies packed it in for the night or went elsewhere. Other creatures of the night now ruled the pond area. Darkness did not disturb scuba diver Leroy, as he was in his element. Zero visibility below the surface when recovering ships during daytime was now complemented by zero visibility topside. He was more than ready for the call. The fleets were near even in numbers (8 axis/7 allied) and total units (37.5

axis/36.5 allied), so it lined up that a fair amount of hammering was about to go on from both sides. Battle call was announced, and then flashes of light and salvos of BBs threaded through the darkness. "Who's that!?" "OWW! FRIENDLY FIRE!!", "Was that you? Flash yer lights." Axis Vice-Admiral Fluegel, in camouflaged black shirt and shorts, was nonplused amid the rampant confusion. "Where's my wingman?!?" "Is that ship one of ours?" Randy Stiponovich (Akizuki) to Jeff Lide (Kirishima): "Dont shoot the meatballs, OK

Jeff?", "MAN IN THE WATER!" The man claiming wetness was Lief Goodson. His Van Der Tann went under with a 14-5-6 tally. Battle quickly resumed, but slackened steadily in ferocity. Soon after, Nats night battle was history, with an Allied victory of 5110/1985. The Axis tradition of ruling Nats night battle was also put to rest for the '01 battling season, a portent of things to come for Axis fates? Season '02 will be the answer.

THURDDAY AT NATS By Jeff Lide

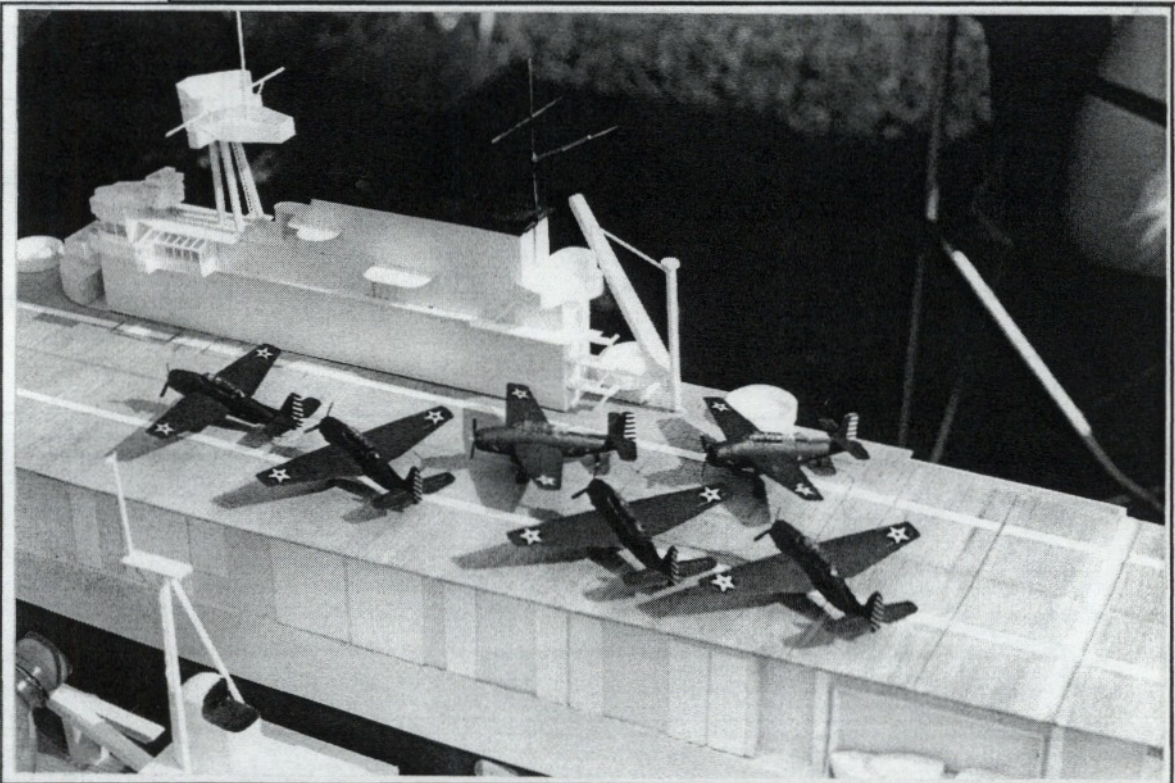
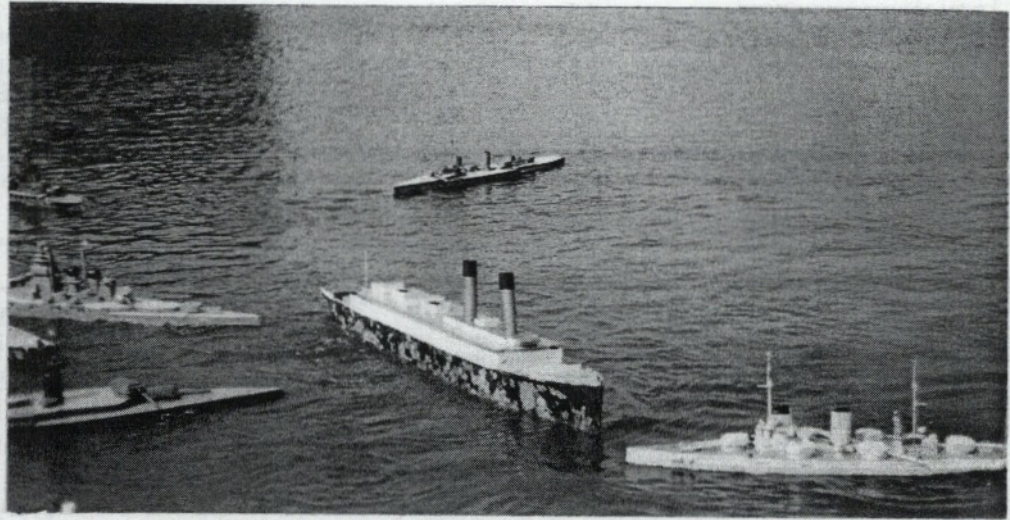
Thursday morning arrives with rested captains after a Wednesday of light battling. We arrived at the lake on a sunny day, with a new Axis strategy and new hopes of victory. Before the battle began the Axis buried a fellow comrade and wit this had buried the weeks earlier sins. The lake sparkled in the sunlight where in moments history would be made. Some boys would become men others would become memories to their loved ones. The magnitude of battle hits home when grave barkers are seen being prepared. For some today will be their last breath.

The Axis divided their fleets into primarily fast and slow. The Allies stay with their own fas5t and slow fleets. Axis A (fast) vs. Allied A (fast) is the first fleet battle. For exact fleet make ups see the scoring sheet. Allies are outnumbered 12 to 8. Battling starts fast and furious. Chris P. attaches Gary's Bismarck. Bismarck returns fire and Yamato rams Chris P. Prince of Whales is attacked by several members of the Japanese fleet. Bismarck's become the center of allied attention. Alan is chased off by Japanese ships. North Carolinas is pursued by Yamato and Moltke. Don Cole and Dirty tangled with Nagato losing rudder control. David Au chases Chris P. in open waters. Alan Os-

ter is pumping hard as he is chased by Yamato and she eventually gives up the fight and sinks.

This sortie was hard fought with many ships pumping hard.

Allies bring two excellent new convoy ships.



Battle 4A Thursday Morning

Captain	Ship	Units	Above, On, Below	Sink	? Score
<i>Allied</i>					
Tim Beckett	North Carolina	6	15, 3, 8	2 0 0	2,426.72
John Whitsell	Invincible	4	27, 7, 12	2 0 0	1,941.38
Dana Graham	Prince of Wales	6	42, 8, 34	2 0 0	2,426.72
Matthew Clark	Houston	3	9, 1, 2	2 0 0	1,698.71
Alan Olster	North Carolina	6	46, 3, 24	1000 1 0 0	1,213.36
Grant Dahl	Invincible	4	23, 7, 13	2 0 0	1,941.38
Chris Pearce	North Carolina	6	54, 12, 28	2 0 0	2,426.72
<i>Axis</i>					
Kevin Bray	Moltke	4	7, 0, 3	2 0 0	794.85
Dave Au	Nagato	6	16, 0, 0	2 0 0	993.56
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	5	25, 6, 4	2 0 0	894.21
Bryan Finster	Yamato	8	79, 10, 39	2 0 0	993.56
Jamie Foster	Mogami	3	0, 0, 0	2 0 0 0	495.50
Dave Hanes	Mutsu	6	19, 2, 5	2 0 0	993.56
Kevin Hovis	Bismarck	6.5	120, 20, 25	1000 2 0 0	993.56
Rick King	Scharnhorst	5	59, 4, 5	2 0 0	894.21
Jeff Lide	Kirishima	4.5	18, 0, 0	2 0 0	794.85
Andy Ray	Nagato	6	17, 6, 1	2 0 0	993.56
Gary	White Bismarck	6.5	285, 13, 20	2 0 0	993.56
Allied	14,075				
Axis	10,035				

Battle 4B

Captain	Ship	Units	Above, On, Below	Sink	? Score
<i>Allied</i>					
Chris Au	Malaya	5.5	37, 8, 9	2 0 0	1,462.24
Larry Dahl	Bellerophon	4	76, 13, 25	800 2 0 0	1,099.77
Brian Eliassen	South Dakota	6	52, 6, 15	2 0 0	1,624.71
Ted Brogden	Indiana	6	78, 6, 17	2 0 0	1,624.71
Rick Whitsell	North Carolina	6	15, 1, 7	2 0 0	1,624.71
Frank Whitsell	Washington	6	18, 3, 13	2 0 0	1,624.71
Don Cole	Alabama	6	77, 5, 4	2 0 0	1,624.71
Chris Grossaint	Washington	6	32, 4, 9	2 0 0	1,624.71
Andrew Dahl	Inflexible	4	114, 4, 15	800 2 0 0	1,299.77
<i>Axis</i>					
Curly Barrett	Posen	4	25, 4, 17	2 0 0	1,289.52
Randy Stiponovich	Akizuki	1.5	1, 0, 0	2 0 0	644.76
D.W. Fleugel	Baden	5.5	27, 4, 18	2 0 0	1,450.71
James Foster D.	Victoria	3.5	0, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,128.33
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	4	38, 4, 5	2 0 0	1,289.52
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	6.5	65, 8, 18	2 0 0	1,611.91
Dave Lawrence	Veribus Unitus	4	52, 0, 4	800 2 0 0	1,289.52
Lee Mckinzie	Veribus Unitus	4	26, 3, 8	800 1 0 0	644.76
Lou Meszaros	Vittorio Veneto	6.5	235, 12, 20	1000 2 0 0	1,611.91
Charley Stephens	Von Der Tann	4	50, 8, 10	2 0 0	1,289.52
David Asman	Nassau	4	7, 1, 1	2 0 0	1,289.52
Allied	13,810				
Axis	13,540				

Fleet battle 2 begins with an Axis change. In-
troubled runs into shore and is unloaded on by Von
Der Tan. QE enters the fray to fend off attackers.
BB exchange is significant. Posen and QE trade side
mounts. At this point the battle separates into two
different skirmishes. One is involving Bismarck and
So Daks the other involving Inroutetooopenwateri-
ables. The captain of the VV has cracked open one
to many cases of wine and finds himself in the com-
pany of several So Daks. Akasuki darts in and put
pestering many allied ships. Wade's Bismarck
makes it off five with both pumps fully light. QE
gets tripped by V. Unites but V.U. pays for it with her
life as she sinks soon thereafter. This too was a hard
fought battle with heavy damage on both sides.

Second sortie of fleet battle one begins with 12
Axis now against 7 Allies. Dirty starts with radio
problems. Yamato and North Carolinas deal signifi-
cant side mount blows. Kirishima and David Au's
Nagato fend off attackers of Dirty's Nagato. Andy's
Nagato pursues a hard pumping POW. Don Cole
also escapes into open waters pumping continuously.
The battle comes to a close as the waters have turned
a shade of crimson red and the stench of death filled
the air.

Fleet battle two sortie two begins Bismarck stern
guns QE. Baden spins with two I

Campaign 2

Allied A / Axis B

Thursday after Lunch

Allied 13,600

Axis 0

Campaign 2 Allied A / Axis B

Allied 11600

Axis 0

Campaign 2

Allied B / Axis A

Allied 1,500

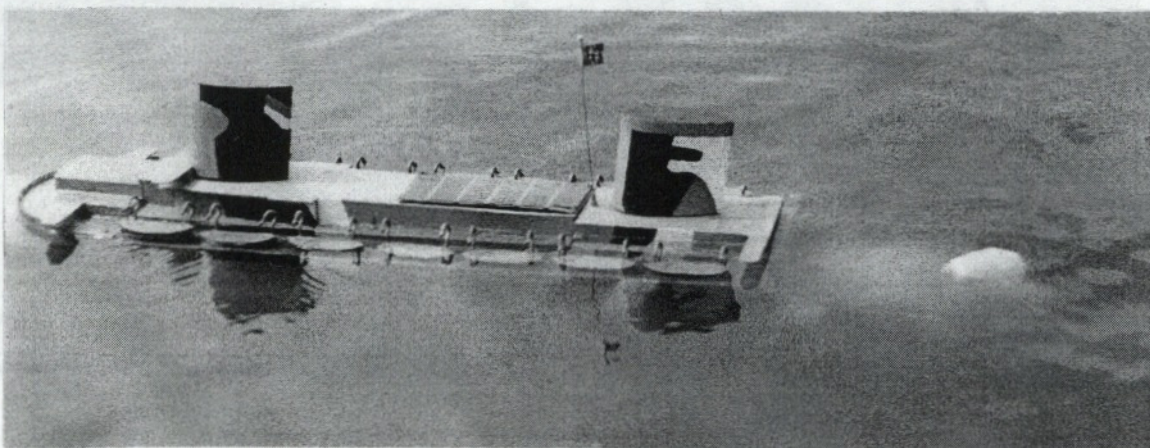
Axis 7,550

Campaign 2 Allied B / Axis A

Allied 1500

Axis 6750

boats. Andrew's I
boat finds her wa-
tery grave. Cheers
of bonsai and Lee
Roy are heard. VV
captain and crew
are passed out as
she comes under
attack by Ted's So
Dak. VV slowly
gets lower before
she rolls and passes
on. While recovery
operations are un-
der way Baler-
aphon sinks. Does
the graveyard have
enough capacity?
James Foster
weaves in and out
taking shots at will
(after a week of



Oh
well

battling James is learning from his daughter Jamie). Most ships are on five and the battle winds down.

Both campaign battles are endurance battles for both ships and captains. Captains begin to hallucinate, as some believe they see a sea monster wrapped around a stack of the Kirishima. Another great day of battling ends. Captains rush back to the Days Inn motel. Anticipation is building of a rumored appearance by Don Henley at the lounge that night.

Jeff tried so hard that he resembled the devil?



ONE MO FRIDAY AT MWC NATS IN MO.

By Wade

Friday at NATS. The Axis are far behind. No way to pull this one out. With this in mind a few Axis went out Thursday night on furlough before the BANZAI charge. No more karaoke mikes cut off because of fingernails on the chalkboard. The Allies are content with upcoming win after a two year drought, and finally relax and have fun. An Allied ship had a speed correction made. These battle reports of Friday battle will only hit the high lights of the battles

"Best Dressed" winner Rick King!



because Fluegel told me to keep it short.

The first Friday battle 5A the Allies concentrated on the Scharnhorst of Rick King and was able to put her down. They also tried to beat up on Kevin Hovis, and Gary White's Bismarck. They tried with no luck. Having a good lead the killer instinct that they had earlier this week had faded. The Axis concentrated on Tim Beckett, and Alan Olster, 2 NC's. They were able to sink Alan for the second time, and Tim for the first time. Alan had the distinction of having his watch crystal shot up this week. Something he can hang on the wall for

INTRODUCTION & CONCLUSION

BY Fluegel

Yes, all the MWC Nats is in one issue of Hull Busters. Thanks to all the contributors, Wade (photos and articles), Kevin Hovis and Bray, Lief, David Asman, Jeff Lide, Rick King, and Bryan Finster (for the scores). Gentleman, without you, there is no Hull Busters.

The Oct. issue of Hull Busters will cover the IRCWCC Nats which will have **guest editors Don Fisher and Marty Hayes!**

The final issue of Hull Busters will be the Dec issue, celebrating 20 complete years in 1744 pages!



Allen Oster
Shows
Greig Stevens
the antenna.

his first NATS. Dana Graham had 1,000 point ram penalty. Amazingly the Axis win 5A.

Allied 8,825 (+11,020= 19,845)

Axis 12,965 (+ 8,570 = 21,535)

The Friday 5B battle had 3 Axis ships going down. Randy Stiponovich, Lief Goodson, and James Foster. It is very, very rare for James to go down. The Allies were happy. Randy was happy that at least his own team wasn't shooting at him. He had Jap meatballs the size of silver dollars so that maybe the Axis that went to Bart Purvis school of identification wouldn't shoot him. It's time for flash card ID drills for both sides. Ted Brogden had a 700 ram penalty. The Allies win this one by a slightly smaller margin than the Axis won the 5A battle.

Alleis 11,020

Axis 8,570

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO THE ALLIES!

THE WINNERS OF THE 2001 NATS!

Friday night meal is where the captains get together for awards and one last fun and fellowship. It was held in "The London Room," and appropriate name considering it was an Allied victory. The Axis decided to be packed together in bunch in the small end of the pond. The Allies wanted to keep the Axis together in the small end of the pond. Maybe they should've called the Friday night room "Blechly Park."

The awards went like this: Rick King looked smashing in his crewman Scharnhorst outfit and won Best Dressed. Kevin Hovis won the Most Mangled award for sustaining the most damage. Randy Stiponovich was the Class 2 award high sortie average. Jim Coler won the Class 3 high sortie average award. John Whitsell of the Whitsell Clan won the Class 4 award. Class 5 was won by Chris Au, who was also the winning admiral. Class 6 went to Chris Pearce. Most feared Allied was also Chris Pearce. The most feared Axis award was given to D.W. Fluegel, but it was rumored to be a tie with Bryan Finster, and Dave Au. Best of Scale went to Dana Graham with his fine looking Prince of Wales. The Founders Trophy went to Chris Grosssaint for the highest point total. Chris Au also won the one on one battling on Wednesday. Rookie of Year award the was given to the Clark Family, then taken back 3 minutes later. The true ROY winner was Gary White, who was also our gracious site host. The Sportsmanship Award was given to the Clark family, and this time they kept it. I didn't see

Battle 5A Friday Morning.

Captain	Ship	Units	Sink	?	Score
<i>Allied</i>					
Chris Pearce	North Carolina	6	28, 5, 10	2 0 0	1,260.71
Alan Olster	North Carolina	6	28, 1, 20	1000 1 0 0	630.36
Chris Grosssaint	Washington	6	23, 3, 13	2 0 0	1,260.71
Dana Graham	Prince of Wales	6	58, 15, 60	10000 2 0 0	260.71
Don Cole	Alabama	6	60, 4, 7	2 0 0	1,260.71
James Clark	Houston	3	8, 2, 0	2 0 0	882.50
Tim Beckett	North Carolina	6	41, 15, 31	1000 2 0 0	1,260.71
John Whitsell	Invincible	4	8, 2, 4	2 0 0	1,008.57
<i>Axis</i>					
David Asman	Nassau	4	5, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,103.40
Kevin Bray	Moltke	4	13, 9, 8	2 0 0	1,103.40
Bryan Finster	Yamato	8	108, 4, 10	2 0 0	1,379.26
Jamie Foster	Mogami	3	1, 0, 0	2 0 0	965.48
Kevin Hovis	Bismarck	6.5	179, 18, 24	2 0 0	1,379.26
Rick King	Scharnhorst	5	11, 1, 0	900 1 0 0	551.70
Jeff Lide	Kirishima	4.5	50, 1, 1	2 0 0	1,103.40
Andy Ray	Nagato	6	27, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,379.26
Dave Au	Nagato	6	18, 2, 7	2 0 0	1,379.26
Gary White	Bismarck	6.5	72, 3, 2	2 0 0	1,379.26
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	5	26, 1, 5	2 0 0	1,241.33

Allied 8,825
Axis 12,965

Battle 5B

Captain	Ship	Units	Sink	?	Score
<i>Allied</i>					
Frank Whitsell	Washington	6	39, 5, 21	2 0 0	1,552.11
Austin Keels	Invincible	4	39, 4, 12	2 0 0	1,241.69
Larry Dahl	Bellerophon	4	46, 7, 15	2 0 0	1,241.69
Grant Dahl	Invincible	4	25, 0, 0	2 0 0	1,241.69
Andrew Dahl	Inflexible	4	38, 2, 7	2 0 0	1,241.69
Brian Eliassen	South Dakota	6	27, 8, 3	2 0 0	1,552.11
Ted Brogden	Indiana	6	44, 3, 20	700 2 0 0	852.11
Chris Au	Malaya	5.5	34, 7, 17	2 0 0	1,396.90
<i>Axis</i>					
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	4	69, 3, 9	800 2 0 0	1,428.33
Charley Stephens	Von Der Tann	4	51, 12, 8	2 0 0	1,428.33
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	4	67, 16, 36	800 2 0 0	1,428.33
James Foster D.	Victoria	3.5	48, 3, 7	700 2 0 0	1,249.79
D.W. Fleugel	Baden	5.5	93, 16, 25	2 0 0	1,606.88
Curly Barrett	Posen	4	29, 4, 5	2 0 0	1,428.33

Allied 11,020 TOTAL 158,520

Axis 8,570 TOTAL 118,825

Dozen of Allies give their all and are buried in mass graves.



Captain's Statistics

Captain	Ship	Holes Above/on/below	Penalties	Bonus	Points Score	1 on 1 pts
Alan Olster	- North Carolina	220/16/77	0	0	8,398.02	
Andrew Dahl	- Inflexible	271/18/51	0	0	4,524.55	185.00
Andy Ray	- Nagato	210/16/11	200	0	6,617.64	
Austin Keels	- Invincible	218/28/47	100	0	3,951.18	
Bart Purvis	- Macon	145/10/39	0	0	2,753.25	
Brian Eliassen	- South Dakota	287/36/65	0	0	7,486.15	
Bryan Finster	- Yamato	497/45/84	0	0	6,443.48	
Charley Stephens	- SMS Scharnhorst	0/0/0	0	0	255.41	
Charley Stephens	- Von Der Tann	181/31/52	0	0	5,368.73	
Chris Au	- Malaya	206/48/97	0	0	6,416.65	
Chris Grossaint	- Washington	134/21/49	0	0	14,930.69	3,245.00
Chris Pearce	- North Carolina	308/57/92	0	0	13,531.	14 245.00
Curly Barrett	- Posen	96/11/25	0	0	5,806.52	
D.W. Fleugel	- Baden	285/30/96	200	0	6,034.80	
Dana Graham	- Prince of Wales	147/27/107	1000	0	11,487.71	
Dave Au	- Nagato	138/11/14	200	0	5,325.93	
Dave Hanes -	Mutsu	319/15/42	0	0	5,872.48	
Dave Lawrence	- Veribus Unitus	148/3/10	0	0	3,596.17	
David Asman	- Nassau	97/8/33	200	0	5,096.80	390.00
David Asman	- Z-35	0/0/0	0	0	152.22	
Don Cole	- Alabama	319/16/35	0	0	9,439.72	
Frank Whitsell	- Washington	133/23/61	0	0	9,941.42	
Gary White	- Bismarck	636/40/55	700	0	5,816.89	
Grant Dahl	- Invincible	116/16/33	0	0	5,991.79	
Greig Stephens	- Invincible	49/10/6	200	0	2,609.49	
James Clark	- Houston	19/3/2	0	0	3,631.29	110.00
James Foster - D	Victoria	89/10/13	0	0	4,707.22	
Jamie Foster	- Mogami	35/6/10	200	0	5,055.33	
Jeff Lide	- Kirishima	169/6/9	0	0	5,801.39	
Jim Coler	- Savannah	13/0/3	0	0	5,089.37	
John Whitsell	- Invincible	55/11/20	0	0	8,703.06	
Kevin Bray	- Moltke	33/13/28	0	0	5,560.78	
Kevin Hovis	- Bismarck	787/85/92	0	0	5,686.41	
Larry Dahl	- Bellerophon	175/33/68	200	0	4,747.10	
Lee Mckinzie	- Veribus Unitus	99/17/16	0	0	3,288.90	
Lief Goodson	Von Der Tann	185/39/81	0	0	6,410.72	
Lou Meszaros	- Vittorio Veneto	435/23/44	0	0	5,351.18	
Mark Roe	- Scharnhorst	456/63/73	0	0	5,072.14	
Matthew Clark	- Houston	47/4/3	0	0	2,772.15	30.00
Mike Maxwell	- Nashville	13/0/0	0	0	1,030.81	
Patrick Clark -	Houston	10/0/4	0	0	3,592.48	115.00
Randy Stiponovich	- Akizuki	6/0/3	0	0	1,268.11	
Randy Stiponovich	- Von Der Tann	94/8/14	0	0	3,413.67	
Rick King	- Graf Spee	0/0/0	0	0	304.44	
Rick King	- Scharnhorst	160/9/17	0	0	3,989.81	
Rick Whitsell	- North Carolina	75/5/18	0	0	4,080.91	
Ron Horbel	- Arizona	90/9/6	0	0	2,023.09	
Steve Reichenbach	- Portland	41/5/10	0	0	3,634.83	
Ted Brogden	- Indiana	218/18/55	700	0	6,197.02	
Tim Beckett	- North Carolina	151/36/57	0	0	13,286.14	
Wade Koehn	- Bismarck	307/21/47	0	0	5,217.84	
Wade Koehn	- Lutzow	0/0/0	0	0	0.00	

AXIS ADMIRAL'S GRAB BAG

By Wade

Well another NATS has come and gone. Also more winners of the Axis Admiral's Grab Bag have gone home with their swag. The winners were Kevin Hovis, Randy Stiponovich, John "Curly" Barrett, Amie Foster, and Lou Meszaros. The won mini mag flashlights, tape measures, popsicle sticks, silicon, cut off wheels, electrical connectors, good safety glasses, duct tape, and a few other various items. I would like to congratulate the winners, and thank the contributors to the bag of swag. Thanks for all of your help, and see ya next year at Houston.

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the surrender sword given to the winning Admiral this year. Also the Best of Scale Convoy or Lifeline award weren't handed out. A change in rules and awards were reason for this. Congratulations goes out to the Allies, and all award winners. A special heartfelt Axis Salute went to Rick Whitsell for his hard work, good attitude, and all round good guy. We had a excellent crop of rookies this year. The Allied Admiral next year will be Ted Brogden, and the Axis Admiral will be Charley Stephens, aka Pork chop. Tom Jass will grace us a CD next year. Thanks goes out to the BOD, and Bryan Finster for the thankless job of scoring, Gary White and Rick Whitsell for their work as site hosts. Don Cole, and David Haynes as assistant CD, for doing another thankless job as CD. Good job Don! John (Curly) Barrett for running all of the goodies we got at the end of meal as door prizes. There is also two sponsors Swampworks, and Battler's Connection for donating prizes, and too many more to list. And Leroy for all of the boat retrieving, hamburgers, drinks, and just being a cool guy. This lake was deep. The Titanic, and few other ships would have been tough to get back without you. Forgive me if I forgot to mention your name for awards or thanks. That's all I have in my notes. That's all the room Fleugel will give me for this article. I had a great time. Thanks for everyone who came. See ya next year at Houston. If you haven't been to Houston, you're in for a treat.

Lief



Pennies From Heaven

MWC Region 3 receives Cash Award from RCHTA!

We all want our hobby to grow and expand. More ships, more fun, more new friends! One sure way to expand is by using free publicity. Websites are just one example, but believe it or not, not everyone has a home computer or knows how to use it, like me for instance. For those of us computer duds there's radio, TV, newspapers and magazines.

In an effort to promote all hobbies using Radio Control, the RCHTA(the Radio Control Hobby Trade Assoc.) has set up a monetary awards program for any person, organization getting media coverage of an event or story involving a radio control hobby.

After the Tempest at Trotwood regional event in March, the Orlando Sentinel and the Winter Springs Parks Dept published articles about the event and our hobby. These articles were submitted in April for approval and check for \$50 was received in June! The

size of the award varies with the amount and type of media coverage.

The region 3 bod members decided to use the award by having business cards made up for our members to pass out(another form of publicity). They will be here soon and put to good use.

So, all you have to do is notify the local media about your event, ask for coverage, after the event is publicized, go to the RCHTA website(www.RCHTA.org <<http://www.RCHTA.org>>), fill out the form and follow the directions for submitting an application. Then just sit back and wait for the award check(s) to roll in!

Guys, one more thing though, publicity can be a two edged sword. It means attracting possible new recruits and possible cash awards but it also may mean hordes of spectators at your events who just want to be entertained. So, have those extra safety goggles, barrier tapes and warning signs ready and be prepared!

I want to thank Craig McLean for originally sharing this info with us.

Dirty had a hard, yet very fun week, it was a very fun Nats.



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AXIS ADMIRAL'S GRAB B

By Wade
Will another NATE be mine and gone. Also more winners of the...
one to go home with their wife. The winner was Kevin...
Sponsored by "Chris" Boat. Some people will be...
the night, the man's property was stolen on all...
was a great day and a few other things I would...
the winner, and thank the community for the...
and see you next time.