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ST. LOUIS ADMIRALS R/C MODEL BOAT CLUB MOVES MONTHLY MEETING SITE TO OLD ST. FERDINAND SHRINE

Pre-Meeting Restaurant Locale Also Changed to Hendel's Restaurant

The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club is moving its monthly meeting site to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in Old Town Florissant, effective Wednesday, April 5, 2017. Membership also has approved a pre-meeting restaurant change to Hendel's Restaurant, also in Old Town Florissant.

"We are so fortunate to have Father Tom Keller help us and arrange for us our new meeting place at the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine," said Jane Rivers, "Commodore" of the club. "Also, a grateful thank you to Todd Schmidt, Director, Florissant Parks Department, for approving our sailing date change at St. Ferdinand's Pond from the first Monday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month."

Schmidt says that the St. Ferdinand Pond will be drained and repaired sometime this spring or summer.

"We are delighted to host the regular meeting of the St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club at the historic Old St. Ferdinand Shrine in Old Town Florissant," said Mayor Thomas P. Schneider. "Model boat aficionados bring nautical enthusiasm and a passion for detail to their vessels, something U.S. Navy veterans like me are happy to see.

Florissant is proud to host the club's bi-monthly sailings at our pond in St. Ferdinand Park. The City of Florissant has one of the finest park systems in all of metro St. Louis and Missouri and is host to a wide variety of family activities that make Florissant an excellent place to live, work and raise a family."

The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club is an organization with the sole purpose of sharing and teaching others the joy of radio-controlled model boats. These models have the same controls as those on a full-sized vessel, including variable forward-and-reverse speed control, steering and sail control for sailboats. The club's 'fleet' currently numbers more than 100 ships of all kinds.

Members may have model boats that are radio-controlled electric, steam, sail or solar powered (no gas or diesel powered models are allowed). Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, 1 Rue St. Francois, preceded by dinner at 5 p.m. at Hendel's Restaurant, 599 Rue St. Denis.

The St. Louis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club holds monthly sailing outings from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month and also from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month, weather permitting (at least 55 degrees and dry) at St. Ferdinand Pond from March through November.

The club was formed in 1983 and is presently working on its 29th regatta, which will be held September 23-24, 2017 at the Boathouse in Forest Park. Dues are \$30 per year. For more information, contact Jane Rivers at 636-447-4016 or visit <u>www.stlouisadmirals.com</u>.

Founded in 1786, Florissant is the largest city in St. Louis County, with a population of more than 52,000 residents. The City of Florissant regularly is listed among the safest cities in America for its population range, and provides abundant services for all sectors of the community, including children, young adults and seniors. In 2012, Florissant was ranked among the Top 75 Best Places to Live by CNN's *Money Magazine*.

Florissant has two community centers, three swimming pools, a renowned theater, a covered skating rink, an abundance of parks and recreational sites, a championship disk golf course and the only 18-hole municipal golf course in St. Louis County. For more information please visit www.florissantmo.com or call 314-921-5700.