

IMC  **North Texas
Battle Group**
A Big Gun R/C Warship Combat International Club

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The newsletter of the North Texas Battle Group.

“Welcome aboard!” to our three newest members! Bobby and Ginny Clark joined at the December meeting. Ginny accompanied Bobby, and was nice enough to join so that we could fill out a quorum! No word yet on what ship(s) they’ll build. Jon McClendon joined at the December battle, and has already started work on a Nagato battleship.

The weather cooperated nicely for our December battle. While other clubs are skating on their battle ponds, we can still maintain year-round combat operations here in North Texas!

Officers will be elected for 2003 at the January meeting. Everyone who can is urged to attend, and there’s an absentee ballot for those who can’t (you’ll miss out on any floor nominations, though).



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***“Big Gun Radio-Controlled
Warship Combat is one of the
most important advances in
guy thinking since the potato
gun.”***

- Dave Barry

CO's Column

- John Mianowski, CO

At our December meeting, the club agreed to set some goals for ourselves for 2003. We did pretty well for ourselves in 2002, with the goals that we set for last year, only missing a couple that were low priority.

This year, we've come up with quite a collection, but it's nothing we can't accomplish. Some have a name associated with them, telling who has signed up to manage them. Those that don't have a name belong to the CO.

January, 2003 Events:

- 1/12 – Meeting
12:00 Noon
2218 Village Crest Dr, Garland
Club elections for 2003
- 1/19 – Battle
Huffhines Park, Richardson
11:00 AM Setup
1:00 PM Start Fighting

Description	Goal	Current	Change To Date	To Go
No battle-related injuries.	0/12 months	0 months	0	12 months
24 members by year's end.	24	17	0	7
18 captains with 1 or more operational ship by year's end.	18	9	0	9
Put on an exhibition at the State Fair - Mike Duffy.	1	0	0	1
Hold 2 family BBQs, 1 on Memorial Day and the other TBD - Jeff Garrison.	1	0	0	1
Organize a contingent to visit a Midwest Battle Group battle - John Mianowski.	1	0	0	1
Produce a promotional video - Wreno Wynne.	1	0	0	1
Conduct 4 non-battle events at locations other than Huffhines Park (this includes static display & sailing events, visits to R/C boat races or fly-ins, regattas, etc.).	4	0	0	4
Conduct 1 battle at a location other than Huffhines Park.	1	0	0	1
Keep a running tally of scoring throughout the year - XO.	12 months	0 months	0 months	12 months
Define some awards & their criteria, for presentation at year's end - Todd Wikel.	1	0	0	1
Determine benchmarks for all cannon calibers so that a chronograph or other instrument may be used to verify cannon velocity limits - Jerry Ethridge.	4 calibers	0 calibers	-	4 calibers
Invite the local MWC (small-gunners) group to one of our family picnic events - John Mianowski.	1	0	0	1
Conduct 12 battles, 1 each month.	12	0	0	12
Convene a rules committee, to review the current club rules for invalid references, unclear passages, inconsistencies, & other errors - Wreno Wynne.	1	0	0	1
Conduct a depth survey on the pond at Huffhines Park - Mike Duffy.	1	0	0	1
Investigate the pros & cons of forming a non-profit corporation & present to the club for consideration - John Mianowski.	1	0	0	1

December Battle Report

- John Mianowski

The weather gods smiled on us once again, providing a beautiful day for a battle! Honestly, I grew up in a place where that would have been a typical mid-summer day. Jackets were left behind and we all enjoyed a great day of Big Gun combat.

Due to technical problems, there were no convoy ships or shore battery available, so the last battle was strictly armed ships duking it out. Illnesses prevented some people from participating, either keeping them away entirely or preventing them from being able to prepare their ships. Even so, turnout was good considering the busy holiday time.

Three sorties were run, all with their share of excitement and carnage. The switch-hitting Richelieu joined Adm. Scheer on the axis side, while USS Dallas, USS Missouri represented the allies, with HMS Hood and HMS Nelson joining the battle on alternate sorties.

The first sortie went badly for the allies. Jeff Burns' USS Dallas went dead in the water, with intermittent control. Jeff tried to keep it a secret from the axis, but it couldn't hold for long. With HMS Hood attempting a push, Dallas slipped under. Post mortem indicated that Dallas' main power wiring had been damaged, either by shot or vibration. It was making intermittent contact, providing Jeff with

moments of control. The ship was drained, patched, and the wiring fixed in time to join the second sortie. Other than the loss of a ship, the sortie scored almost dead even, with damage being dished out by both sides.

The second sortie saw no sinks, but more damage. Richelieu and HMS Nelson traded lots of salvos, with Richelieu getting the better of it most times. Nelson had to withdraw, pumping hard, but made it back to port with 32 holes, 14 of them below the waterline.

The third sortie started with the allies knowing that they needed to score big to have a chance. Basically, Richelieu had to be sunk to provide enough points to come close to evening things out. Fortunately, Richelieu provided the chance for the allies to come back by having technical problems of her own. HMS Hood had to withdraw to fix an open turret valve, leaving the mop-up to Dallas and Missouri. Unfortunately, they couldn't put the cripple away, Richelieu survived her five minutes, and was removed without sinking. The third sortie ended with the allies ahead on points, but not by enough to make up for the earlier loss of Dallas in the first sortie, or all the damage points taken by Nelson in the second. Although the battle ended with three allied ships patrolling the pond uncontested, the points favor the axis.

Allies: Got to work on that gunnery!

Sortie 1:

Ship	Combat Points	Cargo Points	Combat Factor	Cargo Value	Above	On	Below	Result	Sink Points
Adm. Scheer	90	0	61		4	0	1		0
Richelieu	110	0	82		11	0	0		
Dallas	5700		57					SUNK	5700
Hood	60		74		6	0	0		0
Missouri	80		81		8	0	0		0

AXIS TOTAL 200

ALLIED TOTAL 5840

Sortie 2:

Ship	Combat Points	Cargo Points	Combat Factor	Cargo Value	Above	On	Below	Result	Sink Points
Adm. Scheer	70	0	61		2	0	1		0
Richelieu	120		82		12	0	0		0
Dallas	30		57		3	0	0		0
Missouri	65		81		4	1	0		0
Nelson	940	0	76		14	4	14		0

AXIS TOTAL 190

ALLIED TOTAL 1035

Sortie 3:

Ship	Combat Points	Cargo Points	Combat Factor	Cargo Value	Above	On	Below	Result	Sink Points
Adm. Scheer	90	0	61		4	0	1		0
Richelieu	60		82		6	0	0		0
Dallas	60		57		1	0	1		0
Hood	20	0	74		2	0	0		0
Missouri	20		81		2	0	0		0

AXIS TOTAL 150

ALLIEDTOTAL 100

Axis Grand Total: 540
Allied Grand Total: 6975

Elections 2003

January means election time in the North Texas Battle Group. All offices are open up for election, and a number do not yet have candidates. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the election meeting, but those who have made their desire for an office known in advance are on the ballot, below. Anybody who wishes to vote absentee (please don't – we'd rather see you at the meeting!) may fill out, sign, and return a copy of the ballot to the return address shown on the front of this newsletter, or they may e-mail their vote to res0644m@gte.net. Write-ins are OK, but you should check with the person first. Note that, if you can't make the meeting, you won't know who might get nominated from the floor, so you won't be a part of those decisions.

The elections will be conducted by office, one-at-a-time, starting with the Commanding Officer and working downward in order that they're listed in the Bylaws. This will give somebody who might lose a contested election a chance to run for a lesser office.

The following offices are up for election, with the listed candidates running:

Commanding Officer

- John Mianowski
- _____

Executive Officer

- Jerry Ethridge
- _____

Safety Officer

- _____

Technical Officer

- Todd Wikel
- _____

Secretary/Treasurer

- _____