



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Club

June 2014

Upcoming Events

June

- 19 Thursday Fun Coffee/Float
10:00 – Noon
Bellevue Pond

July

- 3 NWRCMSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
Fun Float
1-4pm at Gordon's
- 12 Thursday Fun Coffee/Float
10:00 – Noon
Bellevue Pond
- 26 Tidewater Cup
Spokane Avista Pond
9 am—4 pm

August

- 2 Blaine Harbor Days 10:00 to 4:00
- 7 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy
Hobby 7:00 PM
- 9 Fun float at Bellevue Pond
10:00 to 2:00
- 9 Portland Regatta in Tualatin
9:00 to 4:00
- 16 NW Tug Regatta Bellevue
Pond 9:00 to 4:00
- 17 Burnaby Regatta at Central
Park, Burnaby B.C.,
- 21 Coffee/Fun Float Bellevue
Pond 10:00 to noon

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schedule information**

The Gordon Canney Memorial Regatta was a great success

June 7, 2014 the Northwest RC Ship modelers held their 33rd annual regatta. It was attended by 29 skippers who ran 38 boats through the navigation course. There were 18 boats judged for scale. The weather was perfect with a slight breeze and mid 70s temperature.

The navigation course had an autonomously controlled ferry going back and forth through the center of the course which caused the skippers some concern as they were making some of the 4 dockings included in the course as they crossed the ferry's path 6 times. There was also a tug pushing a 9' long liberty ship around as it was getting ready to leave port, four continuously rotating 4' powered barges and the usual Deception pass bridge to transit under as the finish line. The skippers and judges reported that they thought that it was a great course and very challenging. The course was designed by Al Kinsman who won 1st in all 3 classes of Navigation. The Ferryboat was designed and built by Robert Wickham, this ferry was the hit of the show with the public and the skippers.

We had two junior skippers that did very well on the course with Tim Ripperger winning 1st in Junior Class. The running of the event started at 10:30 a little late but was finished by 4:00 which was the scheduled completion time.

A special thanks to Al Kinsman for designing the course

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and Robert Wickham tuning the design and with Robert building the ferry and its controls and docks, and Al, Robert and Tom Stevens for putting the course up and taking it down. Also thanks to Dave White who was the harbormaster and ramrod that kept us on schedule. Thanks to Ed Maurer and Noel Holley that did a truly exemplary job with the scoring and talking of the judges sheets so that we had the winners determined very soon after the running had completed.

I would like to thank all of those that made this event possible and such a success.



Judges Choice Steve Sunich
for Andrew Foss Tugboat



Kevin Klocke won 2nd in Medium and Small Navigation



Keith Schermerhorn
3rd Place in Small Class Navigation



Tom Stevens Won 2nd in Work Boat Scale



Aimee Eng Navigation 2nd in Large Class



Tim Ripperger Junior Class 1st Place



Al Kinsman took 1st in all 3 Navigation classes earning the Navigation Best Overall 1st Place



Rod Bindon 1st in Military with his Freedom LCS



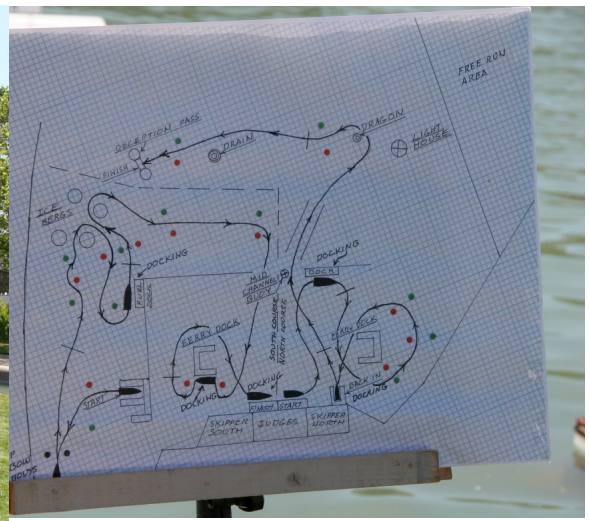
Ron Bray Won 1st & 2nd in Pleasure Craft Scale



Best of Show
Mel Suelzle for His New York Fireboat Named #343 for the number of first responders lost on 9/11. He also won 3rd in Scale Pleasure Craft & 3rd in Nav. Medium Class

Photos: Courtesy of Allan Wing

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for more regatta photos and videos visit:
<http://shipmodelers.com/club-pictures.html>

Editor's Note: With this years Regatta in the bag, Our leader has thanked everyone for their great help. It is only appropriate that he also receives a lot of kudos for his massive effort in making this event the success that it was. His uncompromising approach has introduced a host of new ideas and thinking that benefits this event and our club as a whole. Under his leadership, our regatta course has become a great challenge to all skippers new and ancient alike. Be sure and express your gratitude for his dedication and commitment to our club whenever you get the chance. **THANKS ROBERT!**

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The funding from our Regatta largely comes from sales of raffle tickets for prizes donated by our supporters. The following list of our supporters were very generous this year. Show them your appreciation for their support by SUPPORTING THEM when selecting a vendor for your modeling needs or a handshake and thank you when you have the chance.



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NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting - June 5th Meeting By Dr. Ron

On a warm summer like evening our leader, **Robert Osmond**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. Two visitors were recognized: **Mike Partain** who has photographed our last event and posted pictures on the internet and **Dick Whiteman**, a previous member who is now working on a bread and butter sail boat model.

Under old business **Dave White** presented the spring Springer event winner, **Robert Osmond**, a trophy for his master log running. (editor note: silencing the recipients incessant whining about not getting his proper recognition

It was announced that Richard **MacFarland** had passed. He was a member of the Commencement bay arm of our club.

Under new business details of the upcoming regatta were discussed with a plea for more help from our members. Unfortunately, the Anacortes festival is the same weekend, but one can still participate on Sunday if they so desire. Upcoming events include the Spokane regatta, the Tualatin competition, the Northwest Tug Regatta, and the Burnaby event.

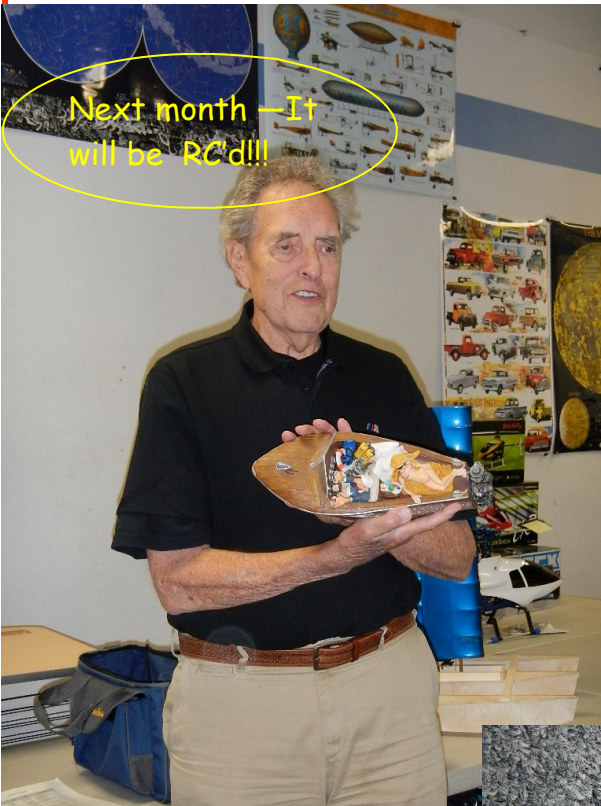
After a short break show and tell started off with **Cliff Elowson** adding the fun class of boats. He bought a comical outboard model boat from a Placerville art gallery. The model had a weird driver with a stogy in his non driving hand and a blond lying out in the rear compartment along with some diving gear. Next, **Dr Ron** decided to build a tug model from a hull he won at one of the raffles. He decided to make it with Kort nozzles and made the props from sheet brass and rods which were fashioned on his lathe and then tapped and threaded. **Allan Wing** demonstrated the progress he has made in constructing his trimaran with an integrated airfoil wing. He plans to add bracing for the mast and construct a rudder and centerboard keel, then to finalize the finish. **Bryan Morse** brought his hand made universals he fabricated with his lathe and mill. What a work of art. **Mel Suelzle** distributed copies of the member phone/email listings. Electronic copies will be distributed with the next newsletter.

Raffle prizes were won by Ed Maurer, Cliff Elowson and Mel Suelzle. We then folded the chairs and headed out into the beautiful evening to wind our way to our home ports. The meeting concluded at 2015 hours.

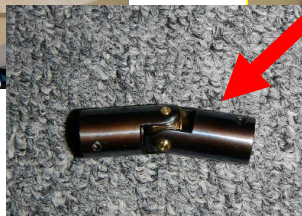
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CEASE please!!



Next month — It
will be RC'd!!!



Well— I have
this nice new
LATHE!!



Photos: Courtesy
of Allan Wing

THURSDAY COFFEE AND FUN FLOAT AT THE POND

Submitted by Ron Bray



It was a gorgeous day at the Bellevue pond for the third Thursday coffee and fun float. Twenty skippers came for donuts, coffee, and camaraderie. Boats of all varieties decorated the pond with several skippers practicing their barge handling skills. There was a guest skipper from Port Townsend and a brief visit from

Jim Sisley. We couldn't have asked for better weather but the grass was still wet and we launched our boats from the southeast slip and sat in the shade of the trees on the path at the south end of the pond. After the donuts and coffee were consumed and batteries drained we headed for our home ports around 1230 hours.



Norm Hiatt's Sternwheeler



Phil Northrup & Jim Sisley



Photos Courtesy of Robert Osmond

Bellingham International Marine Museum Show

Keith Schermerhorn and the staff at the Bellingham Maritime Museum provided a pond for us to sail our boats and demonstrate their novelties to the visitors on Saturday the 17th of May. Seven skippers made the trip and had a great time visiting and running several of their boats. Small boats were provided by the staff for the kids to run and it certainly seemed as though they enjoyed this activity. It was a great opportunity to iron out the kinks in some of our boats before the upcoming regatta. Mark and Margie Freeman made the trip up to visit the museum and chat with us. They were thanked personally by Robert Osmond for their generous contribution to the upcoming regatta. Even though it was a slow day from the standpoint of visitor participation we had a great time and sincerely thank Keith and the staff for providing us an opportunity to participate.



Mark & Margie Freeman



Keith the "Organizer"



Doc's Dreamboat



Photos Courtesy of Robert Osmond & Ron Bray

SKAGIT R/C SHIPMODELERS MEETING MINUTES



By The unofficial start of summer started with a bang of activities for members of the Skagit R/C Shipmodelers that finished with our monthly meeting. We had a good attendance to discuss the Anacortes Waterfront Festival and the NW R/C Regatta.

Many thanks go to Randy and Ben Flodquist for being the anchors of the coverage of the club display for 2 days at the annual Anacortes Waterfront Festival. Dusty and Nancy spent some time along with Wayne and Len.

Even though our display was a smaller one than in the past, it was still well received and appreciated. The weather was just right and the crowds all enjoying a day in the beautiful pacific NW.

Keith covered the regatta down in Bellevue. Was another great event with several new models/skippers, challenging/fun nav course, and plenty of good company. The weather couldn't have been any nicer as not too hot or cold! Biggest hit of the regatta, mine and others opinions, was the ferry in the middle of the course that kept transiting back and forth all day causing some skippers issues when maneuvering through that section. Lots of landings and would finish by exiting through Deception Pass bridge to the far outside. Lots of raffle prizes that included a big prize that Keith won. Another big tug that is of interest since it is one that was built in home town and have access to photos of. The end of the day was a good regatta and members of that club that worked hard at it deserve an applause.

We then had our upcoming fun floats discussed. The big float will be on *Sunday July, 20th*, 1-4 p.m. at the mobile park in Mt. Vernon with our good friend Gordon. Map to location to be provided next month before the event. Community host us to come play--er demonstrate-- the workings of the models out on the water. They have treated us well so a fun day not to be missed.

The other big event will be our August meeting. This will be a special pot luck out in LaConnor at the vintage tug that Ben Flodquist is restoring. Food served up on the dock and seating around the boat for an evening of camaraderie/celebration of the events of the season and Ben's open house on board the tug. This will be on the *SECOND Monday, August 11th at 6 p.m.* Directions will be sent out later on this as well.

Show and tell consisted of Keith showing work on multiple projects since he is off on medical leave. These included the vintage tug with fresh deck and wood work, tractor tug top components, and various parts created. Also showed off the raffle prizes won at the regatta this past weekend. The Gary King semi kit of the Miki Miki tug was the grand prize. Included with this was laser cut cabin pieces, detail cut parts, and cast parts in hard plastic resin.

One other boat was shown that was a nice little runabout that I believe was a Dumas kit. Really nicely done planking and painting on this model. it was set up with a brushless power system. Going to be a real eye catcher on the water.

After we had a short open floor time, we docked the chairs and departed for our own home ports before the sun had set.

Keith Schermerhorn



2014 NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

- June 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- June 7 NW Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Park 9:00 to 4:00
- June 19 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to noon
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- July 3 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- July 6 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- July 17 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- July 20 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Fun Float 12:00 to 4:00
- July 26 Spokane Tidewater Cup 9:00 - 4:00
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- August 2 Blaine Harbor Days 10:00 to 4:00
- August 7 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- August 9 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- August 9 Portland Regatta in Tualatin OR at the Commons Park 9:00 to 4:00
- August 16 NW Tug Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Park 9:00 to 4:00
- August 17 Burnaby Regatta at Central Park, Burnaby B.C.,
- August 21 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to noon
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- September 4 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- September 7 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- September 14 Springer Event ~ Bob Jacobsen Open House in Lake Goodwin
- September 18 Coffee/Fun Float 10:00 to noon
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- October 2 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- October 4 Fisherman's Festival 11:00- 6:00
- October 5 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to noon
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- November 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- November 9 Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00
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- December 4 Year End Banquet 7:00 – 10:00



STEWART RETIRES

After several years as our Newsletter Editor, Lee Stewart has decided to retire his position in order to make time for more leisure projects which we hope will include some great boat building projects. We wish Lee well in his new endeavors and thank him for his year of support as our newsletter editor.

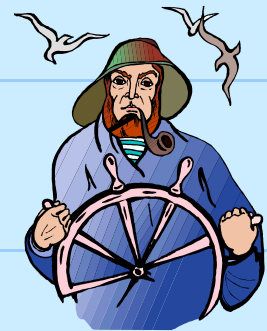
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