



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
October 2014

Upcoming Events

October

- 2 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 4 Fisherman's Festival 11:00—6:00 PM
- 17 Nichols Brothers Boat Tour 10 am - 5 pm
- 18 Night Fun Float Bellevue Downtown Park 5:30 pm to ??
- 18 Pumpkin Regatta Tualatin

November

- 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- ELECTIONS**

- 9 Fun Float (location TBD)

- 11 [Veteran's Day Display](#)
[Everett Children's Museum](#)

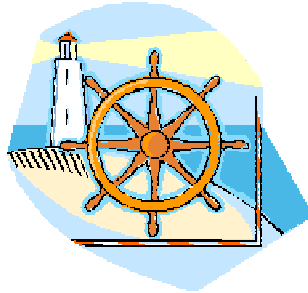
December

- 4 Year End Banquet Meeting Spaghetti Factory Lynnwood.

January

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From the Bridge *Robert Osmond*

I would like to thank all of those that came to the Fisherman's Fall Festival. I believe that this was our best attendance ever at this event, and I know the sponsors appreciated so many staying until the event ended. All of you that attended deserve a double helping of grog. I appreciated your attendance. I am sorry I had to be back in Dallas with my mother, who is doing better.

I mentioned at the meeting that it is time to decide who will be the President and Vice President next year. This will have to be decided at the next meeting.

Mel has said he will keep doing the newsletter and Alan Wing has said he will continue to keep up the website and they have both done an exemplary job this year. These two jobs are far more time consuming and harder to do than being President or Vice President.

You need to know and keep in mind that R/C scale model boat clubs are disappearing quite quickly, due to people not stepping up to run and organize these clubs, which is a shame.

When I lived in Dallas Texas I was president several times as were several of the more active members. We put on several one and two day displays and regattas at The Dallas Grand Prix, and several other large venues each year with 30-100,000 people seeing our boats run. But it got to the point that it was too hard to get new people to step up and do the work needed to keep the club running and now it is gone and

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LAKE BOB FLOAT AND PICNIC September 14th, Dr Ron



Sunday, September 14 was the date of the annual Lake Bob fun float and picnic held by our gracious hosts, Bob and Laurie Jacobsen, at their home on lake Goodwin. The weather was outstanding with a large number of members and guests attending. This year Gordy Canney's boats and equipment were auctioned off to provide his wife, Linda, with a monetary resource. In addition, there were many more items up for auction provided by the members.

Bob barbequed great hamburgers and hot dogs and the members and their wives provided side dishes and deserts. All in all, it was quite a feast. The Springer competition was cancelled, but this provided an opportunity to run our boats. Unfortunately, Mel's Red Bull

was in the process of sinking when it was rescued by a girl in her RIB who happened to be cruising by. Those who were sailing their boats had favorable winds.

This event is always one of the highlights of the year and this year was no exception. Many thanks to Bob and Laurie for hosting this wonderful event and for providing a stellar day.



EDITORIAL CLARIFICATION

To set the record straight. The Red Bull owner is Tim Ripperger who also was at the helm when the Red Bull took on extra lake ballast and headed towards the depths of Lake Goodwin. While somewhat embarrassed by this event, being a San Diego Charger fan, their win over the Seahawks brighten Tim's day considerably.

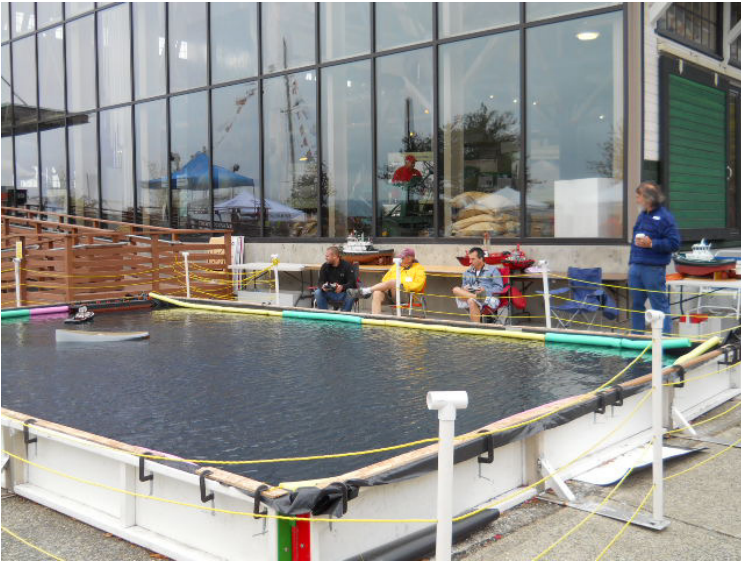


The auction action was hot and heavy. By the end of the day, the successful bidders headed home with new treasurer and mementos of our friend Gordy and parted with over \$3,300. Many thanks to Bob Jacobsen for all his effort in organizing this event on behalf of Linda



FOSS MUSEUM BOAT DEMONSTRATION BY THE TACOMA CLUB

The south end club had set up a pond at the Foss Museum. There president Gene Lemon had to work, but he still found time to stop by and run a boat. Brad Young, Mike Moor and I, held down the fort for the day. Squirting the kids on a sunny warm fall day. **Rodger Lyons**



RON BRAY has arranged for a group tour of the Nichel

Boat Company in Freeland on Whidbey Island on October 17th. The tour begins with an introduction by CEO Matt Nickels following lunch at the Useless Bay Country Club. If you are interested in attending, contact Ron Bray at 425 778 9223 or 206 779 0171 or ron.bray@live.com. Members can carpool from Galaxy Hobby at 10 am. Return is expected around 5 pm.

September 18th Coffee/Fun Float *by Mel Suelzle*



Threatening rains kept the group small at the pond at this month's coffee by the pond event. Attending, was Scott Bauman, John Nygaard, Allan Wing, Bryan Morse, Rodger Lyons and Mike Moor. Mike and Rodger brought a barge and tested a new system for snagging a barge. Seems they are getting an early start on practicing for the 2015 tug championship derelict recovery event. I brought the Sally S out and tested the running gear with a new prop. The new, flatter prop proved to be a good choice for this boat as

performance was great and the motor ran very cool. John annoyed everyone with this noisy fire-boat siren, but kept its use to a minimum. Allan tested his new boat with Red Bull/Geezer hull lines and steerable Kort nozzles. Scott's boat ran well and no one had any mishaps at least that were observed or reported to me.



NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting October 2nd, 2014 By Dr Ron

On the evening of a very beautiful fall day our president, **Robert Osmond**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. There were no new members or guests present and no old business.

Under new business **Robert** announced the upcoming fall Fisherman's Festival this coming Saturday and that as many as possible should attend as the fun float is cancelled for Sunday. The night float is scheduled for October 18th at the Bellevue pond starting at 5:30 PM. Our December meeting and dinner are scheduled at the Old Spaghetti Factory on the 4th of December with the menu and pricing are to be determined.

Discussion of where to hold our winter fun floats ensued with several suggestions. The Center for Wooden Boats was mentioned but the poor parking was somewhat of a drawback. Likewise for the pond at the south end of Lake Union. Bitter Lake and Lake Ballinger were suggested and discussed. **Robert Osmond** will look into the possibility of having the events at the Lynnwood indoor pool.

Robert asked us to propose a slate of officers for the upcoming year as he and **Robert Wickham** will not be available. **Tom** said that **Bill McGee** fell and seriously injured his thumb and needed surgery to correct the problem. **Bryan Morse** mentioned the Lego show this Sunday at the convention center and that tickets could be purchased online at www.brickcom.org to avoid standing in line at the door.

Dr Ron announced there will be a tour of the **Nickels Brothers Boat Yard** at Free-land on Whidbey Island on Friday October 17th. The plan is to car pool, meeting at Galaxy Hobby at 10 AM followed by lunch at the Useless Bay Golf and Country Club where **Matt Nickels** will give a brief run down of the history and current projects at the yard. So far, ten members have expressed interest and there is no limit to the number of members who wish to partake of this venture. However, a final tally will be necessary for those desiring to have lunch so that staffing can be arranged. The manager has given us a cordoned off area away from the rest of the crowd. This should be a great opportunity to visit an operating shipyard to see how the big boats are constructed. Any one interested in this tour should contact Dr Ron at: 425 778 9223, 206 779 0171 or ron.bray@live.com.

Show and tell began with **Robert Wickham** showing us the powerful motor with a two to one belt reduction which he purchased at Burnaby Hobbies. He plans to use a pair in his new build. **Mel** brought in the Sally and several jigs he used





to cut out scuppers and windows. These were made of brass with self adhesive sandpaper on the underside to prevent slipping. The hand rails were made of brass with punched out gussets soldered to the ends. The model is really taking shape and is quite cool. Next, the 10 raised panel doors and windows from wood will take most of the winter months to construct.

Bob Jacobsen brought in his recently purchased German type 212 diesel electric submarine which he plans to complete after purchasing a metric ballast tube from China for an outlandish price as these metric tubes are not available in the US. **Dr Ron** demonstrated progress being

made on his Maverick tug which is being designed and built upon a tug hull of fiberglass which was won many years ago at a regatta. Other than the hull the rest of the build is with styrene and will have a functioning fire monitor system, winch and lights. The props were



made from brass and were made for a smaller Kort nozzle and will need to be remade for the larger Korts which are on the boat.



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Tom Stevens reported that Ron Burchett's father, Arthur Burchett, 88, passed away on October 6th. Arthur was one of the judges at the 2004 Foss Cup which was held in Lynden on that horrible rainy day. Mr. Burchett spent a lifetime on the water, through which Ron gained his first maritime education/experience.

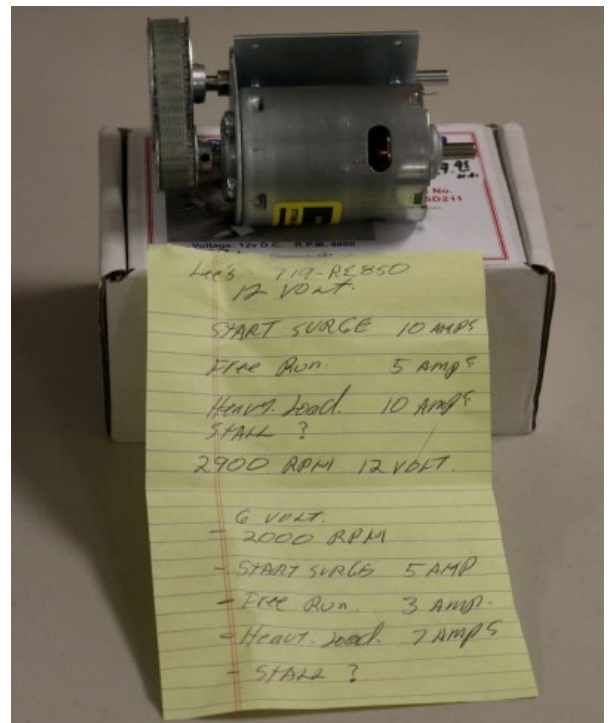
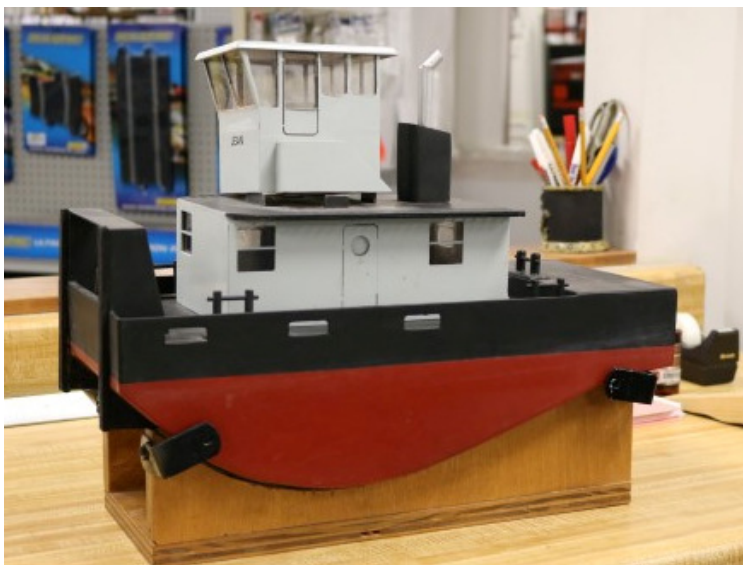


Robert Osmond showed his ore freighter which was his first scratch built project. Pretty darned good for a first project!

Following the show and tell, **Robert Jacobsen** demonstrated how to use an airbrush to create paneling and rust application to his Springer. He strongly recommended the use of water based paint and to use the thinner made by the same manufacturer as the paint.



The meeting concluded at 2025 and we headed out into brisk cool fall air to return to home ports.



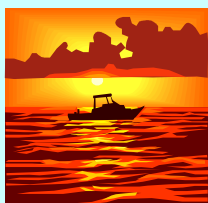
Robert's motor data

From the Bridge (cont)


if you ask someone in a hobby shop about a scale r/c boat club in Dallas, no one even remembers it ever existed.

I know a lot of you think it is someone else's job to step up and do these jobs, that you do not know what to do, but everyone thinks that until they rise to the occasion and volunteer to take one of these positions.

I know myself as well as other past officers would be glad to help a new officers get a handle on the job and help with organizing and running the major events the club puts on. So please consider volunteering.



A night float is scheduled for Saturday Oct 18th at the Bellevue pond. The plan is to get started around 5:30. Dain Webster will arrange for someone to set out his lighted buoys. He is unable to attend as he will be out of town for a memorial service. If you can lend a hand, contact Dain at h2osmokey@gmail.com .



Veterans Day at the Children's Museum,
November 11th - 8am setup up, depart 4/5pm. This is a static display of U.S. military vessels of any/all classification and category. Lights and noises are welcome! Please advise soonest of number of boats, contact Dain at h2osmokey@gmail.com

Fisherman's Festival Report - *Mel Suetzle*



On October 4th our club was well represented at this festival. Over a dozen skippers were in attendance with full tables of boat that were very popular with the huge crowd out to enjoy the beautiful weather and pay tribute to fallen fishermen. With a good turnout of skippers it made it possible to keep the spectators entertained and still give skippers time to enjoy the festival as well.



The bright sunshine caused some "glaring" problems



Everyone (almost) had a fun, action packed day at the festival.



That was really a great lunch we had !! Can't wait 'til next





NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule 2014

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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 |
| October 18 | Night Fun Float (time to be determined) |
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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 |
| November 11 | Veterans Display Everett Children's Museum 8:00—5 PM |
| December 4 | Year End Banquet—Spaghetti Factory Lynnwood 7:00 – 9:30 |

2015 (tentative)

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| January 8 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| January 11 | Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00 |
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| February 5 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| February 8 | Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00 |
| February 6,7,8 | Northwest Model Expo Monroe WA |
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| March 5 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| March 8 | Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00 |

October 18 is the Pumpkin Regatta in Tualatin



This event is a Fall harvest celebration, and is focused on a Giant pumpkin growers competition.

We typically sail tug boats to push the pumpkins around as they go into the water for carving.

I think things start around 9 am, pumpkin judging comes first, and then the

pumpkins get wet. Paddling pumpkins is how they finish the event. We typically pull out as the paddlers get going, around 1pm. *Aimee Eng*

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