



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

August 2015

Upcoming Events

August

- 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 8 Fun Float Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
- 8 TUALATIN REGATTA
- 15 TUG CHAMPION SHIP Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM
- 20 Springer Polo—Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon

September

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- 13 Fun Float and Barbeque—Lake Goodwin 10:00—4 pm
- 17 Coffee/fun float Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon
- 19 Springer Contest/fun float Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00

October

- 3 Fisherman's Memorial Fisherman's Terminal 11AM—6PM
- 17 Twilight Fun Float Bellevue 6pm—10 pm

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View From The Bridge, Scott Baumann

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Well, you guys got a welcome “change of face” when the August club meeting was conducted by our very capable Vice-Commodore, David White. And, despite what he chanted, Mel Suelzle wouldn't really have preferred having yours truly up front. Dave kept order(?) and put together an interesting and informative meeting.

July was a fun month at the pond; relaxingly less intense than June. We delayed our Fun Float until the 11th, avoiding the crowded Fourth of July holiday. Robert Osmond again set up a very merry polo match and much fun was had. As usual the scores were not remembered, but the amount of merri-ment WAS. Unfortunately (NOT) Mel had to leave early (something about his flooded house and left the world-famous Earl Anderson Springer with me. I had a ball, and scored the first goals of my life. Thank you, Mel.

July 23rd was our Thursday Coffee Float, and beautiful weather and good coffee delighted us all. This relaxed month of running got us ready to charge into August!

August 8th saw the club split, with half at Tualatin, Oregon and half at the Bellevue Pond. Now, I was in the club for over ten years without going to Tualatin, and I kept hearing about what a terrific venue it was. Nine years ago I tried it, and have been back every year since. It's a hard day of running (or day-and-a-half) under magnificent clear skies and getting to see different boats than our usual fare. This weekend we dodged a bullet, because the weekend before saw Tualatin temperatures of no less than a hundred and five! Instead, we got to

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Meeting August 6th



In absence of our President, our meeting was brought to order at 7 pm by Vice President, Dave White. We had 18 members and guests in attendance. Dave moved quickly to the favorite part of our meetings, that being show and tell.

Phil Northrup showed off his newest model destroyer. He is adding new functioning items starting first with a operational radar. He is contemplating the best procedures for further surgery to add some of the rotating turrets and lights.



Allan Wing had some motors he had opened up to show the difference in the pole configuration. One 500 series motor had only 3 poles, while a much larger and more powerful motor had a dozen or so poles. He also showed a large brushless motor he was experimenting with different controllers.

Mel Suelzle brought in his steam launch. The steam plan system has proven to be working and only a more aggressive prop is needed to get more speed for the launch. Mel's attention is turning to the final woodworking stages as the salon is nearly complete and ready for a roof, finishing and interior details. After a comparison test of Epifanes varnish and Awlgrip that was recommended

by Leif Bentzen, Mel has decided to use the Awlgrip product. It has a higher gloss finish, dries quicker and in not-yellowing compared to the varnish.

Keith Schermerhorn brought in the Misty Moon purse seiner he is building. He is adding lots of detail to the rigging, and built a functional scale skiff. He showed some multi-coloring lines he bought that will be good representation of the colored line on the real version of his model.



After some brief business topics and discussion of scheduled events, Dave adjourned the meeting about 8:25 PM



Bellevue Fun Float—August 8th

While there were reports of a good turnout at the August 8th fun float by those not traveling to Tualatin, no one submitted any photos or text as to what and who were in attendance. **Editor**



FUN FLOAT July 11th - Mel Suelzle

A good turnout for a beautiful day at the pond. No organized events were held, just good fellowship, donuts and coffee for everyone's enjoyment. Some took advantage of the free running to prepare for the Tug Regatta coming up soon, I tested my Orville hook on the Mustang and the functioning of the pin release that will allow me to shed the towing array at the docking event. All went well in practice, we will see how it goes when the pressure is on!. Robert was the designated photographer and his shots are as follows:



2015 REGATTA SPONSORS

Here is a listing of our main contributors to our 2015 Regatta Raffle Prizes. Proceeds from this raffle pay for the majority of our regatta expenses. Member are encouraged to patronize these companies and/or offer your thanks and support for their support of our club.



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Mark & Margie Freeman

RON BRAY

bask in comfortable 80-degree sunlight.

View From The Bridge (cont.)

Our stars of the competition were Robert Osmond and Mel Suelzle and his grandson Tim. Robert aced the navigation course with his maneuverable little red and black tug and ran almost a perfect score. Mel and Tim excelled in the double tug tow, taking a seven-foot hulk through a challenging course better than anyone else. Now that 12-year-old Tim has a first-place plaque, what else is there for him to aspire to in life?

Naturally, yours truly reveled in the sights of the "gray funnel line." My eyes glazed over every time one of the battleships steamed majestically past. Club member Ralph Durham and his bride Christine came all the way from Ennis, Montana, along with his destroyers Strauss and Spruance. Ralph also threw together a destroyer-sized series of docks which looked great.

Altogether, Tualatin offered a great running venue and chance for club members and their wives to spend a great time together.

And now – we have the Model Tug Championships, August Coffee Float, September Fun

August 9th Tualatin Regatta

Once again this popular event was well attended by members and spouses from our club. Most traveled on Friday and returned on Sunday. A few left early or stayed later for extra activities.

The weather was very nice and some welcome overcast helped keep the temperature to a comfortable level. The winds were gusting that made some of the events an even bigger challenge. The competitive events were well organized by **Aimee** and **Phil** as usual and included the navigation course (without the long range eye test), the return of the tanker barge filling event and a team towing event. **Robert Wickham** judged the tanker event and **Leif Bentzen** did his usual excellent job of selling raffle tickets for the prizes from Raboesch, Loyalhanna, Dimension Engineering, Shafer tugs and Aimee Eng.

In the awards category, **Robert Osmond** cleaned up with no fewer than SIX awards.

Robert Wickham came in first place in the tanker barge filling event and **Robert Osmond** took 2nd and 3rd place awards.

Robert Osmond also took 1st place in the Maneuvering Course event with his Toe Boat and also 2nd place with another boat.

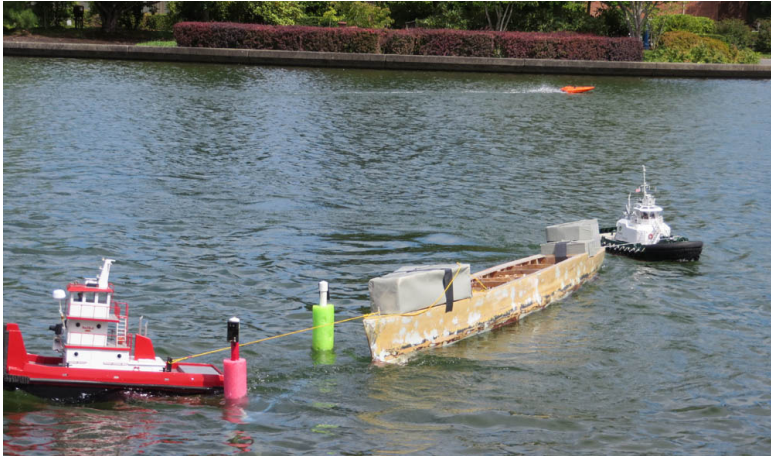
In the Dual Tug handling event, **Mel Suelzle** and grandson **Tim Ripperger** took 1st place. **Robert Osmond** and **Tim Ripperger** took 2nd place and the team of **Robert Osmond** and **Robert Wickham** took 3rd place.

Following the events we packed up our tents around 4 pm and headed for the showers in order to get to the dinner table by 5:30. Following an excellent meal we headed out again to the pond for the night float. At least a dozen well lit boats were on the water including Phil's Martha Foss all decked out with Christmas lights.



In the morning we headed out to our home ports after another great breakfast. This has always been a really outstanding venue due to all to the efforts of **Amiee Eng** and **Phil McKinney** who did an outstanding job. The Portland boat club was well represented and provided a nice lunch. The warships and subs were well represented and looked great on the water.

All in all, the venue was a most rewarding and satisfying experience with great people, many beautiful models and great facilities. Hopefully those who didn't make it will consider this event next year.



NORTHEND NOTES FROM KEITH SCHERMERHORN



Hot August nights lead to hot August weekends. So meeting in the room at the PUD in Mt.Vernon was a nice break for the 6 members of the club that showed up. Discussions were light hearted and limited on boats since not much happened lately. Did discuss the upcoming activities and the date change for the September meeting will be the last Monday of August (31st) since the first one in September is Labor Day and most will be laboring at doing other things. Discussion included the visit to Drayton Harbor Days where 2 from this group attended. Looking forward, the main topics were the tug regatta. Fun float at Bob Jacobson's, and fall Fisherman's festival. Show and tell was just some updates on Keith's boat the Misty Moon. All commentaries and discussions closed by 2100 hours and headed home to our own ports.



Every year I get asked to bring models up for display during the Drayton Harbor Days Festival on the first weekend in August. Drayton Harbor is the last main land harbor before crossing the border with Canada and has Semiahmoo Resort on the opposite side of the channel. You can see the Peace Arch and Surrey from there. This small festival features steam boats, pirates, a raft race, and rides on the historic passenger ferry Plover. And in the indoor venue, model boats. I bring up a few from my collection and was fortunate to be joined by another modeler Don Bruno of Birch Bay with his fishing boat.

The other model display is done by a local artist that makes waterline models of the boats that have visited the harbor and fueled up at the gas pump. These are made of all sorts of items found in the office, mainly paper and cardboard. Nicely done and a lot of them on display. When not talking to people about the models, ventured out and took in the events of the day. This included a ride on the restored passenger ferry Plover. Plover used to be used to transport workers from Blaine to the PAF cannery where Semiahmoo resort now sits. This used to be the worlds largest cannery back in the early part of the last century. There is a PAF museum at the park before the resort that gives a good insight to fishing history in this area and Alaska. So if you want a little adventure or plan on going to Canada, make the trip over and check things out this time of year and enjoy the festivities of a small town celebration.



20th Annual Pacific Northwest R/C Tugboat Regatta

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Downtown Park , Bellevue , Wa

Events Begin at 10:00 Am

Pacific Northwest R/C Tug Boat Group will be hosting the 20th annual Tugboat Regatta. This is one of the premiere events in North America. Contestants come from Washington, Oregon, California, Canada and other locations to operate and show their models. This is a day long event , requiring skippers to run R/C tugboats in a scale like manner performing tug work. This included Barge handling, Salvaging derelict vessel. This is a skills competition to find out who is the best skipper around. Skippers will be judged by actual Tugboat Captains, who have been in the business for years. Lunch for Skippers and Guest will be provided. Raffle drawings throughout the day with items donated by maritime companies and hobby supporters. Please join us in celebrating this event. Event is free to the public and all are encouraged to come and enjoy the day.



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- October 17 Twilight Fun Float— Bellevue Pond 6pm – 10Pm
- November 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- November 7 Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00

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DON'T forget, our September 13th Barbeque at the Jacobson's includes a silent auction. This is a great venue to sell some of your excess boating items and pickup some new ones at great prices. Start collecting your stuff to sell and cash to take advantage of this fun event.