



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

February 2015

Upcoming Events

February

- 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 6-8 Northwest Model Expo Monroe WA

March

- 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 7 Fun Float Location Bellevue Park 10:00 to 2:00
- 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 7 Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00

April

- 2 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 4 Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
- 30 SEATTLE YACHT CLUB FUN FLOAT 10AM— 4 PM

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**27 MEMBERS
HAVE NOT PAID
2015 DUES!
HAVE YOU?**

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Ed Maurer
22309 54th Ave West
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

From the Bridge



Model Expo came and went. It was a lot of fun from the Shipmodelers vantage point. We had the pond operating virtually 100% of the time. I do have to agree with Bob Jacobsen's observation, though, that Expo suffered from the lack of vendors present. That's a shame. But we had fun. Our corner of the main hall was a success. And the flying area, next to us, produced a satisfying series of sounds of periodic crashes. They regularly demonstrated the "re-kitting" of flying models, in contrast to our more relaxing running of R/C boats.

Kevin Klocke expertly flew a helicopter from his heliport barge, but a sudden battery problem dumped it into the water, and immediate rescue efforts had to be undertaken. Hopefully it will fly again following a thorough drying. Several members, including Phil Northrup, Mel Suelzle, and Allan Wing spent a lot of time loaning their models to young people to operate, a sharing of the hobby that was really appreciated. One young man named Chris brought his own Atlantic tug and railroad barge. He was small in stature, but his operating style was deadly serious, slow and attentive.

When I loaned my tug and transmitter to (usually) a boy, I would explain the rules and assign his father to be his teacher. This culminated more than once with the father telling the boy, "Okay, you heard the rules. Going fast and hitting another boat is forbidden. It's time to give the radio back". And he did.

Three full days of running was exhausting. But Mel was there for no fewer than four days, winning Iron Man status! And by the way, it was nice of Robert Osmond to stage in impromptu birthday party for Phil, complete with delicious cupcakes!

Those of you that are SSMA (Scale Ship Modelers Association) members probably just received the latest issue, which includes a small article about us. By the way, I would appreciate knowing just how many of our members are also SSMA members. Please send me an email and let me know that you belong to SSMA. As long as we have a certain number of members, we

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February Meeting

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WIN A WINCH!!

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Our commodore, **Scott Bauman**, started the meeting by encouraging members to get their dues in to Ed **Maurer** for the 2015 year, Three guests were recognized: **John Pineau** from Nanaimo, BC, **Amiee Eng** from Portland and **Joe Kinsella**, son of **Pat Kinsella**. Special recognition was given to **Mel Suelzle** for his efforts in getting the newsletter out and for keeping the data base and to **Allan Wing** for keeping the website up to date. Both of these jobs are much appreciated and require considerable effort and time, not to mention the expertise required to accomplish these important tasks.

Upcoming events were reviewed and commented on. Because of the Expo in Monroe this weekend there will be no fun float this month. The Seattle yacht club venue will be held on Thursday this year on April 30. We were encouraged to bring pleasure boat models but given the fact that many members only have military and commercial boat models they were also encouraged to bring these models and join in the festivities of opening day weekend. Because the Anacortes festival is on the first weekend of June our spring regatta will be on the 2nd weekend (the 13th of June). **Dave White** and **Allan Kinsman** are in the throghs of getting this event organized. **Scott** encouraged all of us to help out the local hobby shop by purchasing our supplies at Galaxy since they are so kind to furnish us with a place to meet. **Mike** will gladly order any item that he does not have in stock.

Scott passed around a small winch he bought at Galaxy some time ago and a sequential lighting system he bought at Expo last year from Lake Microsystems, a firm in Tacoma. Members were given the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the **Ulrich Brlner** winch, the winning ticket to be drawn in April.



After a short break show and tell began with **Dave White** presenting a steam launch which was given to him by a long time member of his train club. It has no RC and has no rudder control. He suggested using baking soda as an accelerant for ca glue and warned that only a small amount is necessary as it produces considerable heat. The advantage in using soda is that it is less messy and can be placed in pin point locations. It also provides good gap filling characteristics.



Robert Osmond brought in the redo of his Warwick which he purchased in 1993. He demonstrated how to mount motors without any hardware by wrapping the motor with vinyl or plastic wrap and then lining up the motor in a bed of epoxy through which a double sided Velcro strap is placed. When the epoxy cures the



imprint fits the motor precisely and the Velcro strap prevents the motor from moving. The wrap is removed prior to permanently strapping the motor in place. He also upgraded the propulsion system to independent steerable Korts.

Pat Kinsella showed the progress he is making on his first build of a Chris Craft runabout. His progress is exceptional and the model will surely be a work of art.

Dr. Ron showed the finished Zip Kit model he plans to donate as a raffle prize at the regatta this June.



Mel's Sally is almost finished and is truly a master build. It will get it's water stability test this weekend at Expo. He demonstrated the functional anchor winch he built from scratch.

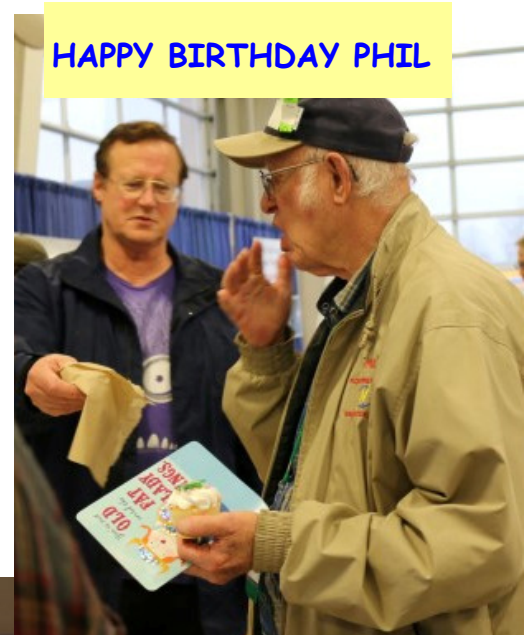
After the drawing for door prizes we all left for our home ports to brave the rainy weather. The meeting concluded at 2005.



From the Bridge (cont.)

accrue benefits from them, including very necessary insurance coverage. SSMA seems to have many more East Coast clubs than West Coast. Other than the Spokane club, we are the only West Coast participants. I'd like to change that.

Our next club activity, after the March meeting, is a Bellevue Pond Fun Float on the Seventh. Now, the Downtown Park is undergoing improvements, and the construction work is not necessarily proceeding to our benefit. Our normal access to parking has been torn up for utility work. Parking is going to be uncertain for some time. It appears that we can still park near the pond, but not as close as we used to enjoy. And we will have to approach the lot from another street. Bellevue Way is closed on weekends north of N.E. Fourth, resulting in excessive congestion downtown. Right now it appears that the park can best be approached via I-405 to NE Fourth west-bound, then left on 112th, right on Second Avenue to the new park entrance. But I will scout it out and publish a map on the website by the time of the next meeting so all will know the latest scoop. *Scott*





Great Skipper



Sally's a little tipsy

2015 NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

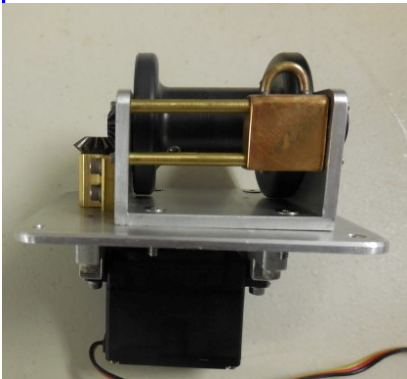
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May 7	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
May 9	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
May 21	Coffee/fun float at Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon
June 4	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
June 13	NWRCSM REGATTA Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM
June 18	Coffee/fun float at Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon
July 2	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
July 11	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
July 25	TIDEWATTER CUP Spokane (tentative)
August 6	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
August 8	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
August 8	TUALATIN REGATTA
August 15	TUG CHAMPIONSHIPS Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM
September 3	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
September 5	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
September 17	Coffee/fun float at Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon
September	Fisherman's Memorial Fisherman's Terminal 11—6PM
October 1	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
October 3	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
November 5	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
November 7	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
December 3	Christmas Dinner

FEELIN' LUCKY??

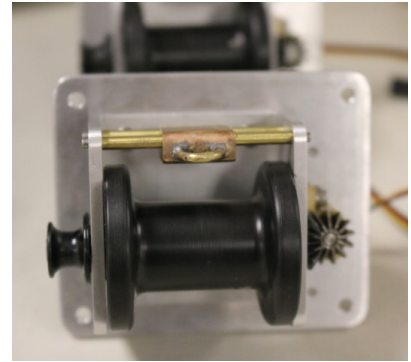


Here's your chance to win a finely crafted towing winch for your workboat. This winch was built by Ulrick Briner of Canada who donated it to our club. The club will raffle this unit off to the lucky winner of a drawing at the March meeting. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be available at all Galaxy Hobby meetings and at the Hobby Expo in Monroe. You need not be present to win! Just purchase your tickets and wait for a call after the drawing at the meeting on April 2nd.

The winch is fully operational and powered by a standard servo that can be connected directly to a proportional channel.



Don't miss out on a chance to own this beautifully crafted winch for only a buck.



CLASSIFIED SECTION

Have something you want to sell or buy? Send a brief summary of your ad to: **newsletter-editor@shipmodelers.com**. Include a photo if needed. Newsletter deadlines are the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month. Items received after this date will be published the following month. Be sure and include an email or phone number.

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WORD CLASS MODELS FOR SALE

Bill Bull is a master model maker living in Canada. Bill attended many of our Regattas and his models were always well placed in scale judging. His models are 100% scratch built and can include the electronics. Bill's son Steve is offering 7 models for sale. Pictures of four, are on the following page. If you are interested, contact Steve at steve-bull@hotmail.com or call 778 929-2922

SEE PHOTOS OF BILL'S MODELS





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