



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

**MAY 2015**

## Upcoming Events

### May

19 Western Towboat tour  
(tentative) 6—8 pm  
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21 Coffee/fun float at Bellevue  
Pond 10:00—Noon

### June

4 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy  
Hobby 7:00 PM

6 Polo & Fun Float  
Bellevue Pond

6 Anacortes Waterfront  
Festival

13 NWRCM REGATTA  
Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM

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Pond

### July

July 2 Monthly Meeting at  
Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM

July 11 Fun Float Location TBD  
9:00 to 1:00

July 25 TIDEWATTER CUP  
CANCELLED

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## **View From The Bilge, by Dave White**



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Summer has arrived! Well maybe not officially but the weather for our last few events has just been great and I didn't hear one complaint about it. Who could ever complain about 60 and 70 degree days in the Puget Sound area with sun and no rain. Not I.

What a great time we had at the Seattle Yacht Club on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Much thanks to Scott our Commodore and President for arranging this event. Though the day looked threatening of rain and cool wind, I only got a few drops on my bald head. The sun came out for most of the day, there were no collisions of note, no water rescues and it seemed as if everyone enjoyed themselves. And Robert Osmond's steam boat ran very very well. Again, it was a good day of boating.

On Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May, we had a great fun float and polo event at the Bellevue Pond. Much thanks to Rog Lyons for bring his buoys so we could practice navigation and to Robert Osmond for the organizing and setting up the polo event. Mel showed off and scored the most goals for the White team which was the overall winner. (I just seemed to disrupt everyone.) The red team definitely needs to practice. It was a great day of boating, BS-ing, comradeship, and enjoying the PNW.

Now: the 2015 June Regatta is fast approaching and I have it on good authority that you had better practice your boat handling and docking as the judges are going to be very picky and finicky about the course. Make sure you read what each judge is looking for on their part of the course. Oh, also practice backing, a word to the wise. And for those planning to enter boats into the scale judging contest there are two classes: work boats and non-work boats. Work boats are tugs, fishing boats, buoy tenders, some Coast Guard boats and the like, all others are non-work boats. The head

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## Meeting May 7th - Dr Ron

Photos by Allan Wing

Commodore, **Scott Bauman**, began the meeting with show and tell at 1900 hours with 23 members in attendance.

**Phil Northrup** began by showing progress on his crane barge. Parts of the crane were constructed from aluminum shelving material. There are a number of pulleys and motors, fishing line and colored nylon line.



**Dave White** passed a small gear motor which he plans to purchase in bulk at his railroad convention and took orders from a number of members. With more than 20 the price drops from \$5 to \$3,50.

**Robert Osmond** brought in three Springer polo boats which he plans to lend out for this weekend's polo match. He demonstrated how he attached the motors to aluminum L stock.

**Doc** brought in his Coho project experiencing difficulty with the foam cores rising after the application of epoxy resin, thus leaving indentations with every station or cross section.



**Leslie Regier** demonstrated her modification of a drill bit to prevent damage to plastic material.





**Bob Jacobsen** showed the miniature transmitters which can be hidden in his hand while operating his robot. These have 8 proportional channels and 8 switching channels. They can be ordered from [Surerobotics.com](http://Surerobotics.com) for \$650.

After the break, attention turned to the upcoming regatta. A sign up sheet was passed to encourage members to sign up for various duties. Volunteers are especially needed for pickup of items from storage and transport back into storage.

**Bill Heath** has again volunteered his truck and will meet those volunteering at 10 am on Friday and 10 am on Sunday. The course, which was designed by **Al Kinsman** and **Dave White**, was on display for review by the members. Some discussion was entertained regarding trophies and judging classes. Judge **Phil Northrup** will be awarding the first three trophies for scale without consideration of the type of vessel, be it workboat, military, pleasure or other. There will be navigation awards for the first three places in each class size and an award for best of show according to the discretion of the judges.

The schedule was reviewed noting the polo fun float this weekend, the coffee fun float on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the regular fun float on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and the regatta on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a coffee fun float on the 18<sup>th</sup> and a twilight float on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun stuff to take part in.

**Lee Stewart** announced that the club has not paid it's \$35 dues to SSMA and that if this is not paid, we will not have insurance. Ed Maurer will look into this and make us whole. With that, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 with our members heading for home ports under sunny skies and calm winds.

**RECOGNIZE ANYONE.?** Compliments to Carol Sisley for this memorable photo from Jim's photo archives. This great 1996 photo captures the MOVERS AND SHAKERS of our club all with a common objective. The objective ? Find the lost prop.... Identity is anyone's guess. From this angle,



## April Springer/Fun Float



The April Spring Springer Event came off without a hitch. The day was sunny but cool. There were only 4 contestants, **Robert Wickham**, Alan Wing, **David White**, and me, Robert Osmond. There would have been more Springers competing if so many skippers had not had scheduling conflicts. As it was there was one group of contestants. The event consisted of leaving the starting line then proceeding past a buoy and then pushing a 5-gallon bucket which held two bricks and 3 gallons of water and a short flag pole. The captains needed to push

the bucket to the first gate then stop their Springer before it went through the gate, which allowed the bucket to continue its forward motion through the gate and beyond. After backing away from the bucket the Springer had to go around either side of the gate and begin pushing the bucket to the next gate. After completing the same maneuver at the second gate the skippers steered for the start/finish line.



I was the winner, though I am not quite sure how I won by such a large margin. **Robert Wickham** said his radio was not working correctly which made his boat go in circles. Dave and Alan could have been sandbagging so they would not win and have to put on the next Springer event.

The event gave skippers practice pushing an object with significant resistance, and then using the objects inertia to make the bucket continue through the gate.



Since I won. I make the rules for the next Springer event. THERE WILL BE A NEW RULE FOR THIS EVENT. It will be "that the winner does not have to run/setup/design/etc. the next event. If the winner chooses not to put on the next event, anyone can volunteer to create and run the next event. If no one readily volunteers I will be glad to create and run that event.

At the May and June fun floats I will be setting up Springer



## **WESTERN TOWBOAT TOUR**

Al Kinsman has arranged a tour of Western Towboat facilities on **Tuesday May 19th**. Western is located on the north side of the ship canal at 617 NW 40th , Seattle. The tour will start at 6PM and include the work areas and the tugs.

Since significant portions of the tour are outside, the tour is **contingent on GOOD weather**. A email notice will be sent on Tuesday morning confirming or canceling this event.

Since traffic will be a factor at this time of a work day, it is suggested that carpools be formed. Mel and Ron Bray will drive a vehicle and offer rides to anyone interested. We will depart Galaxy Hobby **promptly** at 5PM. If you would like to reserve a spot, contact one of them directly.

## Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float - Mel Suelzle



A good showing of about 10 members were on hand to show off our models to early arrivals for the May 2nd opening day festivities. In spite of all the doom and gloom weather reports, it was a beautiful day to run boats. No serious mishaps occurred, but some minor bumping was experienced as is normal for this group. Some grumbling about excessive wakes caused by one of the Chris Craft skippers, but nothing more than the usual jaw flapping.

We had a nice showing of boats of all types. They all ran well and often with the possible exception on one steam launch that set a record for pre-sailing tests and configure. Some said the process took some 4 hours and 15 minutes. If not timely, it was very well behaved on the water. Probably not worth the wait, but Robert was

Not as many visiting Yacht club members, but enough to know our boats were well appreciated. After a nice lunch, we drained our last batteries (and steam), packed up and tried to beat the traffic home.





After a NIGHTMARE OF only 4 1/2 hours preparation, she ran like a DREAM.

**From the Bridge (cont.)** judge is looking for on their part of the course. Oh, also practice backing, a word to the wise. And for those planning to enter boats into the scale judging contest there are two classes: work boats and non-work boats. Work boats are tugs, fishing boats, buoy tenders, some Coast Guard boats and the like, all others are non-work boats. The head judge makes any final decisions. Those entering the scale judging contest should spruce up your boats, remove the dust mites that have collected over the year, straighten handrails and insure the boat is in inspection order. Add those extra little details you've been putting off. Such actions will make a difference in the boats score. Weathering is great but dust isn't.

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And to everyone, don't forget to assist at the Regatta and let's make it a great Regatta. Enjoy your boat-ing!!!

On a sad note, everyone who has spent time in the military knows about the "Hail and Farewell" routine, when some command members leave for reassignment, and others report in. Well, two of our stalwarts, Dave and Ginny Feray are moving back to Texas. They enjoyed living in our Pacific Northwest just fine, but the longing to be closer to their family won out. They and their beautiful models will be missed, particularly at Tualatin, but they stated that they would follow the club's progress vicariously through the newsletter. On the plus side, we have been recently joined by Thomas Darlington, a multi-rated pilot and seaman with many captain's licenses at sea. Tom works for Victoria Clippers, and is a master static modeler. He attended our Fun Float and asked a hundred questions. Club static and navigating modelers better look out in the future!

## NORTHEND NOTES FROM KEITH SCHERMERHORN



Never let it be said that those of us at the Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Club don't have some interesting adventures. The first Mondays we meet at the PUD building in Mt. Vernon for some stories, models, and fellowship. Meetings usually begin at 7 pm inside the comforts of the building. That is usually. This month, for some strange reason, the key card for the door wasn't cooperating. And with the weather for the evening being a bit wet and cool out, we ventured off to our emergency location. Thanks to Tom for having something to write on so we could leave a note for any that may follow. So the 10 of us were off to Denny's where we could at least meet and share stories. This went from being a boat meeting to a desert social awfully quick once we were seated. Teasing the waitresses

was the main entertainment ( as they both teased right back!). We did converse over some items of business ( between bites ). The main topic for the evening was the upcoming **Waterfront Festival in Anacortes at Cap Sante Marina on June 6 and 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will be setting up on Saturday morning around 7:30-8 so we can get in and out before they don't allow us to drive in ( after 9 am). We will have the big tent and tables set up for those wishing to bring their models for the display. There is water in the harbor for those that want to get some practice time in before the big regatta the following weekend. Plenty of fun and family activities going on both days. We invite anyone that wants to come up to join us and have your models viewed by the public. We will finalize everything at the next meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Also discussed the fun float on July 19<sup>th</sup> at Gordon's place at the mobile home park in Mt. Vernon. The good folks at the park are working hard to ensure there is no weed issue this year as they want us back! Always a good fun day there.

The only show and tell was Keith's new seiner project that was brought in. More detail and specialty items made and shown. Some of the details were the lettering done by Callies Graphics, cast parts from Aimee in Portland, goodies obtained through Harbor Models (like the chain and blocks for the rigging), all the brass work on the mast, and various other detail parts created.

Wayne also brought along a miniature planked canoe that he built some time ago to show off. Now he needs a bigger boat for it to go on to. With bills paid, happy taste buds, and stories told—we headed home to our home ports with another fun meeting had ( think this was done on purpose and some one sabotaged the card key....wanting desert...).

## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK



### From Dave Feray

GINNY and I are moving back to Texas, leaving next week. It's been my pleasure knowing you guys, and all the club members.

Editor:

Dave has been a member of NWR/C Ship Modelers since 2007. He and Ginny moved here from Texas and I guess you can't take the Texas out of a Texan either. We will miss Dave and Ginny who were regular attendees at our events. Dave built some very nice scale models that were amongst the finest models in the club. We wish them the very best in their new home.

Y'ALL KEEP IN TOUCH NOW! YA HEAR??

**(VIEW FROM THE BILGE cont.)**

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**ANACORTES WATERFRONT FESTIVAL— Linda Flodquist**



The Anacortes Waterfront Festival will be June 6 and 7 and we'll have our normal booth above the water.

We're going to set up about 8am on Saturday as it is a lot less difficult than setting up a big meet. Hours are 10 to 6 Saturday and 10 to 5 Sunday. We would love to have anybody who would like to be here and enjoy the sun, music, quick and dirty boat building (Sat), sailboat rides, boat show, car show (Corvettes Sat. And anything goes Sunday), etc, etc. We won't be having our normal potluck due to another commitment. I'd appreciate an email if you are coming so we can be sure to have table space. Bring the banner and brochures. Hope to see you at the Festival.

May 9th Polo Match & Fun Float Photos



# 2015 NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

May 19th	Tentative Western Towboat Tour
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June 4	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
June 6	Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
June 6	Anacortes Waterfront Festival
June 13	NWRCSM REGATTA Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM
June 18	Coffee/fun float at Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon
June 27	Night Fun Float at Bellevue Pond time TBA
July 2	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
July 11	Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00
July 25	TIDEWATTER CUP CANCELLED
August 6	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
August 8	Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00
August 8	TUALATIN REGATTA
August 15	TUG CHAMPIONSHIPS Location TBD 9AM—4 PM
September 3	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
September 5	Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00
September 17	Coffee/fun float Location TBD 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 TBD 9:00 to 1:00
November 5	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
November 7	Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00
December 3	Christmas Dinner—Spaghetti Factory—Lynnwood

## MEMBER NOTES



I am Ralph Durham. I am a club member and live in Montana. I thought it might be of interest that I am now building model ships for others. Attached is a photo of one of my T shirts. I wasn't sure if you could use this information or not. I plan to attend the Regatta on June 6th and will be bringing my ships. They are US warships and I hope they will fit into the group. If you have any questions for me just ask. I have a web site [www.greatnorthernshipyard.com](http://www.greatnorthernshipyard.com) or face book at greatnorthernshipyard See you at the regatta.

Have something going on that may be interest to the membership? Send a note (and photos) to the editor.

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## USCG CUTTER HULL WANTED

Club member Mike Moor is looking for a fiberglass hull for a Point Class (82 foot) cutter. He would prefer one in 1:24th scale which would be a model of around 41" If you have a hull along this line, contact Mike directly at 253 838-3651 or email [seapax@gmail.com](mailto:seapax@gmail.com)