



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

## November 2015

### Upcoming Events

#### November

11 Veterans Day Display  
Everett Children's Museum  
10am—4 pml

26 BE THANKFUL YOU ARE  
NOT A TURKEY

#### December

3 Holiday Dinner  
6:30 — 9 PM

**LESS THAN 2 WEEKS TO  
MAKE YOUR DINNER  
RESERVATION**

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR INFORMATION ON THE DECEMBER BANQUET**

**January is Dues Payment**



### View From The Bridge **Dave White**



Well fellow Skippers, while our Commodore Scott is in the Island enjoying sun and beach, we're basking in wet weather and messy yards. Oh well, our day will come. We certainly had a good run of fair weather this year, only one event was weathered out and that was the fun float at Lake Ballinger.

All the other events: fun floats, Thursday coffee floats, night floats, Hobby Expo, Seattle Yacht Club, Anacortes, our June Regatta, Tualatin, The Tug Championship, Barnaby, Fisherman's and the twilight float came off with hardy souls. Much thanks to all who organized, set-up, participated and enjoyed these events. With the cooperation of many, we have great events and great times. Thanks to all again.

We do have the Veteran's Tribute on November 11. And of course there is our annual Holiday Dinner on 3 December. Make sure you get your reservations, money and menu selection to Mel by 20 November.

Winter is fast approaching. Time for all of us to start working on new projects, repairing and improving our older models that haven't seen the light of day or floated for a while.

I guess congratulations (?) are in order for the clubs officers on being reelected for another year. We all thank all club members for their support at club events and their suggestions to continue improving our club and its events.

See you at the Annual Dinner,  
Fair winds and following seas to you all.

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## Meeting November 5th Dr Ron

Show and tell started with **Phil Northrup** showing how he made the gun turrets on his destroyer rotating 180 degrees by using small servos and gears to accomplish this feat. The radar also moved in the direction of the gun turrets. He replaced the props and installed the Hobby King transmitter unit and the receiver to give him a seven channel operation in his Ace Nautical Commander. Next, **Bryan Morse** brought in his Dumas Dauntlas with

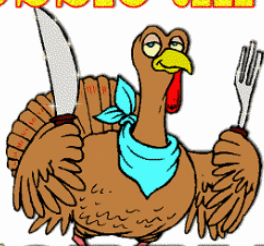


an 850 motor connected to direct drive. Magnets are employed to attach the house to the hull. He showed the brush cleaner he uses and swears by the Winsor Newton company. He has installed a cooling system with the intakes above the props.

**Dave White** showed an old Cheddar 4 cylinder oscillating steam engine with a Pegasus boiler – “the best one ever made”. The system contains a pressure regulator and automatic feed water controller.



# Gobble till ya

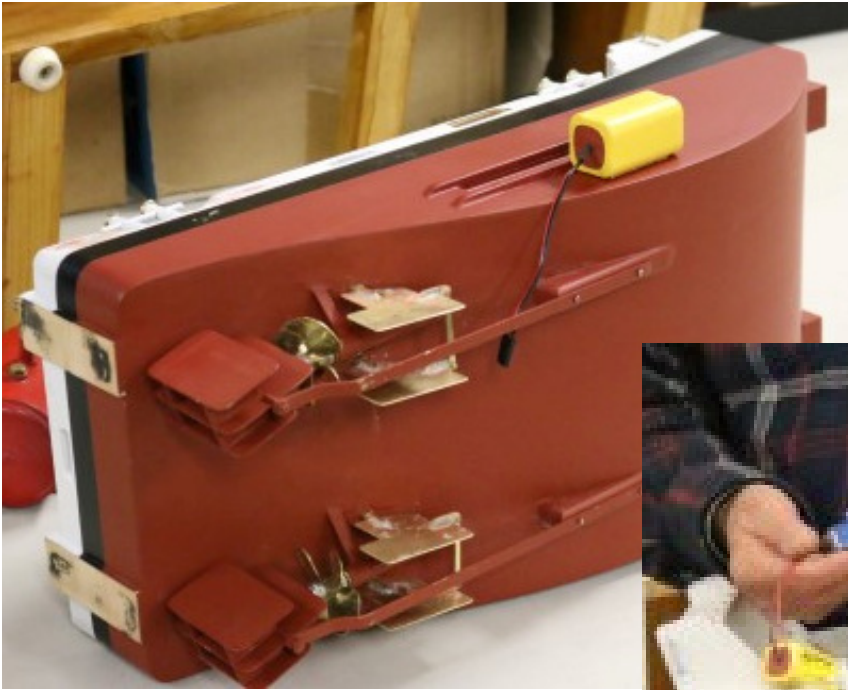


# WOBBLE!

Happy Thanksgiving!

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**Bob Wickham** demonstrated how he constructed the forward rudders to act in unison with the rear rudders, the posts of which penetrate the hull to be connected to the rudder horn and servo. There was not enough room in the hull to put in forward penetrating rudder posts. The dual prop super springer is really looking cool.



**Dain Webster** brought in the Tugster he won at the regatta and donated it to the club for kids to operate at our events. There is quit a drain when the throttle is advanced as evidenced by the dimming of the lights. **Doc** will investigate and fix the problem and look into changing the radio system to be in compliance with boating frequencies.

**Tom Stevens** asked everyone to write down their ages on a sheet of paper in order to calculate the average age of our members. He plans to conduct a class at a senior center and hopefully recruit a few new members, noting that their ages aren't too different the ones of our members.

After a break **Dave** brought up new business. First off was the nomination and election of next year's officers. Since all volunteered to remain in office and since there were no other nominations, it was moved and seconded to elect them. **Mel** solicited applications for the upcoming Christmas dinner at the Spaghetti Factory on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, details of which were in last months newsletter and probably in the November news letter. Thanks were acknowledged to **Dain Webster and Roger Lyons** for their efforts in last months successful night float. A fun float is scheduled for this Saturday at Lake Ballinger from 9 to 4. Pray for good dry weather.

**Dain** is again encouraging us to bring military vessels to the Children's Museum on Wednesday November 11 for the veteran's day celebration. We should bring our vessels to the back door by 9 AM. Since scale judging is being moved to Hobby Expo this year a committee of **Mel, Doc and Allan** will meet and hammer out the rules and regulations. It was announced that Galaxy Hobby will be having a secret Santa sale on Saturday 21 November. Also, Pacific Marine Expo will be held at the Clink stating on the 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month so be sure to get your free pass by registering on line or by phone.

The meeting closed at 1755 hours and after the chairs were stacked and some lingering chit chat, we all headed for home ports.

## North End Report—Keith Schermerhorn



Well due to a mix up in dates and scheduling conflict, the Skagit club didn't have a meeting in the month of October. Thankfully, November arrived and the 6 members of the group met for another fun and informal gathering. Covered the events of the last couple months that included a chilly day down at the Fall Fisherman's Festival in Seattle. The other major subject of the evening was the announcement that **Performance Hobbies** in Burlington will be **closing** their doors for good on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We all had some stories to share and Wayne mentioned that there are some good deals to be had. We all agreed that this is a loss for us, but wanted to thank Susie for keeping it going for all these years. If you live up this way, there is a little good news in that hardware sales in Bellingham does have some of the same building materials for the hobbyist.

The next item of business was to let everyone know we will be having our annual Pig Out potluck on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the PUD building. Everyone is invited to bring along a dish to share as the evening is all about enjoying food and the company of each other to celebrate the year that was. Will start just a little bit earlier to accommodate time. Hope to see many there.

Show n tell featured **Keith's** finished model of the Misty Moon and the start of 2 other hulls. One is the Miki Miki hull with motor and rudder installed. The other a 1/32<sup>nd</sup> scale European tug hull that was horse traded with Tom ( won it at the tug regatta) that will become a yacht. As it happens, there was a recent photo of the very hull that had the same conversion to a yacht that was envisioned. Hulls already been fitted with rudder motor, shaft, prop, and scuppers cut. Hull is already painted and pinstriped to fit the style it will be done in.

**Eric Sundblad** had batteries and rags available for those that wanted any for free. He also showed off a boat he is selling cheap that is a go fast style. He has that and another one available for those interested. Contact him at 360-724-8554. He also mentioned that there is a group of fellows now racing up here and if anyone is interested in joining to contact him. They accept all styles and types for fun racing only at this time.

After some quick conversations the chairs were stacked and all headed to our home ports.

### 2016 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

**Annual dues for 2016 are due in January. In order to help our membership record keeping, we ask that you make your dues payments to Mel Suelzle for recording in the membership file. Payments will be deposited and recorded by our Treasurer, Ed Maurer as normal.**

**Payments can be Check, Cash or PayPay to Mel@suelzle.com. Multiple year payments are welcome!**

**Send Payments to Mel Suelzle, 2731 184th Place SE  
Bothell WA 98012**

**AVOID THE RUSH! DO IT NOW**

## **WEATHER HAD A BIG IMPACT ON YEAR END FUN FLOATS**

OUR LAST EVENT OF 2015 AT THE BELLEVUE POND was a twilight fun float on October 17th. Unfortunately the dire weather forecast kept the participation down. With the usual accuracy of weather forecasts, the rain was minimal and a good time was had by the 6 or so skippers that showed. Lighted boats looked great on the pond as they navigated the course set up by Dain Webster and Rog Lyons. John Straub had his scratch built steamer on the on the pond and it ran nicely. As the temperature dropped and the rains increased all hands decided it was time to pack up and head for warmer and dryer shelter.



Many thanks to Dain and Rog for making this event possible.

Our November Fun float suffered from the weather. The wet forecast actually came true and kept all or most skippers away. This was to be our first fun float at Lake Ballinger in many years,



By the time I arrived (10:00) the lake was well occupied by ducks non of which seemed to be R/C types. My tug stayed in the car and as I left, the rains really picked up. Too bad as I think this will prove to be a nice winter venue for our boating activities. Maybe December will be a better opportunity.

# NORTHWEST R/C SHIPMODELERS

## 2015 CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Arrangements have been and all is in order for another great December Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood on **December 3rd**.

This year we will have a similar menu that includes a nice variety of excellent Italian dishes that will satisfy the largest of appetites. Our meal will include appetizers, bread, soup or salad, the entrée' of your choice and Spumoni desert, soft drinks and coffee/tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase separately.

ALL this food and a fun filled evening for the modest sum of **\$20/person**. The Spaghetti Factory has lots of parking. Some may want to use the upper parking lot that is on the same level of the restaurant and avoid the entry way steps.

The location details are:

**The Old Spaghetti Factory**  
**2609 196th Street SW**  
**Lynnwood, WA**  
**425 672-7006**

Time: Social Hour 6:30 PM  
 Dinner 7:15 PM  
 Program 8:00—9:00 PM



The cost for the three course dinner is \$20/person. This includes tax and gratuity, appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. Mixed drinks, wine and beer are available at extra cost.

**Reservation & Meal Selection** - This year we will and ask each person to pre-select the entree that will be served to your table. This will avoid the long buffet serving lines, and help everyone receive their meal about the same time. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Lasagna & Chicken Marsala	Qty _____
Spinach & Cheese Ravioli	Qty _____
Meatballs/Sausage Spaghetti	Qty _____

Send a copy of this form with payment to: Mel Suelzle  
 2731 184<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
 Bothell, WA 98012



**Please make you checks payable to NWR/C Ship Modelers**

If you prefer to pay via PayPal Send payment to [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com), enter names and selections on PayPal notes or email info to [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com)

**SEATING IS LIMITED** Arrivals without reservations run the risk of not having a seat or meal or both! Make your reservation TODAY!

**Payment and menu selection must be received by 11-20-2015**



From the eighth-floor lanai of my beach-front hotel room, I have a good view of the waters south of Oahu. From my lofty perch I watch ocean-borne traffic come and go, and scan each vessel to see whether it is properly configured and proceeding in accordance with applicable regulations.

First, and most prominently, is the near-constant interisland tug/barge communication. From Honolulu Harbor most such transportation traipses southeast toward the majority of the islands. Occasionally the odd pair proceed to the west and Nawiliwili Harbor on Kauai. I study them to check that the assigned tugs release enough tow cable to insure safe travel on the open ocean and particularly the normally rough Molokai Channel. On the other hand, I make sure that arrivals reduce tow length within a couple of miles of the entrance channel before making port.

At about eight o'clock of every morning I observe two tourist submarines in close tow behind their mini-tugs as they take up station just beyond the Waikiki reef. While tourist traffic is plentiful and predictable, Navy vessels are scarce. Just yesterday, though, I did allow a black nuclear attack submarine to enter the main Pearl Harbor channel. And last week I supervised a Coast Guard Bay-class buoy tender as she replaced one of the Ali Wai yacht harbor channel markers on the reef.

Matson Lines reported a nice increase in profits during the most recent quarter, but you wouldn't know it by me. Two of their main container ships are anchored, empty, not four miles from my hotel. They must not be able to keep them filled. Although most local cargo is transported on barges, there is one interesting vessel that is obviously designed to deliver cargo over the beach. My observations suggest that it is probably 200 feet long. It is configured like a WW II LST, but is smaller.

Every once in a while my 8x30 binoculars slip down from their normal position and alight upon the image of a comely lassie on the beach in a colorful bikini. This is regrettable, and after an appropriate interval I sigh and bring them up to their task-defined angle on the horizon, back to the matter at hand.

In a few days I will have to give up my temporary duties and trust in the Coast Guard and regular harbor master to carry on with my work. One man can only do so much in the pursuit of maritime safety...

The Commodore

