



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
December 2016

## Upcoming Events

### JANUARY

- 5 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7:00 pm
- 7 Fun Float - Seattle Yacht  
Club 9:00 am
- 27-29 NW Hobby Expo -  
Monroe WA

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7:00 pm
- 4 Fun Float - Seattle Yacht  
Club 9:00 am

### MARCH

- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7:00 pm
- 4 Fun Float - Seattle  
Yacht Club 9:00 am

**2017 Dues are  
Due during  
January!!**

**All member dues are due each  
year during January.  
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## View From The Bridge, Scott Baumann

Well, another year has passed, and with it comes a new slate of club officers. We have a new Fun Float venue as of January 7<sup>th</sup>, at Seattle Yacht Club, and the ever-exciting Monroe Model Expo. We also have a tantalizing

historic tour of a classic World War II Navy tug.

As of January 1 I will be saying goodbye as club president, as will David White and Ed Maurer. Ed, as you all know, has been faithfully serving the role of club treasurer for no fewer than eleven years, for which he is to be congratulated. Also serving in the past has been Mel Suelzle as newsletter editor, and **Allan and Darlene Wing** as faithful photographers and webmaster. And Minister Without Portfolio **Keith Schermerhorn** as North Coast PooBah and Master of Tug Championships, with his two faithful assistants.

Incoming officers are **Mel Suelzle** as Commodore (he finally a way to get rid of his newsletter editor job), Bryan Morse as vice-commodore, **Paul Williams** (an old Tualatin friend) as treasurer, and **Amos Aarsvold** as secretary and newsletter editor. I have heard the sad story of other hobby clubs that have withered away because members no longer chose to lead them. We should salute these people who have volunteered to step up to keep our club successful...

I may have started my term as Commodore thinking that members may have come to club meetings to hear me speak, but I was soon disabused of that. It was quickly evident that

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## December Dinner - Mel Suelzle



A record number of 50 club members and guests once again had a great evening to cap off 2016 at our annual December dinner. For the third consecutive year we held the event at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. The evening started with a social time for everyone to settle in and get acquainted and enjoy some excellent cheese bread and their favorite

beverage. As usual the menu portions were very generous and most took home a "doggy box". The 3 course meal was capped off with a dish of ice cream or spumoni. During both the social and dinner times, Scott had a slide show of all the various boating events of 2016. Scott kept the business portion to a minimum. After the dinner was completed, Scott offered his appreciation to several members and gave special recognition to his VP Dave White. Ed Maurer was also recognized for his 11 years of service as club treasurer. Awards to these individuals will be presented later as the plaques did not accompany Scott to the dinner.



On behalf of the membership, I took the floor and thanked Dave and Ed for their tenure as club officers. A special "tribute" to Scott was made to note his many "leadership skills" and to roast Scott in a fun way so he doesn't get really believe all the accolades bestowed on him during the evening.

During the year, Scott has saved all the raffle tickets for those participating in Show n Tell at meetings. The year end drawing for a \$100 Galaxy Hobby gift card was won by **Phil Northrup**..





## **2017 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY**

A reminder to all members that 2017 dues are to be paid during January.

Our dues have been \$25 a year for a decade or longer. Last year it was decided to defer an increase for another year. However, in 2016 we had a significant increase in the cost of our storage locker and other costs have increased as well. Therefore, it has been decided to increase our dues to \$30/year.

Also, since our new Treasurer is also managing membership records include dues status, please send your dues payment to:

**Paul Williams  
645 Manaco Beach Road  
Camano Island, WA 98282**

**Make checks payable to NW R/C Ship Modelers**



### **North End Report**

The North End Pig-out was held on December 5th. Apparently everyone is still recovering from the gastronomical feast as no information or report was available at the time this newsletter was published.

## GERHARD “GER” ERICKSEN



Sadly, we report the passing of one of our founders of our club. Gerhard Ericksen passed a way on December 8th after a long battle with Alzheimer disease.

Gerhard has been inactive in recent years, but none were more active then Gerhard when he was healthy. Gerhard and his wife Ruthie were frequent attendees at our

annual regatta's. No information on services was available at the time this newsletter was published. When details are known a special notice will be sent via email to all members.



Gerhard (left) joins the other club founders in celebrating the club's 25th anniversary in June of 2006

## View From the Bridge (cont.)

members were most interested in the show-and-tell demonstrators, to learn what they had to teach. So I quickly moved that portion of the meeting to the forefront. Those demonstrators were so important that I saved their blue tickets for the year, and in December we offered a special prize to the winning ticket drawn. The winner was (drum roll please)...**Phil Northrup**. This is well-earned, because I can't recall anyone who demonstrated more often.

The Monroe Hobby Expo is coming up, on January 27, 28, and 29. We figure prominently in their operation, and as usual, they feature us in a prominent position on the main floor. Running on that pond will be as determined by the new commodore, but I encourage as many as possible to bring small boat models which fit the pond, and everybody have fun!

The Seattle Yacht Club has offered their bay for our use for Fun Floats over the winter. This should be a somewhat more comfortable cold-weather venue, with more protection from the elements and working restrooms. I have included a map elsewhere.

Lastly, from Rog Lyons comes word of an historic tugboat docked near Tacoma. We plan on scheduling a tour aboard it sometime in January or February. This in an ATF (Auxiliary, Tug, Fleet) of the 205-foot Abnaki class. I am very excited about this, because I have always wanted to model a ship of this class, and Rog has already done so. More details on this next month.

## Seattle Yacht Club Map



The Seattle Yacht Club is located on Portage Bay at 1807 East Hamlin Street, Seattle WA, 98112, just north of the 520 bridge across Lake Washington and south of the University of Washington

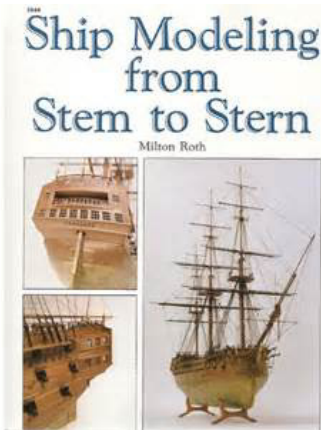
Guests arriving via Highway 520 (either East or West bound), exit at Montlake Blvd and head north. Turn left on East Hamlin at the traffic light which is the first left past 520. For those exiting from 520 westbound, you probably cannot turn directly westbound onto Hamlin, because

you are in the right lane and there is not time to get over to the left turn lane. If so, turn right (eastbound) onto Hamlin, go around the block, to the left, then turn left onto Montlake Blvd, and an immediate right onto Hamlin. It's a long way around, but it works!

If you cross the Montlake Bridge you've gone too far. The club is in a residential area on the left.

The following is an excerpt from "Ship Modeling from Stem to Stern", written by Milton Roth

## WHY BUILD SHIP MODELS?



What, then, are the true reasons that an individual would want to build a ship model? Why would anyone subject himself to untold hours of eyestrain, cramped fingers, or frustration in the pursuit of scale-modeled perfection? How can anyone take this in stride, suffering in silence? You need but look at the ship model to find the answer.

There it is, finished at last! A thing of beauty, a joy forever. This creation is a modeler's child. It was conceived in his mind, born of his skill, delivered by his own hand. It is a ship model for all to see, for all to admire. He built this ship model. It is, in his eyes, sheer perfection-that is, until the next one is completed.

A modeler, a good modeler, is constantly planning while he builds. As he works, he can see what needs to be improved. The mistakes corrected or covered over, need to be eliminated. The next model will be even better than this one. It must be. Believe me, I know.

Only the builder has a need to know where the flaws lie. He is under no obligation to confess their existence. Confession, if it can be called such, will be in the interest of increasing ship-building skills. Flaws and minor building mistakes are to be shown only to understanding fellows. They, who have made the same mistakes, will assist in eliminating his. Mistakes will always be made. It is the process of learning. Advancement can be defined as not making the same mistakes again. Wisdom is seeing the mistakes made by others, based on your own education, and pointing it out-tactfully. A modeler is a mover. Standing still is stagnation of creative talent. A constant, never-ending process of improvement should be going on at all times.

A good modeler will continue this dedication to the end of his days. Modeling might not be continuous, but the dedication is there, implanted forever. He will dream his dreams. He will gather his materials, storing supplies for the future like a squirrel. He will maintain that hidden desire for constant self-improvement. The bits and pieces that make up his model are not mere inanimate objects, nor is his creation. Ship models will always be in preparation, to be built and completed in the future.

Ship models he will build will be those that will carry him to his greatest reward, his own personal adventure. He will build, create, and display the fruits of his labor without shame, proudly telling all who will listen the history of the ship, the struggle of construction. Then the day will come, as it must to us all, when he will lay his tools aside for the last time. He will close his eyes to dream of that perfect model yet to come.

Remaining behind will be his models. They are and will always be the tangible tribute to his everlasting memory-a legacy to his descendants and to the world. His life was dedicated to his craft, devoid of despair, yet filled with failures. The failures that were overcome are the tribute in the making of a memory of a man. What finer tribute can be said of a person than "**... and he built ship models.**"

# North West MODEL HOBBY EXPO!

Our first event of the year will be our participation in the Northwest Hobby Expo at the Evergreen Fairground in Monroe. We will have a booth and Kevin Klocke's great pond. The event will open on Friday

January 27th at 10am and run until 6 pm on Saturday January 28th.

I hope we can dominate the model boat entries for the Scale competition. Get your best boat ready and enter it in the competition.

Details on the event are available at the website [nwmhe.com](http://nwmhe.com). Check it out and plan to attend this fun event.

Qualifications for model boats entered in the event:

- ⇒ Models must be operable, complete, and water worthy.
- ⇒ You do not need a pass to drop off and pick up your model(s), although you get a Friday pass with your registration. You can bring your scale models into the Expo starting Friday 8:00 AM, but before Saturday judging.
- ⇒ You should plan to have the models on display before judging on Saturday at 11:00 AM. Models must be left on display until after our awards ceremony at 12:00 noon Sunday.
- ⇒ For maximum points your model should have a documentation package showing colors, sizes and construction details! The documentation usually includes a 3-D view drawing, photos of the full scale one, color swatches, and possibly some historical information.
- ⇒ Incentives For Entries of All Ages: Overall Best in Show: \$ 100.00
  - ⇒ Best in each category \$ 25.00
  - ⇒ Awards for second and third places



## 2017 CLUB INFORMATION

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**Jeff Parker** email [boa721@aol.com](mailto:boa721@aol.com)

For sale is a stern paddle wheel. it is fully operational and has no issues. The hull is 30 inches long, 39" with paddle wheel. 17" tall and 11" beam. Hull is PVC and never leaks, the rest is all wood. Just add radio Tx and Rx 350.00



R/C US coast guard boat. 33" needs details finished. Comes with most raw materials and metal castings to complete. Runs great, runs fast. Complete with 2 high end Dumas water cooled motors, brass props, stainless steel shafts. 50Amp ESC. Needs Tx and Rx



Member **Jerry Julian** has a couple of boats for sale. One is a 50-800 RC sailboat for sale. 50" with 800 sq. in. of sail, fiberglass hull, Carr sails, proportional sail winch control and deluxe fittings. \$ 275.00 pick up in Olympia. Stand included.

Also Jerry has a marine patrol boat for sale. Fiberglass hull, 27" x 8", Graupner z-drive 600 installed, never run. \$250.00 pick up in Olympia, includes stand and carrying box. Contact: Jerry Julian 360-943-7009

