



The Bilge Pump

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

Upcoming Events

February

- 4 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 6 Fun Float at Lake Ballinger Park

March

- 3 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 5 Fun Float at Lake Ballinger Park 10:00 to 2:00

April

- 7 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 9 Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
- 23 Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 7 PM

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**10 MEMBERS
HAVE NOT PAID
2016 DUES!
ARE YOU ON
THE "LIST" ?**

**Send \$25 to
Mel Suelzle
2731 184th Place SE**



From the Bridge

The Monroe Hobby Model Expo is behind us. We really appreciate the efforts of many club members to help us, particularly

in the setting up and tearing down of the model pond. Many people enjoyed watching us running on the pond. My grandson, Hunter Hughes, spent the day there with Claudi, and was really excited to join in the operating of "his" tugboat on Saturday. I certainly suggest that all club members encourage their children, grandchildren, and neighbors to attend. We forget how exciting the many hobbies can be to little ones, and maybe we can encourage them to get themselves into the world of model engineering. In today's world, the "maker movement" and "STEM education" are both trying to encourage youth to understand engineering and to actively participate in creating things, instead of mindlessly devoting their attention to "APPS" that are already made for them. We want to help them understand how things work and to be able to make them for themselves. Working model boats and airplanes are an excellent educational experience for young (and not-so-young) minds.

By the time you read this, the 2016 schedule should be published on the club website. Please remember that this is subject to change. The big question, as it was last year, is the status of Bellevue's Downtown Park and its renovation. We'll keep you up to date on that as best we can. At this point, it appears that we can count on using it at least until July. Stay tuned to the published schedule. We also expect to add Springer and Polo events, to be determined as the year

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Monthly Meeting February 4th - Dr Ron

With our commodore out with illness, our vice commodore, **Dave White**, started the meeting promptly at 1900 hours with 22 in attendance. Old members returning to the fold are: **Jon Andriesen**, **John Pauly** and **Mike Gullikson**. Potential new members are **David Zanzig**, a tugboat captain for West Star Marine Services and **Danny Blanchard**, a retired captain of a 176 foot cruise ship out of Alaska.

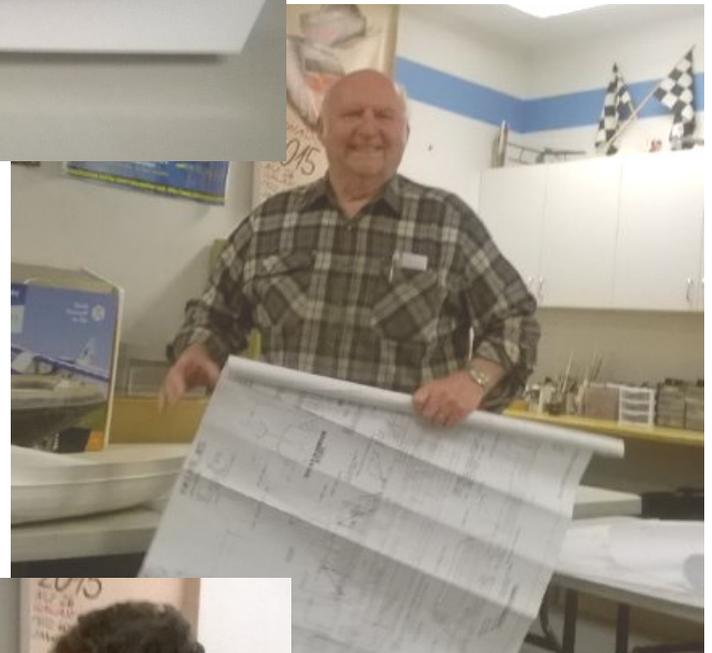
Dave passed around a sign up sheet for the upcoming regatta this June. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. He announced that the fun float this weekend will be at Lake Ballinger.



Show and tell began with **Mike Gullikson** showing the Dumas PT hull he bought at Hobby Expo and will be asking for help regarding details of this build.

Mel bought an 1870 English steam gunboat kit he purchased at Hobby Expo and received lots of ideas regarding the functional possibilities of the large retractable cannon.

Steve Sunich brought in his newest project, a large model of the Stalwart which is an invader class tug. This will undoubtedly be another prize winning model as Steve does incredible detailed work.



David Zanzig showed his WW2 LCM landing craft which underwent changes after running it in the pond at Expo. He operated such a craft between Everett and Hat Island and described many of its quirky characteristics which also apply to the model.



Jon Andriesen brought in plans for the invader class tug and the Miki Miki tug and offered them to anyone willing to make a small donation to the club. In the past, he worked for Crowley and was able to obtain blueprints in 1976.

Tom Stevens had samples of liquid spray grease from Liquid Wrench and WD 40 companies. He uses them to spray lubricants into shaft logs as the spray solidifies after a short time. He passed around a storage locker inventory list and advised members to sign out items removed. Discussion then centered on the lack of organization and accessibility of some of the items.

Mel gave a report on the function at Hobby Expo in Monroe this past weekend noting the lack of interest in the scale judging as there were only six entrants. It was suggested that we should probably do away with scale judging in future events due to the lack of model builders in lieu of the many RTRs and lack of interest in taking a lot of time to build a nice boat. Mel announced the possibility of a silent auction at the April meeting for items in an estate sale of one of the south end modelers. Details will be worked out with **Mike Moore**.

Dave Green gave a report on the Bellevue pond and stated that we will probably be able to use it for the entire year because of litigation regarding future construction issues. **Mel** discussed insurance issues and suggested we purchase insurance for each location we hold a sanctioned function, namely the Bellevue pond, Tualatin, Fisherman's Festival, Lake Ballinger, Expo and hopefully the Marine Expo at Century Link Center. He believes that we can purchase insurance through SSMA for \$25 a location. Given today's litigation potential this probably is must do to protect our group from any liability issue.

With all of this information under our belts we stacked the chairs and departed after the meeting concluded at 2015 hours.



HOBBY EXPO 2016



Some of our members braved the blustery weather to help with the pond set up on Thursday. All went well with the new liners except for the fact that they were about a foot too narrow

and when the pond was filled with water one of the corners slipped a little allowing water to leak out. So, the level had to be adjusted a bit lower to prevent the leaking. On Friday there was a better turn out and several stayed to the late hours despite a poor crowd turnout. Saturday was a much busier day with lots of onlookers. Scott was busy letting the kids run his boats and others took pleasure in squirting some unsuspecting souls, mostly smaller kids.

The scale judging contest met with only a few entrants, all of which were quite well done, making it difficult to make a final decision. Keith Schermerhorn won first place with his Misty Moon Purse Seiner and Mel Suelzle placed 2nd with his new steam launch and third with his Sally tug. In a separate judging by the expo officials Mel won first place with the steam launch in the pleasure category and Keith won first place in the workboat category. Both were awarded cash prizes as well as beautiful plaques.

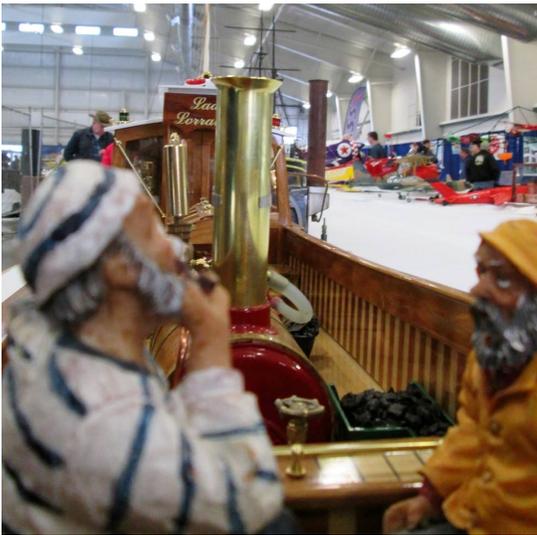
Every one had plenty of running time and lots of fun during our time at expo. Kevin Klocke treated the members with pizzas for lunch on Saturday which enabled us to stay focused on running boats instead of going away for lunch. On behalf of the club we wish to sincerely thank Kevin for all his efforts in providing us with a first class pond free of duck poop, feathers and vegetation.

On Sunday, there was a very sparse crowd and the pond was drained by 1430. Only five or so members showed up to help with this and hopefully there will be more members willing to help with this in future events.





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To: Ron Bray
Subject: 2016 Hobby Expo

Every year I come home from the hobby show I say I'm going to do this and I never end up getting around to it. Well this year I finally did. I've got the pond put away till next time the boats are back on their shelves and all the support equipment is thrown helplessly in my shop and will be put away another day. It's been a long three days and as much fun as it is I'm glad it's over and I'm sure all hands that were there and a part of it agrees with me on that. It's a lot of work but I couldn't do it without all the help that I get from all of you. You guys always thank me all the time I show up with the pond at an event for the club but the bottom line is I couldn't do it without all of you. It's a team effort that makes this all work and I must say you guys are the best. Anybody can bring a race track or a flying field and set it up but to put together a structure like we do time and time again and try to hold back 5500 gallons of water it is no easy feat. Once again we did it and if I may add no leaks this year for those that weren't there the floor was dry. Once again no easy feat. The show might've been a little disappointing but our presents weren't. Once again we provide wonderful entertainment the people we'll be talking about until the next show. Once again I just like to thank everybody for all their help for set up and especially the help I had during the teardown and you guys know who you are.

Just a little side note to mention here, I am presently working with several very large Washington-based shipbuilders who are interested in getting the pond back to the Pacific Maritime expo. Bob Jacobsen and I are working together with these companies to sponsor the pond for the 2016 year.

I haven't felt this good about us getting back to the show in a long time, there's some pretty notable companies who really want to see the pond back at the show and I think there's a very good chance that it's going to happen. There's not a lot of details that can be discussed at this time but as things progress and we move forward I will let the club members know where we are.

That's all I have now gentlemen (I use that term loosely I don't want to offend any of you) so until the next time I like to wish everybody Fairwinds and calm seas.

Kevin P Klocke
Fat Cat RC Marine.

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From the Bridge (cont.)

This information is just for administrative purposes, but Mel is arranging for club insurance for five different venues: Bellevue Downtown Pond, Lake Ballinger, Tualatin, Oregon, Fishermen’s Terminal, and Century Link Convention Center. It is just to keep us thoroughly covered.

And in other good news, our June Regatta “Dream Team,” Dave White and Al Kinsman, are well on their way to planning the event. The course has been designed and volunteers signed up as necessary. We are looking forward to a great day together!

We are going to have a special silent auction at the April club meeting. Mike Moor is selling off a bunch of tools and materials once owned by a now-deceased boat modeler as a fa-



CONGRATULATIONS TO FREMONT TUG

Fremont Tugboats celebrated their 100th year of operations on Lake Union in 2015. Club Member Mark Freeman has been a long time member and supporter of our club. Recent issues of the *Western Mariner* and *Pacific Maritime* magazines feature major articles on the company and it’s 100 year history.

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February 6th Fun Float— Lake Ballinger Park

Thanks to **Robert Osmond** for the Photos. Looks like a good turnout. Apparently no notable events occurred as none were reported. for the newsletter.



Northwest R/C Ship Modelers 2016 Calendar

- JANUARY** 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 9 Fun Float at Lake Ballinger Park 10:00 am
 29-31 Monroe Hobby Expo Evergreen Fairground, Monroe WA.
- FEBRUARY** 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 6 Fun Float at Lake Ballinger Park 10:00 am
- MARCH** 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 5 Fun Float at Lake Ballinger Park 10:00 am
- APRIL** 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 9 Fun Float/Springer Contest at Bellevue Pond 9:00 am
 23 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 7 pm
- MAY** 4 Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float 9 am – 3 pm
 5^t Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
 7 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 9am
 19 Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 10am
- JUNE** 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
 4 **JUNE REGATTA** – Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 9 am – 4 pm
 16 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond 10am
- JULY –** 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 9 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond* 9am
 21 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park* Pond 10am
- AUGUST** 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 6 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond* 9am
 13 Portland Model Boat Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon 9am – 9pm
 18 Coffee Float at Bellevue Park 10am
 20 NW Tug Championship Bellevue Downtown Park* 9am-4pm
- SEPTEMBER** 1 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7 pm
 3 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond* 9am
 ? Fishermen’s Festival at Fisherman’s Terminal in Seattle 11am – 6pm
 15 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 10am
- OCTOBER** 6 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7 pm
 8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond* 9am
 15 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond* 7pm
- NOVEMBER** 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 pm
 5 Fun Float (venue TBD)
- DECEMBER** 1 Christmas Dinner and Party 6:30 - 9pm

*After July 1st, the Bellevue Pond may not be available



SILENT AUCTION SCHEDULED

The April meeting will have be special A silent auction will be held to distribute the modeling tools and parts that belonged to John Benthine. John was a modeler from the South End Club as well as an author. John wrote a book about the fleet of Miki tugboats that could not be published prior to his death.

John passed away leaving numerous modeling parts that will be auctioned at the meeting, proceeds will go to Mrs. Benthine. I spoke with Mrs. Benthine about the disposition of John’s stuff and she was very pleased to have it go to local modelers. This auction will be held at Galaxy Hobby in Lynnwood, Washington at the April meeting on April 7th. Please note, modelers from the South End as well as those from as far North as Canada and any of our Canadian friends wishing to venture to the lower 48.

There will be about ~70 items for auction, most sold separately, some in small batches. Items for the auction block will go to the bidder with the best price. Unfortunately our time is limited. Items will be on display at 6:30 and bids can be made up until the meeting at 7 PM. An extended break in the meeting will allow attendees to review and finalize this bids. Winners will cash out at the end of the meeting. The auctioneers will have a limited amount of “change” so be sure to bring cash.

Mike Moor

A partial list of items to be auctioned:

- One Fluke 73III multi-meter
- One Dremel Moto-Tool
- Two Graupner 600 motor
- Assorted pack of LEDs and bulbs
- Graupner Bow Thruster Assembly
- 25 plastic clamps
- A tool box including: pliers, wrenches, a tack hammer and more.....

CLASSIFIED SECTION

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