



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

February 2019

Look Ahead Events

MARCH

- 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6pm
- 9 Fun Float - SYC 9 am

APRIL

- 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 pm
- 6 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond (Springer boats) 9 am

May

- 1 Opening Week – SYC 9 am to 3 pm
- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 pm
- 4 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9 am

June

- 6 Meeting at Galaxy 6 pm
- 8 39th Annual Model Boat Regatta 9 am to 4 pm
- 20 Coffee Float – Bellevue 11 am

More events information is provided on calendar page later in the newsletter and,

Check our website for the latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com



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From the Wheelhouse

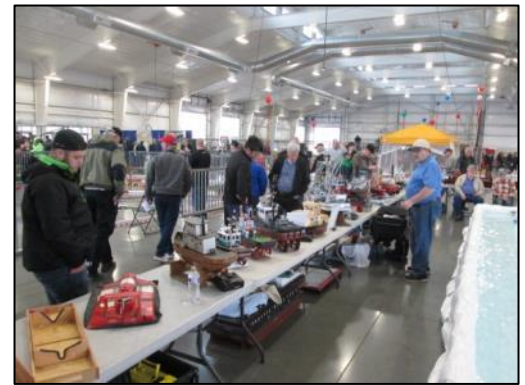
Mel Suelzle

The 2019 year has gotten off to a very interesting start.

Our first major event of the year was Hobby Expo, held again in Monroe, Washington and was a very positive start to the New Year. We had excellent member participation for setup, teardown and support for both days of the weekend. In my opinion, the two day format was a big improvement. The crowds



for both days were good with Saturday having the heaviest attendance. Sunday was less busy, but enough people there to make it feel worthwhile. I think the organizers put in effort to help freshen the event with new features and club's participation. New vendors and clubs were welcome additions. The model excavators with real hydraulics were very popular. The new R/C University was a great way to educate attendees on special R/C topics. A full schedule of these mini seminars were put on by clubs during the event. Our club missed being able to participate as the information on this event was being sent to me using a wrong email address. Next year we will be sure and have a segment in this part of the event. I was very pleased with the level of club participation for this event.



We had lots of boats and members there throughout the event keeping plenty of boats on the water. **David Zanzig** introduced his new "Noodle Tugs" for the junior skipper runs. These are great boats for this event and were very popular with the young skippers. They can't be hurt and can't hurt anything else on the pond. Thanks To David for introducing these to the club. We will see them often at our other running events.



During the event we received membership applications from **Nat Brace** and **Steve Gillman**. We welcome them to our club and hope to see them at our future events.

Many thanks to all who helped make the 2019 Hobby Expo a successful event for our club. I appreciate everyone's support with their attendance as well as the many boats they brought to display and/or run on the pond.



Dave Green reports that we have received our permits for our regatta from the Bellevue Park Department. Our plan this year is to only reserve for our regatta where we need exclusive use of the cemented area for our setup. We have paid the permit fees and will have exclusive use of this area for our all-day event. For fun floats we will not reserve any specific area. Rather we will use the walkway area and the cement area if it is not in use by another group. The Parks Department is aware of our full schedule and will alert us if any areas are reserved on our fun float dates. Also the Parks Department has given us the lower non-profit group rate for our regatta. We appreciate Dave's work with the Parks Department that has resulted in a more cooperative working arrangement with our use of the pond.



I think all would agree that the "meat" or our meetings is the time we spend on show 'n tell topics. We offer incentives to promote this feature as a main purpose of our meeting. Last year we had several mini-presentations. We would like to

continue this program this year. We need to know what would be of interest to our members. If you have something you would like to present or something you would like to see presented, please let me know. I would like to see at least one of these special presentations scheduled for each meeting.

Our new projector or Galaxy's video monitor can help make these presentations easier and more effective. Set up of the projector is quick and easy. If you have some photos that will enhance your presentation or help better explain a procedure or project, you can use the projector in a similar manner. The projector accepts photos in JPEG format and videos in AVI or MP4 format directly. You can plug in a USB flash drive and the projector will display photos individually or automatically as a slide show. The projector also has HDMI input for direct connection to a laptop or notebook computer. If you need help, let me know so we maximize our use and benefit from these new tools.

February 7, 2019 Meeting

By Ron Bray

Photos by Allan Wing

Twenty- one members arrived out of a cold evening to participate in our monthly meeting conducted by our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. The meeting started at 1800 hours inside Galaxy Hobby in Lynnwood, WA.

Our newest member, **Nat Brace** was recognized later in the evening.

Show and tell began with a presentation by **Robert Wickham** regarding the tug he bought last month from Paul Marlow. A bow thruster has been installed and the bulwarks reinforced. He rebuilt the Kort nozzles and ground down the props so they would fit inside. The tug is being constructed to replicate a navy tug. He also brought in several custom- made bilge pumps and a water pump for us to salivate over.

Bill Heath presented a large scratch built and very detailed crane.

Doug Wilson showed progress he is making on his Clyde Puffer tug. →



Sam Stout brought in a very well built and detailed Brooklyn tug with stellar lighting, a magnetic hatch, sound system, cog belt drive, and a fan so that he can install a smoker later on. The Brooklyn was a steam driven tug which handled railroad barges on the Hudson river by securing them alongside on the hips. This is a fantastic first build for Sam and a "learning experience".





Robert Osmond showed two racing cracker box models and a Graupner Jet Boat kit with jet drives and many other attractive features and fittings.

Tom Stevens discussed his many South Hampton woes and displayed a drill press and milling machine he purchased at the swap meet at Hobby Expo. Our newest member,



Nat Brace, showed his fifteen-year steam tug project. The tug is scratch built by the bread and butter method and has lead ballast installed in the keel. He built a brass deck but sought advice on alternative materials as it appears to be too heavy.

He was advised not to build the superstructure out of styrene due to heat buildup from his steam plant. He will most likely build it out of plywood now. He also showed some very small cameras which he plans to install next to the pressure and water level gauges next to his steam plant since they cannot be viewed openly.

After the break and ogling and awing, Mel discussed the Hobby Expo and was very pleased with our participation. There were around forty boats displayed and operated on Saturday.



A big hit was the Noodle Boats built by **David Danzig** which are great for the kids to operate since they can't damage other boats if they are contacted.

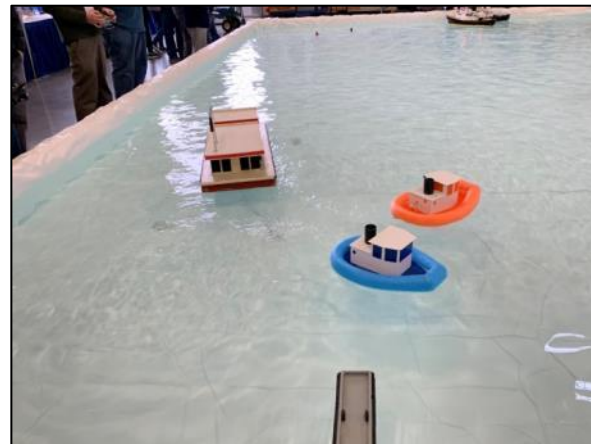


Two new and possibly a third member were recruited.

A vendor highlight was the many models made and distributed by a Vietnam company which are now able to be remotely controlled. They have a rudder, prop, and drive shaft installed and are guaranteed to be waterproofed for five years. (info@savyboat.com)



Mel presented a slide show of Hobby Expo event.



After the financial report Mel mentioned that the **Columbia River Maritime Museum** in Astoria, Oregon is building a model boat pond and that we might consider visiting sometime in the future.

He announced that Amy and Phil will be sponsoring the Portland Regatta in Tualatin, Oregon this year and next and then will retire after twenty years of hard work and dedication.

It was suggested that a vendor list be put on our website with bold type for those that provide support for our venues.

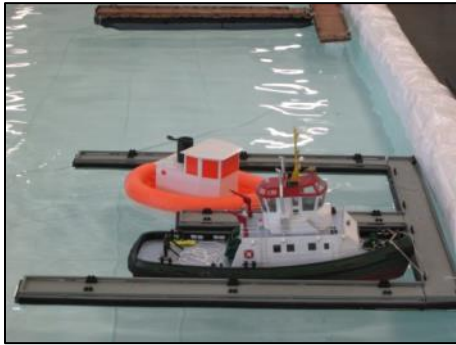
Tom Stevens announced that the tug regatta will be back at the Bellevue pond on the third Saturday of August.

A new member welcoming packet, for new members, was discussed to provide a welcoming letter, name badge, parking sticker, roster, and schedule of events.

Following the raffle drawing, won by **Tom Stevens** and **Noel Holley** the meeting concluded at 1940 hours and we headed out into the cold on our way back to our warm home ports.

More Hobby EXPO Pictures





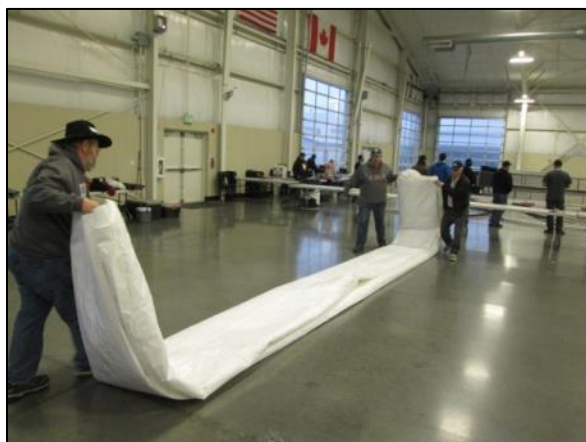
Hobby Expo End – Tear Down, Dismantling the Pond



It does take a club to dismantle a pond.



Mel is holding up his end.



David Zanzig is learning the art of pond folding.



No one knows what John LeGate is doing.



Bryan is showing off his other skill besides boat building.

Skagit R/C Ship Modelers North End Meeting Report

By Keith Schermerhorn

Happy New Year from the north end. Starting the new year off on a different meeting schedule has proven to be a good deal for the Skagit R/C Ship Modelers.

Our new meetings happen the first Saturday of the month at about 9:30-10:00 AM with a breakfast at the Farmhouse Inn at 13724 Laconner Whitney Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 (thefarmhouserestaurant.net). For February, we started to have them in a private room, so we can talk boats and bring in Show and tell.

This month we had 12 people in attendance and some nice show and tell. So, first order was to order food and do business while we waited.

Randy Flodquist brought along photos he passed around from boat events on the Seattle waterfront back in the mid 1980's.

Discussions about the Hobby Show that had been the week before were interesting and we are hopeful that there will be another in the future.

We also took time to look at what events are coming up in 2019 including our display at the annual Waterfront Festival in Anacortes in June. We still get support from the event with the large commercial style canopy which just requires us to bring tables, boats, and people to staff it. Will talk more about it as we learn more.

Larry gave us an update on the sailing groups as they continue to race the sheet boats out around the Deception Pass area.

Show and tells started with **Keith Schermerhorn** showing progress on the changes made to Kevin's Tito Neri tug. This included new paint, railings, and the LED lights being installed on the cabin.

Tom brought along his big Sea Imp style model that he is working on. Showing off the house that will sit on top and the new skeg and kort nozzle he is installing. Tom bought the model from Rodger Lyons originally and decided to make it more of his own dream style. Going to be a beast of a single screw boat! He also showed off some changes he made to his South Hampton that he received from another modeler. Adding the working winch via a separate control was a neat idea that worked out well.

Bob Wickham came in and showed off his home made bilge pump. Nicely built with acrylic sheets and brass reported to be a good working item in his boat so far. After all that and the bills were paid, we all headed out to our home ports once again.



Hulls and Boats For Sale

From Keith Schermerhorn,

Early Spring cleaning in my work space has me looking to clear out long sitting projects that I am just not getting to and should be in some one elses hands.



Fiberglass Tug hull in 1/32nd scale (ice class bow) with drawings. Asking \$250.00



Dumas 44' life boat, partially built in wood. Hull sealed with epoxy, but not glassed. Most of the wooden parts are there or built. Will require parts on the wind shield to be made and running gear. Asking \$175.00



Dumas 44' life boat, fiberglass hull with rudders and shafts installed. Main cabin parts scratch built out of Sintra along with the decks, and other parts copied onto pieces of Sintra needing cut out and assembly. Asking \$175.00

Will consider offers as well.

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9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

MARCH

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APRIL

4	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
6	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9 AM - Noon

MAY

1	Opening Week Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 AM – 3 PM
2	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
4	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

JUNE

6	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
8	39th Annual Model Boat Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 AM - 4 PM
20	Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	11:00 AM

JULY

10	Wednesday Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
13	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM
25	Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	11:00 AM

AUGUST

1	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
3	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM
10	Portland Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon	9 AM – 5 PM
17	Tug Championship at Bellevue Pond	9 AM – 5 PM
31	Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	7 PM -- 9 PM

SEPTEMBER

5	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
7	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9:00 AM
TBA	Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard	11 AM – 6 PM

OCTOBER

3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
5	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

NOVEMBER

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

DECEMBER

5	Christmas Dinner at Spaghetti Factory	6:30 – 9 PM
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