



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
Seattle, Washington, USA

January 2020

Events Look Ahead

January

25 & 26 Northwest Hobby Expo 9-6
Evergreen Fairgrounds
Monroe, WA

February

6 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
8 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

March

5 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
7 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

April

2 Meeting at Makers Space 7 pm
4 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9 am

More events information on calendar page latter in newsletter and, **Check our website for latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com**



HOBBY EXPO
is coming January 25th & 26th!
(See flyer in newsletter)

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From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle

Happy 2020 to all our members and your families. As we end or start a new decade (depending on your count methodology) it is time to live up to all those tasks and resolutions we have promised to do "after the start of the year!" With the New Year, we can focus on getting those winter projects wrapped up and ready for our on the water activities that come with our springtime events. I hope to see a lot of new watercraft on the pond at Monroe in a few weeks. This is a good place for shake down cruises as there is still plenty of time to tweak the design and be ready for the more active part of our model boating schedule. If



your projects are still in dry dock (like mine), Hobby Expo is a great place to pick up those items you still need for completion.

After all the changes of 2019, we can only hope for a year of more boating opportunities and less challenges like finding a new meeting place and hangout as we experienced with the closing of Galaxy Hobby store. However as traumatic that event was and in many ways, still is, we found an excellent alternative in the Maker Space facility only a few blocks from Galaxy Hobby's location. As expected, this location is offering great training opportunities to learn new skills applicable to our modeling processes. Several members are already taking advantage of the training offered and hopefully more will do the same. I hope to also make some time available so I can take advantage of the training available. Our meeting space was most important and we did need to find a new location for the weekly meetings and consumption of donuts. The Mountlake Community Center is proving to be a great location for these Thursday morning coffee meetings. Members are all invited to attend these gatherings each Thursday at 10 am.

As normal, our election process was rather boring. However my conditional acceptance of the nomination will help distribute much of the workload and involve more tasks being performed by other members. I will continue with tasks appropriate for a President position, but many other tasks will with be done by others who stepped up during our November meeting. Should no one be willing to assume responsibility for a task, then those tasks will be deemed unimportant and will not get done.

I very much appreciate those who have agreed to continue in their roles most important to our club functions. **Paul Williams** has agreed to produce our newsletter. **Dave White** will keep track of our financial assets as Treasurer. **Dave Green** and **Steve Sunich** will work with our relationships with Bellevue Parks and the Seattle Yacht club. **Bryan Morse** has our membership records complete and accurate and **Allan Wing** keeps our website accurate and updated. **Ron Bray** as VP and **Robert Osmond** as operations and head cheerleader are doing jobs most important to our club. Several members have stepped forward to help in new ways and I very much appreciate their help.

Included in this newsletter is our schedule of events for 2020. Most are firm dates. Only September has some uncertainty for the Fisherman's Memorial as the date has not been officially set. So, get out your calendars and make notes so you can be sure to avoid any conflicts from allowing you to fully participate in club events throughout the entire .year.

So 2020 brings promise of stability and consistency offered by our new meeting place, great training opportunities that will allow us all to focus our time and energy in building boats and enjoy increased participation in our club activities to support our 39th year of

“having too much fun since 1981”.



HOBBY EXPO IS COMING

Hobby Expo at Monroe Fairgrounds January 25th – 26th

The dates for Hobby Expo are fast approaching. Again this year we plan to have Kevin Locke's pond to demonstrate our models. We will have a nearby booth and hope to have lots of models on and off the water for Expo attendees to enjoy. Junior skippers will be scheduled to allow the youngsters to test their piloting skills with the popular Noodle Boats.

The hours of the event are shorter this year as the Friday schedule has been eliminated. The hours of the show are:

Saturday January 25th 9 am to 6 pm

Sunday January 26th 9 am to 5 pm

As in the past, we plan to have junior skipper boat running on Saturday, scheduled for 30 minutes every 2 hours. The Noodle boats are great for this event, if you have one be sure and bring it. Others can bring some of your slower and less pretty boats to share with them.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF MEMBERS ON HAND TO RUN BOATS, INTERFACE WITH THE SPECTATORS AND WATCH OUR DISPLAYED BOATS. WITH A GOOD MEMBER TURNOUT, WE ALL CAN TAKE A BREAK AWAY TO HAVE LUNCH AND ENJOY THE OTHER VENDORS, DISPLAYS AND OF COURSE THE SWAP MEET. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOAT, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE BY MANNING THE BOOTH OR OVERSEEING THE POND ACTIVITY.

Entrance fees are \$10 for day passes or \$15 for a pass for both days. Military Passes are available for \$5

SCALE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO OUR MEMBERS. Entry fee is \$5/boat and **INCLUDES** a \$10 day pass for Sunday. Classes for boats are: Military, Work, Pleasure and Racing. Cash prizes for 1st place winners are \$25 and \$100 for best of show. For more information visit

<http://www.nwmhe.com/>

Models to be entered can be brought in without a pass as early as 6 am on Saturday. With your \$5 entry fee you get a free pass for Sunday.

HERE IS A TIP: Enter a boat for scale judging for \$5, Bring in your boat Saturday and get a fee Sunday pass to use when you pick up your boat and enjoy the show or run your boats all for the \$5 entry fee for the scale competition.



January 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes

By Ron Bray

Photos by Robert Osmond

Our new/old commodore, **Mel Suelzle**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours at the Maker Space facility. Twenty-one members attended.



Ed Maurer was present and accompanied by his son. He brought along a box full of goodies to sell, most of which was scarfed up at the break.

Mel brought in several boxes of nautical books he acquired from a Stone Way bookstore and encouraged all of us to take some before being dropped off at Half Priced Books or the dumpster.



Show and tell started with **Bill Heath** bringing items he wished to sell, most acquired from Harbor Models.

Doug Wilson brought in the model he is working on and explained how he was filling the cracks between planks with a filling compound and then how it appeared after sanding. The process required a second coat to complete the finish.



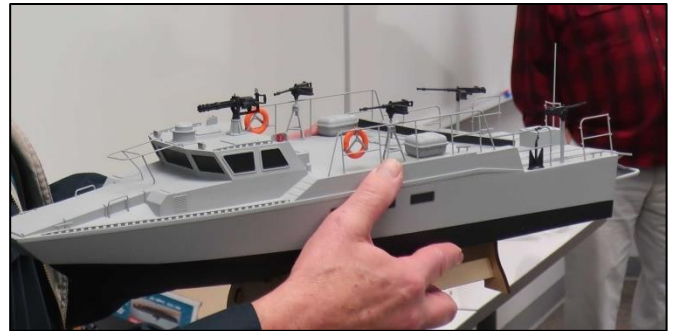
Kevan Nolet showed progress he has made with his Coast Guard model having recently finished with the hull painting and placing gauges he acquired from Pine Wood Derby kits.



Masaaki Seki explained how he glued the hull halves of his submarine model together and what glue he used. He will be placing fiberglass tape to strengthen the joints.

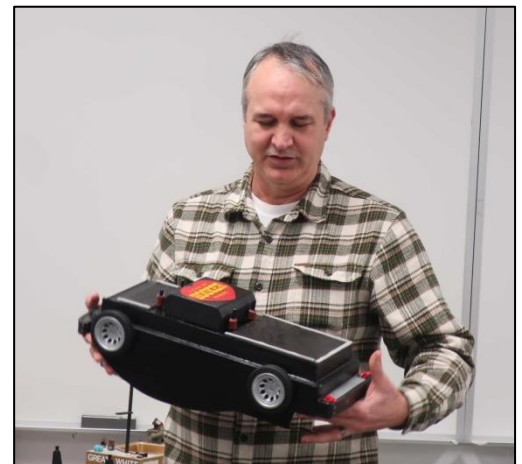


Robert Osmond demonstrated several items he recently purchased from Wish.com, namely a silicone soldering mat and soldering iron with a clamp tip and spool of solder. He is cutting grating from a kitchen grease spatter absorber. He also purchased a spool of easy line (stretchable) from Showcase Miniatures stating that it is much better for rigging than the stretchy thread one buys at sewing stores. In addition to all this he is updating all the electronics for his Caldercraft Clyde Puffer to include a pulsating diesel sound system actuated by a magnet on the shaft, a horn, bells and seagull sounds which will run on six volts. He also will have a smoke generator and I believe



he purchased these items from Horizon Hobbies. He recently purchased a seal version of the new Riverine Patrol Boat.

Tom Edwards showed his truck modification of his Springer which has head lights, tail lights, a hot tub, toilet and a figure that can be mounted on the toilet and a chair with magnets. He brought in a box of electronic stuff from Tom Stevens inventory for the taking as well as some hats.



After the break and purchasing opportunities, **Mel** showed the new brochures and business cards crafted by **Fred Row** and **Richard Bizier**. Members were encouraged to have a stack of cards for their tool boxes to have handy to pass out to onlookers who might show an interest in joining our club while at our various events and functions.

The financial report was given and expenses explained. Considerable discussion followed regarding the December dinner with a lot of constructive advice.

Up- coming events were projected and asked for input and changes if necessary before printing a bunch of calendars for distribution. Mel passed a signup sheet so the upcoming Expo staffing can be planned.

The meeting concluded at 1825 hours and many left with a handful of books and purchased items.



Coming real soon ...

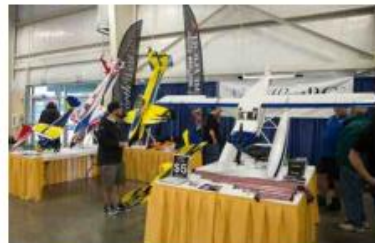
North West MODEL HOBBY

EXPO!

January 25 & 26, 2020

Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm Sunday: 9 am - 5 pm

Evergreen Fairgrounds - Monroe, WA



Daily Admission

Saturday: \$10.00

Sunday: \$10.00

2-Day Weekend Pass

\$15.00

Military ID - Any Day

\$5.00

Kids under 10 FREE
with Adult

FREE Parking

All Indoors ~ All Weekend

R/C Airplanes, Helicopters, Boats, Cars, Drones, Trains!

NW Drone Fest

Maker Blitz

Robot Combat ~ Carpet RC Car Races ~ Vendors ~ Food
Indoor Fun Fly ~ Swap Meet ~ Indoor Boat Pond ~ Static Display

**Scale Model Displays of Airplanes, Boats, Cars and
more with Cash prizes. Many local clubs with display booths
to tell you about these great hobbies.**

<http://www.NWMHE.com>



Information about other hobby events in area.

Miniature to the Max!

February 15-16, 2020 | 10 AM-5 PM

The Museum of Flight

2020 NorthWest Scale Modelers Show



Events FREE with Museum admission

Model Exhibition: Explore the world in miniature! Experience vast numbers of scale model aircraft, cars, tanks, ships, figures, & more at one of the largest model shows in North America! (*Want to show your models? See reverse for info.*)

Special Display: Commemorate the 75th anniversary of V-E Day and V-J Day, the end of World War II.

Seminars: Learn about the art and craft of scale modeling! Planned topics (subject to change) include:

- Airbrushing: Beginner to Expert
- Weathering Techniques
- Airplane Canopy Solutions
- Figures: Building & Finishing
- Air Travel with Models
- (and others)



AND MORE... Check The Museum of Flight Calendar for updated information! www.museumofflight.org/Plan-Your-Visit/Calendar-of-Events

For more information about the show and NorthWest Scale Modelers , find us on Facebook or visit: <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/northwestscalemodelers/info>
Questions? Contact Tim Nelson (timsan@comcast.net) or Jim Bates (rcaflawyerpilot@gmail.com)

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Fun Float at Seattle Yacht club January 4, 2020

By Fred Row

Photos by Robert Osmond

The first fun float of 2020 took place on January 4, at the Seattle Yacht Club. Seven members, **Steve Sunich, Mel Suelzle, Bill and Judy Heath, Fred Row, Richard Bizier, Bryan Morse and Robert Osmond** braved the sunny but crisp morning air to run their boats. Of course, there was plenty of hot coffee and donuts to nourish "hungry captains". Thank you, Mel, Bill, Judy and Bryan.



The morning started out well with each skipper launching their boats with no difficulty, until later in the morning when Fred was taking his Southampton out of the water. As he raised it up, the boat slipped out of the sling, dropped to the water, stern first, and began to immediately sink. Fred lunged down to retrieve the boat before sinking out of reach. As he did, the light mast, rotating radar antenna and sections of railing snapped off and fell to the water. With the help of Robert and Robert's "trusty Kayak Snow Shovel", Fred was able to retrieve most of the pieces, but will have to rebuild/repair the pilot house. He was looking for an excuse to modify the Southampton and now has it!



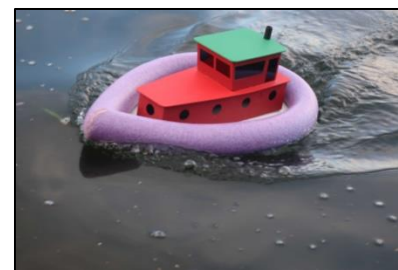
If that wasn't enough, our fearless leader's Navy PBR (Patrol Boat, Riverine) took on "a bad load of fuel" before launching on a mission in the Yacht club harbor, causing the boat to run much slower than usual. Mel pointed out that the battery probably wasn't charged completely and will make sure that doesn't happen again.



During the float, a family with two small boys came down to watch the boats.



Richard had brought his Noodle Boat and small tug and before long he struck up a conversation with the dad, mom and boys. Soon the boys could be seen with radio controls in their hands and were having a great time running the boats. They traded radio controllers all on their own, so each got to run the Noodle and the small tug!



With the close of this article, in the words of Robert, " With all of us having 2020 vision in this new year we should not have any collisions or allisions (when a ship hits an immovable object)" and Fred's addition, " No more sinking of boats!"



2020 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar**JANUARY**

2	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
4	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am
25/26	NW Hobby Expo Monroe, WA	9 am – 6 pm

FEBRUARY

6	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
8	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

MARCH

5	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
7	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

APRIL

2	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
4	Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	9 am
	Springer Model Event	10 am

MAY

6	Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float	10 am – 3 pm
7	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
9	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am
21	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park	11 am-1 pm

JUNE

4	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
6	NWRCSM Regatta - Bellevue Pond	9 am – 3 pm
18	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park	11 am-1 pm

JULY

9	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
11	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am
18	Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	11 am-1 pm
31	Twilight Fun Float - Bellevue Pond	7 pm

AUGUST

6	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
8	Fun Float – Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 am
8	Portland Regatta – Tualatin, OR	9 am – 4 pm
15	Northwest Tug Regatta Bellevue Pond	9 am – 4 pm
16	BAMM Regatta - Burnaby B.C.	

SEPTEMBER

3	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
5	Fun Float – Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am
12	Lake Tapps Barbeque	10-3 pm
26	Fishermen's Memorial – Ballard	11 am – 6 pm

OCTOBER

1	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
3	Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park	9 am
	Springer Model Event	10 am

NOVEMBER

5	Meeting at Makers Space	7 pm
7	Fun Float - Seattle Yacht Club	9 am

DECEMBER

3	Christmas Dinner	
	Old Spaghetti Factory - Lynnwood	6:30 – 9 pm

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Club Meeting Location

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