



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
www.shipmodelers.com

January 2021

Events Look Ahead

FEBRUARY

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

MARCH

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

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



Read about other member's projects.



2021 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Annual dues are \$30. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to:

Bryan Morse
703 N. 105th Street. Apt. 7
Seattle WA, 98133

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



From the Wheelhouse

Robert Osmond

Welcome to a New Year and me as the new president. We all owe Mel a hardy congratulation and thank you for his perseverance as president especially these last few years when we did not have a pond, then had a pond, but could not get together in person for coffee, meetings, fun floats and our regatta. He came up with the Great Idea of the Zoom meetings, which is working out well. It was either Zoom meetings or us all standing in the rain in a parking lot 6 feet apart in all directions and yelling out what was going on with our boat projects, etc., in our hands.

The Zoom meetings are working quite well. Our January meeting had 22 members showed up at desks, lounge chairs, or on their

decks. The members are getting better at showing their projects to the tiny camera in front of them and shooing the cat out of the picture or telling the family in the background that they are too loud and are taking over the meeting (because the loudest sound becomes the sound Zoom thinks is “the speaker” that everyone wants to listen to).

Next Zoom Meeting is February 4th at 7:00 pm, members start showing up at the meeting a little before 7:00 to get comfortable, adjust their camera angle and say “Hi” to the members as they join the meeting. I will send out an email invitation 4 days ahead to remind members and give them the link again, it will be the same link each month, I will notify the members if for some reason it has to be changed, but I do not expect to have to change it during my term.

December 2021 Holiday Season Dinner Meeting reservations are in place, life should be back to normal enough quite a while before then for our annual dinner at the Spaghetti Factory where we have good food and good company and tell model boating tall tales.

We discussed the state of our club finances. We have money in the bank, but it has dropped below the banks no fee level, so they have started charging us a monthly fee. Dave White came to the rescue, he talked to his representative at the bank and they said they would waive those fees for us for one year. Dave said he will ask them again next year to see if they will do it next year, also. Thank you, you silver tongued devil.

Dues for 2021 are now due. Please make your check for \$30.00 made out to

NW R/C Ship Modelers and mailed to Bryan Morse, 703 N 105th St. Apt 7, Seattle, WA 98133

Future Meetings:

I would like to invite members to bring to a zoom meeting a few photos from something having to do with ships or boats that they saw on a trip or want to see on a future trip. I thought that we might have some fun with these discussions?

I would like your input on ideas for discussions or presentations on things having to do with ships boats or what they do on the water.

If you have any other topic about boats, or ideas for the meetings let me know them as well. Your input is welcomed.

Next meeting:

At our next meeting we will discuss painting our model boats. If you have any particular ideas, processes, techniques or painting products you would like to discuss please let us hear them from you at the next meeting on February 4th.

I will try to find out how to show photos in zoom from my computer for the next meeting. If I can get it to work I will bring some photos I took in England at Peter Freebody and Company. They have been at their craft for 300 years building boats, steam launches and slipper launches etc. for use on the Thames River.

Show and Tell

We had 22 members attend the Zoom meeting.

Allan Wing began showing a Tower Hobby 1800KV Rock Crawler motor with speed controller which could be used in Polo Springers? It does not have reverse, so “damn the torpedoes or other Polo Springers full speed ahead”, to use in a springer it would have to run on just one Lipo Cell to keep the power below 6volts.



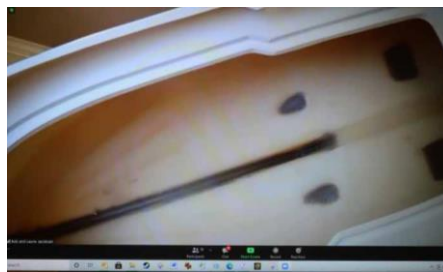
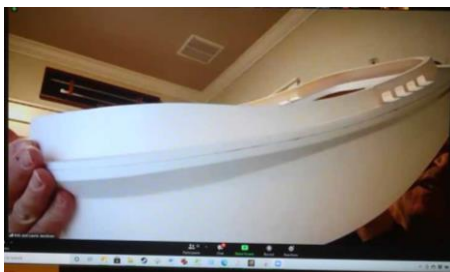
Rod Bindon showed a nice textured black ABS plastic deck that TAP Plastic in Bellevue cut out to fit inside a fiberglass springer hull that he won a few years back.



Rod also mentioned that he had met the new Park Director who seemed receptive and aware of our club.



Bob Jacobsen showed a new Canadian Tug Sea Imp Class kit he had just purchased. It was made in China, has a very nice fiberglass hull with attached deck. It came with kort nozzles, props, rudders, stacks, bollards, winch (non-working), other fittings and motors. It looked to be a very nice kit.



David Kentala told us that he had information from the owner of the construction company that remodeled the Bellevue City Downtown Park two years ago that they are currently working on the North East corner of the park making more impressive entry from that direction. It does not affect any existing parking, but they are letting their muddy runoff water go into the stepped curved water feature on the east side of the pond. They will clean it out when they are done.

David Green has been busy building a Dumas Kit of the City of Buffalo Lake steam excursion boat. He is

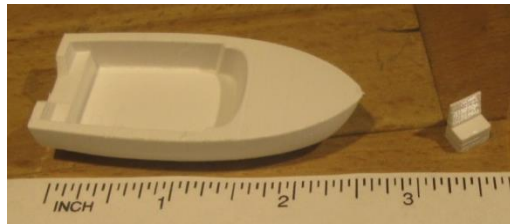


naming his the City of James Town, an excursion boat that ran on Chautauqua Lake New York. He said it was rated to carry 2,000 Passengers.

Tom Edwards says he is considering building a crane barge for his next project.

Keith Schermerhorn has been planking his aircraft carrier from WWII, the Fanshaw Bay CVE-70, his Western Titian, and a Christmas present of a new fishing boat project Pacific Pride Sein boat. (see Keith report latter in newsletter.)

Paul Williams showed some 3D printed tenders that he is making for Mel's new tuna boat. He is getting very good with his new filament printing machine. Great work.



Robert Osmond: I showed work on my Horizon Hobby PBR. I have been making details for it for a while now. I recently added details to make a functioning helmet dispensing box for some Shapeways helmets. I have also been adding details to the Mk 18 grenade launcher,



adding a realistic barrel, loading crank, belt of grenades, hinges, and trigger. On the superstructure I have added a lower molding that the real boats have, which makes the joint to the deck a fine line instead of an irregular gap on my model.



Member News

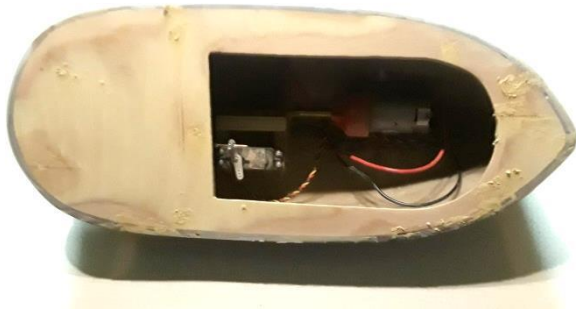
Leif Bentzen had a stent put in his coronary artery.

Jon McCool's wife is expecting a new baby about the time of the next meeting.

Keith Schermerhorn's Drydock

My current projects continue at a slow pace for the last few months. But finally had some time during the holidays to get the deck to my CVE 70 planked and ready for stain/paint. Each strip is 1/4 inch wide and that also includes the tiedown strips. Long process that requires constant checking for squaring up.

Also had some time to finally get the deck of another small log tug sanded so that more work and filling can be done before sealing it up.

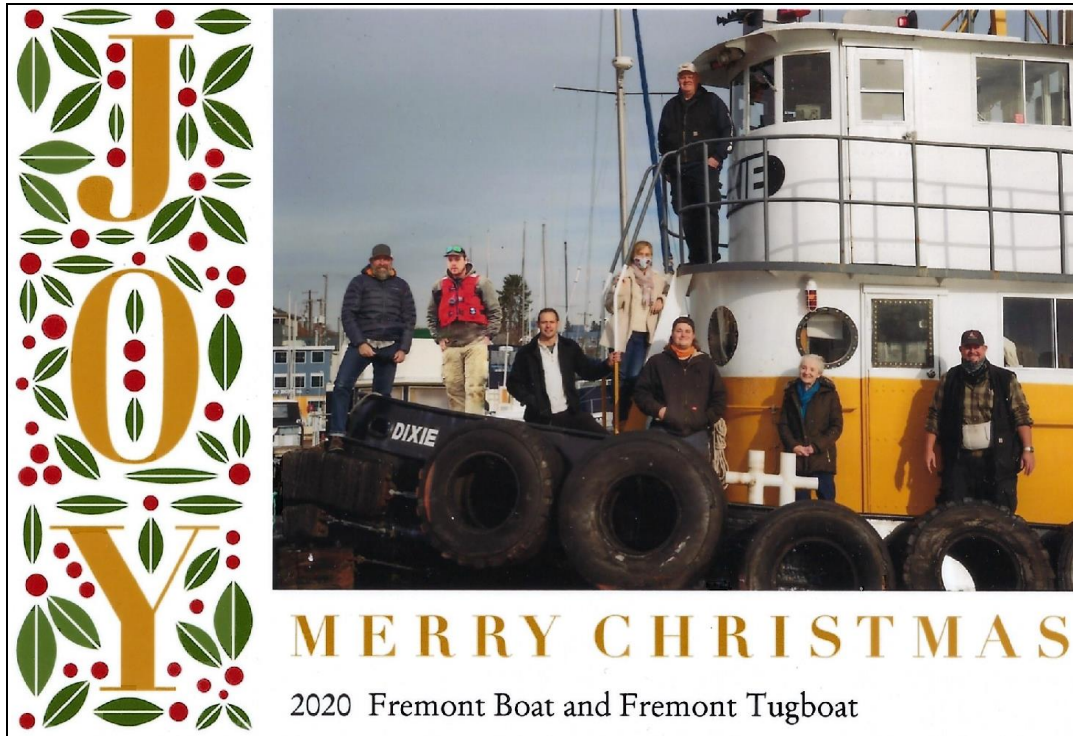


And my Christmas gift from Santa to me arrived. This will be another modern fishing boat that is located in Bellingham and is one that has been on my wish list for a long time!



Hoping that there will be some sort of "normalcy" coming this year so we can get back to live meetings with the Skagit Club, boating events, and seeing old and new friends at the pond.

Keith Schermerhorn



Our club received a nice holiday card from Fremont Tug. They have been a consistent supporter of both our club and Regatta event each year.

A Hobby Christmas Book Nook

By Bryan Morse

For Christmas I built a book nook. A book nook is a small street scene that can be nestled between books on a bookshelf. It's about the width of 2-3 books and makes a fun little distraction from a wall of books. This was built as a gift for my mystery book loving mother. She is a big fan of the classic British mystery and I incorporated a few different references to her favorite authors and British TV shows.



The overall frame was built using medium weight chipboard, this is the same cardboard like material found on the back of legal notepads and is available in 12"x12" sheets. This material cuts easily with a utility knife and takes paint or glue well. The interior walls and cobblestone streets are made from foam poster board available at any office supply store. The paper backing was peeled off of the foam board, sometimes using water to soften it, before hand carving the stonework with the tip of a mechanical pencil. The doors and windows are made from little more than coffee stir sticks, cereal

box cardboard and scraps of chipboard. The plant pot featured in the foreground is the upside-down and painted cap from a small spray bottle of glasses cleaner.

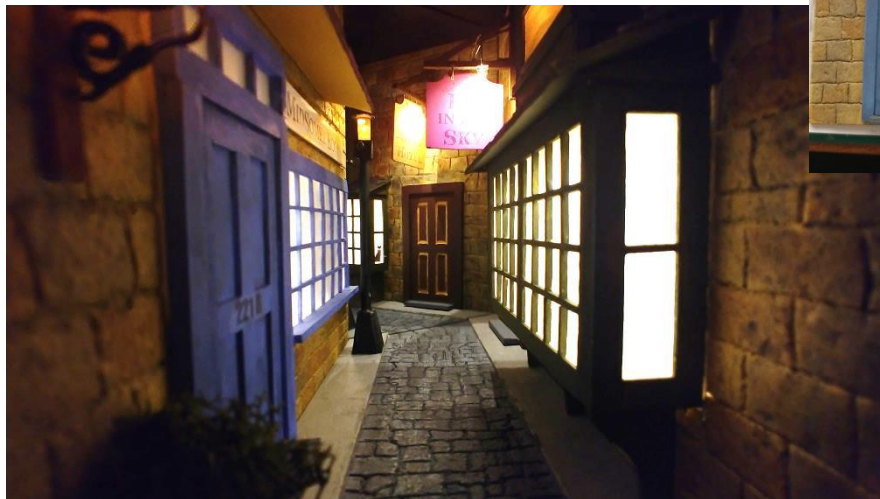
The scene was lit with individual LED's tied to a AA battery pack hidden on the back. Two different, and somewhat unique LED's were used. One is an unusually small 3mm orange LED with a built in flickering circuit, this does a pretty good job simulating a gas lamp or candle and could be used to great effect on old model ships. The other was a 4.8mm Straw Hat LED that has a much wider viewing angle than most other LED lights and would be great for cabin or deck lighting as the wide viewing angle gives a good wash of light.

The text on the signs was created in a free but powerful drawing program called Inkscape. They were printed on standard paper using a laser printer and then using a wood burning tool the printed text was heat transferred back onto the painted sign bases. The signs must be printed backwards so when they are transferred back off the paper they read the correct way around.

Paint was a mix of inexpensive craft paints and Vallejo Model Color paints. Individual bricks were highlighted with mixed colors then Black and brown washes were applied to almost every surface. Black washes are great for making small details like the cobblestone street pop. Once the washes had dried edges were highlighted with white or light gray dry brushing.

This book nook features one more little magic trick. The back wall is a mirror. This gives the appearance of a much deeper scene than physically possible. The mirror is set at an angle so it's impossible to ever see anything but the reflected parts of the scene. It's important to consider what will be seen in the mirror. For instance the lettering on the backside of the sign had to be printed forward unlike the other signs so once reflected in the mirror it reads properly.

This was my first time doing this style of low cost modeling as well as my first time working many of the materials. My modeling experience in the past has been high end model railroad or ship kits not coffee stir sticks, foam and cardboard. Most of my inspiration and techniques came from the DIY gaming community on youtube. They build inexpensive models to be used in their game for story building or game play elements. Overall I am quite pleased with the end result and it was well received as a gift.



2021 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the Year progresses and our activities can increase and return to normal. (1/15/2021)

JANUARY

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

FEBRUARY

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

MARCH

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

APRIL

1 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

MAY

6 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

22/23 NW Hobby Expo Monroe 9am-6pm (dates may change, check for updates)

JUNE

3 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

JULY

1 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

AUGUST

5 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

SEPTEMBER

2 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

OCTOBER

7 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

NOVEMBER

4 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

DECEMBER





2 Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting,
Appetizers 6:15 PM
Dinner at 7:00 PM
Spaghetti Factory, Lynnwood



2021 member dues are due during January. Annual dues are \$30.
 If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to

Bryan Morse
 703 N 105th St., Apt 7,
 Seattle WA, 98133

Make checks payable to: NW R/C Ship Modelers

2020 Club Officers		
	President: Robert Osmond	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Ron Bray	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	

Currently we are having only Zoom meetings.

***When we resume in person meetings,
 they will be at The Facility location.***

**The Facility – Makerspace
 6606 196th Street SW
 Lynnwood, WA. 98036**