



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
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June 2021

## Look Ahead Events

### JULY

- 1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
- 10 Fun Float – Bellevue Pond 9 am
- 17 NWRCSM Annual Model Boat Regatta – Bellevue 9 am to 4 pm
- 31 Night Float – Bellevue Pond 7-10 pm

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More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, **Check our website for latest updates at [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com)**



Read more about members' projects.

## From the Wheelhouse

Robert Osmond

### New boat not mentioned in May newsletter.

Lee Buse has built his first boat. It is a Springer Zip Kit. He is getting used to RC boating, having switched from RC airplanes. He had his new Springer out and running at the May Fun Float, but I missed mentioning him last month. My apologies Lee.



### From the Bridge

Our boating year may have started late but we are making good headway on having a lot of fun with RC boats anyway. We have had two successful fun floats, one springer event and closing in on our July 17<sup>th</sup> Regatta.

**Notice: Our Fun float in July will be on July 10<sup>th</sup> \*\* Not our normal date, the area was already reserved for another group use on the normal date.**

Also in July we will be having a Night Float on July 31. Any boats can run until dark, only lighted boats can run after dark to avoid collisions. There will be a 10 foot lighted dock and possibly some lighted buoys. These events are always a lot of fun

Notice: Scott and Claudia Bauman have invited us to their house on Lake Tapps Sunday September 12 for a cook out and running boats in the arm of the lake behind their house. More details and how to get there will be in future newsletters.

**REGATTA NOTICE**

Reminder that our Regatta will begin at 8:00 am July 17<sup>th</sup> with running beginning at 9:00 am. It looks to be a lot of fun with the club. Bryan Morse and Leif Bentzen will be the Judges this year. Bob Spiger is going to bring the sodas, sandwiches and chips for lunch for the club members. We will be having raffle prizes, so bring money for tickets! Mark the date on your calendar, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

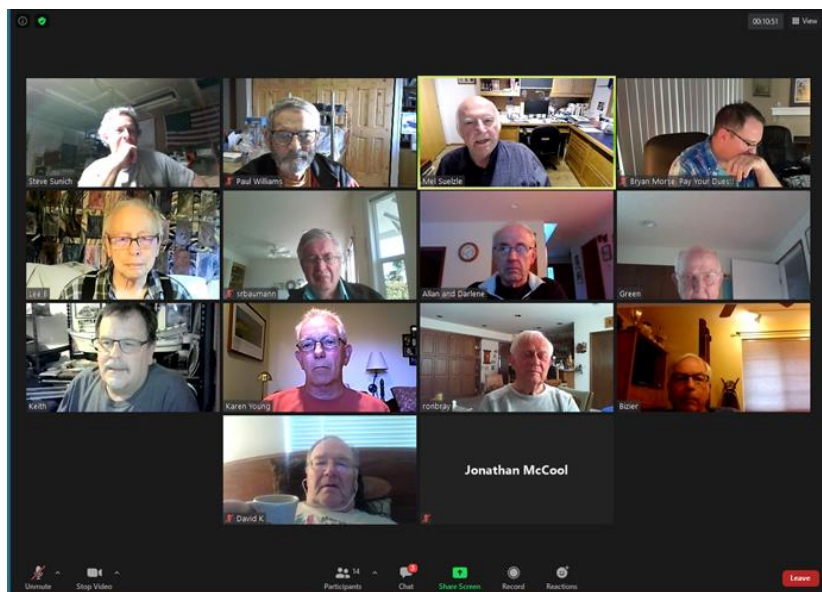
**Raffle prizes**, if you have something that you will never get around to building or using such as boat kits, parts, tools, etc. and you would like to give it to the club to add to the raffle prizes listing for the July Regatta please email Robert at [ss99rdcv@aol.com](mailto:ss99rdcv@aol.com) and let him know what you have and how he can get it to put it in the catalogue. Thank you for your donations to the club.

Robert

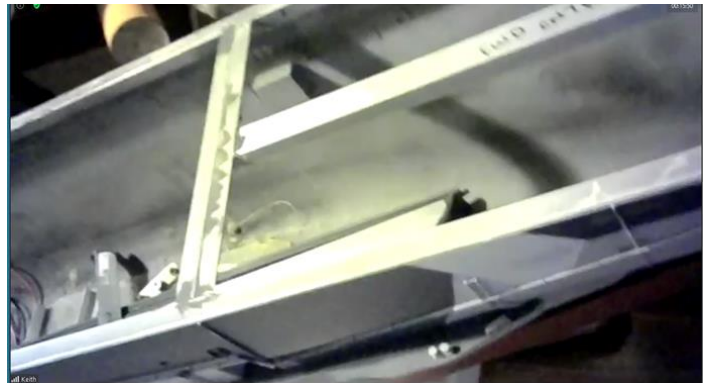
**Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2021**  
By “Doc” Ron Bray

Sixteen faces appeared on zoom which proceeded despite technical difficulties with our commodore’s computer system, which was finally rectified by his son **John**.

**Lee Buse** asked if there were any simple kits or plans similar to the Springer model but larger. The Dumas Shelly Foss kit was mentioned but the feeling of the group was that a model similar to **Mel Suelzle’s** Red Bull was probably more appropriate. **Allan Wing** showed his model similar to Mel’s with kort nozzles. **Keith Schermerhorn** added that plans for a truckable grocery boat like Mel and Allan’s could be found in the archives of one of the older magazines. **Bryan Morse** suggested building a Dumas Lord Nelson model.



**Keith Schermerhorn** showed progress for his Titan and commented on the deck supports for his carrier model allowing for access to motors, batteries and electronics.



**Steve Sunich** showed the completed deck of his cruiser model stating he used some 800 pieces to complete the project. He found a source for Pitman motors – Server Source Components. Apparently, they have a variety of motor sizes and even though they don't look like Pitman's, the name Pitman is on the motor. He showed the two that he purchased with delivery in two weeks.



**John McCool** bought a fast ready to run speed boat and is anxious to see how it performs at the fun float this Saturday.

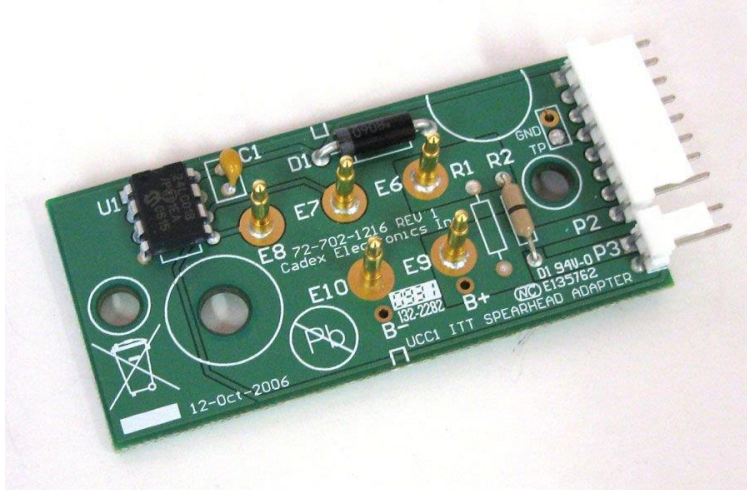


**Mel Suelzle** commented on how difficult it was to build the net reel for his tuna boat and that he is uncertain how to construct the rigging as there is no similar plan for these boats.





Mel showed the spring-loaded contacts allowing power to be directed to the superstructure. These can be purchased from All Electronics, catalog item number SLC-5 and only cost 85 cents each. They come on a circuit board and excess need to be removed before mounting on the model.



*The Great Photo Credit goes to Paul Williams our newsletter editor and Zoom photo chief.* Mel told us that building materials like Evergreen plastics and Midwest woods can be purchased at Hobby Lobby as well as metals.

The subject of vinyl graphics was discussed at some length. As Callie Graphics has a 6-week backlog, Vinyl Lab NW in Mukilteo could fit the bill, their number is 425-870-8702.

The fact that trophy plaques have become so expensive and backlogged, it was suggested that we pursue whether or not we should consider dash plaques instead, at a much more reasonable cost. Most plaques most often end up in drawers or lying around on a shelf or table. It was unanimously voted to pursue looking into the dash plaque possibility. The meeting then concluded at 2035.

## Fun Float and Springer Event Reports - June 5

By David Green and Robert Osmond



All went well for this year's Springer Event. The course was a challenge to guide a Springer with a barge in tow and pushing a soccer ball around a generally triangular course marked by two pylons and ending at a finish line gate 4 feet wide, without any part of the rig touching a marker or the gate.

Any touch was a disqualifier and judged DNF (Did Not Finish). The shortest time to complete the course determined the event winner. It was an exciting and challenging Springer Event designed by **Dave Green**.



It consisted of pushing a soccer ball with the front of the tug while pulling my barge full of water away from the shore and around two buoys and through a gate. When the stern of the barge went through the gate the timing was ended.



There were 10 runs for score. Five completed the course, each with some very, very close passages at the finish line. The other five were fine until either the finish line approach or actual passage through the finish line gate. Overall each operator did very well on the first two legs of the course (no lost balls and barge control improved as they advanced). The head wind on the final leg proved to be a challenge on the final as it was pretty fluky and likely the cause of most DNF's.

Event winner was **Mel Suelzle** as he edged out Robert Osmond by a giant 1 and 59/100 seconds. All finishers, except one time were within a 9 second time span.

**John McCool** tried his hand at the event and had a slight incident with the line and the underwater winch on Dave Green's Springer.



There were other captains operating with underwater winches as well. **Mel Suelzle** won the event with a very good time, and now gets to come up with a fall Springer Event. If you win you, you get to design the next Springer Event Task.





**Allan Wing** ran his “Red Terror” brushless powered springer through the course while pulling the barge so fast that the barge submerged and the water was running over the top and back off the stern (the barge will not sink). He probably has the most powerful springer in the club hands down.



We will anxiously look forward to Mel's Fall Springer Spectacular (no pressure).

## More Fun Float Report ...

By Robert Osmond

With rain predicted and dark cloudy skies, I loaded my truck in Newcastle with some sprinkles. At the pond at 9:00 AM were 16 hard core RC boat captains showed up as the June Fun Float. As the morning progressed the skies cleared and by 11:00 there were hardly any clouds to be seen and we did not have any rain at the fun float. I had put my Polynesian Tiki Lono in a bag of water the night before to be sure he knew we did not need any rain on Saturday, once again he came through and stopped the rain at 7:00 AM.

There were quite a few fine boats out running on the pond (few photos since I was busy hooking up the springer competitors). Mel has dialed in his tuna boat and was zipping around the pond and through the springer course. **Richard Bizier** was running his noodle salvage boat, but missed his opportunity to do some heavy lifting when **Rich Goodrich** sank his sailboat, see photos.



**Stan Babcock** had his Coast Guard cutter patrolling the waters. Doug and his son were busy racing around the north end of the fun float having a good time together.

Another successful fun float in our newly begun 2021 season, thanks to all that showed up and to the rest; hope you can make the next fun float which is **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. **\*\* Not our normal date, the area was already reserved on the normal date.**

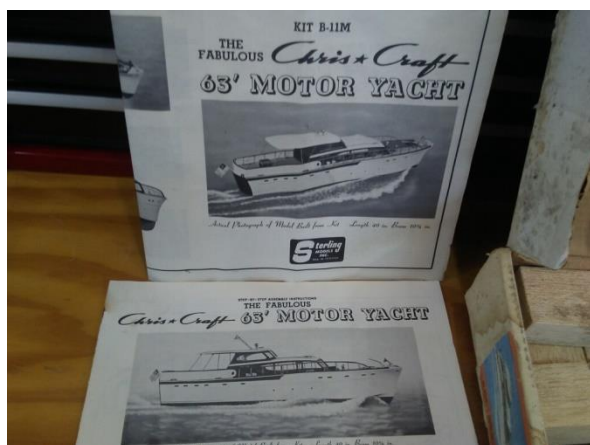
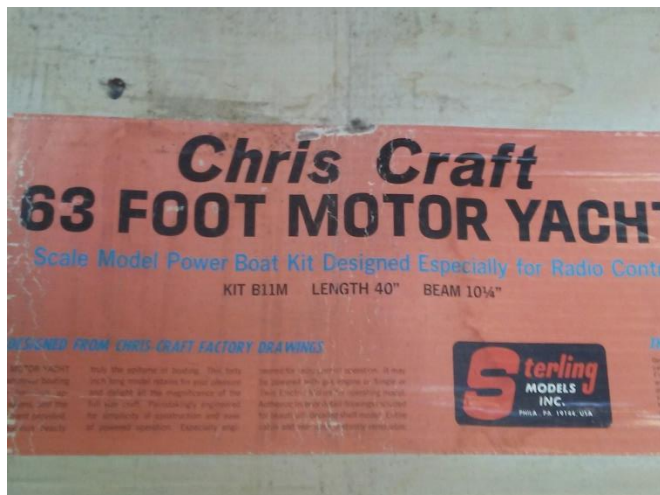
Stan Babcock and his Coast Guard boat.

John Nigard's fireboat.



## For Sale

Harlan Winslow has some boats for sale. There are two different boats. 1) Chris Craft with all deck fittings and wood for the hull asking \$300.00. 2) A modern yacht Prime time, asking \$300.00. For more information contact Harlan Winslow at 702-738-8890.





2021 Northwest Model Hobby Expo is now set for  
Saturday, October 30th 9 AM - 6 PM & Sunday, October 31st 9 AM to 5 PM.

See their website for current information at [www.nwmhe.com](http://www.nwmhe.com)

## **Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta – August 21, 2021 – Going 25 years!**

By William K. Schemerhorn

Well, good news for all as the restrictions are lifting and allowing events to be had. So with that in mind, make plans to attend the **25th Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta on Saturday, August 21st** at the Downtown Park pond in Bellevue. This is a skills regatta for all types and styles of model tugs. Barge handling and salvaging derelict vessels are the order of the day. Lots of fun to be had that day with models from all over the region coming to take the top award. We invite everyone to join in as we celebrate 25 years of this event as it started as the Foss Cup to become what it is today. More information coming soon! If you have questions, **please contact Keith** at [Wschem@fidalgo.net](mailto:Wschem@fidalgo.net) or 360-306-1165 in the evenings.

## 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. (Updated 6/12/2021)

### JANUARY

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

### FEBRUARY

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

### MARCH

4 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

### APRIL

1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

### MAY

~~1 Seattle Yacht Club's Boating Season Opener --- cancelled~~

6 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 am

### JUNE

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

5 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond and *Springer Event by Dave Green* 9 am

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18 Night Float (\*\* awaiting Park's approval \*\*) 7 to 10 pm, **Only boats with lights can run after dark.**

### OCTOBER

7 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

?? Fun Float at SYC, date to come latter 9 am

30 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm (no pond to float boats)

31 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 5 pm (no pond to float boats)

(Check their website for updates [WWW.NWMHE.COM](http://WWW.NWMHE.COM))

### NOVEMBER

4 Meeting (method to be decided) 7 pm

?? Fun Float at SYC, date to come later. 9 am

### DECEMBER

2 Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting at Spaghetti Factory, Lynnwood, WA

- Appetizers at 6:15 PM

- Dinner at 7:00 PM

?? Fun Float at SYC, date to come later. 9 am



NWRCSM 2021 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
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***Currently we are having only Zoom meetings.***

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

**The Facility – Makerspace  
6606 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
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