



The Bilge Pump

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March 2023

Look Ahead Events

APRIL

- 6 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
- 8 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9 am
- 14 NW Model Hobby Expo Noon - 6 pm
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- 16 NW Model Hobby Expo 9 am - 2 pm

MAY

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JUNE

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More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and, check our club's website for latest updates at:

www.shipmodelers.com



Read more about members' projects.

2023 DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues are \$35 starting in 2023. 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

From the Bridge Steve Sunich



We are getting closer to some good R/C boating weather. Particularly for me, I am also looking forward to getting out on my 1:1 a lot this year. But, first I need to get the R/C's up to snuff before the Bellevue Pond fun floats and the SYC Opening Day fun float. Then, on June 3rd, is our NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta.

I, particularly, like the night floats because we can show off our lights with the public watching. Hopefully, you all get your lights running so you can run after dark. It is a great time.

The SYC's fun float is an excellent excuse, if you are not retired, to call in sick and spend the day running your boats. (It is a kind of sickness.) Bring a bank of batteries and run all day. There will be a lot of people interested in the boats, particularly yachts. If you have those, bring them along.

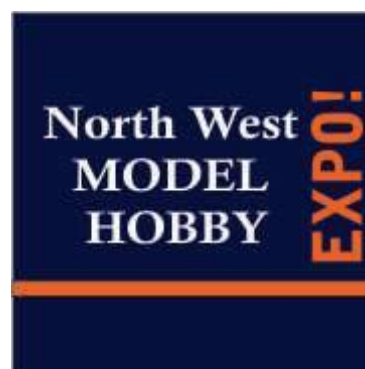
Dave Green has been graciously working with the City of Bellevue to secure our dates at the pond. Many thanks for his efforts as it is not easy.

Robert Osmond is working on regattas so we will see what kind of course he will come up with to mess with my boats that don't fit through the gates. He is looking for volunteers to help with the many chores we have on regatta day. So, contact him and sign up. He will also have sign up sheets at the meeting next month. The regattas are well oiled machines with the help of everyone.

Charge your batteries and get ready for another R/C season.



Northwest Model Hobby Expo 3 Days in April



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| April 14, 2023 – Friday | Noon to 6 pm |
| April 15, 2023 – Saturday | 9 am to 6 pm |
| April 16, 2023 – Sunday | 9 am to 2 pm |

Evergreen State Fairgrounds located at
14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272, USA

More information at EXPO's website www.nwmhe.com

Mark Your Calendars!

Stolen -- Ten foot RC Model of USS Missouri BB-63

A Portland Model Power Boat Association (PMPBA) group has reported that a member's ten foot long RC Model of USS Missouri Battleship BB-63 was stolen from his garage on March 4 and the theft reported to the Police. The PMPBA's members are notifying other remote control and model clubs, hobby stores, web blogs, Northwest Model EXPO, SSMANA, and other contacts in both the USA and Canada. If you have any information, please contact Ken Valk, 360-833-1548, knjvalk@pacbell.net.

Here is a link to Portland channel 12 KPTV report about the missing battleship.
<https://www.kptv.com/video/2023/03/07/portland-man-offers-reward-return-stolen-100-lbs-model-boat/>



Meeting Minutes -- March 2, 2023

By Steve Sunich

Photos by Richard Osmond,
Steve Sunich, Chris Merrill, Paul
Williams



We had another great meeting this month at The

Facility Makerspace with nineteen captains turning out. This is great. Our attendance is increasing.



There was some old and new business before the Show and Tell. Steve Sunich continued his pressure for our club dues and joining the SSMANA association. Again, please join. You get a nice thirty page, quarterly journal that shows building tips and what other clubs around the country are doing.

In meeting with Bellevue's Parks Department, we finally got the dates straight for our fun floats and regattas. Because of some schedule conflicts with the City of Bellevue's Parks schedule, we needed to change a couple club dates. A night float is now August 16th and a fun float on September 16th. Please watch

this newsletter's calendar of events updates and changes. The regatta dates remain the same.

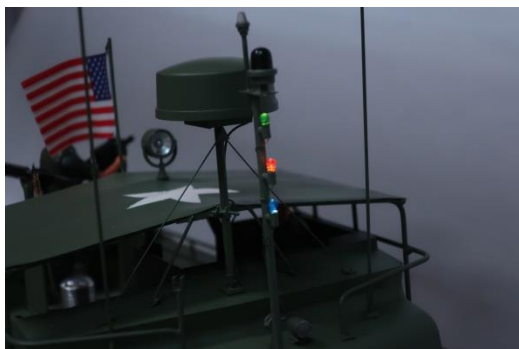
We are a go for the Hobby Expo and we should have a booth and a bunch of tables for displaying boats. We are still hoping for the pond, but it is not looking good. The Hobby Expo is April 14, 15 and 16 so go to the website and sign up. We will also be looking for volunteers to man the booth to make sure someone is there at all times to provide information about our club and what we do.

Since we are close to our first regatta, our "Regatta Admiral", Robert Osmond asked for volunteers for different duties. He passed around a list of what is needed and requested members to sign up to help. From attending many regattas myself, I have seen what it takes to be successful. If enough members are willing to help, everything gets done quickly and painlessly. Please let Robert know how you can help. A lot of little things get the big thing done.

Show and Tell

This is a great way to show off your projects and help others with theirs. Every time I bring a boat someone is always curious about its features. It could be anything from wood to paint propellers to motors and lights to bow thrusters. We would really love to see everyone's projects. Don't be shy. It is great fun to get your project some attention. It is amazing what I have learned from everyone over the years. Take advantage of the expertise of our members. They are some of the best in the country. Also, some of you experts should take a shot at presenting about something in which you specialize. We need to continuously pass on the secrets of the trade.

Robert Osmond started the show with his PBR that was almost complete at the last meeting. It is finished now so hopefully we'll see it running soon. It is beautiful and we should marvel at the detail.



He also brought a steam launch hull and associated parts. It has a high-quality steam engine that is made for the hull.



Bob Brown jumped in next. He brought a kit of a PT-109 that he is going to put together. He is working with Harbor Models store to get all the running gear and stuff.



Masaaki Seki brought a very interesting model kit. Amazingly, it is an electric motor working torpedo that can dive, but is not remote controlled. Who knows how it submerges or if it explodes? But, it is certainly interesting. Maybe the warship types should watch out or you might get sunk.



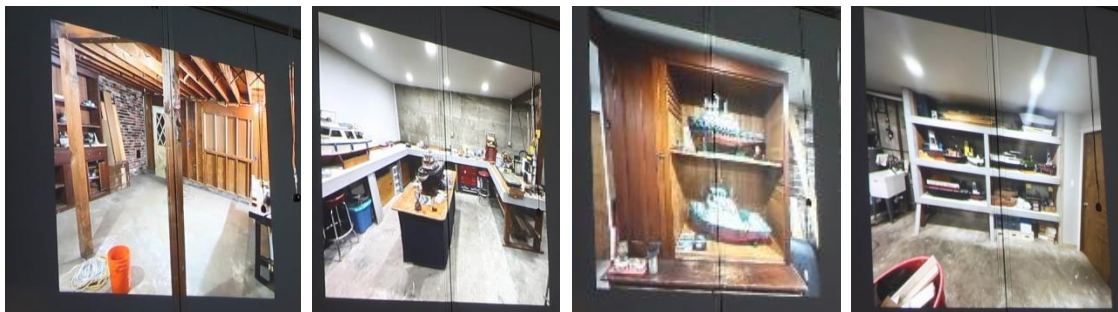
Chris Merrill added a written write up about his Show and Tell. "I was clearing out some spaces and found a large collection of empty medicine containers, so I soaked them in hot water to remove the labels and brought them to offer as small waterproof storage for items like AA or AAA batteries, Allen wrenches, etc. I also brought a few 4 or 6 section cardboard handled carriers that could be used for a small kit carrier for remote controller, LiPo batteries, grease or lube, turkey baster syphon, rags/paper towels, small parts container, etc.



Another of my winter hobbies is Lionel electric trains. I have some of the original family collection from the 1950's and found a few engine motors in need of fine soldering repair. I found this nice light and small piece holder stand at Harbor Freight for under \$8.00. With light and 3 inch magnifying glass it helped me get all my repairs done and rolling again.

The last items shared were the new set of waders for the fun and night floats that I got on sale at Sportsman's warehouse last month. I brought the light buoy maps book that Dane Webster passed on to me to ask the attendees what interest there was in setting up a course for practice at the April and May daytime Fun Floats. I will plan to try out my new waders and the buoys at both."

Tom Edwards gave us a little show about building his new basement boat shop. It was just a storage area when he purchased the house. First picture was the before and others show the work space and shelves for holding his boats. His next plan is to build a boat pond. What a deal! I want to work there!



For the grand finale, **Robert Osmond** put together a little show about **adhesives and glues**. I did not know there were some many. It was very interesting to hear about all the differences between them. Fillers are also included with adhesives and can really do some great things. As a matter of fact, the life vests on his PBR were made from filler.



We really appreciate Robert's expertise in this area. I know that I learned something.

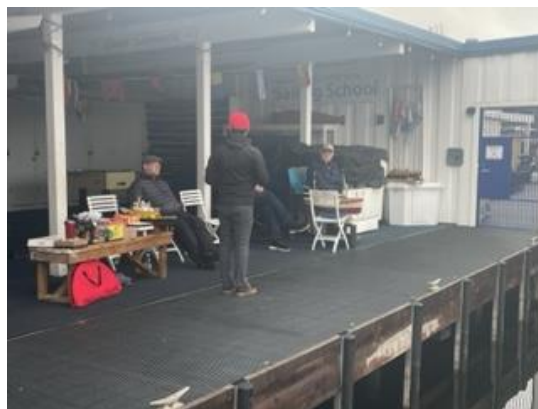
Fun Float – March 4, 2023

By: Steve Sunich

Photos by Steve Sunich

My luck ran out. I have been boasting that “It never rains on the Fun Floats!”. Well, it did on Saturday. But, with the shelter at SYC it was no big deal.

There were six brave souls that ran boats. **Klaus Bellon, Robert Osmond, Dave Green, Steve Sunich, Richard Lenington and Bryan Morse** enthusiastically attended. We ran boats for a couple hours and then Klaus showed up and the rain stopped. So, I guess rub his belly for luck with the weather. So, he ran his tug on his own, perfectly dry.



There were some sea rescues! Dave Green needed to be rescued three times!

Member's Boats and Tools for Sale

Dumas' Brooklyn Tug Kit by Club member Ken Valk. The kit is factory sealed, new in the box, with the original Dumas made single piece fiberglass and white gel coat hull. The kit was purchased from Dumas in 2003. In 2005 Dumas closed their fiberglass division and their current Brooklyn kits come with a 2-piece ABS Plastic hulls. This kit also includes the original unopened building and accessory fitting kit.



The hull is 39 1/2" long, 9 1/2" wide, scale size is 1/32nd, and appears to be in perfect condition. The kit does not include the Dumas running hardware kit, motor, esc, shaft, and prop but they are still available through Dumas. For more info on options, check the Dumas website dumasproducts.com.



PRICE: \$275.00 Firm

Contact: Ken Valk, Northwest R/C Ship Modelers, Camas, WA.

Home Phone: 360-833-1548

E-Mail: kenvalk@pacbell.net

HiTECX4 AC Plus 4 Port AC/DC Multi-Charger (never used)

HiTEC's Product Description – "We raised the bar on the X4 and equipped it with a built-in AC power supply. Our new X4 AC Plus, has four-port computer controlled capability with a built-in 22 amp power supply which can be powered by standard 120 volt AC household current and..." More information is available at their website. Price \$150.

Contact Ron "Doc" Bray at 206-779-0171



2023 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar will be determined as the year progresses. (Updated 3/2/2023)

*Please note new dates since last month newsletter! See *#*#**

JANUARY

5 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
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AUGUST

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5 NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta 8 am
16 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.

SEPTEMBER

7 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
16 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
?? Fishermen's Fall Festival

OCTOBER

5 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
7 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am **(Date is subject to change)**

NOVEMBER

2 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
4 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am
?? Pacific Marine Expo at Lumen Field Event Center in Seattle, WA

DECEMBER

?? Holiday Meeting at ???? ? PM
?? Fun Float at ?????? 9 am





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Lynnwood, WA. 98036

More information on this facility can be found at <https://facilitymade.com/>



| NWRCSM 2023 Club Officers | | |
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|  | President: Steve Sunich | Webmaster: Allan Wing |
|  | Vice President: Richard Lenington | Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn |
|  | Treasurer: Dave White | Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams |
|  | Membership Database: Bryan Morse | |

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New to RC Boating?

Overview of RC Boat Electronics -- Mr. Dave Milbourn wrote an article called "But I Don't Understand Electronics!" for Model Boats magazine in 2013. There is a lot of information packed into this article and may require more than one reading to allow it to sink in. The article is free to view at website: www.modelboats.co.uk/news/article/but-i-don-t-understand-electronics/18054