



# The Bilge Pump

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July 2023

## Look Ahead Events

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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:

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Read more about members' projects.

## From the Bridge Steve Sunich

Wow, what turnouts we have had at our functions! I am impressed by the participation we are having this year. We have an enthusiastic membership. The meetings have been well attended with a lot of show and tell and, personally, I am learning new things from all of you.



We have also gained a couple of new members this month. Your personal promotions of the club are working. So keep it up.

Also, impressive, are the new (or old) boats that are coming out of the woodwork. I see boats I have never seen before. Keep bringing them out and to show and tell.

We should now be looking toward the Tug Boat Regatta. This will really test your skills so practice, practice, practice. The race committee has filled the jobs, but we can always use help at the regatta too. Watch for the dates of the night floats.

If you have not attended our meetings lately, come on out. Our monthly meetings continue to be held at the Edmonds College Maker's Space. What a great venue.

Our meetings have great attendance as the room has been close to full. The computer projection screen capability has allowed members to share their projects and techniques.

Also, thanks goes out to all the members that take pictures at fun floats, meetings and regattas. These contribute greatly to the newsletter and club history.

Happy R/C boating! – Steve Sunich

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Pictures Keith Shemehorn took at the Model Boat Regatta on June 3, 2023.





## Meeting Minutes

By Steve Sunich

Photos by Robert Osmond

Our monthly meeting was held on July 6. There were 22 persons in attendance.

It started promptly with **Steve Sunich** giving an overview of the winners of the June Model Boat Regatta.

The attendees then discussed the issue of our club's average age and mortality. Many ideas were thrown around like adding flyers to hobby stores, keeping flyers at regattas, joining on line sites and providing noodle and other boats available for youngsters to run. This would hopefully entice adults to become interested also. But the bottom line is that it is difficult to get people interested in building boats in this instant gratification world. To this end it was mentioned that Klaus Bellon has been doing promotional videos for the website. There are three videos there, so take a look.

The Fisherman's Fall Festival is now scheduled for September 30.

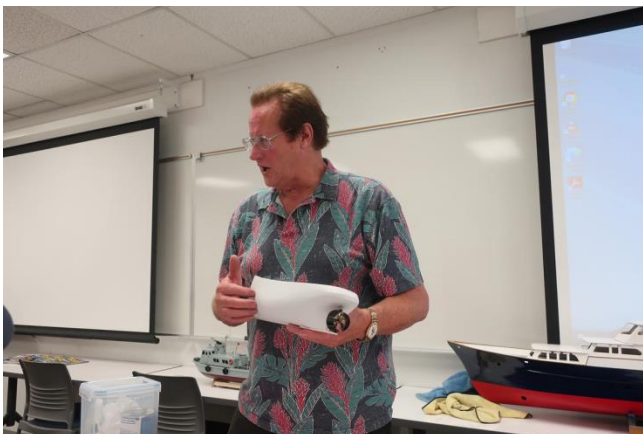
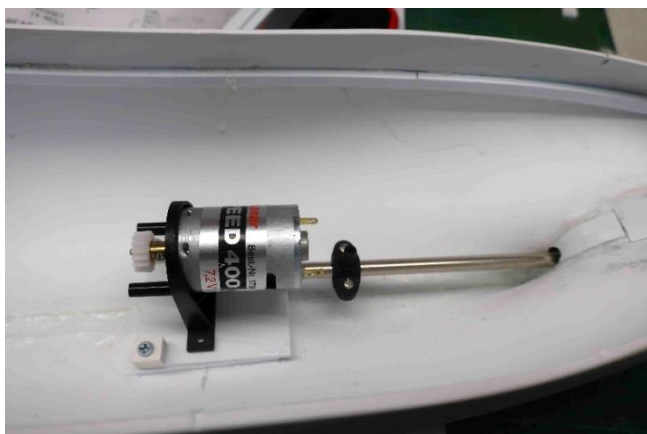
**Show and tell was great, as usual.**

Of course, **Robert Osmond** brought a ton of stuff and knowledge to the meeting. He opened with talking about adhesives. He showed us Weld-On 1802 which is a solvent type of thick glue that works on several different types of plastic, acrylic, styrene, expanded PVC (Sintra), ABS and Butrate. It will also glue them to each other. No other glue will do this. It is available from Amazon, but not TAP Plastics or any local supplier. Interestingly, this does not attach or affect plastic medical syringes so that they can be used to apply the glue.





Robert also brought along his Dumas Carol Moran model. He added a Graupner gear drive, Prop shop propeller, steerable Kort nozzle.



He replaced some of the material that came with the kit like the material for the cabin walls with 1/32 inch styrene which can make the curves with ease. He also replaced deck support strips with 1/8 by 1/8 styrene. Since the kit uses styrene and expanded pvc (Sintra) he used Weld-On 1802 (see info above) as adhesive.



**Chris Merrill** showed us his beautiful River Patrol Boat (RTB). He was trying to get it to ballast correctly with magnets holding the ballast. It also had a neat electrical connection from the cabin to deck for lights.



**Brian Morse** showed a simple trick with manicurist nail files. They have a nice sphere tip on them so that you can paint small dots, like rivets. Sometimes the simple things are the best.



**Steve Sunich** brought his super yacht model to show his lack of progress since the last time he showed it off. He has done the hull paint and some wood trim. He is working on the underwater lights. He did not want to use Krylon paint but it was the only paint that had the perfect color. He was pleasantly surprised at how well it went on. There



were no run problems. Since it allows second coats in one minute, it was easy to go around the boat and back again in about a minute. Therefore, it covered nicely with one application. However, it does not seem very tough as it marks easily. Maybe it will harden as time goes on.



Some after meeting pictures.





## Fun Float July 8

By Chris Merrill  
Photos by Robert  
Osmond

The Fun Float of July 8, 2023 at the Bellevue Downtown Park's pond had a very good turnout of members and visitors. We enjoyed some great summer weather with warm temperatures, not windy and light clouds, so

shade from tents was not needed. By my count, there were at least 21 members and a few new folks (see group photo). **Robert Osborn** set up some gates to practice for the upcoming Tugboat Regatta in August. He also had barges for folks to use if they did not bring their own.



In addition, one of our long time members **Patrick Pluear** came and setup a set of foam lighted buoys for more objects to navigate around. I had also transported the club's set of buoys, but saw they were not needed.



As a club greeter, I was glad to spend a little time with a new member **Robert Newell**. He came with a scratch built 23 inch runabout, a beautiful dark blue and green craft with open cockpit that carried a Disney character "Joe" that many children recognized.



This was his first real shakedown run and Robert Newell commented to me that he wanted to add some weight to his boat. I had my blue heliport barge and accessories, which included a variety of fishing weights and towing lines. He tested a couple of combinations and found a set that worked well. Since they were marked, he will be able to duplicate and fabricate that ballast.





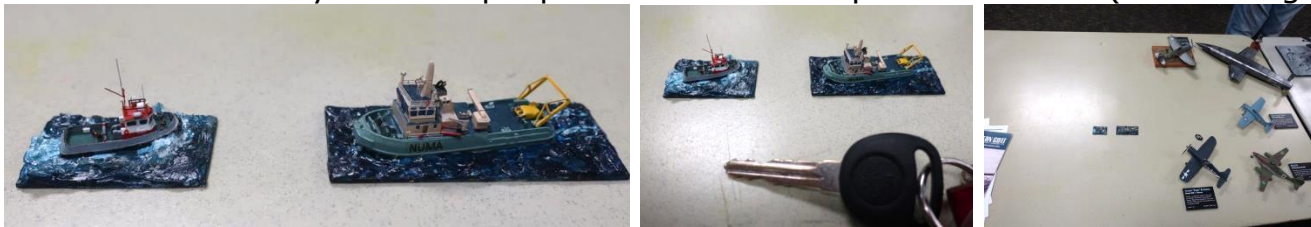
The fun float event attracted many different crafts. I had my new RTR River Patrol Boat that was part of the July monthly meeting show and share on using strong magnetics to hold ballast in place in the stern. It worked well and went into a good plane level at 2/3 throttle, no further adjustments were needed. My quick notes taken had at least 10 tugboats or springers, 8 barges, 2 sailboats, 4 pleasure crafts, 2 jet boats and 2 military crafts. Photos were taken at water level by Robert's Go Pro camera along with at least two other members.

Thanks to those that provided their pictures for our newsletter.  
Hope to see you all in August at the Tug Boat Regatta on 5<sup>th</sup> and Twilight Float on 16<sup>th</sup>.

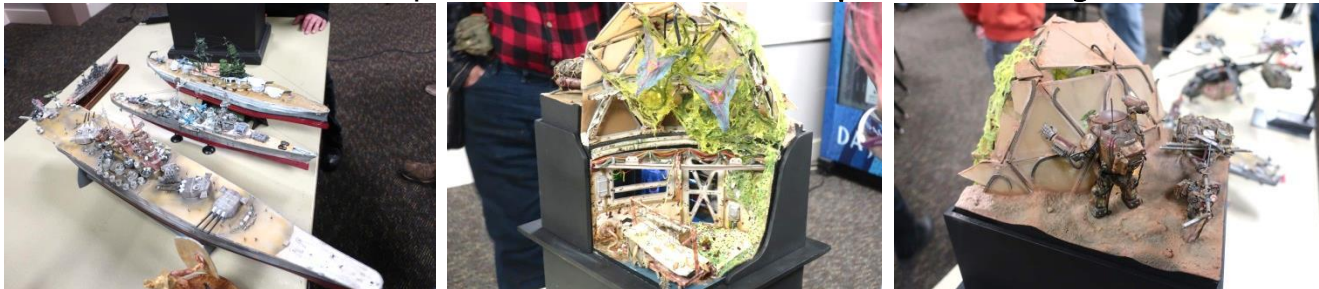
### International Plastic Modelers Society July Event.

By Robert Osmond

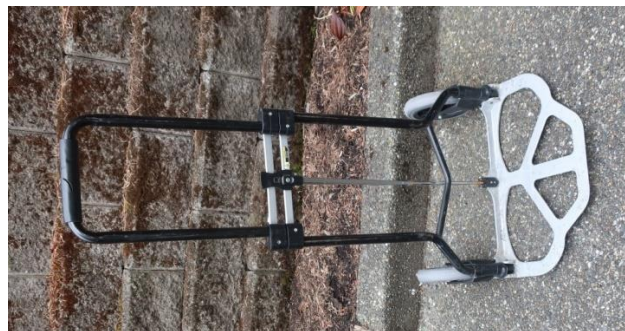
Here are some photos I took at the Seattle's Chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Society July meeting in Bellevue, WA. They are the largest IPMS club in North America and usually have 50 people or more show up each month. (next is Aug 12)



One fellow finished some tiny resin model boats shown next to my keys, he added details and painted them. The other models are all different types. Anything that is made with at least some plastic is welcome. [www.ipms-seattle.org](http://www.ipms-seattle.org)



A cart was left at the Fun Float on July 8. Please contact Robert Osmond if you know who it belongs to.



## Events and News From the North End

By Ken Schemerhorn

Well, boating season is in full swing and with the weather being so nice I hope you are getting out to the fun floats and more.

August and through October will be busy with so many opportunities to play with and display boats available to us.

- 1) Of course, the **NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta event August 5<sup>th</sup>** is first and foremost for some of us. Looks like there will be a number of visitors from "up North" making it down this year.
- 2) With that in mind, it would be nice to see several others go up to Burnaby BC, Canada on Sunday for the **20th Annual 2023 Bamm Regatta**. This is always a fun event in a great location with good people. I personally have only missed 2 of their regattas in the last 35 years. This location is about 20 minutes over the border and pretty easy to get to. Like our regattas, get there early for best parking. For more information visit [www.bammrc.com](http://www.bammrc.com)
- 3) Another event that I have made arrangements to partake in is the **50th Annual Olympia Harbor Days Festival with Tug Races (real size tugs) in Olympia, WA**. This is a three day event starting on Friday Sept. 1 or Labor Day weekend down at the harbor. There used to be a regatta on Capitol Lake on Saturdays when this event first started. It was always well attended by modelers from around the West Coast. Since they built the board walk around the lake in the 2000, we have not had a presence there. So, I will set up a display and invite anyone that would like to be part of it for 1 day or more to come on down and enjoy the festivities. We will be able to operate boats over in a pond sponsored by the Lanza Family as they keep their dad/grandfather's models running. Vic Lanza was a long time member of NW R/C Ship Modelers until his passing. They have a portable pond and are willing to share some pond time as long as we don't hit Vic's boats. For more information visit [www.harbordays.com](http://www.harbordays.com)
- 4) Now if that isn't enough fun for you, there will be two more events up here in the north sound. The first one will be the annual **Lynden Lions Club Model Train and Toy Show** where I get a 20 foot long table space to display model boats to the public as well as train people. This show happens the weekend of October 7th and 8th at the fairgrounds in Lynden, WA. It is indoors and always has a lot to see. *Contact me if interested in participating one or both days.* LOCATION: Northwest Washington Fairgrounds, Henry Jansen Agricultural Bldg., 1775 Front St., Lynden, WA. 98264. Website [www.lyndentrainshow.com](http://www.lyndentrainshow.com)
- 5) The last event for the summer/fall season up here will be the **Bellingham Seafeast** celebration October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Bellingham, WA, at Squalicum Harbor. This event showcases the food and the people who make a living from the sea. I am hosting a model display once again and welcome anyone that would like to come up and join in. This is an outdoor event and I will have the canopies set up along with tables.

Enjoy the summer and hope to see you at any of the above events.



## Stolen BB-63 Battleship Missouri Has Been Found, But Sad End.

Portland Model Power Boat Association's member Rick Piper reported that the saga of his March stolen Battleship Missouri model has come to an end. The model was found in four garbage bags in Portland, OR. The hull was cut up in four sections and none of the superstructure was found. TV story and more pictures at <https://www.kptv.com/2023/07/10/stolen-battleship-model-found-pieces-by-fox-12-viewer/>



## 2023 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar with ?? marks will be determined as the year progresses. (Updated 7/6/2023)

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15 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm  
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### MAY

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### DECEMBER

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?? Fun Float at ????? 9 am

### The Facility Makerspace





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*We have resumed in person club meetings!*

*Meetings are at "The Facility Makerspace".*

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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](http://www.modelboats.co.uk/news/article/but-i-don-t-understand-electronics/18054)