



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers  
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January 2025

## Look Ahead Events

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Wednesday

See more details in the expanded calendar section at the newsletter end.



Read more about members' projects.

## 2025 DUES ARE DUE



Annual dues are \$50. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to:

**Bryan Morse**  
1630 NE 186th St,  
Shoreline, WA 98155

Make checks payable to: NW R/C Ship Modelers

## From the Bridge

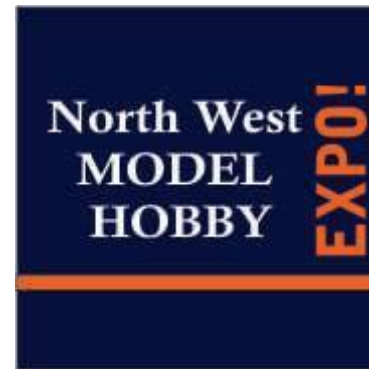
Richard Lenington

I would like to thank everyone for such a good turnout for both the meeting, about 22 members and 11 for the fun float. We did have a little rain, so we did it on the outside dock. That's not bad for the first of the year. We have been in contact with the Portland Club to do some joint events. More to follow.

We should also support the meeting location at The Facility Makerspace by seeing if we can take some more of their classes. They are giving us the room for free. Also, if anyone has a way to help and recruit more members in the club, please let us know.

Thank you

# 2025 Northwest Model Hobby Expo 3 Days in April



April 11, 2025 – Friday	Noon to 6 pm
April 12, 2025 – Saturday	9 am to 6 pm
April 13, 2025 – Sunday	9 am to 4 pm

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

For more information see EXPO's website [www.nwmhe.com](http://www.nwmhe.com)

*Mark Your 2025 Calendars!*

## Meeting Minutes – January 2, 2025

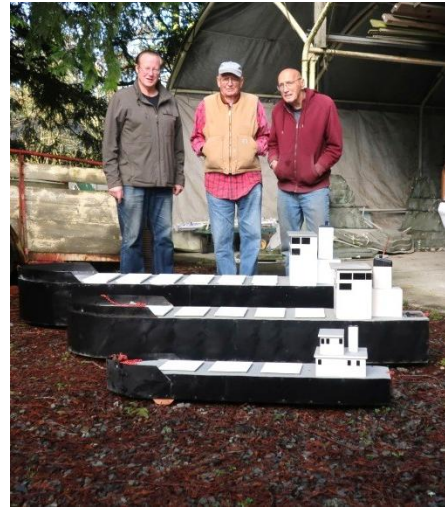
By Chris Merrill and Steve Sunich  
Photos by Richard Osmond, Steve Sunich and Paul Williams

We had our first club meeting of 2025 at The Facility Makerspace in Lynnwood, WA, with a crowd of 22. **Steve Sunich** presided over his last meeting, introducing **Richard Lenington** as the new president for 2025.

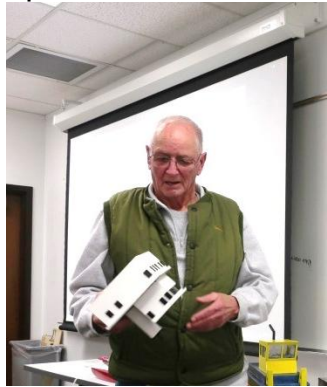


Steve reported on club finances.

**Robert Wickham** is recognized for his work on the club's salvage ships that he has been repairing. He has completely restored the 3 salvage boats that we inherited from the Foss Cup Group. He replaced the rotted plywood and tired foam flotation and made new superstructures and painted them with epoxy paint. They are probably 25 years old and had seen a lot of use being ridden hard and put away wet.



He also added some small hardwood feet to keep them from resting on the metal sides and being scraped and dented in the future.

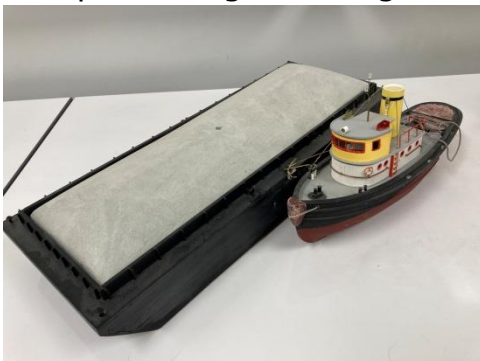


The three boats are stored at Bill Heath's home, Robert Osmond helped load and unload them.

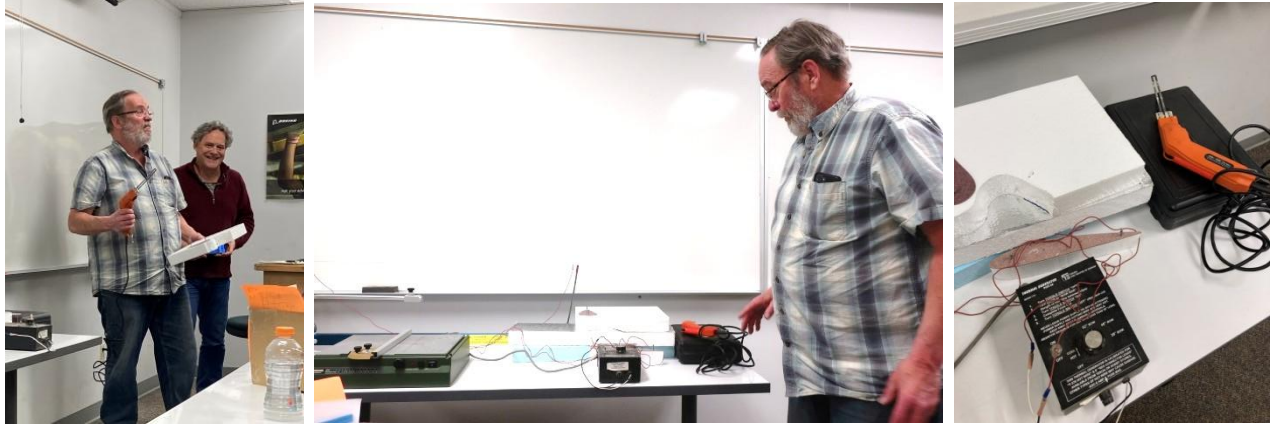
**Richard Lenington** introduced himself, mentioning some things he would like to see for next year and went on to Show and Tell.

### Show and Tell

**Paul Williams** kicked it off by showing us an ingenious tug and barge that was built by Phillip Northrup. The tug and barge are both actually powered and attached together.



**Mike Gullikson**, who is always full on knowledge of many different aspects, showed us his devices for cutting Styrofoam. It is a hot wire cutter that cuts very clean through most Styrofoams.



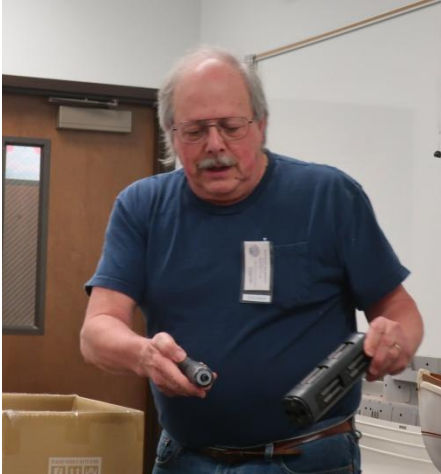
**Robert Wickham**, the club professor and keeper of a lot of club history, brought in a box of different motors.

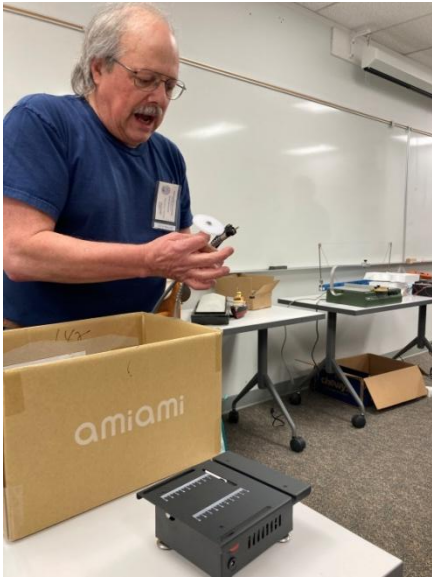


They are older motors that have been salvaged over the years. He took us back in time, about 30 years, when the large Pittman motors came available. It is a large 12 volt motor that was used by Boeing in airplanes to actuate different things in the airplanes. They were originally acquired by boat modelers from the Boeing surplus store. Many of our members cherish them and have been collecting them for use in our model boats. They are a high quality motor that is powerful, quiet and does not get hot. He also showed us another quality motor, which is the Globemaster. Many club members have used these motors in their larger boats. Both these motors have no problem turning 5" propellers. There is a new source where you can get new motors like these with the Pittman name on them. Contact Steve Sunich as to where they can be acquired. These motors are not cheap, but they are very exceptional motors. Robert also showed us a small motor device.



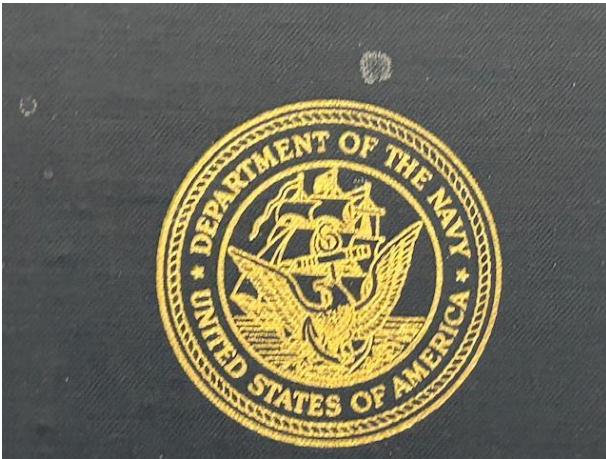
Chris Merrill came with a handy table saw.



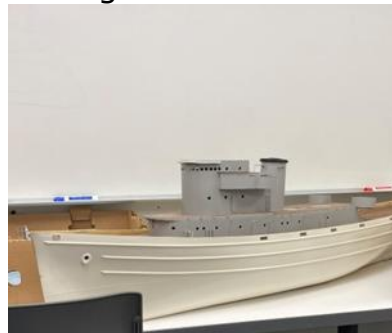


It is really cool because it comes with an attachment that is like a Dremel tool that is powered from the side of the table saw. It looks great for multiple uses.

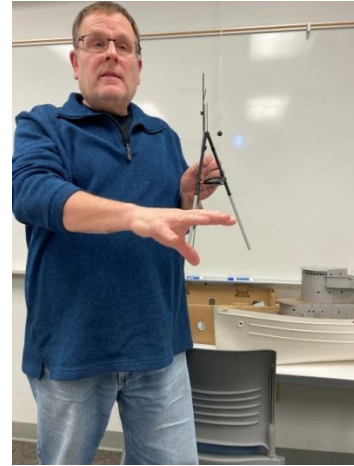
Chris also brought a book, by the US Navy, that talks about details of the many PT boats versions used in WWII.



**Keith Schermerhorn** came to the meeting from up north (Blaine, WA). He is our north representative and he attends almost any model function in Washington and Canada. A wealth of knowledge comes from Keith about the history of our club and building techniques. Keith brought his Navy ship he is building.



He gave us insight into the materials he used for the entire boat. He uses parts from a fishing pole for the mast that hold lights. The hollow fishing pole is easier to use than building the tower by hand. The decking is a particular challenge given the way the decking must overlap.



He also showed parts of a future model log tug boat that is used herd logs in waterways.



New member **Paul Lowe** displayed his steam launch that he intends on running at the fun float. He is finishing the boat, but is wrestling with how to seal the deck so it can be securely attached and yet waterproof so that it can be removed. It also has a working steam whistle.





After the meeting members had a chance to look at models, talk, and ask more questions.







## Fun Float January 4, 2024

By: Steve Sunich

Photos by: Richard Lenington, Robert Osmond

So, we had our first fun float of 2025 at Seattle Yacht Club. As usual, weather was threatening rain with only one bout of it and we were clear the rest of the morning. We were able to run on the outside dock and the water was pretty clear with only a couple of weed incidents.

**Steve Sunich** ran the replica of his 1:1 yacht with **Bill Brookes** giving it a shot also.



**Chris Merrill**, who is a staple at fun floats, ran multiple boats, like his PT boat and others.

**Robert Osmond**, who is always at fun floats, also ran multiple boats. He brought **Kevin Nolet** along for the ride.

New President, **Richard Lenington**, was also in attendance.



A new boat arrived on the scene. It was **Paul Lowe's** steam launch that he showed us at the meeting. He fired that thing up quickly and it ran flawlessly on steam power for quite a while.



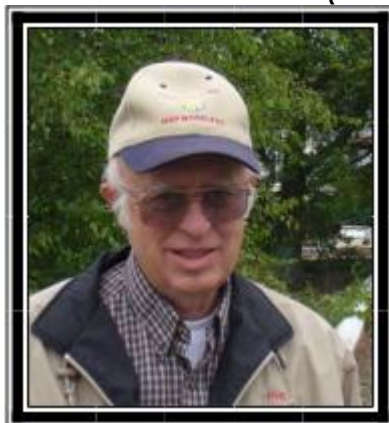
## Phillip Northrup – February 8, 1936 to December 28, 2024

Photos from club members



Phil joined the NWRCSM club in February 1991 and was president in 1995, 1996, and 1997. He was a member for thirty-three years.

**Shipmate Log – PHIL NORTHRUP** *(from February 2007 issue of the Bilge Pump).*



This month's log features long time club member Phil Northrup. Phil has been a member of our club since 1991. Few members are as active and accomplished as Phil. He served as club President during 1995-1997. In spite of living in the hinterlands of East Wenatchee, Phil is a most frequent participant in our club meetings and events. Even in the most severe weather periods Phil can be counted on. He claims his wife, Marilyn, requires his absence often and the club meetings offer a place for him to find refuge. Phil is one of the better modelers in the club. He has produced some excellent models that are extremely well detailed. They not only look good, they run good. Phil often pioneers new innovative techniques and is rightly proud of his "half" boat that not only shows a detailed cross section of the inner workings of the model and actually runs quite well on the pond. Phil retired in 1987 from the Wenatchee Fire Department as Assistant Fire Chief. He enjoys many craftsmanship oriented hobbies and recently completed a major remodel of Marilyn's kitchen. (By Mel Suelzle)

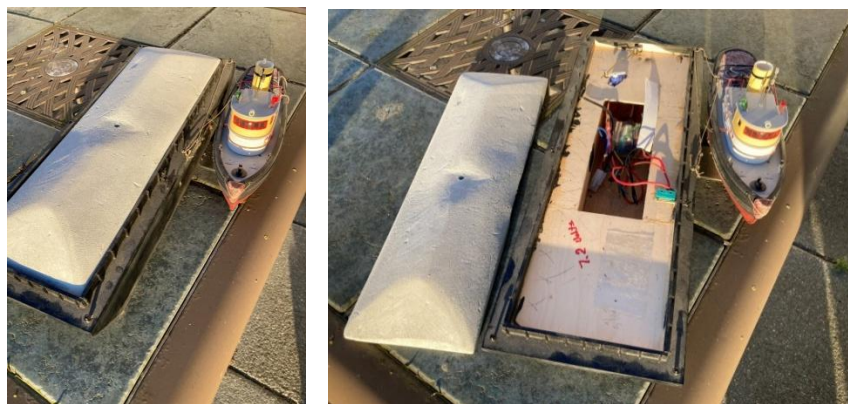
The complete obituary can be found online at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/wenatcheeworld/name/phillip-northrup-obituary?id=57271620>.

Of the many things mentioned in the obituary that he was remembered for was that he "... joined the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers in Lynnwood, WA. A self-taught carpenter and skilled remote-control model builder, ..."

Here are pictures of a few of the many boats built by Phil Northrup.



The remote controlled "half tugboat" and running in the pond.



Tugboat with a hidden motor and propeller in barge.

**For Sale Items for Jerry Julian.**

Here is part of a listing of model boat things being sold to support Jerry Julian of Olympia (a member since 1985). There is more to come as they are readied for sale. All proceeds go to his care at a assisted living facility. Contact Keith Schermerhorn at [wscherm@fidalgo.net](mailto:wscherm@fidalgo.net) or text message 360-306-1165.



Marine Patrol 1/24th scale with motorized out drive, no electronics, needs floor. Asking \$450.00



Bandit Boats fiberglass hull only \$130.00



2 sailboat fiberglass hulls (might have drawings) \$125.00 each



1/32nd scale fiberglass hull with wood deck/house with rudders, shaft supports, forward gun, stand, and drawings (over 4foot long) \$450.00



Small sail boat hull in blue \$35.00



Land sailing yacht kit \$135.00



## 2025 Northwest Remote Control Ship Modelers Events Calendar

*Remaining "???" dates and times will be listed as the year progresses. (Updated 12/2/2024)*

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### JUNE

- ?? Anacortes Waterfront Festival 10 to 6
- 5 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 7 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am

### JULY

- 3 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 6 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am

### AUGUST

- 7 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- ?? **NWRCSM's Navigation/Tug Boat Regatta** 8 am – 4 pm
- ?? Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.
- ?? BAMB Regatta. see [www.bammrc.com](http://www.bammrc.com) for details.
- 29-31 Olympia Harbor Days

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 6 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
- 27??? Fishermen's Fall Festival 11 am – 6 pm
- 27-28 Bellingham SeaFeast (See their website for times)

### OCTOBER

- 2 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 4 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
- ??? Lynden Lions Club Model Train & Toy Show (See their website for times)

### NOVEMBER

- 6 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 8 or 9? Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

### DECEMBER

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### The Facility Makerspace





Our meeting location is in part of the Edmonds Community College buildings (Monroe Hall) located at:

6606 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW.  
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

Meetings are the first Thursday of the Month. More information on this facility can be found at

<https://facilitymade.com/>



2025 Club Officers		
	<b>President:</b> Richard Lenington	<b>Webmaster:</b> Allan Wing
	<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Skagit R/C Meeting Contact:</b> Keith Schermerhorn
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