

The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers



August, 2012

SUMMER IS HERE, FOR NOW

DATES OF INTEREST

August

- 2nd** Club Meeting
- 5th** Fun Float
- 6th** Skagit Meeting
- 11th** Crawfish Festival
Tualatin, OR
- 18th** Foss Cup

September

- 1st** Skagit Meeting
- 6th** Club Meeting
- 9th** Fun Float
- 16th** Springer Event

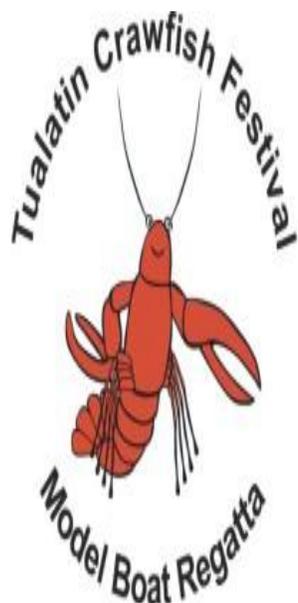
After all the complaining about our lack of Summer weather it has hit us with a vengeance. How long it will last we can only wait to see. It is good weather for our next scheduled activities, Tualatin and the Foss Cup. Maybe it will hang on long enough for the September Springer fest at Bob Jacobsen's.

The Tualatin schedule is to be found later in the newsletter as well as information on Foss Cup, from Keith Schermerhorn, one of the committee members. I know he would like to hear from some of our members who would like to assist in putting on the Foss Cup. There are many jobs which have to be done.

Continue to enjoy the Summer weather and participate in as many of the activities as you can.

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August 11th, 2012
Tualatin, Oregon

Bring your Boat to
Display or Play

Regatta Schedule

Friday Night August 10th,
impromptu float with kayaks and canoes.

Saturday Regatta and open sailing
9am -10 pm, August 11th

9am
. Maneuvering course
. Tanker Barge

Noon Lunch

1:30pm
. Dual tug barge handling
. Crane barge spotting

5:30pm Catered dinner at Century Hotel

8:30pm-10pm
Night run Open sailing

Sunday Morning, August 12th
. Open Sailing

All Events and times are subject to change
due to weather, participation, or other conditions
beyond our control.

Places to Stay

The Century Hotel

This hotel faces the pond.
<http://www.thecenturyhotel.com/>
8185 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road
Tualatin, OR 97062
503.692.3600
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7460 SW Warm Springes St.
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August Meeting Minutes by Dr. Ron

The meeting began at 1900 hours under the direction of our Vice Commodore, **Robert Wickham**. Turnout was the usual 20 or so mates but no guests or new members were present. **Ron Watson**, a member absent for some time, attended with renewed interest.

Robert announced the upcoming events, namely the fun float this Sunday at the Bellevue pond, Tualatin a week from this Saturday, Foss Cup the following Saturday and Burnaby the day after Foss Cup. **Tom Stevens** asked for volunteers to help with getting the Foss Cup put together and to make it successful. **Bob Jacobsen** discussed the September 16 fun float at his place on Lake Goodwin. The Springer contest will take place at this time and Bob will cook burgers and dogs. He asked that members bring side dishes, salads and deserts. He asked if there was an interest in having a silent auction as before and there seemed to be quite a bit of interest in this proposal.

Dain Webster is planning an evening event for the October fun float since the first Sunday is taken by another group at our regular time. **Dain** passed out four inch PVC end caps for 10 volunteers to make lighted buoys for the event. These builds are due at our October meeting and prizes for the best design will be awarded at our November meeting. **Dain** has put a lot of effort into this event and it is something new and different for the club.

The December dinner was brought up and Dain Webster and **Mike Jones** volunteered to get this off the ground ASAP as locations are filling up quickly. **Mel Suelzle** discussed the button cell lipo battery in the Spectrum DX6 transmitter which run down after 5 – 6 years. This needs to be replaced in order to preserve the programmed settings for each model. It is located deep in the circuit boards and is difficult to access. He ordered 6 of these batteries and plans to replace the one in Robert Wickham's transmitter as it loses it's memory when turned back on after sitting for some time.

After a break, **Noel Holley** showed his WW1 great lakes fiberglass freighter hull which he cast from a friend's mold. He is in the process of getting the drive and rudder systems installed. He made a very detailed rudder of brass for RC operation and another smaller one for static display. **Dr. Ron** discussed his Billings kit build of the

frigate *Absalon*, noting that the ABS hull and fittings are of very fine quality. All the wooden parts are delicately laser cut and make for very accurate fitting. However the preformed vacu-formed ABS deck fit poorly and had to be modified in order to fit properly. Next, he demonstrated the working functions of his new Robbe Happy Hunter build - lights, horn, winch, crane, and bow thruster which is activated by the rudder arms, thus freeing up a receiver slot. **Leif Bentzen** proudly presented his build of the Billings kit *Smit Nederland* with it's Becker rudders. The model is complete except for the masts and rigging. He hopes to christen it at the fun float this weekend or at Tualatin next weekend. Tom Stevens demonstrated how his tow line retrieval device operates and passed out patterns for those wishing to build one. His was constructed from sheet aluminum and put together with pop rivets which he intends to replace with nuts and bolts as one of the rivets is loosening.

The meeting concluded at 2:30, the chairs were stacked and everyone headed for home ports. Some lingered outside for further discussions.



Foss Cup Input From Keith Schermerhorn

Well summer has finally heated up and so is all the fun coming during August. The big event for the tug boating crowd will be on the 18th with the annual **Foss Cup Tug Regatta** in Bellevue. This annual event will host some of the best model tug skippers from all over the West Coast of the US and Canada competing to see who will be top dog for 2012. What is Foss Cup for those that do not know? This is a regatta for modelers to do model tug work, similar to what would be done in the full size world. The unique feature here is that the judges for the day were or are experienced tug captains with many years of service on various styles of tugs. The events of the day include: Barge Handling, Salvage, Team Towing, Special Awards, Foss family photo (boats), and open water for those that want to play-- er, I mean demonstrate model boat handling. To win the Foss Cup, you must have the best combined score from barge handling and salvage. Team Towing is a separate event where 2 people, working together move a vessel through a separate course. Boats will be broken down into the following classes: *Small (15 pounds and under)*, *Medium (15.01 to 30pounds)*, *Large (30.01 pounds on up to hernia size)*, *Vintage (long skinny boat with open rudder)*, and *Masters (past winners only)*. Now if you plan to attend and compete, you do not have to do all the events. You just can't win the big award without doing the basic salvage and barge events. If you just want to display your models, we welcome them to be on display as well. We will allow each skipper at least 1 boat to compete and possibly a second boat depending on the number of entries and the speed of which every one gets through the first round. So make sure your favorite tug is the first tug you want to win the event with and it is ready to go. There is a \$5.00 entry for the first boat and \$5.00 for second boat, if it is deemed there is time. We will also be having the raffle again for donated items from hobby vendors, industry supporters, and friends of the Foss Cup.

As with any event that is held, we can use some extra help through out the day. Moving salvage vessels back out into pond, registration, galley for lunch, raffle ticket sales, and maybe even some logistical help. If you have a barge, you are welcomed to bring it and we will help determined the ones that can be used for the specific classes in Barge Handling. We will have some lines available for tying up to barges, but recommend having your own so that you can make up to the barge the best way you feel comfortable. Same goes for the salvage event. Make up a "salvage hook" that can be towed behind your tug that can grab the line off a derelict vessel to be towed in. We will have one or two hooks available if you don't have one.

Regardless, you the skipper will be responsible for all work in accomplishing the job by the end of the day. The most important objective of the day will be to have FUN. Challenge yourself and you may be surprised at what you can do and just may walk away with the award! Hope to see you there.

If you can give a little help, let me know before or that day.

Thanks,

Keith Schermerhorn
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Besides Foss Cup, I am busy with a couple of other model events that I would like to invite you to attend. The first one will be Saturday August 4th in Blaine to celebrate their Harbor Days at Drayton Harbor Marina from 10am to about 4 pm. This will be a static show for all types of model boats for the attending public to view. Tables will be provided and if one wants to play in the water (salt) there is room for that as well. There will other activities going on that include steam boats on the bay, Plover rides, and a dirty boat/raft race. This harbor is within viewing of the Peace Arch and the US/Canadian border.

The other event will be Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1&2) at the Bellingham International Maritime Museum. This is another fun day with r/c boat demos (playing) in the new indoor 30' round pond (mark2 version). The event is free for attendees with the request to bring in model boats for display for one or both days. The pond will be available for modelers and general public with a couple of dedicated boats for the kids to play with. This will be a great way to finish up a busy summer season with no stress --just fun. There are a few new displays and other interesting items for those that have not been there, that celebrate the maritime history of the region (Wash/BC/Alaska). Several rebuilt classic boats on display (wood and fiberglass), the PBR & Pac V (hovercraft), DWUCK, models, anchors, and other maritime artifacts. This event is used as a fund raiser for the museum, with the general public donating to attend. No matter what the weather is doing outside, it will be nice indoors! Several great eating establishments are near by as well as the farmers market on Saturday. For more information and directions, visit <<http://www.bellinghammaritimemuseum.org/>> and check out the new updated website.

Have a great rest of summer and hope to see you at any one of the great events for the summer!



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