



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

December, 2011

DATES OF INTEREST

December

1st Club Meeting - Dinner

4th Float scheduled at Lake Union

7th Skagit Meeting - Pig Out

January

2nd Skagit Meeting

5th Club Meeting

8th Float scheduled at Lake Union

CLIFF SHAW WINNER



Earl R. Anderson

".....Innovation in boat design, engineering design or workmanship, helpfulness to others in the club and the hobby in general and active in the sport." ".... someone who really enjoys what they are doing and loves figuring out new and fun ways to accomplish this. Helpfulness to others and participation in club events are also a must."

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Gift to the Club

Long time club member, Earl Anderson has donated the major portion of his fleet to the club for the purpose of raising funds. Earl has had to curtail his club involvement due to some very challenging health problems. Earl's generosity only underlines his qualities which garnered for him the Cliff Shaw Award for 2011. Earl we thank you for your gift, but we would rather have your presence at our activities.

Many of you know Earl's predominance in the field of polo. His Springers have always been the envy of the other participants. Speed was one of the factors his boats always had over his fellow contestants. Well, several of these boats are in the donation. These and other boats and supplies will be auctioned off to the highest bidders at our February meeting at Galaxy Hobby.

Between now and that meeting, you will be receiving a "catalog" of the available items so you will be able to plan your finances and strategies. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to own some high quality works of engineering and fame.

Earl, we thank you and wish you God Speed. We look forward to seeing you soon and often!



FROM THE QUARTER DECK

As I sit down to write my last entry for the newsletter, I have mixed feelings. It has been an exciting two years but I feel it is time to let someone else take the helm. Lee has many fresh ideas and this is always good. I am happy for all the help I had getting things done to make the club events happen. I feel Lee will get the same sort of support.



This coming year will see changes in the Hobby Expo. The founder and principle driver behind the event John Foglesond past away in October. For this year they plan to run the show as planned. The dates are February 10 to 12. I would expect our participation to be very much the same as the past years. I suppose the big question is what will happen in the years to come.

Earl Anderson has donated his collection of boats and parts to the club. It will be Lee's task to figure out how to sell or use these boats. There are several options and exactly what to do will be determined within the next month.

I do have one hope for the new year and that is that Bellevue will have it within their budget to clean and refresh the water in Bellevue park pond at least a couple of times during the summer. We have pictures of Phil wading around the pond looking for a lost propeller. He finally found the propeller but it took over half an hour. The water was so cloudy that it was almost impossible to see the bottom and a 3 inch propeller and shaft.

As I close, I look forward to my future. I will still be an active member in the club with one big difference. When Darlene and I plan our next trip, we will not have to make sure the timing fits nicely within the club schedule. I hope to see you at many of the events and I am sure you all will hear about our adventures.



Lee good luck and remember, I will always be available to help or tell you how I would have done it.

Allan

Pacific Marine Expo

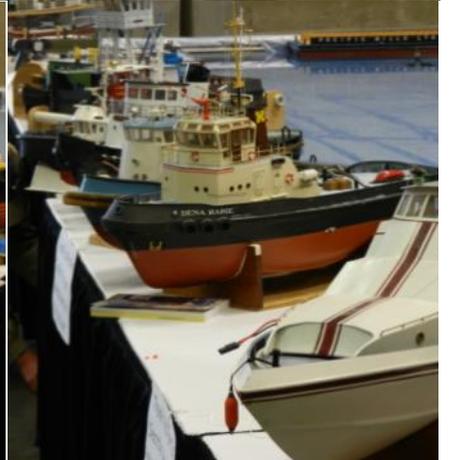
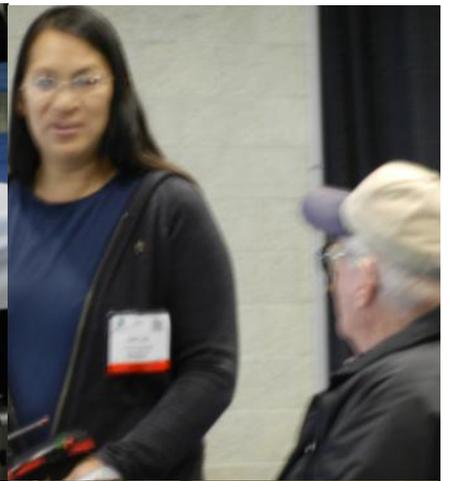
This was a rousing success, according to those who participated in this year's Expo. Those who turned out on Wednesday to set up the pond were very pleased when Kevin Klocke, the new owner of the pond, showed up when he said he would. This has not always been the case in the past. It took very little time to assemble the aluminum girders and lay out the plastic liners, which meant the pool was filled and Kevin could leave the hall by 6:00 PM.

Many of the members brought boats Wednesday and there were many more on the tables surrounding the pond, when the show officially opened on Thursday. The action in the pond started immediately as fire boats and tugs began maneuvering among the piers and buoys placed in the water. John Pineau, from Canada, had built a barge for Kevin on which to land his helicopter. After all the morning work had been accomplished and boats were in action, Kevin brought out the 'copter. It was very obvious that he had been practicing a great deal since last year. There was not one splash down the whole show!

It took the showgoers a while to find our new location, but once they did, they showed their interest by standing two to three deep along the edges of the pond. There were old salts, military personnel and The Olde Scribe's favorite, the children.

Thank you Kevin for your pond and to all of those who made this the success that it was.





December Minutes by Dr. Ron

Our December function was held at the Lucky Buffet, in Everett, with our outgoing president, **Allan Wing**, providing a great power point program. He recapped the events of 2011 with a number of photos and text and then went on to describe our fun floats and polo matches.

Before and during dinner there was a running slide show of many of our boats and events for all to enjoy. The facility served us well with ample food choices and a private room with stage, screen, projector and sound system. With 49 members and guests present, this turned out to be a very enjoyable event. There was a great turn out from the Skagit members and a few old members, who have not been seen for some time. Hopefully they will return to active membership status.

Our incoming President, **Lee Stewart**, presented Allan with a plaque for his two year service as President, two year service as Vice President and for his and Darlene's efforts in providing the members with their editorial skill in producing our newsletter.

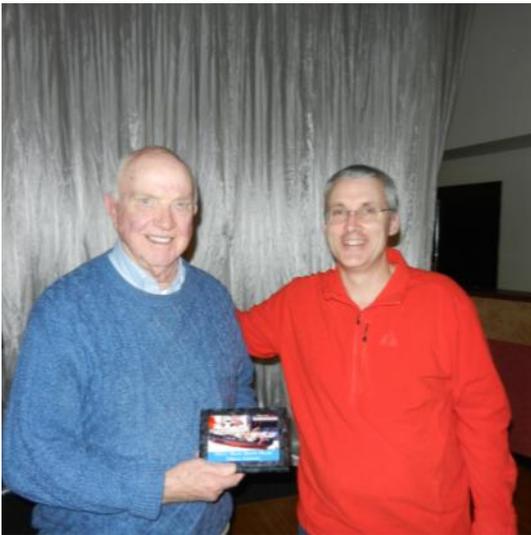
After introducing the candidates for the Cliff Shaw Award, **Earl Anderson, Tom Stevens** and **Bob Wickham**, the award went to Earl Anderson.

Mike Shaw presented **David Green** the award for best built boat for the year 2011. David scratch built a Coast Guard buoy tender, with a functional crane, which was demonstrated in a video clip. Models, to be judged, were presented at the November meeting.

Tom Stevens presented a framed picture of **Dr. Ron** and **Sam Stout** holding up there sliced fingers from the X-acto blades **Mel Suelzle** distributed earlier in the year. The caption on the picture read "our moms said that we shouldn't play with sharp objects, but we thought she was crazy". Tom presented a plaque to **Kevin Klocke** who had made the statement, "It takes talent to fly a helicopter or plane but any idiot can run a boat". It seems that Kevin was operating the seiner skiff for the seine set at Marine Expo, when he caught the prop in the launch line thus pulling the skiff under the transom of the seiner, causing water intrusion to the skiff. After this incident he made the statement, "You're kidding. No one has done this before?" Both quotes are on the plaque, with appropriate pictures. However, Kevin did fly his helicopter many times without suffering a catastrophe as in the past.

As the year comes to an end with the final fun float this Sunday at the Lake Union pond, we can look forward to the many activities in the coming year, under new, enthusiastic leadership.

The December Meeting



Left - Dave Green receives "Best Built Award" from Mike Shaw.

Right - Earl Anderson holding the plaque presented to him by Allan Wing for the Cliff Shaw Award.





**Another year in the annuals of the club!
Does anyone else think it pasted very
rapidly?**



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