



# THE BILGE PUMP

The Official Log of the  
Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

February 2007



**From the Wheelhouse** By Mel Suelzle.

**Our new year is off to a disappointing start with the cancellation of the 2007 NORTHWEST HOBBY EXPO.**

This has long been a feature event for Hobbyists in the Pacific Northwest. The organizer plans for an event in 2008 at the Quest Field Center. This will be more convenient in some ways and lets hope that the normal schedule will be resumed next year. Hobby Expo was the lone event where we could see a broad array of vendors and interface with modelers of all types. We look forward to lending our continued support for this event. However, we may an **alternative event** in the making.....

A group is working on getting support for a **EVERGREEN NORTHWEST MODEL EXPO** at the Monroe Fairgrounds on March 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> with setup on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I have communicated our interest in this event and will communicate more info as it is available.

**NEW FEATURE!** - I have long thought a good newsletter feature would be to highlight members and share information about their background, interests and skills beyond model boating. I have been unsuccessful in getting a regular contributing editor for this so I thought I would kick it off with a couple members featured in this newsletter. This is a simple task that many could easily perform and help make our newsletter more interesting. Anyone and everyone is welcome to contribute to these articles. We should try to keep them under 200 words in length. (the articles in this newsletter are 140 & 185 words). Take a shot and sent it to Darlene or me. We can do the final editing and find a photo to use if you like.

## Upcoming Events



### February

- 1 NWRCSM. Meeting,  
7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 4 Fun Float, Center for  
Wooden Boats
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers,  
Lake Jack
- 10 Anacortes RC Event & Swap  
Meet, Bellingham Maritime  
Museum,  
10:00 AM-4:00 PM

### March

- 1 NWRCSM. Meeting,  
7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 4 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond.
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers,  
Lake Jack

### April

- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
Lake Jake
- 5 NWRCSM. Meeting,  
7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond  
Springer Event

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**Looking towards 2007**, I have set some goals to simplify some of our processes. I firmly believe that the successes and longevity of the club is due to our lack of structure, rules and formality. Our primary goal is to have fun and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members. Rules and complexity only get in the way and diminish the ability to meet this primary goal.

I plan to scrutinize every process and look for ways to do it simpler and with less pain and strain. I welcome your suggestions on how we might work toward this goal.

One way we can simplify our dues renewal process was presented and approved at our January meeting. Our policy of having dues renew annually based on the date a member joined, creates complexity and confusion by those that monitor the membership and for members who forget when they joined. Many clubs have everyone's dues payable in January. This simplifies the accounting process and eliminates tracking due dates and much of the follow-up for late payers. In order to be fair with new members we need a way to pro rate dues when members join during the year. If we pro rate by each quarter, then new members need only pay ¼ the dues (\$5) for each whole quarter left in the year. Members joining in January thru March pay \$20, if they join in April thru June, its \$15 and so on.

To transition to this annual payment for existing members we will use the same pro rated schedule for renewing dues during 2007. By January 2008 all member dues will be **payable in January**. To assist in this transition, we will list the names of members that are due in the first newsletter of each quarter. Those with due dates of January, February & March are listed in this newsletter.

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

## Vantec Speed Controls

In years past, the club has place quantity orders with Vantec for electronic speed controls. Vantec offers significant discounts for orders of 20 or more. Since there is much interest, we are attempting to put together a quantity order for the Vantec RET 411P. This is a 5-26V, 12 Amp (continuous) ESC that normally lists for \$74.95. If we can place an order for at least 20 units we can get them for \$50 including shipping. To order these as soon as possible yet give everyone a chance to order, we have set a cutoff date of February 15<sup>th</sup> when we will place the order with Vantec. Your payment must be received by this date. Hopefully, we can have them for distribution at the March meeting. Make checks payable to NWRCSM and send to Ed Maurer at 22309 54<sup>th</sup> Ave. West, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043.

## 2007 Calendars are available



Thanks to **Allan Wing** for putting the 2007 club calendar together again this year. While revisions will surely occur, this initial version is on the website (Thanks Gordy) and hard copies will be available at the February meeting.

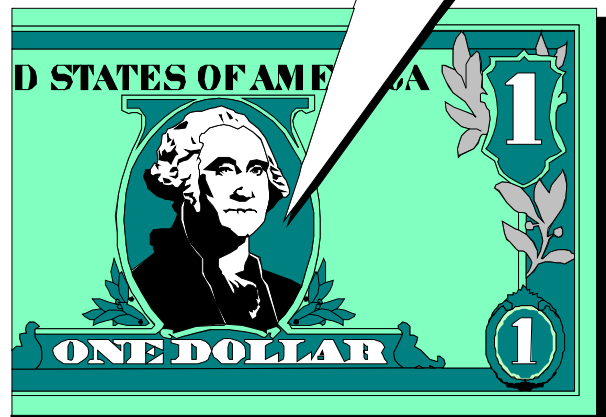
## MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE IN JANUARY

The following members dues are expired or will expire during January – March of 2007. Dues for the rest of 2007 are \$20 and DUE NOW!

Ken Adams	Roger Lyons
Leif Bentzen	Keith Lingscheid
Ryan Boven	Burt Maxwell
Gordy Canney	Lar Malleis
Kit Clark	Phil Northrup
Gerhard Ericksen	Morrie Robinson
David Green	Ed Rogala
Sandy Gaines	Gerald Sager
Norm Hiatt	Keith Schermerhorn
Mike Haff	Ken Strickland
Gary Irby	Jack Spore
Gerald Julian	Bruce Smiley
Scott Lee	John Witt
Vic Lanza	Roger Wright

**Please submit your  
payment promptly to  
Ed Maurer.-**

**Thank You.**



## New Shipmate Introduction – INGVAR TSONG

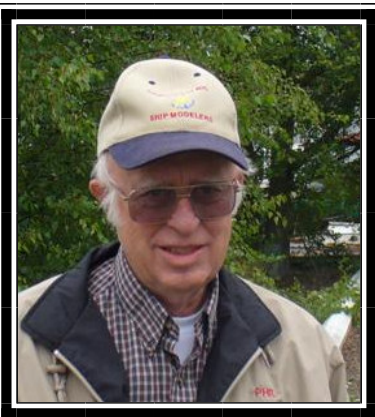


In November, Ingvar Tsong joined our club and has been an active participant at our fun floats recently. Ingvar is a retired Engineer who worked for Seaspan in Vancouver for over 22 years. Ingvar came to Canada from Norway in 1968 and moved to Seattle in 1977 where he met his wife Lillian.

Ingvar has a Jolly Jay RTR boat that he is using to hone his model boat handling skills while he is building the Wyeforce tugboat. Besides building and running model boats, Ingvar enjoys boating, fishing, travel and boat cruises. While we were fighting winds and rainstorms, Ingvar and Lillian were enjoying a little nicer weather on their 16 day trip to Hawaii over the holidays.

We welcome Ingvar to our club and look forward to seeing his new tug on the pond soon. MFS

## Shipmate Log – PHIL NORTHRUP



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 has 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. MFS



## BADGES - Your label of Success

Our club grew by over 20% last year. This is a great trend that we hope to continue. In order to make new members feel welcome we started including the cost of name badges in the first years dues. Badges help old members know the names of new members and ALSO to help new members learn the name of old members. Members are asked to help newcomers learn the names of fellow club member by **wearing your name tags at all club events.**

# January Meeting

By Randy Flodquist

Mel called a big mob to order at 1933. Seemed like about twenty-four including Ron Burchett who stopped by. He reviewed the December dinner meeting. Total cost to the club was \$600. A round of applause for Darlene Wing's first news letter ( done by candlelight ). Hobby Expo at Puyallup is dead for 2007.

Under NEW BUSINESS was a chance to buy VanTec speed controllers for \$50 each. 26V,12 amp. Write a check to Ed. Hand raising made it a go; gotta buy twenty to get the discount.

Earl Anderson has got us into Kalarny Pool in Bellevue on January 14 for a polo go. Maybe a committee can get lots of competitions going in this fast growing activity.

It was voted to simplify the dues process. The \$20 is due in January. For the balance of this year you pay on a prorated basis. Jan-Mar is \$20, Apr-Jun is \$15, July-Sept is \$10, and Oct-Dec will be \$5.

Following all the math we took the usual break.

For SHOW 'N TELL Mel shared the Slip Knot Award. Allan Wing showed us a nice battery charger (from Tower) that works on 12V DC and 120V AC. Up to five amps. \$139.

Earl had a big plastic barge to go with his plastic Springer. It'll weigh 8.5 pounds.

Doug Wilson had his OAK Springer. And it's still light.

Bob Wickham had a Springer too. Also a high capacity bilge pump.



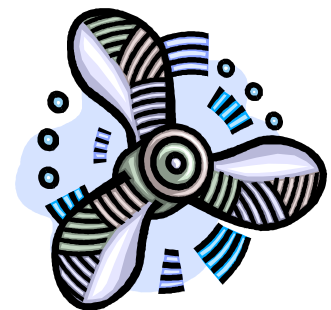
Bob Jacobsen had a cute outboard hydroplane kit.

Lonnie had his supply boat which has now been glassed. It sure is sleek. Tom had his million dollar money clip and a report that Vern is doing OK after his operations, infections, and other rough weather type things. Gettin' cabin fever bad. Tom was quickly awarded a bent prop for losing his boat at the CWB.

With that we stacked the chairs and broke loose at 2100.

## ***BENT PROP AWARD***

*Tom Stevens*



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# SKAGIT R/C SHIP MODELERS

.....Dusty Graham

Tuesday - January 2, 2007 - 1911 hrs.

Crew on board: **Wayne, Leonard, Dusty, Jack, Sam Lostutter** (hasn't been able to attend for some time - glad to have him back) **Keith, Shawna, Jackie & Jessica** (Shawna's daughters - and possible skippers in this years Foss Cup - see picture below).

**Jack** informed the group that there was a cake for **Leonard's** birthday, coffee, and cookies.

We had a big discussion on the picture of **Keith** in his waders that was part of **Mel's** pig out presentation. **Keith** informed the group that **Wayne** had him pose for the picture...but there was some question about that.

We talked about the Springer Polo Boats. There was a suggestion that the group get some made and join in the fun.

**Keith** talked about many of the Dumas kits are now made from ABS and not fiberglass. Many are up on the Dumas website. **Keith** also reminded us that the Bellingham International Maritime Museum (BIMM) will host the first annual Regional Radio Control and Scale Model Exhibition on Saturday, February 10, 2007 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. BIMM is located at 800 Cornwall Ave, Bellingham. The event will also have a modelers swap meet. For more information contact **Keith** at [wscherm@fidalgo.net](mailto:wscherm@fidalgo.net) or **Mike Grant** at [waterlineusa@earthlink.net](mailto:waterlineusa@earthlink.net).

**Sam** brought the 2007 Dakota Creek Industries calendars to share with all. Many of the photos in the calendar were contributed by **Dusty**. Dakota Creek is a large shipyard in Anacortes, and just finished building a fireboat for Seattle (the Leschi).

It was time to have cake and celebrate **Leonard's** birthday. **Shawna**, under the instruction of **Jack**, cut the cake. **Sam, Dusty, & Leonard** seem to be enjoying the cake -(see below).

We secured at 2104 hrs



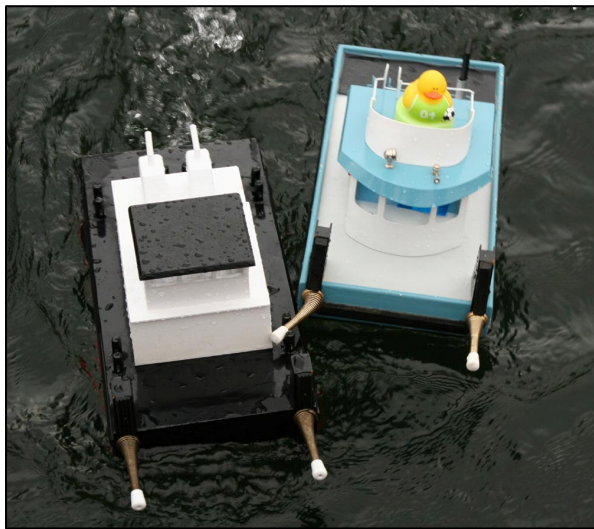
## January 7<sup>th</sup> Fun Float By Allan Wing

We had many of the normal suspects at another winter fun float at the Center for Wooden Boats. This time it was not rain but wind that was a concern for the boaters. Most people stayed very near the dock or even in the area beside the boathouse where there was more protection from the wind. A few ventured out in to the more open areas and it was rough sailing. Randy Floodquist had his boat Suzy. This is a nice little model of a Virginia V type boat with lots of side area on its superstructure. He got blown around quite a bit and at times because of the high wind he had little or no control. Finally with the boat some 20 feet off the end of the last dock, he gained control and was able to get it back in. If he had failed, the next stop would have been Gas Works Park.



During a contest of speed Mel and Allan got their Springers tangled. Neither boat was damaged but it shows another hazard that could be encountered in a match.

In addition Ben Floodquist brought his new Kayak that he is just finishing building and paddled around the area. It is a beautiful sleek craft and big enough that he was little affected by the wind.



## **FOR SALE**

### DUMAS BROOKLYN TUG

Partially completed as shown in the photos.  
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