



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

January 2018

Three Month Look Ahead

JANUARY

- 26 NW Hobby Expo 10am-6pm
- 27 NW Hobby Expo 9am-6pm
- 28 NW Hobby Expo 9am-3pm

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FEBUARY

- 1 Meeting 7 pm
@ Galaxy Hobby
- 3 Fun Float 9 am
@ Seattle Yacht Club

MARCH

- 1 Meeting 7 pm
@ Galaxy Hobby
- 3 Fun Float 9 am
@ Seattle Yacht Club

April

- 5 Meeting 7 pm
@ Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Fun Float 9 am
@ Bellevue Pond

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DUE IN JANUARY**



From the Wheel House

Mel Suelzle

Happy New year to our members and their families. The long anticipated New Year has arrived. We can hunker down and

actually doing those things we delegated for "next year". This is the building season and I hope to see a lot of new watercraft on the pond at Monroe. If you are getting off to a slower start this year, you still have time to pick up some great buys at Hobby Expo and get going.

2018 promises to be an exciting year. Gone are the days of the uncertainty if there will a spot for us at the Bellevue Pond. We look forward to a full array of fun floats and the Regatta on time and without last year's uncertainty. From what I hear, the community loves the new park arrangement. I believe we will feel the same as I predicted last year, that when the dust settles we will look back on the Bellevue project as a positive change for us also. While we like the new layout, the new construction forced us to spread our wings and look for other locations to run.

Unquestionably, the Seattle Yacht Club was a big surprise. More than just our usual Opening Day Week all day run, we have visited this facility several times this past year, including this year's January through March. We also don't have to worry about the squishy grass at Bellevue in the early months as the concrete solves that problem. The lighter concrete color helps locate the duck "bombs" lying around.

Speaking of the Seattle Yacht Club, I think we should work towards tightening our relationship with this organization. For years we have had our special opening week day that everyone enjoys. This year we have taken advantage of their hospitality for extra fun

floats in absence of the Bellevue pond. There are several great areas to run in protected waters, good shelter in foul weather; it is centrally located to our membership and most of all, they like us to use their facility for our events. Aside from the occasional fun float in more local areas, I feel this should be our default alternative to Bellevue Pond. This year I would like to explore ways we can work more closely with the SYC. One mutually beneficial way would be to display our boats for the yacht club members to enjoy. Perhaps there are other ways we can cooperate as well. **Steve Sunich** is a member of the club and has arranged all our extra fun floats this past year. Steve will continue as our SYC liaison and seek ways that we can work together.

January Meeting

The meeting this month was held at the Edmonds Museum where Doc and Mel had several of their models as well as those of others for the Commanders of the Craft display – the art of ship modeling. There were 22 members who made the trek to enjoy the display as well as the other displays the museum has to offer.



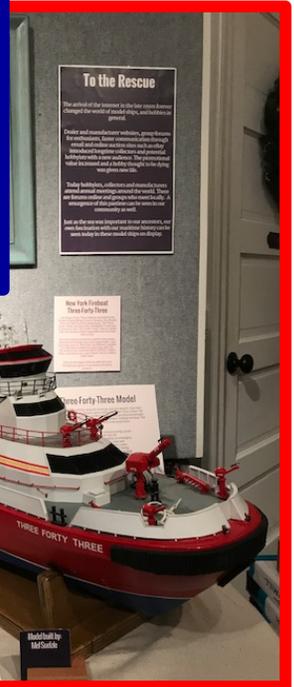
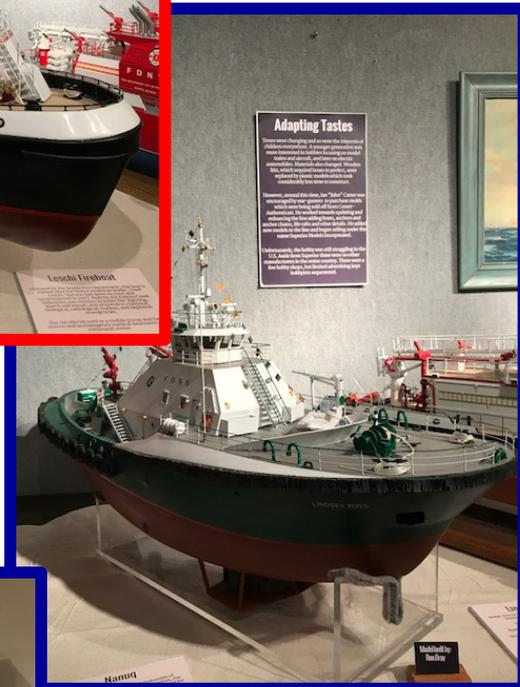
There were no guests or show and tell items, so Mel went straight to business items. He reminded us that we need to get our dues in this month as we have had a number of expenses. After paying for our storage, SSMA dues and insurance, and site expenses, we are still solvent and awaiting the influx of dues to replenish the coffers. We were reminded that Hobby Expo is coming up at Monroe on the 26th through the 28th of this month and that our models should be readied for display and operation. A signup sheet was passed to cover the hours at the pond and our booth. It was decided to have a running time for kids for ½



hour every two hours. So, bring boats that they can operate.

An event to honor and roast Tom Stevens will be held tomorrow at the V Star Buffet in Everett. Our fun float will be at the Seattle Yacht Club this Saturday starting at 9 AM. The meeting concluded at 1925 and we were then able to view the exhibits.









A DAY TO HONOR TOM

On January 5th over 60 fellow club members, friends and family gathered at a luncheon held in honor of Tom Stevens. Tom and his wife Sandy had a great meal and a fun time sharing memories from the group. Hundreds of photos were shared in a slideshow during the meal followed by a “roast” of Tom. Everyone had a great time sharing moments that always touched the heart and sometimes tickled the funny bone at the same time.

January 6th Fun Float

Steve Sunich

Seattle Yacht Club was again the venue for the first winter fun float of 2018 held on January 6. Even though the weather was difficult, a half dozen members participated and ran boats. Since there was construction at the normal dock, we ran and launched at the dock at the end of the parking lot. There was a ton of sheltered water and plenty of room to stand on the dock. Depending on anyone’s comfort level, boats could be run close in and sheltered or all the way to Queen City Yacht Club. This was actually better water and it had real easy access as we parked only a few feet away. Launching was super easy with no carts required. **Steve’s** large Invader class tug was launched but he soon discovered that his hatches over his switches were bolted down and he had no tools with him to open them so his boat just got wet and did not run. **Mel Suelzle** and **Al Kinsman** pushed each other around a little, Bob Wickham ran a waterproof polo and **Robert Osmond** was surfing. **Paul Williams** ran his South Hampton. Even some dues money being exchanged to keep memberships up to date. The group broke up after a couple hours retiring to drier quarters.

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Annual dues are \$30. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to Paul Williams:

645 Manaco Beach Road,
Camano Island, WA 98282.

Make checks payable to NW R/C Ship Modelers



For Sale

We have been contacted by a person that would like to donate his unfinished model to someone in our club. This model is a Latina model Marine II the hull and cabin are built but without detailing. Unfortunately, the hull suffered a fall and is damaged and needs repair. Below are some photos. If you are interested contact Denny O'Neil at dennyoneil@msn.com.



Vintage Douglas Greg Harbor Tug Kit

These single screw tug hulls were designed by the late Dwight Hartman in the early 70's. The hull is 1/25th scale, 42" Long, 11 1/2" wide and displaces approx. 33 pounds. This kit is the # 500 hull, is still in the box, and was shipped to the original buyer in San Francisco in May 2002. The kit contains the following: Fiberglass Hull, Main Cabin, Sub-Deck, a 3/16th stuffing box & stainless-steel shaft. Also provided are 2 complete sets of original plans, top & side view drawings, & fitting details, 1 set of "extra details" plans and a 4-part building article by Kurt Van Dahm published in 2006 Ships in Scale magazine. The kit also has a brass rudder assembly kit, keel guard & a 1975 black & white photo of the finished boat. The kit appears pretty much complete except for missing the stack. This kit is designed for an experienced builder seeking a serious tug boat. The Hartman Douglas Greg's were known for their exceptional stability, good maneuverability & can be powered with a large size electric motor.

For further information or additional photos contact: Ken Valk
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Price: \$850.00 (Or Best Offer)

The kit is located in Camas, Washington.



These three beauties are looking for new homeports.

For more information, you can call Norman Hiatt at 425-438-0790



From the North End

Keith Schermerhorn

Welcome to 2018 and looking forward to another year of fun. We started the year off with a meeting on the 8th with 4 members in attendance. We discussed upcoming events for the year in the hobby and future retirement of member Ralf. Not that he is counting the days to be able to work on all his model and cars projects. We also spent some time talking about Tom and the interesting memories he has created for each of us. Wishing him and Sandy the best at this time. Here is the list of events so far for the 2018 season where we will have a display:



- Waterfront Festival in Anacortes, first weekend in June 2 & 3
- Tug Regatta, Bellingham, August 18
- Bellingham SeaFeast, Sept. 22 at the harbor

Of course, there are all the other events going on that we will be seeing and attending like Hobby

Expo, NW R/C Ship Modelers Regatta, Burnaby, Pac Car open House, and more to come.

Sailing continues for the sheet boat guys including Larry Stiles, racing for the fasties, and our meetings will continue to be at PUD building for February and March on the 1st Monday.

Show and tell had another tug project that Santa delivered to Keith in time for Christmas in the form of a Western Titan hull/deck/ lower housing from Loyalhanna Dockyard. These people have been great supporters of our events. So this project was ordered as my way of showing our thanks for that support. I am one to always advocate supporting the vendors/business that support our events. Without them, the raffles and such would be pretty boring. Wayne brought in some old Scale Ship Modeler magazines that were for the taking along with some tires and a Texaco tug bank. In the magazines were some articles that covered past NW R/C Ship Modelers regattas. It was a fun reminder to see people that are no longer here and some of the models that shaped these events. So hope to see you at any or all the events in 2018. And, if you find yourself looking for a Monday night adventure, then come on up to one of our meetings and join in. Show us what you're working on to.

Hobby Expo Monroe Fairgrounds January 26th – 28th

The dates for Hobby Expo are fast approaching. Again this year we plan to have Kevin Locke's pond to demonstrate our models. We will have a nearby booth and hope to have lots of models on and off the water for Expo attendees to enjoy. The hours of the event are shorter this year. The hours of the show are:

Friday	January 26th	10 am to 6 pm
Saturday	January 27th	9 am to 6 pm
Sunday	January 28th	9 am to 3 pm

We plan to have junior skipper boat running on Saturday, scheduled for 30 minutes every 2 hours. Be sure and bring some of your slower and less pretty boats to share with them.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF MEMBERS ON HAND TO RUN BOATS, INTERFACE WITH THE SPECTATORS AND WATCH OUR DISPLAYED BOATS. WITH A GOOD MEMBER TURNOUT, WE ALL CAN TAKE A BREAK AWAY TO HAVE LUNCH AND ENJOY THE OTHER VENDORS, DISPLAYS AND OF COURSE THE SWAP MEET. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOAT, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE BY MANING THE BOOTH OR OVERSEEING THE POND ACTIVITY.

Entrance fees are \$10 for day passes for Friday or Saturday, \$7 on Sunday, and \$5 for Military Passes good for all 3 days are \$20

SCALE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO OUR MEMBERS. Entry fee is \$5/boat and **INCLUDES** a \$10 day pass for Friday. Classes for boats are: Military, Work, Pleasure and Racing. Cash prizes for 1st & 2nd place winners. For more information visit <http://www.nwmhe.com/>

HERE'S A TIP: Enter a boat for scale judging for \$5, Use your free Friday pass to bring in and setup your boat, enjoy the show. And return Sunday to pick up your boat when no pass is needed.

February Polo Match Scheduled

It is time to get your polo boats ready, batteries charged and plan to be at Dennis Chinn's home at 10am Saturday, February 10th. As usual, the action promises to be intense. Coffee and donuts will be plentiful and pizza will be served after the action stops around noon. While we want as many boats as possible, spectators are welcome as well and often there are extra boats available. Don't let the threat of rain deter you. Dennis has a covered area to run



from and even a running location from **INSIDE!** Dennis' home address is 9001 NE. 37TH PL, Bellevue. This is generally located near the East shore of Lake

Washington just north of 520. From 520, you take the 92nd Avenue exit, head north on 92nd, turn left on 37th Place. The street ends in a cul-de-sac. And

Dennis' house is on the left. Dennis asks that you refrain from parking on the street. His driveway is large and can hold everyone's vehicles. The pool is in the rear, accessed from the north side of the house. Dennis will have coffee and donuts to start and after the usual crash and bash of the hotly contested

polo match, pizza will be available. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



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