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## From the Quarterdeck

By Allan Wing



Happy New Year

It is time to look forward to the new year. I hope all went well for our members last year. As I look forward, the first thing to get organized is the Northwest Hobby Expo. It is scheduled for February 11 to 13. This is our first event and it helps kick off the year. I have contacted the organizers and we have a place to set up and run. The organizer was wondering if we could do something that engage the crowd. I was thinking something like a polo match or barge handling. He wanted to schedule and announce what was happening. So if you have any ideas I would like to hear about them.

This year I hope to continue much of what we did last year. We have a new WEB site that we can use for better communication within our club and as a vehicle to communicate with the outside world. That was one of our goals for last year and I think it has come along nicely.

The list of events looks very much the same as the last few years and we are working on the calendar so you can all get prior notice of our events. There may be one new event ant that would be something to do with the opening day of Yachting season. We had contacted the Seattle Yacht Club about some sort of participation by our club because we had heard there was some interest. This is still very tentative and it will depend how much interest they show.

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## Upcoming Events

### January

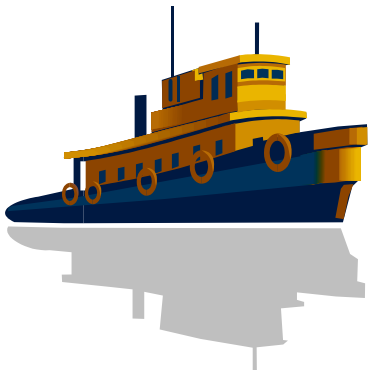
- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 6 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 9 Fun Float  
12:00 CWB, Lake Union

### February

- 3 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 6 Fun Float  
12:00 CWB, Lake Union
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 11-13 Hobby Expo  
Monroe Fairgrounds

### March

- 3 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 6 Fun Float  
12:00 CWB, Lake Union
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon



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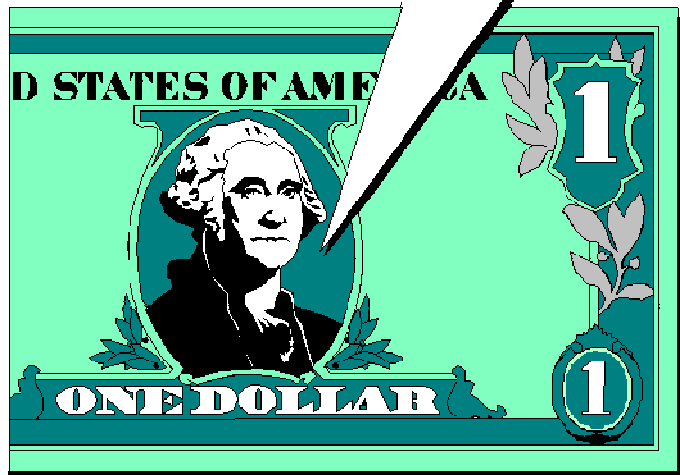
have had a large number of email changes this past year. I know Verizon is not the only one making changes so if you have changed your email address please send either Gordy Canney or myself your new address. Since I will be sending out notices or reminders throughout the year, it is important to have your correct address.

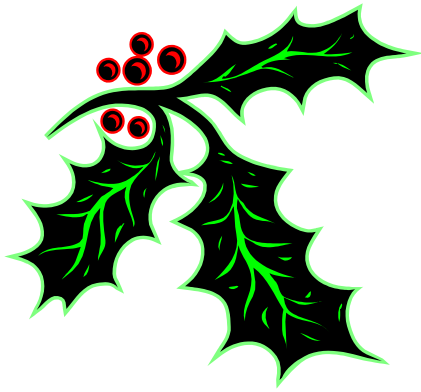
One of the things we had talked about trying to do last year and we never got around to it was add a little something to the show and tell at our meetings. What we would like to add is for members to provide hints or a presentation of how to do something or something that you have learned. If you have any subjects you want to talk about or a subject you would like to learn more about, let us know and we would be glad to incorporate it in one of our meetings. I know one thing I would like to learn more about is propellers. In particular why do some back up better than others and some produce more propeller walk when backing up.

I look forward to working with all of you to make this an exciting and fun year.

## Reminder

**Club Dues are payable in  
January  
\$25  
See the last page of the  
newsletter for a form**





# NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By, Dr. Ron

## DECEMBER MEETING

Again this year\$ banquet was held at the Martha Lake Community Center starting at 7PM with great appetizers of a mixed fruit plate and sumptuous Swedish meat balls followed by a baron of beef buffet complimented with salad, rolls and veggies prepared by Chef Berttron and staff. Though 47 members and guests had signed up only 39 could make it to enjoy the food; camaraderie and festivities.



After dinner, **Mel** did his usual great job with power point assistance to announce the candidates for the Cliff Shaw award which is presented to the person showing a passion for RC modeling, innovation in design, engineering and workmanship as well as a keen interest in promoting our hobby, helping others with their builds and providing enthusiasm and leadership. Pictures of Cliff and Betty Shaw were projected at the beginning of the presentation and comments made about their founding of and contribution to the club.

## *Congratulations!*



*Cliff Shaw Award*

*Allan Wing, Earl Anderson, and Gordon Canney* were selected. Attributes to each nominee were admirably provided by Mel with details listed on the screen. Though it was difficult to make a decision, **Allan Wing** emerged as the committee selection, and was given the award by **Mike Shaw**, son of Cliff and Betty Shaw and owner of Galaxy Hobby.



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*Congratulations!*



*Best New Build of the Year Award*

Next on the program was the presentation of the best built boat for the year which again went to **Dr. Ron** for the Seattle Fireboat, Leschi.



*The Leschi*



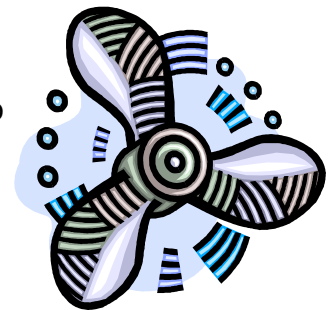
As embodied on internet blogs and websites and in the words of **Dave Springer**, it seems there are fewer individuals interested in boat builds, especially in view of the increasing availability of really detailed ready to run models. Many younger prospective builders seem to be more interested in the newer electronic and communication devices than perfecting skills in building. In an attempt to entice builders, Dave Springer introduced a simple design which has come to be known as the %Springer+and has attracted world wide interest. Many of the recipients of the best boat build awards have been in the hobby since their early years. I for one, built my first boat project while in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade woodworking class for extra credit. It is really sad that many of the shop classes no longer exist, probably as a result of budgetary cuts.



*Congratulations!* maybe?

*Bent Prop Award*

Allan again entered the spot light when **Dave White** and **Alan Kinsman** presented him with the *bent prop award* or goof ball award for putting his fingers on a very hot motor after an intense polo event.



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**Allan** then proceeded to recap the year's events using a power point presentation with lots of photos and many comments. Also, during the hour before dinner, he and **Wayne Martin** projected photos and videos of our boats and events.



Having enjoyed a great evening and with our bellies full, we headed for our home ports. Special thanks went to the **Stewarts** for providing the center pieces which were taken home by the person at the table with the first birthday of the new year.





Merry Christmas

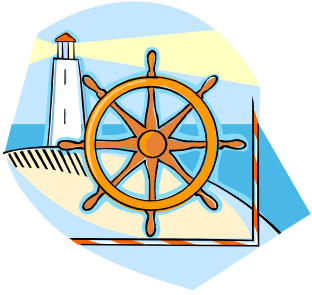


## Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes By Keith Schermerhorn



Was the first Monday of December, and all through the valley  
we came to the PUD building for a night to remember.  
With family and friends and enthusiast alike,  
we gathered for model boating and a good dinner bite.  
The evening of fun with 30 of us there,  
we had good food and entertainment with non that could compare.  
Hot dishes, cookies, and salads to share,  
we all had plenty in or bellies and not one asleep in front of the telly.  
Business was short as it need not be long,  
we just had a recap of year that was strong.  
Hobby Expo, Waterfront festival, Regattas and more,  
there was plenty of good model boating that was tough to ignore.  
The main event for this evening of revelry  
was a screen presentation by our own Wayne Martins photography.  
When all was said and done and we all had some fun,  
we cleaned up the place nicely so that it would be in order with the next  
rising sun.  
So as we all headed for our vessels of choice to be home word bound,  
we could hear the friendly greetings to each other all around.  
So now this brings this poem to a good end,  
wishing everyone a happy 2011 and let's do it again.  
(except for this poem as I am not really a poet and I know it)  
Happy New Year to all and may you all have a good/safe model boating  
season this next year with new projects and good runs at every turn.  
Hope to see you at one of the meetings with the Skagit R/C Shipmodelers.





## Member Spotlight

By Dr. Ron

### The Springer Story

John, was introduced to our club by his friend, Russell Shrewsbury 13 years ago and had always wanted a model of the tug Elrington which his father acquired as a kid. John had seen pictures of this model and desired to have one of his own. John and his dad Dave attended our monthly meetings and he noted that the majority of the members were not building any models. Encouraged by his dad, John decided to design a club model of simple design and low cost to encourage more members to get involved. Not only did he design a simple project but also sold wooden parts to construct the hull for only \$5. These hulls not only had the same dimensions but components such as the rudder and prop sizes were standardized as well as the electrical system of 6 volts. His design really took off and modelers world wide have adopted it as evidenced by the Springer blog on RCGroupes.com. Kits were sold at meetings until John went off to college. While in college, John noted that the San Francisco club had modified the hull by adding door stop springs to the bow knees so the models could be employed in polo matches. John still possesses the original model made by he and his dad.

John has finished college and is now sailing on his third mate unlimited tonnage license aboard a tanker.

Without a doubt John and Dave have had a profound impact on the model boat hobby and many members are still making Springers and polo Springers. There are several members who have incorporated features of his design to build bigger models, some with twin screws and kort nozzels.

Thanks John and Dave for an awesome contribution to our hobby!



Dave and John Springer



# SPRINGER POLO 12-18-10



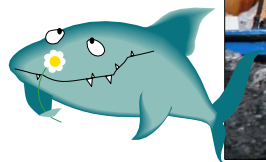
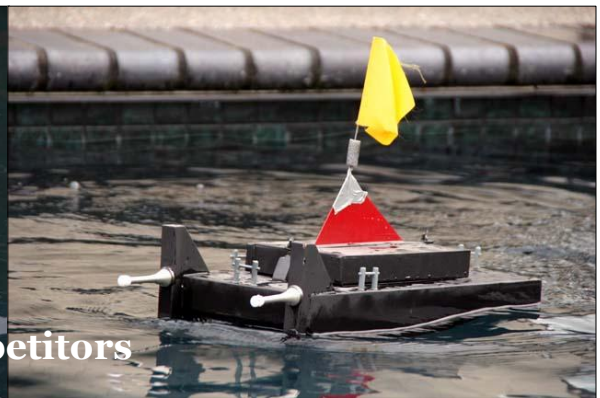
**Competition Arena**



**Food of Champions**



**New Competitors**



**Watch the Shark!**



**Scored while you were watching**

# SPRINGER POLO



## Repair Damage



## Final Score

Vern 3  
Earl 0



# December Fun Float



We had our December Fun float at the new pond at South Lake Union. While the weather was good we had a very small turn out. There is lots of other things to do this time of year and I know it is difficult to schedule in a Fun Float. It is a good thing that the cold weather was gone or else we would have needed Ice Breakers. **Al Kinsman** provided a picture of the pond frozen over just two weeks earlier.

We had several boats with **Bob Wickham** and **Scott Baumann** providing the fast boats. We shared the pond with several sail boats. I put lights and a tree on my Henry Foss to add some Christmas spirit.



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## Membership and Renewal Form

Dues are \$25.00/ year

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