



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

January, 2012

DATES OF INTEREST

January

- 2nd Skagit Meeting
- 5th Club Meeting
- 8th Float scheduled

February

- 2nd Club Meeting
- 5th Float scheduled
- 6th Skagit Meeting

11-13th NW model expo

March

- 1st Club Meeting
- 5th Float scheduled

2012 LEADERSHIP



Bob Wickham



Lee Stewart

We start the new year with new leaders. Lee has been vice president for two years, under Allan, and has been exposed to the activities of the club and how they have been done and will be presenting some ideas for different activities for the club. Bob has been a member for several years and has shown his talents as a boat builder. He has supplied several Springer kits to help individuals get started with this boat. He is a hard worker and will be a great help to Lee in implementing the activities of the club.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE

I am excited to be taking the helm of this thirty year old organization, which has been led by some very capable individuals. Allan Wing has done an excellent job keeping us afloat and trying to get more involvement by the members. This is going to be a continual goal of mine for this next year. I feel there are a number of individuals in the club who have lost interest in our activities for one reason or another. I plan to give each of you the opportunity to let me know how you feel about the activities we have and how they are run. With the results of this inquiry, I will attempt to structure our activities to suit the largest percentage of our members.

Bob and I will give you our all, but since this is your club we will expect members to pitch in when asked. We have some new thoughts on some of our activities and ideas for new activities. These will be adapted to the results of the input from the survey of the membership.

You have been informed, previously, about the very generous gift we have been given by Earl Anderson. He has donated the bulk of his flotilla to be used as we see fit. We will have an auction either at next month's meeting or at the March meeting. The funds will then be used for the club in manners decided to be best. A catalog of the items is in the works and should be in your hands well before the auction.

It appears that the city of Seattle has learned from last year's freezes and has emptied the pond near the Center for Wooden Boats. With two dry venues, we shall attempt to find a suitable substitute until Bellevue is available.

I am working with Bob Jones, our web master, to make sections of our web site only available to members. I feel strongly that there should be benefits to being a member of this club and this will be a start. We have always said that guests were welcome to our meetings and activities, however I don't feel they should have access to all we "own". We have had some inquiries from "Abroad" regarding the formation of Spring groups and their desire to have access to our web site. Sharing some of it is great, but not everything.

I am very pleased at the offers of help and input I have had so far from our members. I will look forward to this "assistance" as various activities are planned and implemented. As I have said this "our" club and I want everyone to participate. We have some excellent talent in our group and there are many aspects to our hobby. I wish to develop and expand as much of it as we are capable of doing.



As was said at the start of this log, I am excited and look forward to the year ahead. I hope you will find an activity which will catch your interest and you will participate. If you don't find one of them to your interest, then wait for the next one and jump back in. If an activity does not have enough interest, we may pass on it and develop another function which will appeal to more people.

Let's Have Fun!

January Minutes by Dain Webster

The meeting was called to order by our new president **Lee Stewart** at 7:00 PM. There were no guests, but we were joined by our young member **Elliot Donahue**, who has not been able to attend many meetings as we conflict with his school work. (Do the school work first, Elliot!)

Dues are now payable for the new year our president mentioned that there were going to be a number of events which were only going to be open to current members, so get your money into Ed Maurer.

Lee announced the fact that he has created a survey, which the members will be receiving by email, covering topics of our activities. He said he would spend his energy on the items the club feels are the most important.

Another item arriving by email, shortly, will be the catalog of the items to be auctioned off from the donation by Earl Anderson. The auction will only be available to current members. **So pay your dues!**

Model Expo is Feb. 11, 12 & 13th. and set up will be Thursday morning the 10th. Kevin Klocke, the owner of the pond, does not like the area in which the show people have placed the pond and is trying to have them move it. If that does not happen there may not be a pond available. Will keep you posted.

The Seattle Pond is empty, so our float this Sunday will be in Elliot Bay lake at the Center for Wooden Boats.

Lee requested that the June Regatta be moved to the 16th so as to not be “pushed” by the change in the date of the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. The request was moved by **Dave White** and seconded by **Bob Wickman**. After discussion, the motion passed.

Bob requested that people who wished to share their ship plans, send him a list of what they have, to be placed in a notebook. How they wish to share them will be negotiated between interested parties. His email address is **wickk1@comcast.net** or you can hand him a written list.

The president mentioned that the website is being set up to have a “members only” section which will only be available by password. More on this will be coming soon.

Show & Tell brought Bob Wickham to the front to tell us about the “kit bashing” he is doing to a 41’ Coast Guard patrol boat to make it a 61’. He has added six inches in the middle, added a motor and canted the outboard rudders. There are more changes to come!

Mike Gullikson showed his 36’ Dumas Coast Guard life boat which he has finished planking and is starting to add the deck details.

Tom Stevens showed us a large barge which has a crane and other machinery on it. Tom is in the process of adapting a transmitter to it. The whole rig was purchased from John Pineau from B.C

Phil Northrup showed a book on world battleships and their size relationship to one another. He also shared a source for LEDs he had found.

Because Phil inquired about the search for a new lake being done by Dain Webster, Lee gave a short report on what has transpired to date. Dain & Lee met with the homeowner's association board on January 3rd and made a presentation to them outlining what we would like to do at their lake. The intent was to get the use of the lake once and make it a nice event in which the homeowners could participate. We were received very well and the board was eager to make it work. There are still some items to be worked out before any announcement is made of what the event is and when.

Bob Wickham announced he had contacted **Bob Smith Industries** and they are sending us some information on their various glues and the best manner to store them.

Robert Osmond finished the **Show & Tell** period by showing us a six inch, plastic model of a tug he had made years ago when members of the club were doing that type of building. He showed a picture of tables with at least a dozen small models on them. Their "sailing pond" was a child's plastic play pool. Certainly solved the "where do we go" question.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48



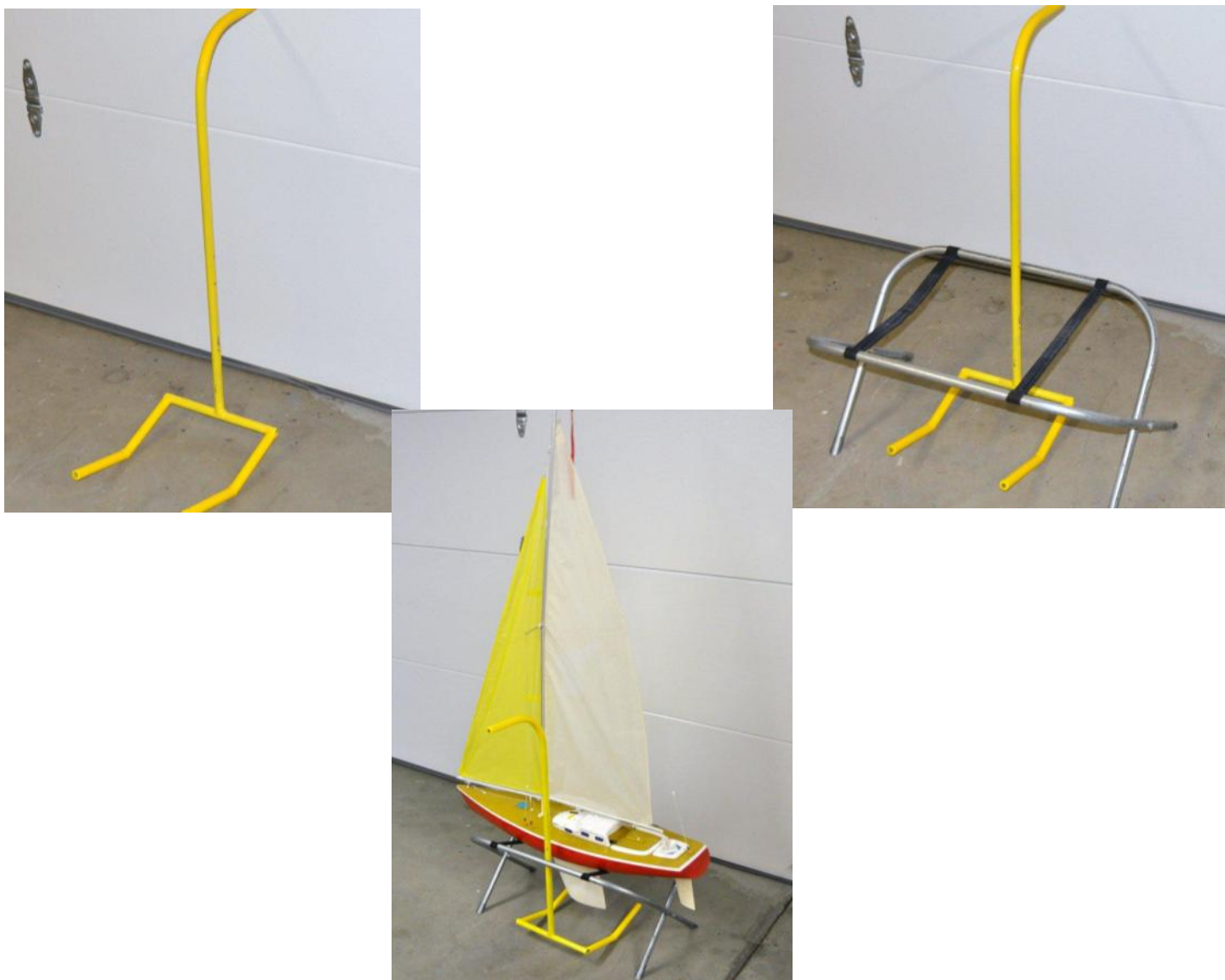
Tips & Tricks

As we get less flexible, getting our boats in and out of the water can become more of a challenge. Our good friend from California, **Keith Lingscheid**, has sent us a method he has come up with to solve the problem. Many of us have great helps to solve problems, share them with us.

Sailboat Launcher

I made this sailboat launcher, to aid in getting my sailboat in and out of the pond. It's made of 1/2" EMT, welded together. I used shrink-tube to prevent scratching up the boat, instead of rubber hose. The real trick is getting the right size. It has to be big enough to fit under the boat, around the keel, and yet small enough to fit in the boat stand. This allows you to pick up the boat from the stand, and place it in the water. You can also remove the launcher from the stand, when you don't need it, by sliding it out from the bottom of the stand.

The stand is also made of 1/2" EMT. My wife made the straps. It's a lot better than the imported stick stand, that came with the boat.





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