



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

January, 2013

We are Off and Running!

Dates of interest

February

4th Skagit Meeting

7th Club Meeting

8th -10th NW Model Expo

10th Fun Float

March

4th Skagit Meeting

7th Club Meeting

10th Fun Float



Our new management, Bob Jacobsen on the left and Robert Osmond on the right, have opened the year with a great deal of planning and work already having been done. We, as members, are going to have to stay alert and be ready for a very exciting year! Bob has already asked for volunteers and was met by a lack of response by those in attendance. This is not the way a great club exists, it takes everyone's willingness to pull their share. Volunteering can be very contagious and satisfying. It also makes others want to be a part of the action. Look at the schedule for Hobby Expo and give Bob or Robert a call and tell them where you can assist. Or if you have an idea or suggestion, this will be welcome also!

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View From The Bridge – Bob Jacobsen

Happy New Year!! We had a great first club meeting for 2013, what a lot of fun with great demo's too! Read all about it in this newsletter...

Starting now we will have door prizes at every meeting – plus you get to keep your name in the pot for each meeting. You get too plus an extra ticket if you do a Show n Tell or a demo. As these build up we will have some drawings for Galaxy Hobby \$25 gift cards at various meetings throughout the year (un-announced) and you **MUST** be present to win. So stack your deck by coming to the meetings and bringing along Show n Tells or demos. In fact we need a good demo for the February meeting, so please let me know if you have one you would like to share.

My e-mail is bobandlaurie@nwlinc.net and my cell phone is 206-790-2367. Your input and ideas are always welcome. Participate and have fun.



January 2013 Minutes by Ron Bray

The meeting came to order at 1900 hours under the leadership of our new commodore, Bob Jacobsen. He added a new wrinkle to our meetings by providing tickets to attendees on which they wrote their names and placed them in a box for a drawing at the end of the evening to redeem prizes. The winner's name will go back in the box and accumulate, along with future attendees, for future drawings. Those presenting a topic or bringing a Show n Tell item will earn an extra ticket. Some time in the future a winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate for merchandise at Galaxy Hobby. In order to win you must be present. So, the person with the most tickets will stand a much better chance of being a winner.

Guests were introduced. **Mark Lane** came from Renton after getting acquainted at the Spring Regatta. He is joining our club and will be starting a trawler now that he is retired and has the time. **Steven A. Douglas** was introduced as an avid steam engine enthusiast and gave a presentation after the break. **Steve Morgret** recently moved here from California and is fabricating warships to participate in combat. He also gave a spiel for **Show n Tell**. Bob presented a rough schedule of events for the coming year, noting that our July meeting will fall on the 4th of July. Since the following Thursdays are taken up by other groups at Galaxy, it was proposed we skip the July meeting. The fun float is scheduled for Saturday July 13 at 9:30 at the Bellevue pond instead of the Sunday before. Perhaps some meeting items can be discussed at this event. Other upcoming events will be available for viewing elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Northwest Hobby Expo is the first big event and is scheduled for February 8-10 at the Monroe Fairgrounds. Bob has secured a booth, which will be next to the pond provided by Kevin Klocke. A proposed schedule of running events was passed out for everyone to review and comment on.

It was agreed that expenditures of up to \$500 would be authorized for our commodore to cover such items as expo (booth and pond) and monthly drawing items, etc.

Following a short break, **Mel Suelzle** presented a great demonstration on how electronic switches operate, complemented by a handout of where to purchase them along with their specs, good points and downsides. Steven Douglas demonstrated several steam engine and boiler kits. He plans to place one in his tug boat and is currently scratch building the boiler. **Bob Wickham** discussed the build of his mid-western river tow boat with three engines, belt drives, 9 rudders and newly constructed superstructure. He has Graupner speed controls, after disappointment with the Mtronic Mirrors, and is considering Graupner 900 motors. Tom Stevens

brought in a trawler he got from Gary King, the shaft and prop he got from Ken Strickland, the motor from Mel and a fishing pole blank he plans to use for the mast and boom. He is considering a carriage for transport which will allow him to lay it semi sideways. **Steve Morgret** discussed his Strike Models business of constructing warship combat models. He brought in a model of the South Carolina in 1:144 scale, complete with magazines holding up to 50 rounds of BBs or ball bearings. He is able to water proof the receiver with a silicone type material. Those interested in the details of this niche can find brochures on the bulletin board on the back wall of Galaxy Hobby. (next to Mike Shaw's office)

Bob Jacobsen gave a great run down on the art of air brushing. He demonstrated his technique, types of air brushes and compressors available and types of paint and how to thin them. He passed out a synopsis of his presentation for everyone to peruse at their leisure.

The first meeting of the New Year started out with a bang with much enthusiasm from the leadership and attendees with hopes for a very successful year in learning new techniques for construction and how to make our projects operational and competitive. The meeting concluded at 2120 hours.





STEVE SUNICH BIO by Ron Bray

Our newest member, Steve Sunich, made his debut at the Seattle Cabrini Hospital in 1959, grew up in Issaquah, went to Issaquah high school and then on to WSU where he received a degree in construction management. He now has his own construction consulting business with an office in Bellevue.



Steve was attracted to boating at a young age and spent many days on his parents 36 foot trawler. He has traveled extensively in northwest waters. He has been an avid competitive rower since 1990 and keeps his shell at the Pocock rowing center. His father was Admiral and his mother Admiralette of the Seattle Yacht Club "Opening Day" event and Steve is an active member as well.

Steve started his first model, the Dumas 36 *Shelly Foss*, in 1975 while in high school and finished it in 1977. His model was awarded first in class at the Washington State Model show in Seattle the same year. Although RC'd, it soon became encased in glass, where it remains to this day. The model has been displayed at the Seattle Yacht Club and at the Museum of History and Industry. A scratch built model of his rowing shell was constructed later. After a long hiatus his interest in models was piqued after viewing a large scratch built model of the USS Constitution constructed by a plastic surgeon friend of his family. He ran across Gary King and purchased a harbor tug hull and started construction of the *Andrew Foss* in April. He has been acquainted with the Foss Cup for some time and visited the event last August. He learned about our club and activities and joined a couple of months ago. Although living some distance away in Issaquah, he hopes to attend some of the meetings and take an active part in the club. He attests to being a detail person and will most probably be on track for a best build award in the near future.

Steve has many interests other than boating. He plays trumpet with the 85th street big band which plays about a dozen gigs yearly. He is an avid fly fisherman and is a member of the Washington Fly Fishing Club.. In addition to his work and many interests he also finds time to care for a large landscaped yard with his wife, whom he married in 1994. We welcome Steve to our ranks and hope to see his progress on the *Arthur* build as he fabricates many scratch items and has replaced the fiberglass house, pilot house and other parts with plywood.

NW Hobby Expo 2013 – Monroe WA

Get ready for the NW Hobby Expo! Check out the schedule following, lots of great things going on this year!! First great thing is the chance to run your boats indoors where it is warm and dry for three days in a row, with a crowd to watch no less. Bring everything you have because during the free running times we would love to let kids and other interested people run boats. If you have an extra Springer or similar please bring it and plan to help us during the free running – we would really appreciate it.

Second great thing is a Springer event on Saturday. This will be a fairly simple and fun Springer event and we promise lots of fun. We plan to put all the Springers we can in the water at once and then proceed with the event, so check the schedule. Robert Osmond is running the event and will be the Pond Master on Saturday. We could still use a Pond Master for Friday and Sunday – If you can help e-mail Bob Jacobsen or Robert Osmond.

Third great thing is a new schedule which should showcase all of our great boats in a new way. (NO sailboats interfering) Plus of course the show is always fun and the swap meet is excellent. This will be a fun 3 days – plan to attend!!



NW RC Ship Modelers Schedule - NW Hobby Expo- Monroe Fairgrounds February 2013**Thursday 7th– Help with Pond Setup****Friday 8th– Show Hours 2:00pm – 8:00pm**

Free Running 2:00pm-3:00pm

CG & Military Operations 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Free Running 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Springer Operations 5:00pm – 5:30pm

Free Running 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Tugboat Operations 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Free Running 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday 9th– Show Hours 9:00am – 8:00pm

Free Running 9:00am – 10:00am

Tugboat Operations 10:00am – 10:30am

Free Running 10:30am – 11:30am

Springer Event 11:30 – 12:30

Free Running 12:30 – 1:30

CG & Military Operations 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Free Running 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Tugboat Operations 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Free Running 3:30pm – 4:30pm

CG & Military Operations 4:30 – 5:00pm

Free Running 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Pleasure Boat Special – 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Free Running 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Sunday 10th– Show Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm

Free Running 9:00am – 10:00am

Tugboat Operations 10:00am – 10:30am

Free Running 10:30am – 11:00am

CG & Military Operations 11:00am – 11:30am

Free Running 11:30am – 12:00pm

Springer Operations 12:00pm – 12:30pm

Free Running 12:30pm – 3:00pm

Help with Pond Pick-Up 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Please bring along boats for kids and other spectators to run during the free running times.





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