



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

January, 2014

Dates of interest

January

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

February

- 3rd Skagit Meeting
- 6th Club Meeting
- 8th Fun Float
- 7-9th Model Expo

March

- 3rd Skagit Meeting
- 6th Club Meeting
- 8th Fun Float

Hobby Expo Is On

Here we are in 2014, fourteen years after the computer world was going to come to an end, as we knew it. We are starting on another year of activity in our beloved hobby. First up is the Hobby Expo in Monroe at the fairgrounds, beginning the afternoon of the 7th and running through the afternoon of the 9th. With every activity there is some work to be done and every bit of help is welcome. Yes, we have officers, but they are not the only workhorses. Requests for assistance are regularly made for these activities. There is no better way to get to know your fellow members than to work side by side to make one of our functions the best it has been.

The newsletter is another area which is made better by the participation of our members. Please do not hesitate to send, to the editor, stories, pictures or ads, to be included in the monthly communications to our crew.

Our new leaders are excited about leading us this year, give them a hand and let them know how they are doing. You will be a better member for doing so.

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View From The Bridge

I am looking forward to our Club having another great year and will do my best along with my other officers: Robert Wickham - Vice President, Lee Stewart - News Letter, Alan Wing—Webmaster, Gordon Canney - Communications, and Ed Maurer - Treasurer.

I know you all want to pitch in and help with our activities, and I appreciate the members that signed up at the meeting for the Hobby Expo. in Monroe February 7,8 & 9th. I would like for the rest of you, that did not sign up, to consider signing up to help man our booth and to show your boats. If you do not want to show your boats, your help manning the booth would be appreciated. *If you cannot come for 1/2 a day* it would still be helpful to have you come and sit at our tables for a couple of hours, so that those that have signed up can have a break to walk around and check out the Hobby Expo. Please email me or Robert Wickham this week and let us know which day you could come by for a couple of hours or more.

If we do not have support, we cannot participate in events.

Since the members showed, by a raise of hands, that they want some Saturday Fun Floats again this year, Dave Green is checking on possible dates and we will discuss this further at the February Meeting.

I would like to have 2 or 3 demonstrations at each meeting. Please think about what you know and would be willing to share with the group. It does not have to be a major part of building a boat, it could just be a tip or easier way you have found to do some part of model boat building .

We will be continuing the tickets and door prizes implemented by Bob Jacobsen last year. If you have any suggestions on door prizes, I would be glad to hear them, so send me an email.

In the coming months, the heads of several other modeling clubs will be coming to talk to our group about their clubs and activities that they will be having in the coming months.

We will see if we can arrange some field trips to marine architects, tug boat companies, etc. If any of you would like to help organize these, please contact me or Robert Wickham.

Show and Tell, please bring in your:

Boats, to show us your project. You do not need to wait until they are finished. I believe that seeing boats being worked on encourages others to work on their boats.

Tools and materials that you think that the club members might not know about or might not know all of the applications they can be used for.

A visitor with a skill that you think we would find interesting to hear about.

Thank you for being members of one of the best r/c model boat clubs in the world.

January Minutes by Dr. Ron Bray

Thirty wind-blown and soaked swabbies were present for tonight's meeting with **Robert Osmond** presiding, as our new president. There were no guests or new members to acknowledge. Under new business, Robert announced that **Hobby Expo** would be held February 7, 8, 9th, at the **Monroe Evergreen Fairgrounds**. We will have a booth and the pond in the same building as last year, along with the vendors, tank group and aircraft hobbyists. The swap meet will be in the adjacent, older building. A sign-up sheet was passed around to make sure that our display area will be represented at all times. **Kevin Klocke** plans to start assembling the pond at noon, on Thursday, and will need volunteers to help.



Allan Kinsman discussed the spring regatta, mentioning that **Tom Stevens** will be the scale judge, **Scott Bauman** and **Bob Wickham** will be the navigation judges. Bob will also arrange for the food. Further discussions will be held at various gatherings, for input on the course layout.

Insurance coverage, for the club, provided by **Scale Ship Modeler's Association**, was discussed. We are required to have coverage for the various venues we use during the year. The **SSMA** requires a minimum of five of our members join this organization, in order to obtain a certificate of coverage. By being a member of this organization, the individual member is covered by a policy where ever he may sail his boats, as an individual. **Mel Suelzle** will look into details and present his findings at a future meeting. The **SSMA** journal was passed around, so members could evaluate the merits of membership. Those wishing to join **SSMA** can contact Robert Osmond or Dr. Ron Bray, for the application form. Fun float scheduling was discussed and the members, present, voted to change the venue from Sunday to Saturday. **Dave Green** will contact the Bellevue Parks Department to see if this is possible and will provide them with the certificate of insurance coverage, once it is received from **SSMA**. **Bob Jacobsen** will contact the Lynnwood pool personnel, to see if it is feasible to have some of our winter floats at this facility.

Robert brought in an article from the **New York Times**, reporting on Chinese naval provocation, in international waters. During the break, Bob Wickham set up a side by side demonstration of **ProBoat** speed controllers, the old blue one and the newer narrower one, showing the much improved lower end with the latter. During show and tell Tom Stevens gave a demonstration of several different paint spray guns and the advantages of each. Robert Wickham gave a great discussion on the basics of soldering. Several soldering devices were displayed as well as soldering paste flux (**Everflux**), types of solder, soldering pads, and solder removers.



Ron Burchett brought in his 16 year old tug, **Namahoe**, which suffered minor damage from a rear end collision on I-5, on the way to the meeting. He will be delivering the tug to a client's private jet tomorrow and hopefully will get it repaired before then.

Bob Jacobsen has another project, a **Vosper** kit, from China. Apparently the quality of the kit is not up to par. He is presently remodeling the not so hot torpedoes.



Dr. Ron Bray reported on his build of the Robbe schooner kit, **Valdivia**, elaborating on some of the modifications he has performed.

Dee Obee brought in his Dumas kit **Shelly Foss**, demonstrating the progress he has made.



Cliff Elowson discussed the many details of his finished **Lindsey Garth, "Peggy B", Foss** tug build, which has taken three years to complete.

After show and tell, chairs were stacked and projects carried out into a rainy, cool night. Everyone went away with knowledge of new tools, tricks, building techniques and available products to facilitate our builds.

NW RC Ship Modelers – Proposed 2014 Schedule (Dates are Approximate and could be Changed)

January 2 nd	Club Meeting—Galaxy Hobby—7:00pm
January 5 th	Fun Float—TBA
February 6 th	Club Meeting—Galaxy Hobby—7:00pm
February 7 th – 9 th	Fun Float at NW Hobby Expo – Monroe Fairgrounds
March 6 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
March 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am
April 3 rd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 6 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
May 1 st	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club
May 1 st	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 3 rd	Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
May 4 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:00pm (Springer 1:00)
June 1 & 2 nd	Anacortes Waterfront Festival
June 5 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 7 th	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
July 3 rd	Club Meeting—Galaxy Hobby—7:00pm
July 8 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
July 26 th	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
August 7 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
August 9 th	<i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i>
August 16 th	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
September 4 th	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
September 6 th	<i>Fisherman’s Festival 11:00am – 6:00pm</i>
September 14 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin 10:00am – 4:00pm
October 2 nd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 4 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
November 6 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 8 th	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m
December 4 th	Annual Banquet - Site TBD



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