



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

November 2018

Upcoming Events Look Ahead

NOVEMBER

18-20 Pacific Marine Expo @ Quest Field Event Center (see story for more info)

DECEMBER

6 Christmas Dinner
Old Spaghetti Factory - Lynnwood 6:30 – 9pm

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*Be sure to check
out the back page
for info on our
2018 Christmas
Banquet!*



From the Wheel House

Mel Suelzle

2018 is fast drawing to a close.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner so it is not a good time to be a turkey. Our boating season for 2018 ended with the November Fun Float at the Seattle Yacht Club. In January we will return to the Seattle Yacht Club until they fill the pond at Bellevue usually in March. Our first Fun Float for 2019 is scheduled for January 5th.

It's this time of the year that I spend significant time scanning hundreds or thousands of photos that our camera bugs have sent me during the year. This is my quest to seek out the well documented and interesting events during the year that I can share at the dinner gathering on December 6th. Our dinner meeting is a perfect venue to share these highlights AND lowlights for everyone's enjoyment. It is a great idea to make sure you are present so you can defend or challenge some of the "fake news" that might be spread around during the evening. This is one event each year that our friends and spouses can learn about what goes on at our model boating events.

For the 5th year, our dinner is again is at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. While their prices are a little higher this year, we have voted to reduce the dinner cost by having the club pay for the tax and gratuity. Dinner cost this year is \$20/person and we encourage spouses and guests to attend

as well. The reservation deadline is November 30th, but space is limited and reservations are strong so don't delay in getting in your reservation.

Also, here is your chance to get even. If you have some photo gems that would be entertaining to the general group, please send me a copy so we can all enjoy them.

The "Election" is over! It was a landslide! (as usual). We had a full ballot of nominations including some new positions. Of course all nominations were "elected" by a unanimous approval of a single motion. Many thanks to **Bryan Morse, Paul Williams** and **Amos Aarsvold** for their two years of service in their current positions. Bryan and Paul have agreed to serve in different positions for 2019. We all owe them a great deal of thanks for their efforts. Please take the time to express your appreciation for their work on behalf of the club.



Last year we introduced the first "Member of the Year Award" given to Robert Osmond at the December Dinner. I will present the 2nd year of this award at the December dinner. As last years winner, Robert is not eligible so I will enlist his help in selecting this years receiptant. The award criteria is simple and will go to the member that has consistently supported and participated in club sponsored events. Helping others in the club with modeling efforts is also an important criterion for the award.

Also at our November meeting I was suggested that we consider restoring the scale judging to our Regatta. Traditionally, scale judging has been an important aspect of our hobby. However the evolution of our hobby has made this aspect of modeling less interesting to many members. The hectic lifestyles of our younger members leave little time for time consummeing detailed modeling that was more common in the past. Many members wish to focus on the the running aspects and less on the building part of the hobby. This is very evident with the growth in interest in "ready to run" (RTR) models. These models gain even more popularity as manufacturers get better at producing more detail on ready to run models. However, we should not disregard those that do wish to continue to build or enhance RTR models to include greater level of details and functionality.

Therefore, we will work to create a scale judging event to be held in conjuction with our June Regatta. It will be totally optional and not included in the Navigaton part of the regatta. The regatta emphasis will continue to be on course navigation open to all types of models. The new scale event will be judged and awarded separatly for the navigaton program.

Many of the rules we used to follow for scale judging are obsolete and need to be revised to include the types of modeling most popular by our members. To define this new part of a regatta, Robert Osmond will head up a committee to define the program, judging and awards for this new contest. If you want to help out on this project let Robert know. I will ask Robert to have a full program available for review at the April club meeting.. *Mel Suetzle*



Here's wishing you and yours a
Happy Thanksgiving - Mel

November Meeting

Ron Bray



On a blustery fall night, twenty- four of us attended the monthly meeting orchestrated by commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. Show and tell began with **Dave White** showing a great model of a Great Lakes Towing Company tow boat from the 1890s thru the 1930s. He plans to make a larger RC model of this vessel. He also showed an Orvil hook made from aluminum used to retrieve derelict vessels during the tug regatta. Dave gave a tug hull to the club which can be a club project to complete and then when done, it can be a prize or raffle item at Hobby Expo.

Bob Wickham showed the submarine belt drives obtained from Harbor Models to propel his large tug he is building. He added cooling fins to help dissipate the heat buildup as the system draws up to 15 amps. **Roger Lyons** has a DX9 which he offered to sell for \$200. **Tom Stevens** displayed his completed South Hampton modification with a functional winch, lights and independent rudders. It is equipped with 400 motors attached to gear boxes. **Rex Olsen** bought a cool crane from Harbor Models which he attached to his recently completed Jerry Hartman acquired tug. **Bill Heath** is building a large Mr. Darby and has started with the wheel house and will be constructing this

model in reverse order. **Robert Osmond** and **Tom Stevens** demonstrated the workings of a large model of a crane barge built by Tom and acquired by Robert. **Amos Aarsvold** brought in a bunch of cupcakes to help our waistlines.

Following the break **Mel** encouraged those wishing to attend the December dinner meeting at the Lynnwood Spaghetti Factory to get their reservations in soon, as he already has twenty members signed up and no further sign ups can be made after the 31st of November. There being no further nominations for club officer positions, the nominations were closed and those candidates on the ballot were voted in. We now have 69 active members and have a hefty bank account. **Mel** discussed events for the upcoming year and will have a tentative calendar prepared. Dues for next year will remain the same (\$30). Dues are payable to the membership Chairman. These duties are now assumed by the newly elected membership chairman, Bryan Morse. So 2019 dues should be sent to Bryan at 13530 LINDEN AVE. N. APT.112, Seattle, WA, 981333. **Mel** mentioned the upcoming Marine Expo at the end of the month and encouraged us to attend.

Raffle drawings were won by **Doc** and **Rich Goodrich**. The meeting concluded at 2010, chairs were stacked and we headed home through a storm of blowing leaves.



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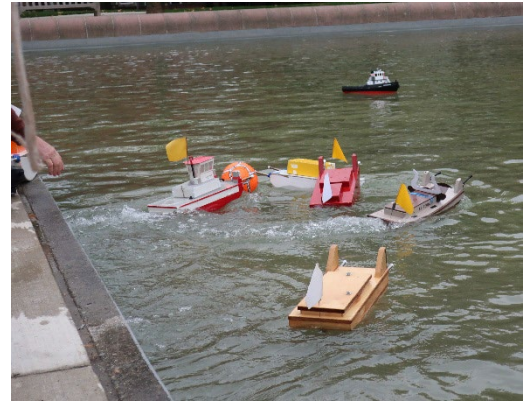
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*Consider spending a day to visit Pacific Marine Expo on **November 18, 19 or 20th** at the Quest Field and Center. This is a great location with plenty of close parking. Parking at the Center is \$20/day but some have scored a free parking pass otherwise, carpooling might be a good option. Free parking and shuttle service from Fisherman's Terminal is also available. This is a great time to rub elbows with the pros, get info on modeling details and talk to local boat builders who support our efforts. Online registration is free but tickets at the gate are \$30. Show times are 10AM to 5PM on Sunday and Monday and 10AM to 2PM on Tuesday. A few of us plan to be there on Monday morning and enjoy a nice lunch at the Pyramid Brewery. After lunch we will head home before the traffic builds. For more information on the show, visit their web site at <http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com/>*

October 13th Polo Match

Mel Suezal

Photos: Robert Osmond



We had a very good turnout for a cool, DRY (The Rain God Lono was in his bag of water) October day for the last Polo match of the year. All of the boats ran well and we had several roll overs, but once the boats were righted they ran on to make more goals.

Fred Row one of our enthusiastic new members came and ran Robert Osmond 'and Bob Wickham's springers.



Member Norm Hiatt is moving to an apartment at the end of November and need to dispose of all his power tools. He has a table saw, a band saw and other power tools as well. If you are interested, give Norm a call for more details.

Norm's phone is 425-438-0790. Weekday afternoons is the best time to contact him

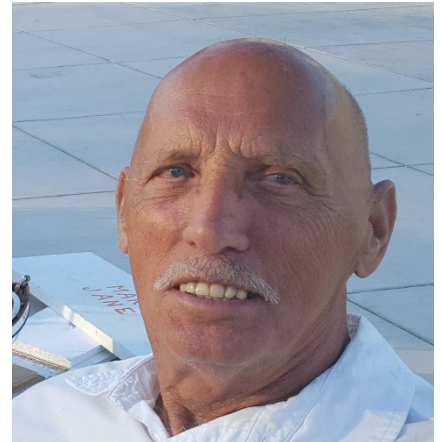




We have been contacted by Ron Hinton of the Spokane Model Boat club. Since losing their running location, they are trying to get rid of the barges used for the Tidewater Cup for many years. They are free for anyone interested. Below is a photos of some of the barges from past events, some may belong to the boat club and up for grabs. Contact Ron at rmh786@msn.com for more information

November Member Profile: Bill Heath

Bill first became interested in Northwest RC Modelers after visiting our display at the Monroe Hobby Expo in 2015. He then joined shortly thereafter and has been an enthusiastic boat modeler since. He is indebted to Tom Stevens for mentoring his modeling endeavors. However, he had built a model of the Ulyses prior to joining. Since then he built his fabulous Crowley Warrior tug, a Robbe Atlantis sailboat, a French kit of a fishing boat, and a Canadian buoy tender. He acquired a Southampton tug before building Warrior. Currently he is working on a five- foot model of the Nanuq which is providing numerous challenges. He recently acquired five models from Bill Mc Gee, thus filling up most of his storage spaces.



Bill grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio and worked construction, after dropping out of school at the age of 16. He came west, after marrying his school sweetheart, at the urging of his second oldest brother who was in the service here. In need of cash to pay bills, he quickly hired on at Boeing as a Janitor, but in a short time he became a forklift operator. When Boeing went on strike he hired on as a laborer for a cement contractor, first with one company for five years then another for eight years. He then started his own business as a cement finisher, stone layer and tile and brick worker and retired after 33 years. However, he still does an occasional job.



He moved to Snohomish 26 years ago and acquired five acres which had a modular home. He subsequently remodeled the home and cleared the rest of the five acres which is now in grass with a large garden. He completed a G-scale railroad with over one thousand feet of track along with numerous scale buildings including hotels, mills, a frontier town and castle. He also built a heliport from which he flew RC helicopters. He started the railway project in 1999 and hosted a G-scale convention in 2010.

Several outbuildings were constructed on his lovely property where he stores his tractors, lawn mowing

equipment, trucks, cars, construction equipment and his model factory. We were able to rent space in one of his out buildings for our regatta items at half the cost of our current facility. This facility has the advantage of being far enough away to discourage members from adding items not related to our events. Bill has been very active in the club and has provided transportation of the regatta items with his large truck. We are very fortunate to have Bill and building acumen in our club.

From the North End

Keith Schermerhorn

November 3rd found the Skagit club with its second Saturday morning breakfast meeting at the Farmhouse Inn restaurant in Mt. Vernon. This new format had 7 members in attendance where we discussed model boats and other subjects while enjoying a nice meal. Recap included the Seafest festival where Keith and Ralph attended and displayed boats on behalf of



free as long as you register BEFORE the start date. Gordons park has got the water retention pond all cleaned up and really looking forward to us doing a float there in 2019. The main discussion this time was preparing for the December Pig out that will be on Saturday the 1st of December at the Flodquist home in Anacortes. Time was set for early afternoon and a notion made to contact Randy and Linda in advance of who all is coming and what you are bringing for food. This will be a good day to relax and enjoy the company of others while reliving the past events of 2018. After all discussions waned and bills paid, we all headed back out into the rain to make our way home. Well most of us did. Myself, well there was a little side



the club despite the liquid sunshine that later gave way to the real deal. Lots of people came by and checked out the models. You can go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q9ifW2TXppw&feature=youtu.be> and see the video recap where the boats also made an appearance. The October meeting and visit to the train show in Lynden was also mentioned, and other activities seen or coming up. The topic of the Fish Expo in Seattle was mentioned and that you can attend for



trip to Anacortes to hat interesting boats I could find just because I was that close. Found a couple new to me tugs and a coastal freighter along with a ferry on the hard at Dakota Creek Shipyards. These little trips always offer up inspirations for my models and even get some bad ideas for different projects for others of course.

For those that would like to kill some time and see a presentation that I did for the Whatcom



Historical Society this past Spring, here is the link <https://youtu.be/zBy2hSsCF10> This aired on the local cable station and , well hope you find it interesting and informative (even a little humor in there).

Keith Schermerhorn



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NORTHWEST R/C SHIPMODELERS

2018 CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Arrangements have been made and all is in order for another great December

and Spumoni desert, soft drinks and coffee/tea.

Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood on **December 6th**.

This year we will have a similar menu that includes a nice variety of excellent Italian dishes that will satisfy the largest of appetites. Our meal will include appetizers, bread, soup or salad, the entre' of your choice



Wine and beer will be available for your purchase separately.

This year, the club will pay a portion of the meal cost so all this food and a fun filled evening for the modest sum of **\$20/person**. The Spaghetti Factory has lots of parking. Some may want to use the upper parking lot that is on the same level of the restaurant and avoid the entry way steps.

The location details are:

The Old Spaghetti Factory
2609 196th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA
425 672-7006



Time:	Social Hour/Appetizers	6:30 PM
	Dinner	7:15 PM
	Program	8:00 PM
	Concludes	9:00 PM

The cost for the three course dinner is \$20/person. This includes tax and gratuity, appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. Mixed drinks, wine and beer are available at extra cost.

Reservation & Meal Selection

Again this year we will ask each person to pre-select the entree of your choice that will be served to your table. Seating is limited so get your reservations in early. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

Name: _____ Name: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagna | <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach & Cheese Ravioli & Tortellini | <input type="checkbox"/> Spinach & Cheese Ravioli & Tortellini |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala |



Send names & selection(s) with payment to: Mel Suelzle
 2731 184th Place SE
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Make checks payable to **Mel Suelzle**. If you prefer to pay via PayPal, send payment to mel@suelzle.com
 Please email a copy of this form to mel123@frontier.com or mail to the address above

Payment and menu selection must be received by 11-31-2018