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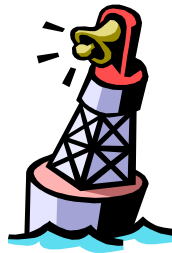
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Red Right Returning

By Randy Flodquist

Set your course for Martha Lake Community Club the evening of 3 December. 1900 hours. Dinner by Chef Bert. Pictures on the giant silver screen by all those who contributed. In other words, our Delightful December Dinner. And, of course, the "pig out" pot luck that will be held at the Skagit division on 7 December. There will be a Fun Float between these two events at the Center For Wooden Boats on the sixth.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. It's still only November and we have our first CWB fun float on 8 November. Starting the first of the year our fun float water becomes a little tentative as the CWB becomes involved with construction and reconstruction. Stay tuned. Perhaps we'll return to freezing ourselves at Lake Balingier or maybe we could casually meet up at Green Lake. Our winter season floats will be a good topic for the November meeting following the election of officers. So far it's Allan Wing and Lee Stewart. Step up if you'd like. Your presence is required for voting for those who will be leading us in 2010.

Pacific Marine Expo will also be on in SoDo on 19-21 November. An excellent opportunity to meet the pros and check out the latest in maritime products. Has anyone asked Ron if polo would be a proper demonstration in his pond? The heading out at Bristol Bay looks about the same.



**December 3rd
Dinner Meeting 7:00 pm
Martha Lake Community
Center**





Upcoming Events

November

- 2 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 5 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 8 Fun Float
12:00 CWB Lake Union
- 12-14 Pacific Marine Expo
Quest Field, Seattle

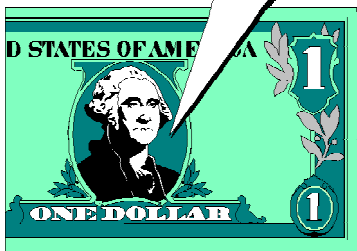
December

- 3 December Dinner Meeting**
7:00pm Martha Lake
Community Center
- 6 Fun Float
12:00 CWB, Lake Union
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon

January

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

Reminder
Club Dues are
payable in
January
\$25



Time is running out! The deadline for nominations for the 2009 Cliff Shaw Award is November 5th. Get your written nomination to one of the committee members, Mel Suelzle, Phil Northrup or Keith Schermerhorn before the deadline. The committee will make the final selection and the 2009 recipient will be named at the December dinner.

The award criteria are simple and the winner will go to the member that throughout the year has followed the principles that Cliff Shaw embodied. Namely; Innovation in boat design, engineering design or workmanship, helpfulness to others in the club and the hobby in generally active in club events. The winner will be someone who really enjoys what they are doing and loves figuring out new and fun ways to enjoy model boating. The winning candidate must exhibit a positive attitude and be helpful to others.

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Allan Wing

Randy opened the meeting promptly at 7 PM. The first order of business saw for Al Kinsman and me to report on our trips. I talked about our recent trip to the Adriatic. It was a Tour where we visited Slovenia and Croatia. The trip was fun and it is now safe to visit this area. Next Al Kinsman talked about his trip to St Louis to participate in their Regatta. To enter each boat had to demonstrate that it could run on the water. The Regatta consisted of static judging with no demonstrations of on the water competition. There was a scheduled night fun float but it was rained out. Al won 3dr place in the Tug Boat Category.

Randy then talked about the events of the last month. The event at Lake Bob and the Fisherman's Festival were covered in last months newsletter. Mel pointed out that even with good weather we had a fairly small turnout for the Fisherman's Festival. Bert's crane barge was a bit hit.

Randy discussed a letter by Aimee Eng that suggested that we look into the possibility of organizing a separate event that consists of attending the Crawdad Festival, the Foss Cup and Burnaby Regatta. This is something a few people in the Portland Club have been considering. No action was

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taken and it will be a subject of future meetings.

The next order of business was nominations for Officers for next year. I was nominated for president and Lee Stewart was nominated for Vice President. There were no other nominations. Further nominations and voting will be at the November meeting.



Terry Hufnagel announced he has his shop set up to make fiberglass hulls and wants to know who is interested. He wants to know what length of boats people are interested in. He is capable of building several kinds of hulls. If anyone is interested, please call Terry at 206-789-0216. He will be open to inquires from club members and non-club members alike. So if there is anyone out there who wants a custom hull, give Terry a call.



Cliff Elowson

After a short break, we had our regular show and tell. First up was Cliff Elowson who is building a Springer with the help of Ron Bray. He expected to have it ready to run at the fun float.



Norm Hiatt's Viking boat

Cliff was followed by Norm Hiatt who showed his latest boat. It is a model of a Viking long boat. He added items of authenticity and even has real working oars. The oars on each side operate independently so it should be able to turn and back up.



Mike Gullikson

Next Mike Gullikson showed his Dumas 44 Coast Guard boat.

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Earl Anderson showed his latest progress on his Chris Craft run about and asked how best to finish the wood-work.

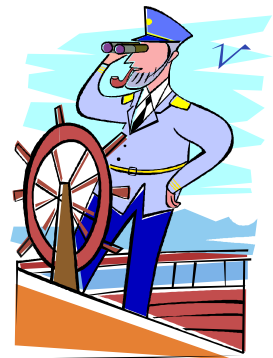


Earl Anderson



Phil Northup

Phil Northup showed a River Tug he has been working on. It is slightly larger than a Springer (23 1/2 by 10).



Finally, Dr Ron Bray showed his progress his new Fireboat. He has added a stern thruster and put in the individual pumps that will provide water to the monitors.



Dr Ron Bray

With that we stacked the chairs and called a night.

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Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

Well the weather has definitely changed and that can mean it is time for the Skagit Club to get back to normal meetings. October was a little smaller crowd than usual and that might have been due to the date change. Never the less, the small group of 12 that made it had an evening of discussion of recent events and what will be going on with them next year. Discussed the possibilities of the "trifecta regatta" (Tualitin, Foss Cup, and Burnaby) and what people thought of participating. Some good discussion and ideas. Still in the planning stages with more information to come.

Had reports from both the Fall Fisherman's Festival and float at Bob Jacobson's place down on Lake Goodwin. Wayne shared the photos of the collision between the PT boat and the Coast Guard boats. Report was that this was a well attended event and worth the visit as always!

Larry gave us the update on the sailboat group and that they are still sailing twice a week out at Deception Pass State Park with growing numbers all the time.

Will be having the Skagit Pig Out on the 7th (Pearl Harbor Day) of December. This will be more of a fun evening with food, good company, and reminiscing of the past years events. Going to try and have video/photo coverage of the events running on the big screen for entertainment. And as always everyone is invited (better halves, family) to this fun evening. This is a potluck so please remember to bring your favorite dish or goodies to the meeting to share.

We then discussed the reintroduction to event nights for the meetings during the winter months. These will be anything from classes on helpful modeling ideas, guest speakers, photo reviews, or any other ideas that you can come up with. Looking for people who would like to share their knowledge with the group. For starters, November's meeting will feature a presentation by Larry Stiles on how to get more throw on your servo(s) with some simple modifications. This is something learned from the sailboat guys and could be useful to all modelers in getting that little something extra from your servos.

The only show and tell was by Larry and another sail boat that he is constructing for another sailor. This is the same class and kit boat that the guys racing are sailing out at the park. Some neat ideas on strengthening this model while keeping the weight down.

With nothing else to cover, we put the chairs away, and headed to our homeports looking forward to the next time we gather.

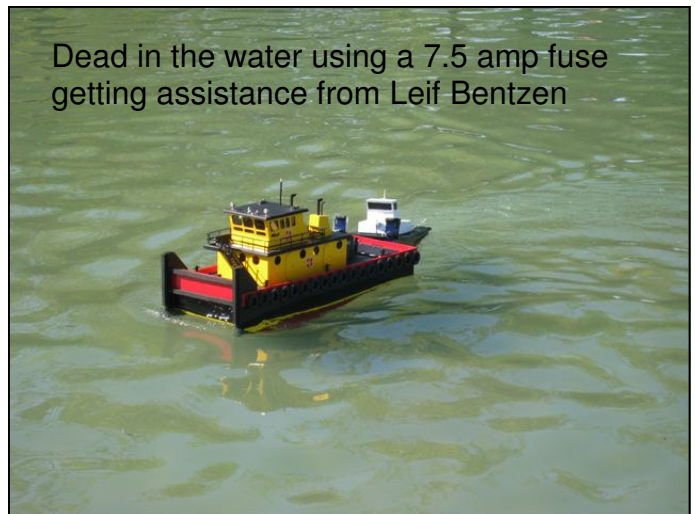


October Fun Float

By Allan Wing

Our October Fun Float was originally scheduled for the Bellevue park pond. But the day before Earl found out the Bellevue parks commission had actually scheduled us for the following week because of a walk-a-thon that was scheduled for the park on our Fun Float day. Randy and Linda put out a general e-mail to all members telling us that the Fun Float had been moved to Killarney pool for the Polo event. As luck would have it, only about half of the members got the word. As a result, we had the Fun Float in two places. The walk-a thon had left the park before our noon start time so those who went to Bellevue park had an open pond. The rest of us assembled at Killarney pool for polo. It all worked out and we had two events.

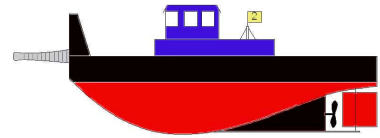
Pictures by Dr Ron Bray from the Bellevue Pond



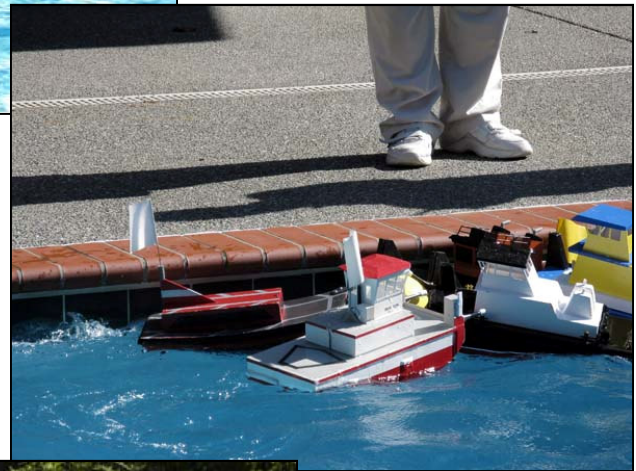
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As if Earl's boat was not *fast* enough



Pictures by Allan Wing from the Polo match at Killarney pool



St. Louis Regatta

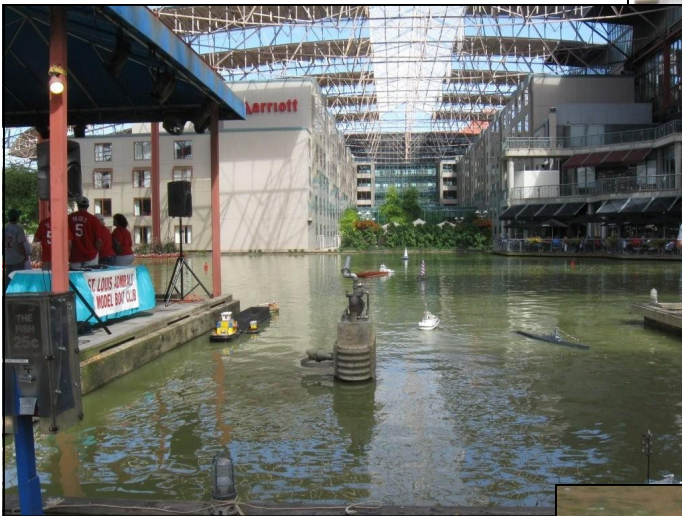
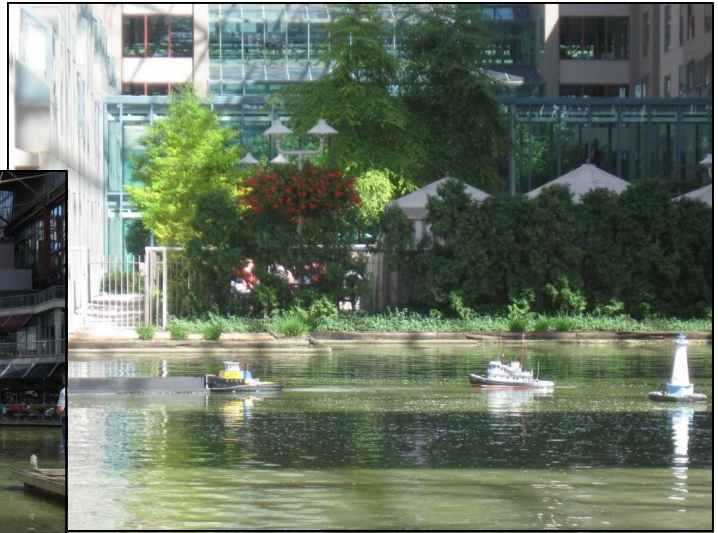
By, Alan Kinsman

I got to go to St. Louis this year a nice two day drive. Since I was a couple days early, I saw a lot of push boats on the river going up and down. The weather was a little on the warm side at the beginning on Saturday morning it had cooled down to a nice mid 60 in the morning. The regatta started around 0900.



The first thing your boat had to do was go through tech inspection which called for putting the boat in the water and showing that it ran. Then your boat could be put on the table and entered in judging. By the end of the day, there was going to be night float but it started raining so it was cancelled. On Sunday morning it was raining harder so they had the award show at 1000 hrs. instead of 1300hrs. Pono placed 3rd. in tug boat class There were about 30 to 40 boats entered in 9 different classes.

By 1200hrs, I was on the road for the short drive home.



St. Louis Regatta continued



Lake Discovery October 4th, 2009

Keith Lingscheid

In Newark CA. at the local pond where we run our model boats every Sunday, the city lowered the water level, to do some maintenance work..

I took advantage of the low water, and brought out my metal detector. And there in the mud covered rocks, I found it...my 3 inch 4 blade prop that I lost about 6 weeks ago, from the "EMILY M"..., while practicing for the Foss Cup.

