



Upcoming Events

November

- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 6 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 9 Fun Float
12:00 pm, CWB Lake Union
- 20-22 Pacific Marine Expo
Quest Field

December

- 1 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 4 December Dinner Meeting
7:30 Martha Lake CC
- 7 Fun Float
12:00 pm, CWB Lake Union

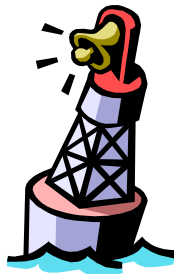
January

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- 11 Fun Float
12:00 pm, CWB Lake Union

THE BILGE PUMP

The Official Log of the
Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

November 2008



Red Right Returning

By Randy Flodquist

November! Startin' to get cold and wet. Droppin' my "gs" like I was from Alaska or somethin'. The fourth is going to be a mighty interesting day. The election will make a difference in these interesting times. But, the more things change the more they stay the same. However, "business as usual" may have to change. When the Flodquists joined the club in 1998 or so it was a different time. A lot of water under the keel since then.

Well...(as President Reagan would say in 1981, the same year our club was founded) we have an election too. The same old crew of Randy, Allan, and Ed are willing to muddle on if you'll have us. The word "change" isn't strong on our agenda but there are a few items to keep us on course. We are now fully insured for our scheduled events and that costs us about \$400 a year. We have a storage space in which we now keep our bulky items (several tables, frequency pins, white boards, tent, etc.) and the once a year things like Deceptive Pass, PA, etc. While the rent will be recycled into the Regatta we have an up front cost of \$600. Those two monetary items boiled down to a decision at the October meeting to raise the dues from \$20 to \$30 per year. It was voted on to do it in two jumps with the cost being \$25 for 2009 (the club will pick up the \$5) and to \$30 for 2010. No deficit financing in this outfit.

A few upcoming items.

At the November meeting on the 6th you'll need to bring your new vessels so Mike can judge them for the "best build/launch of 2008". That award will be presented in De-

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ember.

You could bring (or mail to Ed) your check for \$30 per person for the December Dinner which will be on the 4th. We need a headcount for Chef Burt so you can RSVP to Ed or myself.

Nominations for the Cliff Shaw Award are in order and can be sent to Mike at Galaxy or to Phil.

And finally, in the recent history department: "Don's Pond" (where the first ever Springer event occurred) has been transferred from the Arlington Lions to BIMM where it was assembled, filled, and successfully premiered on October 10-12.

Mel won the Springer event on the pond in Downtown Park, Bellevue on the 5th of October and has it figured out already what we'll be doing in April of 2009.

The state has decided to sell the 1927 built (rebuilt in 1958 and again around 1980 steel electric ferries ILLAHEE, NISQUALLY, KLUCKITAT, and QUINAULT for scrap. They'll be towed to Mexico. That's going to be some high quality new steel. For we ferry riders it's the end of an era.



*Mark you calendar, the 2009
Northwest Model Expo is scheduled
for February 6, 7 & 8th at the
Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe.*

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

Mel Suelzle

Our Club Meeting on October 1st got underway at 7:02 and was well attended by 24 members. Randy circulated a sympathy card for the Strickland family. He covered the upcoming events at the Bellingham BIMM show on October 10-12 and reported on the soggy day that some spent at the Fisherman's Memorial on September 20th.

Two polo events were scheduled for October 7th at Dennis Chin's home and then on October 12th at the Killarney pool. With all this polo action, members are strongly encouraged to get working on a polo boat and join the fun. Dennis Chin is coordinating this program and promises some organized play.

Randy reminded the group that elections are in November and we need some nominations to carry us forward for the coming year.

Members are reminded to bring their boats that were completed in 2008 to the meeting on November 6th. Mike Shaw will be on hand to take photos and inspect the boats. He will give a gift certificate to the best new boat of 2008. Show and Tell will be great at this next meeting. For those unable to attend the meeting, you can bring your boats in during the week of November 3rd. It would be good to call ahead to make sure Mike will be there.

Our November meeting is also the deadline for the Cliff Shaw award nominations. Nominations should be sent to one of the selection committee members, Mel Suelzle or Phil Northrup.

We now have a storage unit for our club equipment. Tom Steven and Kit Clark have installed some shelving. Members can access the facility to drop off or pick up items. The unit number is L125. Contact Randy for specifics on security codes and combination of the unit lock.

Some interesting show and tell items were presented by Barry, Dennis and Mel and the usual lively discussion followed.

Given the cost increases for insurance and storage fees, it was approved that we increase dues from 20 to \$25/year. Members are reminded that 2009 dues must be paid in January.

After the raffle, we stowed the chairs and headed out around 9:15 PM

Fisherman's Memorial Festival

The good news is that we had a great location at this years Fisherman's Memorial Festival on September 20th. The space was cozy, but we were at the center of all the action and got a lot of booth traffic. The bad news is that it rained the entire day. Bumpershoots were in abundance and only a few brave souls ventured out on the water. But as usual, the crowds were very interested in our boats and a good time was had by all. The weather made for a rather short day as the crowds thinned out by 3 PM. Thanks to those who braved the weather and turned out for this event.



Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

October has arrived with the usual cool, wet and windy weather for the night of the meeting with the Skagit Club. This meeting, like September, had to be bumped a week to accommodate the meeting hall. We will be back on the normal schedule of the first Monday in November and December. Despite the weather, 10 of us gathered to review the past months activities that included the September Fall Fisherman's Festival review by Randy and the BIMM show by Keith. We also learned the NW R/C now has affordable storage for all the gear that is used at the regattas and other events. Along with this storage and the new insurance, we learned that the dues will be going up to help with the cost associated with those items as well as the newsletter cost. For those that want to enter their model into the "Best New Boat Award" need to bring their model into the next meeting in November at Galaxy Hobbies for judging by Mike Shaw. So far there are a few really worthy boats and Mike would like to see more. But note that the model will only qualify the 1 time. Will need to make a new one in the next year to qualify. The main club is also soliciting nominees for the Cliff Shaw Award to be presented at the December "Pig out" meeting. Nominations need to be in by November. Reminder that the "Pig Out" will be in Martha Lake again and the cost will be \$30.00. And speaking of the pig out, the Skagit Club will be enjoying the same on December the 4th. This one is more of a pot luck and everyone is asked to bring some sort of dish or goodies to share. It will be a night of reflection and good company--less meeting. The other big event coming up in November is the Pacific Workboat Show at Quest Field. This is an interesting affair with the workboat industry and Ron Burchett's pool with models doing their thing as entertainment.

Our presentation for October was to be about lighting on boats that had to be postponed due to the weather. Will be rescheduling that one. The only boat model of the night was a new one class design that Larry Stiles brought to show. This is to be a class that the guys that sail out in Anacortes will be promoting (similar to the Springer's) to get more people involved. The boat is a simple ABS kit that has most of the parts to get it built. Of course Larry, showed some modifications that he made to make the boat look a little better. Of which, the aluminum fittings made from piece of "t" channel and the custom wood mast. looking good.

A special thanks to Linda Lindquist for bringing a key lime pie up as a special treat for those that were there. It was a great way to start the evening. We all packed up and headed out by 8:30



CLIFF SHAW AWARD



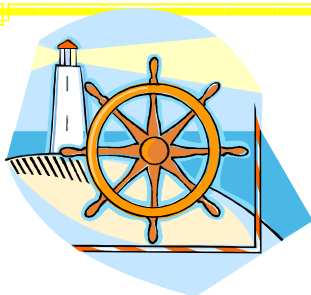
The deadline is November 6th for nominations for the 2008 Cliff Shaw award. There are many members that at least desired to be nominated. Here is your chance to recognize that member that you feel is very important to the club.

A nominee is a member who has shown throughout the year 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 general and active in the hobby. The winner will be someone who really enjoys what they are doing and loves figuring out new and fun ways to accomplish this. Helpfulness to others and participation in club events are also a must. Nomination should be in writing and emailed or sent to Mel Suetzle or Phil Northrup. The



October Fun Float - Mel Suelzle The weather was tolerable and the water calm as we gathered pond side at Bellevue Downtown Park on October 5th. The cool air was filled with excitement and anticipation for the Fall Springer contest arranged by Mathew Plueard, the winner of the Spring Event. Mathew aided by his dad Pat, came up with a very interesting and different event to test the driving skills and patience of the 6-8 skippers on hand to compete. Mathew had come up with a rather strange barge with a broken rudder link allowing the rudder to flop from side to side when being pushed from the opposite end of the barge. Needless to say the simple course and dock presented a real challenge as the skippers tried to push it through the course and finish at the dock. The best tactic was to go dead slow and not let the rudder flop to either side sending the barge away from the intended heading. The fastest time through the course was the winner. After Mathews demonstration, skippers Dave Feray, Sandy Chin, Dennis Chin, Vern Ren, Randy Flodquist and lastly Myself ran the course. Once again, the tactic of observation paid off as the last to run proved that slow was fastest in this event. As winner of this event I am already planned for the contest next April. (I apologize for missing some names here)

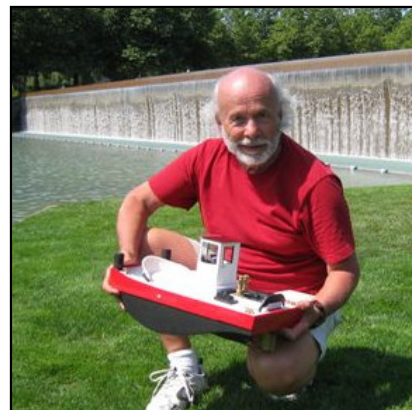
Lots of other boating action was present at the fun float. Ron Bindon had his Navy cruiser running fine and tested his new bow thruster. Jon Andrieson launch his beautiful new steam powered Brooklyn. It ran great and everyone marveled great craftsmanship that when into this model. The brass smokestack is work of art.



Member Spotlight **By Dr. Ron**

RICHARD KRIEGER

Though born in Monrovia, California in 1939 he grew up in Nampa, Idaho and attended the University of Idaho earning a BS in general business. He came to Seattle and worked for Peoples' National Bank in Information Systems for 7 years. He then moved on to work at Paccar for the next 25 years. After doing some consulting work for a few years, he went to work for Boeing for 9 years, retiring in 2005.



Though enjoying woodworking, he discovered NWRC in May after meeting Earl Anderson at the May Fun Float. He just happened to be walking around the pond at the time. He quickly built a Springer out of ABS which is a work of art and is now working on his 2nd Springer. He joined the club at Foss Cup and is enthusiastic about RC model boating. We look forward to his future builds and to get to know him better.

HOW TO MAKE FLAGS:



Anyone who has been building ship models very long will have learned that flag making is one of those problems for which there are no easy solutions. I will describe here yet another approach, this one based on an old technique involving the use of Kleenex as the base material. The old procedure involved drawing the pattern on the Kleenex and then carefully painting the flag with watercolors or acrylics. I will describe a method whereby the pattern and colors are applied by means of your PC.

1. Separate the two plies of a piece of Kleenex and select an area that is free of defects.
2. Find the design of the flag of interest in a book or on the internet, or draw and paint the flag design several times the desired size on illustration board.
3. Scan the flag into your computer and resample it to the desired size.
4. Print the flag on an ordinary 8-1/2 by 11 piece of paper using your color ink jet printer.
5. Cut a piece of the Kleenex separated in step #1 a little larger than the flag will be.
6. Place the Kleenex over the flag printed in step 4. Carefully paste the edges of the Kleenex to the paper, covering the area where the flag was printed. Be careful not to get paste on any part of the Kleenex that will eventually be part of the flag. I used highly diluted carpenters glue as paste.
7. After the paste has dried, print another copy of the flag using the assemblage made in step 6. This time the flag will be printed on the Kleenex.
8. After the ink has dried thoroughly, cut the Kleenex flag out. You will find that the ink has completely penetrated through the Kleenex, and the flag will be on both sides.
9. The flag can now be shaped, and stiffened by spraying with dull coat or similar material. This method will work for a wide range of sizes, and for intricate patterns. For US flags, it solves the problem is painting stripes with straight edges and making small stars on a blue background. For miniature ship models it might be a useful technique for making sails with appropriate seams, etc. You probably wonder how long these flags will last. The short answer is "I don't know." I did read that Epson is now making a type of ink jet that they say will last for 200 years on archival paper. No word on how long it would last on Kleenex.

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ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES EXPIRE THE END OF DECEMBER AND MUST BE PAID BY THE END OF JANUARY! ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW \$25. Make your checks out to NWRCMSM and give to Ed Maurer. If you prefer, mail to Ed at 22309 54th Ave. W, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043

BELLINGHAM INTERNATIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM—Keith Schermerhorn

The weekend of October 11th & 12th had another fun filled model show at the Bellingham International Maritime Museum. This is an open event for modelers to come and show off their models and have a chance to play "indoors" while the public comes to watch and learn about the world of R/C. The weather this year was sunny and bright outside. Indoors on Saturday found the building to be rather chilly as the overnight temps had dropped into the upper 20's. There was no ice on the pond, although I think we may be making an iceberg just for this event. Despite the chilly temps, all were having a good time as several people came and stayed to watch through out the day.



There were several models on display from local modelers and members of NW R/C Ship Modelers. Those included: Al Kinsman with his Z-peller tugs Lon Bradshaw with his paddlewheel (with split paddles) and pleasure tug with great working smoke generator Dr. Ron with his great model of the LA Fire Boat with working lights and multiple water cannons! Tom Stevens with the venerable "Jeanette" trolling the pond The Flodquists with Suzy and other of Bens models Robert Maxwell with the "bread and butter" models under construction. Keith with his usual tugs, pleasure boat, and hovercraft Andy with his bunch of Springers and "Zig Zag" boats Ralph and Lin (aka Mr. & Mrs. Toes from R/C Groups) with the amazing Supper Springers and other boats. Lots of boats were on the water through out both days keeping those visitors entertained. We may have even gained some new members. New this time was the larger pond 24' x 36' pond that was donated by the lions Club of Arlington thanks in part to Linda's dad. This really helped to make an impact of the fun of the hobby. It allowed multiple boats to be out on the water at a time and not be too confined that one could not

maneuver. Sunday was more of an unwind day that surprisingly, saw almost as many people come through in the 4 hours that day than the day before. This included several of the museums backers and local government officials. All in all the event was a great success for the museum. It introduced people to the maritime history of this region and introduced them to the fun of R/C boats. We hope to see more people and model boats at future events there. On behalf of the museum, I would like to thank all the members of NW R/C Ship Modelers that came to display and to those that came just to check things out.



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