



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

October 2018

## Upcoming Events Look Ahead

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Meeting @ Galaxy Hobby 7pm
- 3 Fun Float @ Seattle Yacht Club 9am

### 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*

As the leaves join the duck feathers on the Bellevue pond we clearly have a sense that the fall season has arrived.

After our busy and very fun September schedule we can look forward to a more quiet October as our calendar year winds down. Our most recent fun float is the last for several months at the Bellevue pond as we shift our fun floats to the welcome environment of the Seattle Yacht Club. As the winter season progresses and cooler temperatures prevail we will appreciate the protected waters and heated areas made available to us by the Seattle Yacht Club. But we also welcome the relief from summertime adventures and turn to the more quiet times when we can spend more time building and repairing our models so they are in top shape for next spring. In the meantime we can turn our attention to getting ready with a year-end celebration and the new administration that will take the helm in 2019

Being unsuccessful in getting a nominee for President for our club, last month I offered to continue for another year IF I could get some significant help in performing some key tasks typically performed by the president's position. This was a major business topic at the last meeting and I am happy to report we had a number of members that stepped forward with offers to help out. I am pleased to report that we have a full list of nominees that are most capable and most importantly, willing to take on a number of club tasks. Not only do we have the traditional positions filled, but new positions that will allow more members to contribute to the

organization. This will spread the workload, and likely our club will benefit from the variety and quality of the results that more members can contribute. So our nomination list is very complete and I want to thank everyone that has stepped forward and offered to take a more active role towards improving the current club functions and also adding new services and functions. Here is the current list of nominees that will be nominated at our November meeting.

<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Ron Bray</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Dave White</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	<b>Paul Williams</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Bryan Morse</b>
<b>Newsletter Contribution Committee Chair - Robert Osmond (event writers needed)</b>	
<b>Wellness Committee</b>	<b>Tom Stevens</b>
<b>Bellevue Liaison</b>	<b>Dave Green</b>
<b>Event Coordinators</b>	<b>Bob Wickham, Steve Sunich, Dave White</b>
<b>President</b>	<b>Mel Suelzle</b>

I very much appreciate these members coming forward for the benefit of our club. However, this is an election and it is OK to have more than one candidate for a position. We will accept nominations for all of these positions from the floor at the meeting next month. Self-nomination is very much encouraged as long as nomination speeches are kept to a minimum. If you want to defend against your being nominated from the floor, you might want to make special effort to attend this meeting.

And finally, it is time to start planning for our December dinner. As Mike needs our meeting space for a special Christmas sales area, we need to go elsewhere on our normal meeting date of December 6<sup>th</sup>, this year. For the past several years we have used the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood for this event. They offer a great meeting room, good food at a reasonable price that everyone seems to enjoy. So we plan to hold our dinner again at this same location. Space is limited, so we need to begin the reservation process. Detailed information is listed separately in this newsletter. *Mel Suelzle*

## October Meeting

**Ron Bray**

**Photos: Robert Osmond**



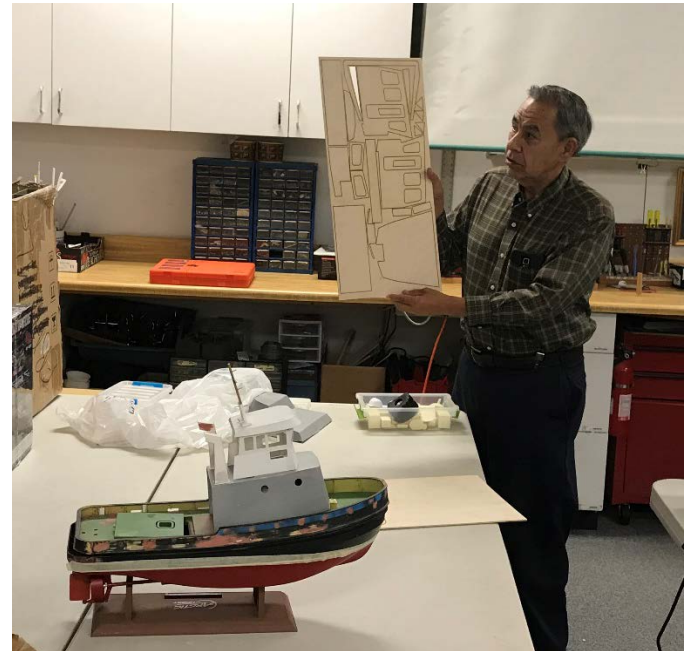
Twenty- one members were called to order by our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. There were no guests or new members present.

Show and tell started with **Robert Osmond** explaining how his balsa Lindberg PT was used to surf with him in Hawaii. This is another of his original builds, recently pulled out of storage. He also brought a Scandinavian fishing boat hull with protrusions from the bottom, allowing it to remain upright with outgoing tides. Next, **Bob Wickham**



showed his sleek tug hull he obtained from **Marvin Walden**. He has no plans and asked if anyone had an idea where they can be obtained.

One of our newer members, **Fred Row**, demonstrated how he modified his Southampton tug so that he has independent drives, horns, radar, lights and new motors which were purchased at Vetco. He collaborated with **Richard Bizier** in this effort. **Mel's** X Southampton is making great progress toward its modification to be the Western tow boat, West Point. With all the support Western has given us it is only fitting that there be a nice model of one of their vessels. **Tom Stevens** showed all the parts and pieces he obtained from **Gary King** to complete his Sea Imp.



**Mel** provided a slide show of the Fisherman's festival and lake Scott events. There was essentially no desire to display boats at the children's museum in Everett over Armistice Day due to too many little fingers roving over the models. Our Christmas meeting has been reserved for the first Tuesday in December at the Spaghetti Factory. There is room for only 50, so it was advised to get your reservations in early. This year the charge will be \$20 for members and guests with the remainder of the tips and taxes to be provided by the club. A reminder to register for the Pacific Marine Expo was mentioned. It can be

Following the break, **Mel** suggested we start our meetings at 6 PM instead of seven to allow **Mike** to get home to his family a little earlier. All agreed to the new start time. Nominations for next year's officers was shown on a screen along with suggestions for committees

and a call for everyone trying to help out in performing some of the nitty gritty tasks which have deluged the president. **Mel** agreed to one more year as president if he can recruit help with these tasks. **Robert Osmond** volunteered to chair the newsletter contributor committee and **Bryan Morse** will chair the membership data base in sync with the treasurer.



obtained online and is free. Mention was made of the upcoming fun float and a possible polo match. **Robert Osmond** will pursue options. Drawing gift cards were picked for Doug Wilson and Fred Row. The meeting concluded at 2020, chairs were stacked and we headed to home ports in a rather cool evening.



## October 6<sup>th</sup> Fun Float

Mel Suezal

Photos: Allan Wing  
& Robert Osmond



October 6<sup>th</sup> was the last fun float of the year for the Bellevue pond. While the weather was dry, the winds were calm and we had a reasonable showing for this fun float. While I arrived late, a good size group was well into running their boats. The local spectators were out even though the weather was a little cooler. As is a frequent showing at our fun floats, **Dave Green** had his nice Coast Guard boat out. **Richard Bizier** provided plenty of help and advice for **Fred Row** as he tested his newly configured South Hampton and he was pleased with its performance

with the new independent speed controls. **Tom Stevens** had his "Box Boat" out and showed his skill at readily walking it sideways.

Unfortunately his South Hampton did not run as well as gremlins were causing some interference with his throttles and rudder controls. I tested my new configuration of the West Point (previous South Hampton). It ran very well and produced a nice bow spray typical for a speed boat. The Speed 400 motors sent **Robert Osborn** undoubtedly planning for a new power system as



his Speed 600 motors, 8.4v battery and prop shop props only came in second place.

As usual Robert did make another significant contribution to the fun float. Everyone appreciated him keeping his rain god, Lono in a bucket of water so he stayed well hydrated and had no need for rain. Robert kept him well submersed in the bucket of water thus assuring us of have a rain free fun float. Good Job Robert.

Only one serious accident occurred when **Dave Green's** boat suffered damage as it found the side of the pond. As usual, the cement side won out and a big chunk of his boat's bow was added to the debris on the pond.

By noon everyone was packing up and calling it a day and a very good fun float. Soon the pond will house an ice skating rink and be refilled and once again ready for another fun float next March/April.





## Lake Scott Fun Float and Barbeque



September 22<sup>nd</sup> was the day selected for our Annual Barbeque and Fun Float. For the past 15 years this has been a popular event at the home of Bob and Laurie Jacobsen's home on Lake Goodwin. For the most part we have been fortunate to have good weather and a great spot for special sales and auctions that were very popular with members. Of course the food provided was also a strong draw by members and spouses alike.

With the move of the Jacobsen's to Idaho and the move by Scott and Claudia to Lake Tapps, it seemed that our tradition could continue and the transition to a new venue would go on unabated. Scott and Claudia made excellent preparations to insure the transition went on without out the slightest hitch. Unfortunately fate had other plans that would be major factors.

Being in a different location, Scott and Claudia provided excellent driving directions so everyone could locate their

beautiful home on Lake Tapps. Unfortunately, the highway department chose the same day to close southbound 167 which is the most direct route selected by most GPS. . The few cryptic highway signs didn't help much to identify alternate paths. My wife and I were the next to last arrivals only 45 minutes later than planned. I learned later that at least one skipper gave up and return home. But 18-20 others found a path that got them to their destination. The weather was dry for the most part but very windy. The wind was very effective at pushing and model boats to the end of the waterway where all the weeds were very well developed.

Being a good host, Scott was making sure everyone had good seating arrangements on the water which was accessed from by a slopping grass to the lake shore. While carrying chairs, the lawn was probably damp and Scott slipped and fell on one of the chairs he was carrying, He had some pain in his side by decided to tough it out and try to enjoy the day's event and tend to his duties as a host.



Several boats ran on the water throughout the day. **Allan Wing** had is runabout running well and also his Arthur Foss. As usual **Darlene Wing** captured all the activity of the day very thoroughly. **Dave White** and **Roger Lyons** both rad boats and Dave took over the cooking duties as well. I ran the Red Bull almost without any incidents more about that later. We had a number of spectators on the shore as they were boat less attendees. Including **Ron Bray, Leif Bentsen, Noel Holly, Dave Green and Bryan Morse & Bob Spiger**. Several "significant others attended as well and added a much needed "touch of class" to the event.

As usual lunch was great. Chef Dave did a great job and the other goodies from the Baumann's and guests made for a great lunch enjoyed by all. After lunch with new energy, the boats hit the water again even though the winds had increased. All way going well until Scott lost his cabin from his Atlantic tug boat. It floated nicely as the wind started to blow it to the end of the waterway. I had the Red Bull on the water and quickly headed



toward the cabin in hopes of bringing it to shore. The wind had other ideas and pushed the cabin in the weeds and I attempted to follow. Soon both cabin and Red Bull were ensnared in very healthy weeds. Scott had hired a diver to clean his side of the waterway, but the wind pushed it towards the opposite side. Allan Wing came to the rescue and waded just far enough to get a fingertip grip on the cabin and recover it for Scott. I managed to get the Red Bull close enough for Allan to retrieve it as well. All's well that ends well! NOT QUITE! As Scott brought his cabinless Atlantic boat to shore, Bob Spiger went down to retrieve it. Bob slipped and fell FACE first on the water's edge and suffered some abrasions that required several band-aids. Not sure who got Scott's boat, but I am not sure it was NOT Bob!

With all that excitement, spirits were dampened and Scott's side pain was not diminishing. It was decided that he should seek medical help and proceed to the ER. It was decided that it would be best to call and end to the "Fun" float and let Claudia and Scott tend to his needs. Everyone packed up, wished the Baumann's well and thanked Claudia and Scott for their hospitality. They did an excellent job in preparing for this event and it just seemed events beyond their control were lined up against them. We hope next year things will go their way.



**Follow-up Note** - Claudia reports that she and Scott were in ER until 10:30pm that evening and Scott had 2 broken ribs. Scott is taking it easy during his recovery and slowly recovering from his accident. *Mel*



## October Member Profile: Rex Olsen

Rex first learned of our club when we had a boat show display in the King Dome in 1997. Recently, he decided to find out more about us, got on line, and found our web site with an article by Keith Schermerhorn. He attended one of our coffee meetings and joined in March of 2018. Rex has been building static display boats for years and has many of these in his home. Like several of us, he has been bitten by the RC bug.



Rex grew up on a remote Colorado cattle ranch without electricity, telephone, or indoor plumbing. But, as he puts it, if he had a warm coat, a good dog, and plenty of shotgun shells he was content – until girls became interesting. The oldest of four siblings on a subsistence level spread, he knew he'd have to make his own way in the modern world. He worked to pay for college, graduated from Colorado State University, and entered the aerospace field while continuing graduate

education at The University of Denver and North Texas University, where he taught graduate evening courses while working full time. Retirement provided time to learn to play jazz saxophone, and soon Rex was restoring and selling vintage saxes on-line, as well as playing in local jazz bands. Rex has written several books, see: Rex Olsen/Amazon. Rex has a life-long interest in boats. While in college he built an Alcort Super Sailfish by scaling an Alcort Company brochure, and then learned to sail it on a local lake. As he aged the boats got bigger – and now, smaller.



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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 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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