



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

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## ELECTION DECISIONS DUE

### DATES OF INTEREST

#### October

- 6th Club Meeting
- 8th Skagit Meeting
- 14th Fun Float
- 14th Night Float

#### November

- 1st Club Meeting
- 4th Fun Float
- 5th Skagit Meeting

Pacific Maritime Expo has been **cancelled**.

November is club election month in the NWR/CSM, in addition to those national ones which will be coming our way. There are three elected positions, President, Vice-President and Treasurer. There will be a need to find a replacement for President and Vice-President, to lead the club in 2013. Our Treasurer has said he would continue in office if the club wanted him. Nominations and election will take place at the meeting in November.

November is also the month that Mike Shaw chooses the "Best Build of the Year". So be prepared to bring in your boat candidate for that award.

In an unfortunate case of the cost of living increasing, our participation in this year's Pacific Maritime Expo has been cancelled. Our member, Kevin Klocke has informed us that he could not get sponsorship of the pond at the show, as the fee for the space has been raised dramatically. The reception of our activity was great as long as there were no companies who would pay for what would have been vacant space at the show. We will have to see how 2013 works out.

Dain Webster has worked very hard to plan another event in which the club can participate. On Oct. 14th, at the Bellevue Pond, a course will be set up which will be navigable at night. The event will start at 6 PM. It should be dusk by 6:30PM. Many of us have not had the opportunity to see our models in the dark, under full running lights, running a course marked with lighted buoys. It adds a great dimension to our hard work and sport. You are urged to add this evening to your schedule.

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## FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL 2012 by Dr. Ron Bray

The Fisherman's festival for 2012 was a success. Numerous kids and dads visited our booth which displayed the fruits of our labor. Phil Northrup came from smoky afar to be in the fray as well as Allan Kinsman, Bill McGee, Robert Wickham, Cliff Elowson, Mel Suelzle, Ed Maurer and Dr. Ron Bray. Mel, Phil and Dr. Ron provided a lot of running time for the kids, until the batteries went dead. In fact, Dr. Ron's Springer lost lock and it took some time to find it before it could be recovered. It had continued forward until it finally came to a halt in the next bay, hooked on a ladder. Fortunately it didn't head out into the open channel as it probably would never have been recovered. This is the second time this happened at this event. However, before, the boat ran in circles.

As we arrived to set up, the weather was iffy but the sun came out and it reached 75 degrees by the time we departed. The crowds were great and had lots of interest in our hobby. Unfortunately, we forgot to bring our brochures and club cards to give to the onlookers. Our hosts bent over backwards to have us at this event and are looking forward to having us again next year. The water was smooth and the venue perfect for all to enjoy, including the Coast Guard rescue display. There were numerous kids crafting small wooden boat in the booths just a short distance away. They then came by in droves sporting their newly built projects. This is truly a great venue and hopefully we will have a lot better participation next year by our members. It is a great opportunity to entice the younger generation to join our art of building RC model boats.

We departed around 4:30 PM and headed back to our home ports, having been thoroughly satisfied with our participation and crowd response. Mel and Dr. Ron were interviewed by a reporter from ***The Ballard Tribune***, who took pictures and recorded their dialog to be printed in the next week's paper. So, check it out and see if they really helped our club effort.







## Fall Springer Competition

The annual visit to Bob Jacobsen's home on Lake Goodwin was held Sunday, September 16th. During this outing the Fall Springer Competition was held. The competition was created by Robert Osmond, the Spring Competition winner, and it was different! A medium sized course was laid out and instead of barges, the objects to be maneuvered were small watermelons. As will be seen in the "Results" picture, there were a number of DNFers. The day was pleasant and as usual the Jacobsens were most hospitable. The grand winner was Ron Bray, who will have six months to think up his competition for the Spring, in a very excellent time. It is amazing how slow and clumsy some of our best skippers become in this competition. Robert created a special trophy for the event, which I am sure Doc will be pleased to display amongst his many others.



Captain's Name	Time
Bob Jacobsen	3:04.95
AL A	3:09.56
TOM S	3:24.18
MEL	2:45.12
DOC	2:09.95
ZACK	3:32.28
DOUG	DNF
SCOTT	3:04.97
TIM	3:06.25
ALLAN	DNF
LEIF	2:32.09
BOB	DNF
SCOTT B	DNF
RANDY	DNF
MIKE	DNF
Phil	DNF

## December 6th Meeting Information

These are the arrangements for our December meeting, as determined by the appointed committee and approved by a vote of the attendees at the September meeting. The venue has been set for the Embassy Suites, 20610 44th Ave. West, Lynnwood, WA on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

See this link: [www.seattlenorthlynnwood.embassysuites.com](http://www.seattlenorthlynnwood.embassysuites.com)

The dinner is a served, sit-down affair, the room will have seasonal decorations, including a Christmas tree, tables will be round for the seating,

### **The following is the menu, as presented by the committee:**

Winter Mixed Green Salad with Shaved Fennel, Jicama and Roasted Almonds with Raspberry Vinaigrette dressing.

Roasted Turkey Roulade, which is sliced roasted turkey, stuffed with sage and spinach.

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Traditional Gravy

Candied Yams and Cranberry Sauce

Holiday Bread Basket with Creamy Butter

Gevalia Brand Coffee, Tea and Decaf

Assorted Holiday Desserts

There will be a **No Host** bar in the room.

The pre-paid dinner cost is \$44.00 per person, which includes tip and taxes. Make checks payable to NWR/CSM and deliver to Ed Maurer, to reserve your places. Reservations are necessary to assure the numbers of dinners and tables prepared by the hotel. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, the cost per person will be \$50. People arriving without a reservation will take their chances, the hotel only prepares for a 5% reservation overage.

### **Over night stay:**

The hotel is offering a "Ship Modelers" special rate for the event. There are two room types, king suites and double suites (two beds in the room). The king suite rate will be \$124.00 and the double suite rate will be \$139.00. The rate includes complimentary cooked to order breakfast. Room reservations can be made by calling the hotel at 425-775-2500 and telling them you want the Ship Modelers rate.

## **October Minutes** by Dr. Ron Bray

Commodore **Lee Stewart** brought 24 swabbies to order at 1900 hours. Upcoming events were announced and discussed and are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. There will be no participation this year at the Pacific Marine Expo as the space was rented out before a sponsor could be secured. **Mike King** was introduced and joined the club. He resides in Edmonds and has been a member of the San Francisco Model Yacht Club, before moving to the Northwest

Members were encouraged to bring their new models to the meeting next month to be judged by **Mike Shaw** for the “Best Build of 2012 Award” to be presented at the December meeting. Nomination and election of officers will be held at next month’s meeting. **Ed Maurer** has agreed to continue on as treasurer. President and Vice-President are open for contention.

Considerable discussion regarding the **Cliff Shaw Award** was entertained and in the end it was finally voted to continue this on a yearly basis, with some revision of the parameters by the award committee. A discussion to rename the spring regatta to the Northwest R/C/ Ship Modelers’ Cliff Shaw Memorial Regatta was tabled for discussion next year.

**Mel Suelzle** brought **Tom Steven’s** Springer and radio for auction as it was left behind at the Springer competition at Bob Jacobsen’s last month. The batteries were dead as the boat and radio had not been switched off. Lee started the bidding at \$100 but negotiated with Tom so he could reclaim them.

**Dave Green** discussed purchasing raffle tickets for an automobile, to be drawn at the upcoming car show, to raise funds for Medic One. Donations fund the emergency vehicles, the personnel and eight months of training for Medic One. Survival by heart attack victims is attributed to the fast actions of these well trained professionals and approaches 50% versus only 3-5% for other metropolitan centers.

Ed Maurer asked that members send their money in for the Christmas dinner by the next meeting, as the caterer needs an accurate accounting. The cost is \$44 a person and will be \$50 for after December 1st.

**Dain Webster** announced that the buoys brought in for judging will be placed on the table at the break and he will give out ballots for the members to vote for their first and second choice of the best buoy build.

After the break, while Dain was tallying the votes, the Show and Tell items were discussed, **Dave White** brought in some really cool small geared motors which can be purchased from Phil's Narrow Gauge website. Dave will provide the link to **Mike Jones** for placement on our website. Our new member, Mike King, discussed his highly detailed Soviet missile destroyer, a kit with directions only in Chinese, which he purchased while in China. Since he is on the road a lot, he asked for help in building a six foot RC square rigger kit. So, if anyone can help, feel free to contact him. **Dr. Ron Bray** presented his finished Danish frigate, a Billings kit which he stated was a vast improvement over some of their older kits. The ABS hull was a bit thicker and the wood parts delicately cut by laser technology. As with other kits there were a number of brass fittings to facilitate the build. He noted that the two motors revved at different rpms, a problem later solved by Mel by adjusting the output percentages in the Spektrum DX6 radio. **Bob Wickham** discussed his tsunami buoy with a flashing LED activated by a tip 120 transistor and electrodes, when placed in water. While still waiting for the tally, Tom Stevens discussed painting his truck with the HVLP paint gun he bought from Mel at the auction last month. He used two part automotive urethane paint and described difficulty cleaning the paint gun once the paint kicked off. Dain brought in the results of the buoy voting. A tie was noted for first place so going to the second choice votes was able to break the tie. **Bob Wickham** won first and second and **Brian Morse** came in third. Dain will take them home and modify them to Coast Guard standards and electrify them for night use.. They will be set up at the next fun float so that we can practice for the night float during daylight hours.

After another colorful evening the meeting concluded at 2020 hours and everyone said their goodbyes and headed for their home ports.









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