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## From the Quarterdeck

By Allan Wing



It looks like summer has really arrived. Anyone who was at the Crawdad Festival in Tualatin would verify that statement. It has been a busy month starting with the Tidewater Cup in Spokane at the end of July. We had our normal fun float on Seafair weekend and we had a special float at Lake Serene. Then many of trekked south to Tualatin for the Crawdad festival. It was a very good event with lots of work by Aimee and Phil. The month ends with the Foss Cup on Bellevue pond. Certainly a busy month.

Mel has a write up later in this newsletter about the Tidewater Cup. It sounded like a fun event and once again our club took home most of the trophies.

I missed our regular Fun Float, this time under more pleasant circumstances. I took my wife and newsletter editor to a early evening performance she had been wanting to see for our anniversary.

The special Float at Lake Serene was very nice and it was a good chance to see a great model railroad garden exhibit.

At the Crawdad Festival, we had one of our biggest turnouts in years with 27 people attending dinner Friday night. It was really hot but a very well run and fun event.

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## Upcoming Events

### September

- 2 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 4&5 BIMM Fall Model Show  
Bellingham Museum
- \*? Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- \*19 Fun Float/Springer Event  
Lake Bob
- 25 Fall Fisherman's Festival  
11:00am Fisherman's Terminal

### October

- 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, Bellevue Park

### November

- 1 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 4 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Fun Float  
12:00 CWB Lake Union
- 11-13 Pacific Marine Expo  
Quest Field

\*Change in Schedule



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The Foss Cup was held Saturday August 21. They had clear but slightly cooler weather and a fairly large turn out. We expect a complete report in the next newsletter.

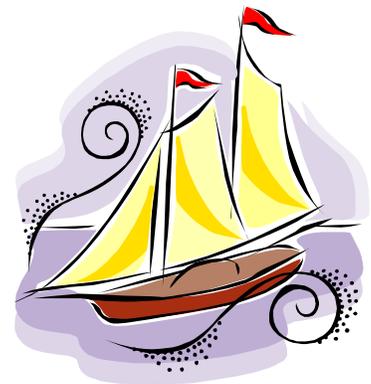


We now look to next month. Our Fun Float for September will be our fall Springer event. **It has been rescheduled to [September 19](#) and will be held at [Bob Jacobsen's place on Lake Goodwin \(aka Lake Bob\)](#).** Once again Bob has been nice enough to host a barbecue and Fun Float. This is always a fun event and I encourage you all to come.

Also in September, we will be at the Fall Fisherman's Festival at Fisherman's Terminal. It will be September 25. They will provide us with a booth and 6 tables with access to a dock so we can run our boats. They have told me that they will move a few things to our end of the show so we do not feel so isolated. This will be a good chance to show our club and boats to the community.

For our December meeting, we have reserved the Martha Lake Community Center and Chef Bert. We will finalize our menu in the next few weeks.

We have the Fisherman's Expo coming up in November and we need to get a count of who is planning to attend so we can get passes.



# NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By, Dr. Ron

## AUGUST MEETING MINUTES



Commodore Allan Wing started the meeting at 1900 with 20 swabbies on deck. **Dane Webster** introduced himself as a long lost member returning now after retiring from the Coast Guard and recently as a Redmond police dispatcher. He was originally a member of the Queen's Own Warship Club and sponsored by Cliff Shaw. **Mike Jones** is now retired from submarine duty and has been back for 2 days planning to settle down and build an 81 inch Preston sternwheeler powered by a home built steam plant. Thanks were expressed to Dave White for arranging a fun float at the home of Glenn and Barbara Shadduck on Lake Serene while hosting a Garden Railroad exhibition. There

were six of us who showed up at noon and ran our boats until the batteries and bladders gave up. The Garden Railway was spectacular as was the home and setting. It was obvious that a lot of work went into this exhibit.

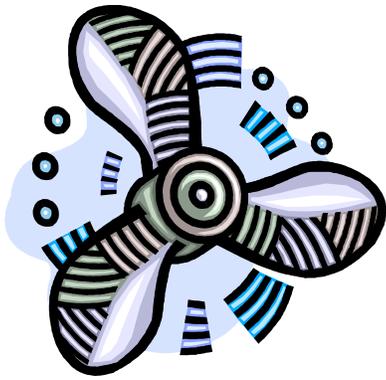
Our event at Tualatin was discussed and there are dinner reservations at Hayden's restaurant for 25 on Friday night and Restaurant Italiano on Saturday night. A reminder for the fun float at Bellevue pond was mentioned and our commodore stated he would not be able to attend because he and Darlene will be celebrating their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Hooray and congratulations! Everyone was encouraged to practice, practice, practice for the upcoming Foss cup on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The course will most likely be the same as years past. The Martha Lake clubhouse has been reserved and we are awaiting a return call from the caterer.

**Mel** gave an enthusiastic report on the Tidewater cup in Spokane last weekend where **Al Kinsman** took first places in small and large classes of tug and barge maneuvers, won the Springer event and took home the Tidewater cup. Mel took a first place in medium class and a second in small class. Overall it was a great performance by our west coast representatives. The event started at 9 AM and finished at 3 PM followed by a pot luck dinner provided by the host wives. Mel had nothing but kudos for the event.



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In absentia, **Dave White** nominated our **commodore** for the **bent prop award** for frying his fingers on a hot motor. He still has blisters. The September fun float and Springer competition will be held at Bob Jacobson's lake front home at Lake Goodwin on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. The float plane group will meet the day before and those interested are invited. Phil Northrup brought fiberglass mat and cloth to be taken by interested members as he is cleaning out his garage. **Mike Shaw** asked how many members would be interested in Mtronics Viper Marine esc's from the UK as they seem to have a great low end response. He will need to order a minimum of 50 units to get a discount. The majority of those present raised their hands indicating interest but there was concern about the price of these units. **Barry Bertran** brought a guest, **Sebastian Jewell**, who has appeared at a number of the fun floats. **Doug Gunter** came with renewed interest in boating after a hiatus for model car racing.



After a break, it was show and tell time. **Mike Gullikson** displayed progress on his Dumas 41 foot Coast Guard boat he is building. He has been to the Seattle Coast Guard station and was allowed to view and take pictures of the real McCoy.



**Mel** brought several revised Spektrum DX6 manuals for boaters for sale. This manual is downsized and simplified with elimination of aircraft and helicopter application.

The meeting was over at 2015 and all headed back to home ports after the chairs were stacked.



# Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

The August meeting in Mt. Vernon was one of our shortest meetings in a long time. A small group of regulars was there to mainly discuss the past events of July. July was a good month for getting out and seeing various boating events. First on the agenda was to thank Gordon and his wife for the wonderful hospitality that they shared when we had a fun float at the community pond in their home park. There were a 5 of us that showed up to run boats along with the people of the park for a few hours on Sunday the 11th. Weather was great with warm weather and a good breeze for the sail boats. Most notable was the relaunch of Wayne's tug the Gary Foss after much time in dry-dock after an unfortunate event several years ago. Boat ran flawlessly and on the same batteries that had been not been used in over 5 years! If you missed this opportunity to play here, try and come to the next one.



The other big event for the month was the Workboat Races in Anacortes on the 17th of July. Keith and Wayne represented the club with a display of models for the afternoon festivities. When not with the models, Wayne and Keith were able to get some photos of the boats and the races. Some of the high lights were the 3 classes of races with the local workboats, pirates contest, water balloon assault on the workboats after the races, and a few other boat related displays. At the end of the races, other members went up to the Flodquist home where there was a big pot luck for those that came to the event as spectators and participants. Special guest included the Freeman's, Ron Burchett and Gary King who all traveled to see the festivities. Once again, many thanks to the Flodquist family for their hospitality with the pot luck as all there had a good time and left with a full stomach of good eats.

As we looked forward to August, it was noted that there will be a bevy of events for the next month that will include: Tualatin, Foss Cup, Burnaby, and finishing the big summer events with the last BIMM event on Labor Day. We will have plenty to chat about in September.

**Special note that the September meeting will not be on the first Monday** as it will be the holiday. As of this posting not sure if it will be on the first Tuesday or the second Monday. Will be sending a notice once we confirm the date.

Since there were no show and tells and the business was complete, we finished a little early. Once the chairs were all put away and the room returned to normal, we headed home to our home ports until the next time.

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# August Fun Float

It was a cool overcast Sunday and I had told everyone to come and practice for the Foss Cup. And of all things I did not attend. I was off enjoying a show and not taking my advice about practicing. I got a few pictures from Al Kinsman. So you can see some of the action.



*Pictures by Alan Kinsman*



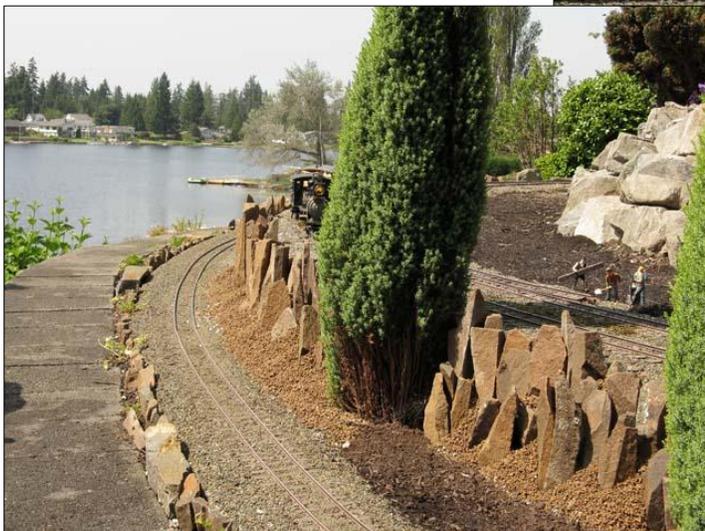
## Lake Serene Float

Barbara and Glen Shadduck invited the club to a float at their place on Lake Serene. They wanted it to coincide with their Garden Railroad tour so people could see both trains and boats. Their garden was a representation of the right-of-way from Baltimore to Harper's Ferry as it appeared in the summer of 1852. It is really detailed and very well done.

We had 6 people and 11 boats and we ran for about 3 hours. Cliff Elowson had his boat fail when the batteries went dead and we had to rescue him from the lily pads. I guess that is one of the hazards of running in a lake. All in all it was a beautiful setting and a nice float. It was very nice to see how many of the train people either had a boat or were thinking about getting a boat. Our only problem was the trek up the hill when we were finished.



Our special thanks to **Barbara and Glen Shadduck** for inviting and to **Dave White** for setting it up.



# Lake Serene Float



# 2010 Tidewater Cup

By, Mel Suelzle



July 31<sup>st</sup> was this year's Tidewater Cup in Spokane. Three members of our club attended this year's event, **Al Kinsman, Bill McGee and yours truly**. Also attending were about a dozen or so members from the Spokane Model Boat Club that hosts this event each year with the sponsorship of Tidewater. The hot weather, typical for this event, was replaced by much cooler temperatures and even an occasional rain shower.



The event was held at a pond on the property of the local power company, Avista. This manmade pond has many large rocks and a fountain that contributes to a most interesting and challenging event. Again this year, the Springer class event required a skipper to take a barge through a complex course, weaving in and around a couple dozen large and unforgiving boulders. This course was the same as last year but they reversed the track and started/stopped in a different place. This challenging course is difficult to run without hitting at least one rock. It is timed as well to break any ties.



**This year's winner was Al Kinsman.**



The Tidewater Cup event was a challenging barge navigation course. This year, the navigation course had a few extra challenges to make up for elimination of the salvage event.



# Tidewater Cup

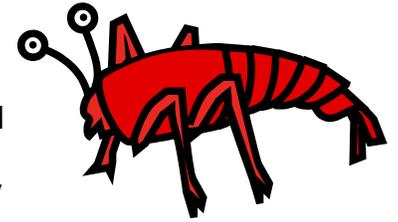
As usual, the skippers for the West side did well in this event. Al Kinsman took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Large and Small classes including the top score/shortest time to win the Tidewater Cup. I managed second places in those categories and a 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Medium class

I really feel that the courses provided by the Tidewater event are the most challenging navigation courses you will find anywhere. The natural obstacles and fierce currents created by the fountain combine to make this a very challenging event.



*Pictures by Bill McGee*

# Crawdada Festival

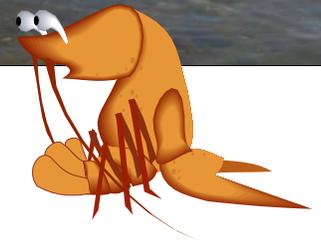


A number of club members ventured to Tualatin for the annual Crawdad Festival. This year the Portland club did not participate so the entire event was organized and run by **Aimee Eng** and **Phil McKinney**. They worked very hard and had a well organized and fun event. After a week of cool weather it turned hot with afternoon temperatures reaching over 95. there were three events. The first event was the run a course and count the number of stick commands needed to complete the course. The course this year had tighter turns because there none of the big war ships there to compete. The second event was to retrieve a small barge from the center of the pond, this was a real challenge with the pointy tugs. Then later in the afternoon they and a event where two tugs were to position a barge with a crane such that the crane could set a box on a platform. The wind was blowing rather hard so this was harder than it looked.

Friday night we all gathered for dinner and we had one of the biggest turnouts ever with 27 people at dinner. We had evening/night floats both Friday and Saturday night. It was a very nice event and everyone enjoyed it. We are looking forward to attending next year.



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