



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

May, 2014

Upcoming Events May

- 5 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 15 Fun Float 10 am
Bellevue Pond
- 17 BIMM Bellingham 10:00—4:00

June

- 5 NWRCSCM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 **Gordon D. Canney Memorial
REGATTA** Bellevue Pond
9 AM—5 PM

- 9 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon

July

- 3 NWRCSCM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
Fun Float
1-4pm at Gordon's
- 12 Fun Float
12:00 –3 pm
Bellevue Pond
- 26 Tidewater Cup
Spokane Avista Pond

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schedule information**

Ahoy! - Well now that the Springer event has come and gone. We need to set our sights on getting ready for our **BIG EVENT**, the June 7th Regatta.



This year's regatta has been designated as the Gordon D. Canney Memorial Regatta. Gordy, a long time club member will certainly be with us in spirit and our memories of our dear friend.

Regatta Description:

We are going to have a very fun event with a moving ferry, (4) self-propelled rotating barges, a 9' liberty ship being pushed at anchor, Deception Pass and several docking stations.

Practice Opportunities:

Start practicing now for the Regatta, you can get some practice in at the 3rd Thurs-

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day Coffee at the Bellevue pond and [May 17](#) or at the Bremerton International Maritime Museum R/C Show 10:00 to 4:00, they will have an indoor pond set up to run boats. Also you might call some other members and set up your own practice sessions. Remember "*Luck favors the prepared*" and *Excellent preparation rarely tastes defeat*".

All Hands On Deck:

For the June Regatta there were signup sheets at the May meeting for four aspects of set up and take down, these are:

Helping load the rental truck Jun 6 at 11:00 AM at Armadillo Storage located at 23031 Hwy 99 in Edmonds, WA.

Set up tables, navigation course, tents etc. June 7th at 7:00 AM at the Bellevue Pond.

Take down & load up the navigation course, tables, tents and club equipment and policing the area +/- 5:00 PM after the Regatta.

Unload the truck and put our equipment and supplies in the storage unit at Armadillo Storage located at 23031 Hwy 99 in Edmonds, WA. Sunday June 8th 10:00 AM.

Several people put their names on the signup sheets. **These are the people that do almost all of the jobs year after year.** It is not reasonable for the other members to just have fun while these people do all of the work. If you were not at the meeting or did not have a chance to sign up at the May meeting please email me to let me know which list you would like to be added to. We need more people for all 4 times. We cannot put on complicated events like this without all of your support and help. Thank you in advance for you helping hands.

Raffle Prizes:

If any of you have any boat kits tools or anything else useful to our members, or even a hull that you will "not ever get around to building", consider donating it for the raffle. The Raffle is what really supports our club, the dues are not enough to pay all of the bills, so please give to the cause. Let me know if you have something you want to donate, Robert Osmond 425-301-6897 or SS99rdcv@aol.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the June Regatta.

NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes - May 1st Meeting

By Dr. Ron

Seventeen members attended the meeting conducted by our commodore, **Robert Osmond**. The weather was stellar and still warm as the meeting began. Robert reviewed upcoming events, all of which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Briefly, there will be no participation at the Maritime Festival this year as the event is under new management and they are preparing for repair of the waterfront beginning next year. One parking spot was offered at the Lake Union facility but no one offered to take advantage of this offer. BIMM will have a pond set up on the 17th from 10-4. This is always a great event with indoor running in a fairly large pond. Details of the upcoming regatta were hashed over and sign up sheets passed to solicit help in set up and take down. **Robert Wickham** will again handle the luncheon and **Dave White** will again be the pond master. **Allan Kinsman** has designed the course which will be a lot like last years presenting a number of moving obstacles to navigate around.

The Anacortes festival can be attended on Sunday following the regatta. There will be a coffee fun float on Thursday the 15th at the pond.

Show and tell started after a break with **Dave White** offering two of his steam engines for sale. He offered to loan his steam engine building library to any one who wishes to start from scratch. **Robert Wickham** displayed his new mega-Springer he obtained from McGee which has 51/2 inches added to its mid section making it 41 1/2 inches long. It is very stoutly constructed and has a removable power module. He added pillow blocks at the ends of the shafts to prevent wobble and belt slippage. This looks to be a very serious competitor in any of the barge handling contests. **Mel** brought in his newly

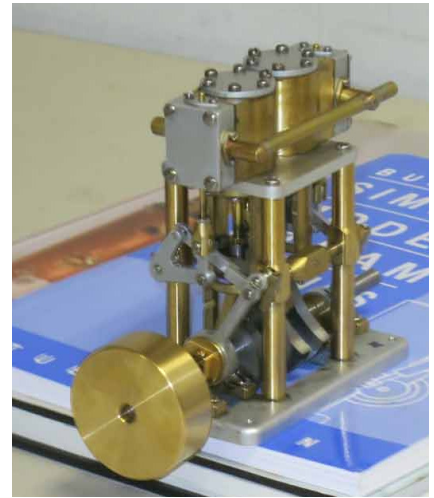


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completed Genevieve, a Dumas Chris Craft 36 express cruiser. The vessel was christened yesterday at the Seattle Yacht club event on his wife's birthday. This is a sweet running boat. **Dr. Ron** demonstrated how quickly the Marblehead sailboat can be de-



rigged and readied for transport with the use



of bowsies. **Mike Jones** brought in his elegantly crafted floating dock to which the Preston can be moored. The dock can be taken apart for transport and the 2x6 planks upon which it is placed can be used as a ramp to wheel the Preston into his van. He also gave a dissertation on

the many features of his new Spektrum DX10 and how it can control the dock crane and the many functions of the Preston.

Tom Stevens passed out cards to be signed and sent to ailing members: Vern Ren, Keith Schermerhorn, Kit Clark, and to Linda Flodquist on the loss of her father.



Robert Osmond spoke on the value of using air tight containers to capture fumes from paint and other solvent containing compounds as these fumes can be hazardous to our health.

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Six dollar gift cards to Galaxy Hobby were drawn for **Mel, Mike and Robert Wickham**. At 1845 the meeting concluded and we headed out into the warm night to return to port.

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SEATTLE YACHT CLUB FUN FLOAT 2014

Nine sweltering souls braved 81 degree heat and the traffic to run their boats at the Seattle Yacht Club waterway. We arrived at 0900 and set our boats on five tables which were graciously provided by the yacht club. There were numerous boats of every variety – pleasure, military, tug boats, steam boats and sail boats. At the start of the festivities we all sang happy birthday to Robert Wickham who then left for a celebration provided by his wife.



Robert Osmond got his steam launch on the waterway demonstrating its beauty in the bright sunshine. Mel and Doc ran their Chris Craft boats in tandem and provided oohs and aahs from the



onlookers. Steve Sunich ran his stunningly beautiful newly completed Andrew Foss with Voight Schneider drives. His wife and parents were present to view it's running. In addition to this one several other tugs were guided along the waterway by Mel, Dave White, Allan Kinsman, Roger Lyons and Robert Osmond. Scott ran his

PT and sail boat. One of the yacht club members joined in on the fun with his sail boat.

Dave White demonstrated how well his water cannon worked. Doc was running his Portofino when all of a sudden the starboard drive quit working. At the autopsy the next day he found that the plastic drive gear had broken in half. Bummer trying to find another. Mel took off with his newly completed Chris Craft christening it "Genevieve" after his wife "Ginny" which was her birthday. After attaining full speed it went dead in the water due to two blown fuses. After replacing them with higher amperage fuses he was off and running again.

Everyone enjoyed the day and having the opportunity to discuss our builds with the many onlookers. Lunch was great but took way too long as it was incredibly busy. Scott met with the coordinator and thanked her for allowing us to be part of the opening day festivities.

We packed up and left around three trying to avoid the rush hour traffic. We are already looking forward to another great venue next year, hoping the weather will be as great as it was for our event this year.



Dr Ron



MAY 3rd FUN FLOAT & SPRINGER EVENT

The 2014 "Spring" Springer Event took place during our May Fun Float at the Bellevue Pond. It was attended by nine dry skippers. My Rain Tiki in a



bag of water worked, several members said it was raining too hard and that they were not coming to the Fun Float. Those of us at the pond only experienced a minute or two of mist. Mel was heard to say after running his boat, "it must have rained a little, there are some drops on my radio". But that was the extent of the moisture during the 2 1/2 hour fun float.

Mel ran his new Chris Craft again and it performed flawlessly and even steers in reverse. Roger Lyons pushed the logs with his repowered and much modified "Southampton", He has changed the stacks, superstructure and other details as well as new geared drive units. It looked very nice. Bill Heath ran his "Southampton" which is his first RC boat, he has made some control changes to the electronics. John Nygaard ran his scale personal watercraft. Al Kinsman ran two older Chris Craft runabouts, which zipped around the pond quite well.

The exciting part was the Running of the "Log Run". Dave White took some of his scale logs off of his "G" scale garden railway cars, soaked them in



water for a couple of weeks and then determined that they sank fast enough for him to use them for his Springer Event. The event consisted of Springers each being given a cabled together corral consisting of six logs with fence staples and wire. Each coral contained four loose floating logs, some of which were waterlogged, these logs were of various sizes from

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1 1/4" up to 2". The object was to push the corral with the enclosed logs through a course of buoys and return to the starting point. If any of the loose logs escaped the corral the captain could go back after completing the course with the corral and then herd the strays to the finish line. There were



five captains running Springer's in the competition, three in one heat and two in a second heat with the winner of each heat having a final heat to determine the winner. The captains were Al Kinsmen with his "box on a boat flush deck" Springer (no superstructure), Bill Heath running David White's Red Top XP, Dain Webster running his Money Bandit, Mel Suelzle running Let's Roll, and Robert Osmond running his Tow Boat.

The first heat was won by Robert Osmond and the second heat was won by Mel Suelzle who won by default when Bill Heath was disqualified when he picked up his "log" and threw it over the finish line!.....

It was tense when the final heat began, two mighty Springer's pushing logs through the water, each vying for the best line to the turn marker. While each boat was leaving a stream of loose logs bobbing in their wake. It was Robert and Mel neck and neck at the turn buoy, then Mel's corral caused him to drift wide and Robert made a tight rounding the buoy. Then Mel began to catch up but Robert was over the line with his corral. Next Mel finished, but the race was not over each captain had to back along the course and bring in two stray logs each. These were the waterlogged logs and kept rolling under the knees and along the hulls till they popped out in the wake. Eventually Robert was successful in getting both his wayward logs to the finish first and won the race.



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Too those who missed the event, it was a lot of fun and Dave White did a great job of coming up with a new task for this event.

SKAGIT R/C SHIPMODELERS MEETING MINUTES

By Keith Schermerhorn



Spring has sprung and it seems to have sprung a leak lately with all the rain. But that doesn't stop the members of the Skagit R/C Shipmodelers from having a nice warm and dry meeting. Was a good crowd for this months meeting. Larry gave a report on the sailing activities that he participated in the first weekend in May in Seattle. Lots of sailors from all over. Tom gave a report on the Nanimos Show and other activities while in that area. Great show with a very good variety of models.

Up coming events was the next topic to be discussed as there is going to be a flurry of them now. First in Bellingham on the 17th is the annual *BIMM* show and float at the maritime museum. This is a free event for modelers who want to get some indoor practice in the pool and display their models for the visitors of the day. This is a 1 day show and the only one to be held there this year and last show at this location. Interesting maritime artifacts and history to see there. Good day to relax with the models and others as it is indoors so weather not a problem.

Go to <http://www.bellinghammaritimemuseum.org> for directions and more.

The first full weekend of June has a couple of events happening at the same time. The *NW R/C Shipmodelers Regatta* is on Saturday the 7th. This is one of the premier events in the region for R/C ship modelers and always a good time. Downtown park in Bellevue is where it is held and an all day event. That also is the same weekend of the *Anacortes Waterfront Festival*. Randy will be heading up the display this year and seeking additional help with models and bodies to help cover the event on Saturday and Sunday. We get a good spot with a covered tent to put models on display for the visiting public to see. Always appreciated by the festival and spectators alike. So if you don't want to go to Bellevue on Saturday, Anacortes would love to have you there. And, if you want to get in a second day of modeling fun, come on over to the show Sunday for a good relaxing time (just bring a model for people to enjoy looking at).

Farther down the road, we will have a fun float in July at Gordon's in Mt. Vernon (more to come on this next month) on the 20th from 1 to 4pm. August meeting will be a week later as looking at doing a BBQ meeting in LaConnor with the Flodquist at dockside to see Ben's' full size tug remodel he is doing. More on that in July.

And quick reminder that Junes meeting will be on the 2nd Monday the 9th as there is a conflict on the 1st for the room.

Show and tell featured Tom showing off the spot light destined for a tug remodel and some give-a-way items. Keith showed progress to 3 different projects. The first was a tractor tug that will use a Voith drive. Showed the issues of fiberglass not being of even thickness and needing some grinding to make things fit correctly. Then there was a little log tug that had: the keel filled in with fiberglass panels, support for the motor, and primer-ed. The last project was a tug with the deck bracings all in and supported. Waiting for the deck to go on next. The house to the same project had some work done like fitting the funnel and portholes cleaned up. Made home made port holes from brass tube and filled with epoxy to simulate glazing. To add a little more detail around the port holes, a jig was made to simulate the bolts that are used to hold the portholes in place. The jig is used to drill holes in each of the bolt locations using a finger drill with small bit.

A few other conversations on health and the new flight museum were also discussed before we headed out to our own home ports for the night. Reminder that these meetings are opened to all and please bring along your projects to share (as I am sure others would like to listen to someone else other than me all the time!).

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those for their kind words and support while I deal with a health issue. At this time I am dealing with a be-nine tumor inside of my humorous bone in my left arm. It creates a lot of discomfort at times making any modeling tough to do (even though I laugh at all it has put me through to date) . But even with that issue, I will continue to do modeling and planning for the Tug event in August. Thank you for the card and well wishes and see you soon at an event(s).

Keith



2014 RW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

- May 10 Vigor Seattle Tug Boat Race (no club activities planned at this venue)
- May 15 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- May 17 Bellingham International Maritime Museum R/C Show 10:00 to 4:00
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- June 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- June 7 NW Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Park 9:00 to 4:00
- June 19 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
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- July 3 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- July 6 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- July 26 Spokane Tidewater Cup 9:00 - 4:00
- July 17 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- July 20 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Fun Float 12:00 to 4:00
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- August 2 Blaine Harbor Days 10:00 to 4:00
- August 7 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- August 9 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- August 9 Portland Regatta in Tualatin OR at the Commons Park 9:00 to 4:00
- August 16 NW Tug Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Park 9:00 to 4:00
- August 17 Burnaby Regatta at Central Park, Burnaby B.C.,
- August 21 Coffee/Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
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- September 4 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- September 7 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
- September 14 Springer Event ~ Bob Jacobsen Open House in Stanwood, WA.
- September 18 Coffee/Fun Float 10:00 to 2:00
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- October 2 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- October 4 Fisherman's Festival 11:00- 6:00
- October 5 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to 2:00
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- November 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- November 9 Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00
- December 4 Year End Banquet 7:00 – 10:00

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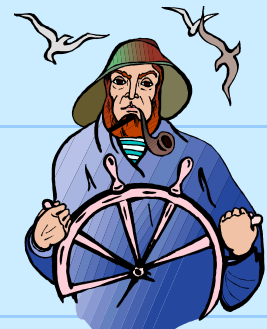
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