



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
December 2014

Upcoming Events

December

- 4 Year End Banquet Meeting
Spaghetti Factory Lynnwood.

January

- 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy
Hobby 7:00 PM

**NOTE: JANUARY MEETING
IS MOVED FROM NEW YEARS
DAY TO THE FOLLOWING
TUESDAY**

- 11 Fun Float Location
TBD 10:00 to 2:00

February

- 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy
Hobby 7:00 PM
- 6-8 Northwest Model Expo
Monroe WA



From the Bridge *Robert Osmond*

My view of the past year as your president. I believe we had a very successful year. We did not get rained on at any event, which is very unusual. We had excellent attendance at all of our activities (except the cold October night float). The June Regatta was a lot

of fun and seemed to be enjoyed by all those attending. We had a "first ever" autonomously running Washington State Ferry going back and forth through a crowded harbor with competitors having to yield to the ferry while they tried to make four docking maneuvers. The NW Tug regatta was another great event. There was a lot of excellent skippering shown by all that day. We had our first summer night float with very good attendance including many wives. I heard from many of you that we should give up on fall night floats and just have them in the summer, I agree. Our clubs turn out for the Fisherman's Fall Festival was the largest ever. Thanks to all those that attended. We had a nice display on Veterans Day at the Everett Children's Museum. This was a bit of a set up for the children since we had our delicate boats on tables at their height in a museum where the children are encouraged to touch everything and see how it feels and moves, and here are all these "pretty" boats with all the adults telling them not to touch. This was quite a paradox for them. Possibly this is not a good place to display our boats.

> The December meeting/dinner was successful. Thank you for your patience with the master of ceremonies. I am more used to dinner meetings where the people eating are 50 Boy Scouts. I mixed in pictures from 1988 to 1993 with photos from this year in the slide show.

> I enjoyed being your president this year and your vice president the year before. You all are a great group and I really enjoy the Thursday Coffees (Coke for Ed and me) and all of the comradeship of the club. Thank you for letting me be your President this year.

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DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

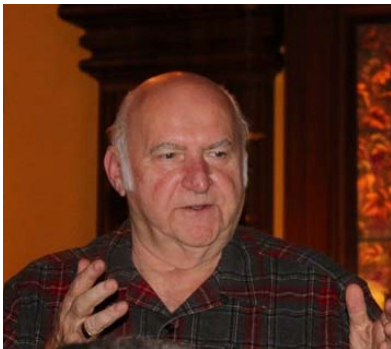


50 club members and guests had a great evening to cap off 2014 in our annual December banquet . This was a record number attending this event. The evening started with a social time for everyone to settle in and get acquainted and enjoy some cheese bread and their favorite beverage. The dinner buffet was opened at 7:15 and everyone got their fill of food capped off with a dish of ice cream or spumoni. During both the social and dinner times, Robert had a slide show of

all the various boating event of this year and many other years. Some of the photos were of events a decade or two past.

After the dinner was completed, Robert addressed the group and thanked all of the members that supported him during his year of club president. Special note was give to the other officers, VP Robert Wickham, Treasurer Ed Maurer.

The highlight of the evening (at least for Robert) was the introduction of the newly elected officers for 2015. Topping the list was the introduction of Scott Bauman. Robert transfered the guard to Scott including a proper headgear and sword appropriate attire for a swashbuckling administration that Scott is sure to bring to the club.



On behalf of the membership, Mel Suelzle took the floor and thanked Robert for his service as president for the past year. Also special note was made of the new challenges that he brought to the regatta navigation course.

Mike Shaw conducted a drawing of several door prizes donated by Galaxy Hobby. The meeting concluded around 8:45 and members and guest departed for their home ports.





Photos by Allan Wing

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TELL ME AGAIN WHY-
YOU ACCEPTED THE
NOMINATION.....

I SO WANTED TO HAVE THOSE
CHAMPAIGN BREAKFASTS WITH
YOU IN HAWAII , SO I HAD TO
MISS THE NOVEMBER MEETING!!



OUR NEW LEADERS



President Scott Baumann Scott has been a member of NWRCSM since 1988. Scott's interest in things nautical started at a young age as he was born at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He graduated from Princeton with a degree in astrophysics and joined the Navy and went on to flight school in Florida. As a young pilot, he flew many types of fighter jets and in 1977 left active duty to become a commercial pilot for United Airlines flying all types of jet airliners including the 777.

Scott has always been very active in club events and in more recent years was a regular navigation judge at our Regattas. Scott runs his PT105, Arliegh Burke and his very first boat model a Lindberg diesel tug, at our fun floats. He resides with his wife Claudia, in Bellevue. While this is the first office that Scott has held with the club, he has been a most active club member for nearly 30 years. We welcome Scott in this new capacity and look forward to his leadership and direction for our club. in the coming year(s)



Vice President Dave White - Ohio born Dave White joined the club in 1998. Dave resides in Kirkland and shares his leisure time with his passion for garden railroading. He has been an active member at our meetings and served as pond master at many of our Regatta and Tug Championship events. Dave has numerous model boats including a Mr. Darby, and his newest addition, the White River. Dave is also an avid live steam enthusiast and considered a go to guy for help and advice on steam plants.

Being familiar with model railroads, Dave was especially familiar with the nomination and election process that is often compared with railroading! Of course Voters were eager to unanimously elect Dave and Scott to these key leadership roles in our club



Treasurer— Ed Maurer continues his exemplary performance in this role for the umpteenth consecutive year.



FELLOW BOATERS - Tom Stevens

A few years have passed since I have written my monthly FELLOW BOATERS. Therefore, I felt this a good time to do one again since last month was void of the normal events like a Fun Float, etc. to write about.



Both Roberts, Marvin, Sandy and myself attended the Skagit "Pig-Out". Keith was able to attend as he has missed a few meetings due to his health issues. Even Ron Burchett was able to come down and then return to BC and catch a plane early the following morning to New Orleans for the commercial boat show there. Twenty-three attended the Pig-Out. Looking back over the year, I believe it was an EXCELLENT year for our model boating. We may never see a year again with such good weather for our hobby. If it DID rain – it was during the week! How unusual!

The two Roberts did an EXCEPTIONAL job of their assigned positions. Osmond had lot of responsibilities other than the Club, and I believe that he accomplished ALL of them! Wickham was right by the other Robert's side to do anything needed to make all of the events come-to-pass without a hitch. If you have not worked on something like the Regatta, you have no idea how much effort and planning goes into it. Having said that – many of these guys have always been the few that take on the responsibilities. Many of them would like to take a break and be able to just go to some events and just run their boats again. You may think that they wouldn't want to move positions, but if you step-up and offer your time and effort you may find they would be glad of your assistance. If you are unsure, offer to HELP in a responsibility as you may feel unqualified to do the job by yourself. After assisting someone you will have a good knowledge of the job and later may want to later take-over the position. Rather than just eating doughnuts – see what can be done to have the items in storage ready - months in advance of an event, rather than the last-minute panic. There is always a need for those to help load and unload the truck at the storage unit – especially at the end of an event as everyone is tired. Inquire of those that you usually see setting-up the courses, etc. and you may be surprised of how receptive they will be of your help. Ask Scott EARLY what help he may need in preparation for coming events. I am sure that he will truly appreciate it. (Preparation for the Regatta is typically MONTHS in advance of the event.)



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Fellow Boater (cont)



On a more somber note: Most of you probably know that our long-time R/C boat enthusiast, Keith Schermerhorn has been battling bone cancer. It is a shock as Keith is one of our younger members of the R/C boating community. He was experiencing severe pain in his shoulder last fall (over a year ago) when he went to Oregon to put on a model boat show with Ron Burchett. It was similar to the Fall Fisherman's Festival that we attend each Fall at Fisherman's Terminal near Ballard. Since he had worked for an electronics business for several years in shipping/receiving, he assumed that he had just strained it. With months of pain, without relief, he decided to go to a doctor. They discovered

that he had the bone cancer and begun treating him at the Fred Hutch cancer portion of the University Hospital in May of this year. He had to go for consecutive days in Seattle for treatments. When not in treatment he was resting and getting ready for the next batch of treatments. He used all of his energy to attend the Regatta and the Fall fisherman's Festival and any other events that he could last summer.

They cut off his shoulder bone, upper arm, installed new parts and wrapped everything back together. He has had an exceptional attitude even though he was dealing with the condition, treatments and then the company that he worked for so many years, let him go, due to medical expenses. He applied for Social Security disability benefits, but as you all know it takes MONTHS to actually get a DIME. Keith recently had to go back for further treatment as they wanted to be sure there wasn't any remaining cancer after the major operation. Of course, there were complications. The shunt where they administer the medicines had pulled out of his heart and it took a few days rather than a few hours. You can read of the detailed process if you go to Keith Schermerhorn on FaceBook.

Keith's brother – Dale Schermerhorn – started a fund raising account for Keith in Bellingham at: Whatcom Education Credit Union, 600 E. Holly Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, under Keith Schermerhorn. Those wishing to contribute can do so by contacting the Credit Union or sending it directly to Dale. Dale is also in FaceBook. His address is also available from Circle A Trailer Sales in Bellingham. It is greatly needed and will surely be appreciated!

Keith's dad's business, the Circle A Trailer Sales, at 5136 Guide Meridian, will be donating all profits from this year's sales of Christmas trees to Keith. If you reside in the Bellingham area, and you plan to purchase a Christmas tree, your purchase will help Keith as well.

We all wish Keith a speedy and full recovery.



VETERAN'S DAY 2014

IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM EVERETT WA, *Mel Suetzle*



On November 11th our club participated in the Veteran's Day celebration at the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett. A good representation of our members and military ship models were on hand to show our support for our nations veteran's. This popular museum was well attended by grade school students who enjoyed the many hands-on exhibits. Unfortu-

nately, they also wanted to include our models as part of the hands-on activity. This kept our attention throughout the day to explain why our exhibit was the sole exception to the hands-on policy. There was lots of interest in our models and we all took advantage of a great lunch at a nearby pub. Going in shifts of course to make sure our models we not left unprotected.



Fast boats were in abundance



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Even the Scandinavians were represented

Coasties were on hand to explain (after some debate) which pointee end is the bow and which is the stern.



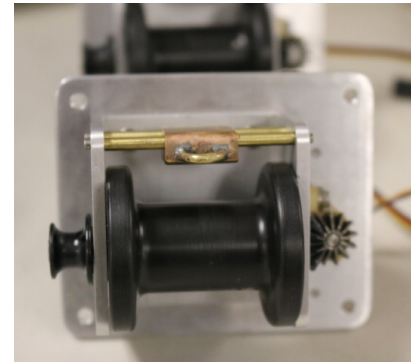
Norm Hiatt stands guard over his aircraft which were very popular hands-on objects.

Veteran's were honored as part of the special ceremonies.



CLASSIFIED SECTION

Ulrich Briner's has donated 2 of these nicely made operational winches. One is still available. Asking price is \$200 . Contact Dave White @ (425) 269-9277 If you are interested.



Also, Dave has a ready to run fire-boat he is selling for a friend. The box is unopened and includes some lipo batteries and a charger.

*Have something you want to sell or buy? Send a brief summary of your ad to: newsletter-editor@shipmodelers.com Include a photo if needed. Newsletter deadlines are the Sunday following the first Thursday of the month. Items received after this date will be published the following month. Be sure and include an email or phone number.

NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

2015 (tentative)

January 6	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM (note this is TUESDAY)
January 11	Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00
February 5	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
February 8	Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00
February 6,7,8	Northwest Model Expo Monroe WA
March 5	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
March 8	Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00

TIME TO GET READY FOR EXPO 2015

The first model boating event of the new year will be the HOBBY EXPO show at the Evergreen Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA. Make room in your schedule to attend and participate in the great show to be held on February 6,7,& 8. Kevin will have his pond available and we have a great location to show off our models. More information is available at <http://www.nwmhe.com/>



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