



The Bilge Pump

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

Upcoming Events September

- 14 Fun Float/ Barbeque by Jacobsen's at Lake Goodwin
- 18 Coffee/Fun Float Bellevue Pond 10:00-Noon

October

- 2 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 4 Fisherman's Festival 11:00—6:00 PM
- 5 Fun float at Bellevue Downtown Park 10:00 to noon
- 18 Night Fun Float Bellevue Downtown Park (time to be determined)

November

- 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 9 Fun Float (location TBD)
- 11 **Veteran's Day Display** Everett Children's Museum

December

- 4 Year End Banquet Meeting Spaghetti Factory Lynnwood.

January

- 8 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 11 Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00

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NIGHT FLOAT A BIG SUCCESS!

The August night float was a resounding success, the evening was warm and calm, the sky was blue and many members and their families showed up to run boats at night. We had a very large turnout of locals walking around the pond.

Dain set up a very nice realistic course with lighted buoys and channel markers.

There was a sternwheeler river boat with lights and music, and many well lighted boats, up to ten at a time on the water, some even had barges. It was spectacular. Some of the boats looked like Princess Cruise Line ships on the water. With the calm water the reflections were mesmerizing to watch.

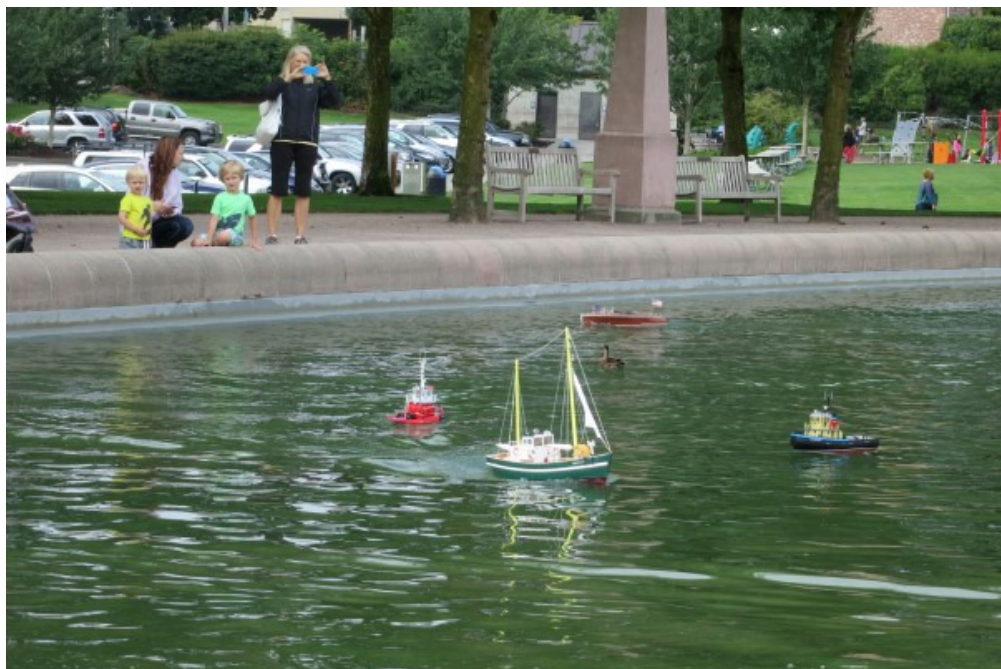
I think we should try to do this every year. *Robert Osmond*



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IS IT DARK YET??

SKIPPERS ARE PATIENTLY WAITING FOR DARKNESS.



September 21st Coffee/Fun Float *by Robert Osmond*

Our Thursday Coffee/Fun Float was attended by 20 intrepid skippers who braved the intense sunlight and light breezes to risk their boat up on the calm seas. There were sailboats, tug boats, navy ships and all ran well in the challenging conditions. Bob Jacobsen had the greatest challenge due to a slight eye problem he had to run his boat while wearing painted over ski goggles and other members had to keep him from walking into the pond, but luckily the condition cleared up by the end of the float and he could drive home (see him in group photo).



NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting September 4th, 2014

By Mel Suelzle

Our meeting was called to order by Veep Bob Wickham standing in for Robert Osmond. Attendance was light with approximately 20 attendees. Bob reviewed the upcoming events including the Fisherman's festival arrangements. Bob Jacobson went over the plans for the Fun Float/ Barbeque/Auction at his Lake Goodwin home on September 14th. All Members are invited and spouses as well. Bob promised to have the Seahawk game on his 96" TV.

The Springer event will NOT be held at this event but will be rescheduled for a later date.

I presented the options so far for holding our December dinner. The Martha Lake Community Center is available and should be booked soon if we choose to go that route. A caterer and menu would need to follow soon as well. The Edmonds Library does not have adequate kitchen facilities for a dinner event. The only two restaurants with adequate space are Shawn O'Donnell and Spaghetti Factory. Unfortunately Shawn O'Donnell's is not available on our date so we would have to move our event.

Citing the preference for simplicity, a motion was made to hold our event at the Spaghetti Factory. The motion passed with a near consensus vote.

After a break for all to check the progress of the Seahawk game, we reconvened our meeting for show 'n tell.

Bob Wickham showed off his nicely detailed "Springer" and talked about his new drive system that he recently upgraded with a new motor and gear reduction.



Bryan Morse displayed his new Star Wars fighter but had little to say about it.



Mel Suelzle presented the Sally S which has a nearly completed hull. He plans to have a maiden voyage at the fun float to check out the drive system and make any changes before moving on to the cabin.

Dave White brought in his favorite system for keeping all his parts organized. By using clear plastic and glass containers he can find what he wants quickly. He pointed out that empty prescription bottles are good and likely plentiful given the age of our membership!!!!



A surprise visitor to our meeting was Keith Schermerhon from up north. Keith brought a couple of his newly built or enhanced models. Keith has recently completed an nicely done mini-Springer that looks an new and fresh. Also Keith demonstrated the enhancements he made to his "Carl Moran" boat that he has modified to his liking. He has recently added some nice incandescent deck lighting and actually painted SCUM on the water line. Those of us who frequent the Bellevue pond have no need for this as it occurs naturally on this water

Notice to June Regatta trophy winners.

If you take you plaques to C & M trophies they will engrave your name and your boat name and bill the club 75¢ per line.

Thank you
Robert

Mark Your Calendars

The Imagine Children's Museum in Everett has invited us back to display our military boats to help observe Veteran's day on **November 11th**.

We will have more details on how you can participate in next month's newsletter.

Dain Webster

2014 PACIFIC TUG REGATTA Keith Schermerhorn



Saturday, August 16th, found another great gathering of modelers in Downtown Park for the 19th annual Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta (formally Foss Cup). The weather was comfortable for most of the day with sun and a breeze to keep it from getting too hot out. 29 models were entered into this year's event with a good mix of every class, size, and style represented. The barges were readied and labeled. The courses set and waiting. Registration opened and that is when the fun began. After a short skippers meeting that included the skippers drawing, we got boats on the water for our judges to score. This year's judges were Mr. **Russ Shrewsbury** from Western Towing on barge/ navigation and Mr. **Ben Flodquist** from the Washington state ferry System on salvage and Team Tow.

Pond Master **Dave White** called skippers to the harbor and with a firm control of the activities, kept things moving along all day. Many great runs were done, a few had some issues, but most completed the job with no major incidents. Salvage always proves to be a little more challenging with using the grappling gear and towing the vessels in towards the dock. A few times the "under water winches" were seen being used once. But the challenge is what makes this part of the event fun as one needs to plan this process out from start to finish. While all this was happening, people chatted, models were always on the water, raffle tickets were sold, and ideas shared. Near the end of the day we held the Team Tow competition where participants are randomly teamed up with another to move a giant/heavy freighter through a simple course.

Congratulations to **Robert Osmond** and **David Green** for being the winners in that event. As the end of the day approach we did the final awards and top 10 raffle prizes. This year's top skipper went to Mr. **Bob Jacobson** who won with his large vintage tug "Sandy". The rest of the awards are listed elsewhere. Congratulations to all our winner of awards, raffle prizes, and those that came out and had fun.

One of the ways we raise extra fund for these events is by having a raffle with items donated by supporters. These include hobby vendors and maritime companies. Without their support, we wouldn't get some of the great items we raffle off and have fun with. Thanks to the following for their support:

Western Towboat, Fremont Tug (Mark and Margie), Foss Maritime, Loyalhanna Dockyard, Midtronics, R.A.M. electronics, Gary King and Westcoast Models Tugs, Raboesch courtesy of Amiee Eng and Rubber baby Tuggy Bumpers, Tower Hobbies, Horizon Hobbies

So please remember to support those business that support us when making choices for your hobby needs.



Last but not least, thanks to all those people that pitched in to lend a hand before, during, and after the event. Without the support from those that volunteer, this event would not happen. Thanks especially to the following:

Dave White—pond master extraordinaire, **Shawna McClellan** and her kids in registration and all other official activities under the tent, **Linda and Randy Flodquist** for taking care of galley duties, **Dr. Ron** for being the financial controller, Brandon for hauling the salvage vessels back out and even doing some salvage himself, and as always all the others that helped move things through out the event that I may have forgotten to say thanks to. A very special thanks to my friend **Tom Stevens** for stepping in to help with a whole lot more than one can say thank you for this year. Tom made arrangements to get all the gear to and from the storage, found people to help him, set the water items in place with help from a couple others, brought a Large barge, marked the barges for each class, took out all the water devices, and even found some time to run his boat! Thank you again!!!!!!



Hope to see you all there next year on August 15th, 2015 for the 20th annual tug event. Looking at having some special things for that one. Need to wait until next year before we divulge more as it is time to just have fun and start to plan for that one.

THE RESULTS

Large Class:

1. Rodger Lyons
2. Tom Stevens
3. Al Kinsman

- O'Foss
Teepee Creeper
Western Titan

Masters: Phil Northrup

Judges Choice: Keith Schermerhorn

Medium Class:

1. Al Kinsman
2. Phil Northrup
3. Mike Moore

- Crystal Sea
Martha Foss
Naupaka

Youngest (under 18): Alec Green

Small Class:

1. Ulrich Briner

Phantom Foss

Team Tow:

Robert Osmond and Alec Green

2. Keith Schermerhorn
 3. Aimee Eng
- Sucia
Ryoko

PNW R/C Tug Regatta Champion:

Bob Jacobson

Vintage Class:

1. Bob Jacobson
2. Alec Green
3. Brad Young

- Sandy
Carol Foss
Fearless



A NOTE FROM TOM STEVENS

I would like you to think AL Kinsman for helping to getting things together prior to the event, helping load Bills box truck and setting-up the pond. Bob Wickham for helping load Bill's truck at the storage unit and Ron Bray for helping unload the truck when we returned everything to the storage unit. A HUGE thanks to Bill Heath for renting us he and his big box truck to p/u everything, deliver to pond, unload, load, drive back to storage and unload again. Thanks to all of those that helped him unload at the pond and load up again at the end. We needed more help at the end as Ron Bray was our only helper on returning everything to the storage unit.

Although Keith was weak from his cancer treatments he did his best ever job of arranging everything! The girls did a fantastic job of all of the paperwork forms and registration, raffle, etc. They also took care of my items that I won on the raffle as I was often on the pond repositioning the items knocked over. A huge thanks to the Flodquist family for judging, food etc. Ben took a day off of work to come judge! A special thanks to Russ Shrewsbury for judging again then going to work again as soon as he was done at the event. I had offers for assistance for setting-up the course. Thanks to those that offered! I found that I was busy enough just trying to keep track of MYSELF! Thanks to Alan and Darlene for taking photos and anyone who was helping that I may have overlooked!

NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

2014

- 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 ~ Jacobsen's Fun Float & Barbeque at Lake Goodwin
September 18 Coffee/Fun Float 10:00 to noon
- 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 noon
October 18 Night Fun Float (time to be determined)
- November 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
November 9 Fun Float Location TBD 10:00 to 2:00
November 11 Veterans Display Everett Children's Museum (times TBD)
- December 4 Year End Banquet—Spaghetti Factory Lynnwood 7:00 – 9:30

2015 (tentative)

- January 8 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
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 ?? 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

FUN FLOAT REPORT - Bellevue Pond September 6th By Mel Suelzle

Not much to report on this “event” It was a beautiful day at the park and parking was plentiful. Only 6 skippers showed up and then so as to not overcrowd the park, they came in shifts. Three for the early shift (10-12) and 3 for the late shift (12-1) Apparently most members were burnt out from the busy summer schedule and they decided to stay home and save their energy for next weekend’s big event at Lake Bob’s.

Since I was on the “late” shift, I did not get any names of those who left before I arrived at 11:30. However Steve Sunich was still going strong and Noel Holley had just completed his runs and was reading to go find some shade. My primary mission of the day was to do my

sea trials for the Sally S so I was not totally unhappy that there were few to witness any embarrassing problems on her maiden voyage. Not to worry , she ran very well in every respect. A battery and prop change might be in order for her to reduce her power and motor overheating. All in all she did great and handled very well. She backed up as good you could want and was easy to control. The log catcher on the bow also worked well to collect debris from the pond.



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