



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

APRIL 2015

Upcoming Events

April

29 SEATTLE YACHT CLUB
FUN FLOAT 9AM— 4 PM

May

7 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy
Hobby 7:00 PM

9 Fun Float Location Bellevue
Pond 9:00 to 1:00

21 Coffee/fun float at Bellevue
Pond 10:00—Noon

June

4 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy
Hobby 7:00 PM

6 Polo & Fun Float
Bellevue Pond

6 Anacortes Waterfront
Festival

13 NWRCSM REGATTA
Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM

18 Coffee/fun float at Bellevue
Pond 10:00—Noon

27 Night Float—Bellevue
Pond

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SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

OR

CHECK OUT THE NEW WEB



There is an old Chinese saying: “May you live in interesting times.” Now, “interesting” times are rarely uncomplicated or easy. They can be outright challenging. And so are the times we find ourselves in today. But before we talk about our challenges, let’s talk about the joyous moments.

Saturday’s fun float was an unmitigated success. Fortune has smiled upon me, and we are basking in the unmitigated perfect weather that characterized Robert Osmond’s regime as commodore. The weather was sunny and, while not quite warm, made us appreciate our club jackets all the more. Wind was gentle and blew just hard enough to propel Allan Wing’s magnificent Wawona across the pond (in a suitably controlled manner). We had at least a dozen boats in the water.

Robert was present with his long-promised Fall Springer Competition, which was a blast. Several wives attended. So did our newest member, Paul Williams from the Portland area. You see, Paul first met us at Tualatin last year. He is a member of the Portland Model Power Boat Association. He has a daughter and grandchildren living here, and saw the obvious advantages of running with us when he comes north to visit. So he followed our web page and joined up for our activities. I hope he, like I, sees the benefit of bring children and grandchildren to a sunny park setting for fun floats and contests. Welcome aboard, Paul!

The Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float is fast approaching! The first Saturday in May is always the festive Opening Day of the

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April Meeting

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Springer Fun Float

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Portland Memorial Day Float

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Meeting April 2nd - Cliff Elowson

Photos by Allan Wing

This meeting was called to order on this Pre Easter evening at 7:00 PM by our Grand Exalted Leader, Mr. Scott Baumann.

First order of business was the sale of raffle tickets for a grand prize drawing. This was later won by **Phil Northrup**. A reminder was made as to the Springer event on Sat April 4th. There will be 3 more Springer events in the near future. Check the club calendar.

Show & Tell



Scott Bauman showed how he changed the paint markings on a kit model to match the actual boat.



Dave White showed a boat plug and fiberglass hull a friend had given him to offer to a club member who might want it.

Doug Wilson showed how he modified a PT Boat

kit that had one motor and a gear system for two props by replacing this system with two motors and two props.

Alan Wing brought in his nearly completed sailing ship, WAWONA.



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Keith Schermerhorn Showed his Dumas Trawler Kit to which he added a underwater Bulb to the bow. This model is nearing completion.

Robert Osmond showed a Laminate Router used for Kitchen and Bath sinks and how it could be used for trimming edges during model construction. (Oh Boy! another tool for the "empty?" tool box)



Phil Northrup showed a barge he was building out of 1/2 " plywood that had motor controlled stanchions that could be lowered into the water-bed to stabilize the barge in position. Officially known as a Steam Operated Snag Barge.



Lonnie Butler showed his winch kit from Harbor Models with motor about the size of a AA battery.

AFTER THE BREAK

Leslie Regier was recognized as a recipient of a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Good Show Leslie! June 25th will be a twilight cruise.

HELP THE CLUB FIND A NEW POND LOCATION.
The meeting was concluded at 8:30PM



April 4th Fun Float by *Robert Osmond*



The April Spring Springer Event came off without a hitch. The day was sunny but cool.

There were only 4 contestants, **Robert Wickham, Alan Wing, David White, and me, Robert Osmond**. There would have been more Springers competing if so many skippers had not had scheduling conflicts. As it was there was one group of contestants.

The event consisted of leaving the starting line then proceeding past a buoy and then pushing a 5-gallon bucket which held two bricks and 3 gallons of water and a short flag pole. The captains needed to

push the bucket to the first gate then stop their Springer before it went through the gate, which allowed the bucket to continue its forward motion through the gate and beyond. After backing away from the bucket the Springer had to go around either side of the gate and begin pushing the bucket to the next gate. After completing the same maneuver at the second gate the skippers steered for the start/finish line.

I was the winner, though I am not quite sure how I won by such a large margin.



Robert Wickham said his radio was not working correctly which made his Boat go in circles.



Dave and Alan could have been sand-bagging so they would not win and have to put on the next Springer event. The event gave skippers practice pushing an object with significant resistance, and then using the objects inertia to make the bucket continue through the gate.

Since I won. I make the rules for the next Springer event. THERE WILL BE A NEW RULE FOR THIS EVENT. It will be "that the winner does not have

to run/setup/design/etc. the next event. If the winner chooses not to put on the next event, anyone can volunteer to create and run the next event. If no one readily volunteers I will be glad to create and run that event.

At the May and June fun floats I will be setting up springer polo events.

At the meeting I showed one of two springer-polo boats I am building to loan to people to run at the future events.

So get your old Polo boats out and make sure they work for the May and June fun floats.





I am finishing up the Schooner Wawona and it is time to ballast it in the bathtub. But as part of this process the sailboat required a rigorous inspection to insure it was correct.

Allan Wing



NEW CLUB CALENDAR

Thanks to Dain Webster, we now have a real time club calendar on our club website. This calendar should be your go to site for the latest news on club events.

Scott and Dain can make changes that are shown on the site that you will see on the website immediately. Check it out by selecting "2015 Schedule" under the CLUB EVENTS heading on the home page.

If you think a model boating event would be of interest to other club members, submit your suggestion to Dain or Scott for adding to our calendar

2015 TIDEWATER CANCELED

Ron Hinton regrettably reports that they have to cancel this years Tidewater Event . Due to a lack of club resources and the likelihood of major work on the Avista pond during June and.or July, Ron, the club commodore, says "we wantsto thank all the good folks that came to thier event over the last many years., we made a lot of new friends and had a great time doing it. Say thanks to all the guys and gals . We wish your club all the good things you can stand.

From the Bridge (cont.)

yachting summer season. We gather on Wednesday, April 29th to be a part of the week's festivities. Some or all of us will gather at 9:00 am (Al Kinsman will probably be there as early as 6:00) and stay until 4:00 pm. We will be on the main dock next to the clubhouse, with yacht club canopies, tables and chairs. Please bring your best models, even if they aren't going to be run. Model yachts are especially appreciated in this venue. And the live steam launches will be displayed right up front to an appreciate audience. Sailboats and tugs are always suitable. Early morning coffee and donuts are available on the dock, and you can register your credit cards for a nice lunch. It is a fun venue for all...

About the "interesting times:" As you all know, the Downtown Park is going to be closed for re-construction for a year, starting in July. But exactly what this means is not clear. Dave Green and Robert Osmond have made it their business to discover the exact plan for these activities. It seems that for some of this year the pond might be available for our use. Or not. We just don't know. So we have to be flexible, and have alternative sites to run when the pond is not usable. Club members have suggested using Lake Ballinger, Beaver Lake on the Sammamish Plateau, Martha Lake, Steele Lake in Federal Way, even Lake Washington parks. We'll just have to be flexible and keep checking the web site for the latest instructions.

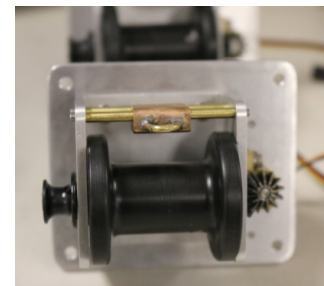
I personally have strong objections to what is being done to parking at Downtown Park. The city will begin by tearing out all the parking on the southeast corner, the lot that we are now using. They will also tear out the lot on the northwest. This will remove virtually all parking at the park, making it into a private park for the owners of the expensive condos that surround it. This action disenfranchises 99% of Bellevue residents, the ones that are paying for the park. Without parking spaces, they can't use the park. I am violently against this. I'll see what we can do about this.



FEELIN' LUCKY??



Phil Northrup was the winner of the finely crafted towing winch built by and donated to club by by Ulrick Briner of Canada .



Here is what "LUCKY" looks like.

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SSMA Membership

We maintain our club event insurance through the program offered by SSMA. In order to qualify, we need at least 5 paid up members in the organization. Currently, we have the following members listed as having SSMA membership for 2015. If this list is incomplete or incorrect, please email mel@suelzle.com with your changes.

**Scott Baumann
Mel Suelzle**

**Ron Bray Robert Osmond
Steve Sunich**

**Lee Stewart
Bob Wickham**

Not getting your SSMA Journal? Contact the NEW SSMA National Membership Chairmen, our own Lee Stewart. He will get it fixed ASAP.

2015 NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

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| April 29 | SEATTLE YACHT CLUB FUN FLOAT 9 AM— 4 PM |
| May 7 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| May 9 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| May 21 | Coffee/fun float at Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon |
| June 4 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| June 6 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| June 6 | Anacortes Waterfront Festival |
| June 13 | NWRCSM REGATTA Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM |
| June 18 | Coffee/fun float at Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon |
| June 27 | Night Fun Float at Bellevue Pond time TBA |
| July 2 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| July 11 | Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00 |
| July 25 | TIDEWATTER CUP CANCELLED |
| August 6 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| August 8 | Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00 |
| August 8 | TUALATIN REGATTA |
| August 15 | TUG CHAMPIONSHIPS Location TBD 9AM—4 PM |
| September 3 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| September 5 | Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00 |
| September 17 | Coffee/fun float Location TBD 10:00—Noon |
| September | Fisherman's Memorial Fisherman's Terminal 11—6PM |
| October 1 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| October 3 | Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00 |
| November 5 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| November 7 | Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00 |
| December 3 | Christmas Dinner—Spaghetti Factory—Lynnwood |

MEMBER LISTING AVAILABLE

Member phone and email address listings were distributed at the March meeting. PDF copies are available to members. If you would like a PDF format copy of this list, send a email to newsletter-editor@shipmodelers.com. Members are asked not to distribute this list to non-members..

CLASSIFIED SECTION

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. 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.

USCG CUTTER HULL WANTED

Club member Mike Moor is looking for a fiberglass hull for a Point Class (82 foot) cutter. He would prefer one in 1:24th scale which would be a model of around 41” If you have a hull along this line, contact Mike directly at 253 838-3651 or email seapax@gmail.com

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