



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

December 2015

Upcoming Events

January

- 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 9 Fun Float Lake Ballinger 9:00 to 1:00
- 29 -31 Hobby Expo Monroe

February

- 4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00PM
- 6 Fun Float Lake Ballinger 9:00 to 1:00

March

- 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 5 Fun Float Lake Ballinger 9:00 to 1:00

**2016 dues are due
in January**
See page 6 for details.

View From The Bridge, Scott Baumann



Well, it's That Time of the year now, when the Seattle climate conspires against us when (and IF) we gather by the pond for some enjoyable (hopefully) running. It

appears that November and December haven't quite seen crowds of club members eager to converge upon local waters to gaily operate. But let's hope for better weather in January...

At least the December business meeting (I'm sorry – Christmas pig-out) was a success. We saw a lot of you and your wives having fun and sharing Christmas spirit.

For next year, I hope it's going to be more of the same. The same fun floats, the same competitions, the same trips to Tualatin (and, hopefully, Spokane), the same May float at Seattle Yacht Club, etc. I do hope that we can fit in a bit more running of steam-driven yachts. They are real crowd pleasers. And, thanks to Robert Osmond, the same terrific Springer and Polo venues.

So, for all of us, here's looking forward to the New Year!



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December Dinner— Mel Suetzle



41 club members and guests had a great evening to cap off 2015 at our annual December banquet . Again this year we held the event at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. Attendance was down from last year as we had a number of last minute cancellations due to illness or travel problems. The evening started with a social time for everyone to settle in and get acquainted and enjoy some cheese bread and their favorite beverage. This is the second year we have been at his restaurant . This year we choose the table service and

we had much more time to socialize and everyone got their first menu choice. The menu selections were very generous and most took home a “doggy box” . The 3 course meal was capped off with a dish of ice cream or spumoni. During both the social and dinner times, Scott had a slide show of all the various boating events of 2015 and many other years as well. Mercifully, Scott conducted a very brief business meeting. Highlights included the plans for a new scale contest at Monroe Hobby Expo and his desire focus on live stream powered vessels in 2016.

After the dinner was completed, Scott 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 Dave White, Treasurer Ed Maurer, Bellevue Parks liaison, Dave Green, Roger Lyon and Dain Webster.

Scott presented a Outstanding Member Award to yours truly for contributions to the club and model ship building. This was very much appreciated.



On behalf of the membership, I took the floor and thanked Scott and Dave White for their services as president and Vice President for the past year. Also special note was made of Scott's occasional absences that allowed VP Dave While to show off his skills.

Mel compared Scotts recent trip to Hawaii and how his travel stacked up against that other President that traveled frequently to Hawaii. As a retired United Captain, Scott's travel accommodations were somewhat less.

Mike Shaw conducted a drawing for two gift

cards from Galaxy Hobby. Al Kinsman and Bob Jacobsen were the winners. Also our dinner came with 40 \$5 coupons. 10 winners were drawn for 4 coupons each. Following the drawings, the festivities were concluded and all headed home, well fed and many with leftovers in hand.



"Yes, I know, you want a new boat for Christmas. Now, please get off, I can no longer feel my legs."



North End Report



Another year is coming to an end. For the 30 members and guest at the monthly meeting on December 7, it was a evening of food, entertainment, and reflection with folks from both near and far. Great food was had as this was the annual pig out meeting. So business was kept to a bare minimum.

After all had a full belly and couldn't move much, we took care of some business. First was to thanks all for coming and sharing this past year with all the things we did or attended. Reminder that the next meeting will be on January 4th. Discussed the Hobby Expo that will be happening on January 29-31 of 2016 in Monroe. Kevin Klocke updated us on the fact that the pond will be there this year again for some winter operations on the water for the weekend.

Then we had a special guest. Suzie Thortanson, owner of Performance Hobby had joined us. This was a bitter sweet moment as we invited her there to say thank you for her support of all the hobbies, helping them out, and not selling off our secrets on how much some would be spending at her store. The reason we were thanking her this evening is that she was (now is) retired from the business and the store closed as of the 30th of November. We all can't thank her enough for making that place more like a family hangout than a business and that we thanked her for keeping the mom & pop style store open as long as she did in this new electronic age of the hobby. Gifts, cards, and a cake were all presented to her on our behalf. Kevin also made a special presentation on behalf of the indoor flying club that actually made him speechless for a moment!

During the evening, Wayne Martin had a slide show of photos of on the big screen for our entertainment. During the meal they were of his photos from the past several years of his favorites things. The second half included new and older photos of model at the various events. People commented and socialized for the rest of the evening enjoying the company of the event. At 2100 hours, we closed up the hall and headed back to our own home ports.

On behalf of the members and their families of the Skagit R/C Ship Modelers we want to wish everyone a safe and happy 2016 with life, happiness, and the pursuit of more model boating fun!!

See you at the events of next year.

New Parking Stickers Available



As Parking restrictions become more an issue, Ron Bray has ordered and received a supply of stickers that members can use to identify our club affiliation. We will communicate this identification to Bellevue and other locations that monitor parking. These stickers are also a good promotion of our club and could stimulate some membership. The sticker is designed to be placed on the exterior of a window so as to not damage interior window defroster elements. Dr Ron will have these stickers at meetings, events and

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January is the month that club dues are to be paid for the new year. 2016 dues remain at \$25. Multiple year payments are accepted at this rate to avoid possible future increases

In an effort to simplify our club membership maintenance, we have changed the dues collection process.

Dues are now collected by the membership chairman (Mel Suelzle) and records are updated to reflect membership status. Once recorded, the funds are deposited to the club account and details communicated to Ed Maurer, our Treasurer. Ed will continue to handle all other financial matters regarding payments and checking etc.

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