



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

January 2015

Upcoming Events

January

- 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 11 Fun Float Location
South Lake Union Pond
10:00 to 2:00

February

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

March

- 5 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 7 Fun Float Location
Bellevue Park 10:00 to 2:00

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SCHEDULE DETAILS**

**2015
DUES ARE DUE!**

\$25

Send payments to
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Mountlake Terrace, WA
98043



From the Bridge

Here it is January, and time to jump into the saddle for the year's first events. But first, I should introduce myself. I am by no means a talented boat model builder, compared to other fine craftsmen within this club. But I came to this hobby honestly, through the interests of my father.

Like many sailors over the years, he wanted to model the ships he served on. In his teen years he made stick-and-tissue models of the WW I planes which figured prominently in the pulp aviation magazines of the Thirties. He came from a poor family, so he could only rarely afford to buy new kits. Instead, when possible, he would buy a 30-cent kit from his local New York model store and assemble it. Then he would hang the completed aircraft in the store until a boy more affluent than he would buy the assembled aircraft for 75 cents, with which my father would buy two new kits and maybe supplies, and he would start over again.

World War II brought the opportunity for him to serve his country and learn to fly. When he returned from the war, it was natural for him to buy models of the ships he served aboard and the Navy planes he flew. The first ones, of course, were solid wood model kits by Strombecker and Monogram. As the industry progressed, he moved to early static plastic kits by Revell and Aurora. Unfortunately, a college education, his Navy career, and a growing family prevented much hobby time, but I still have his original kits.

My boyhood years were filled with models; every Christmas and birthday produced new kits. I once totaled over a hundred completed models. My first motorized ship model was a Revell NS Savannah into which I popped a motor, battery and switch, and sailed away off Poipu Beach on the west shore of Oahu in 1961. My first radio controlled model was a

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WIN A WINCH!!

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Monthly Meeting January 6th - Dr Ron



Since New Year's day fell on the first Thursday of the month this year our new Commodore, **Scott Baumann**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours on the following Tuesday. Seventeen members were in attendance with no visitors or guests. Each member obtained a ticket to be drawn at a later date just for attending and those who brought in a show and tell got a different color of ticket to be drawn at a later time for a special award, probably at this year's Christmas dinner.

The usual order of the meeting was changed by starting with show and tell items. **Dave White**, trying to recruit interest in steam engines, brought several of his Graham Industries and Stewart models. In addition, he found a robotics kit at Radio Shack for \$29 which included six geared motors – great for radar operation etc. He also suggested we sell tickets for a drawing in April for the fantastic winch made by **Ulrich Briner**. Proceeds will go to the club treasury as requested by Ulrich.



Bob Jacobsen brought in his old Springer which he is refurbishing with a new house he constructed with plywood from a drawing in one of the boating magazines. He plans to rewire and probably repower this model.

Dr. Ron demonstrated the progress he is making on the Zip Kit tug kit he won at the Tualatin raffle. The plywood parts are laser cut and fit almost perfectly. With a price of \$29 for the kit and \$24 for the running gear it's hard to pass up this bargain. Several modifications and additions were shown. Hopefully a build log will be submitted for our website showing all the details of the build.



Photos by Allan Wing



After a break **Scott** initiated new and old business discussions. He announced that dues of \$ 25 are now being accepted by **Ed Maurer**, our treasurer. After a brief discussion it was elected to have our fun floats at the Bellevue pond at 9AM on the first Saturday after our Thursday monthly meeting. However, this month's fun float will be on this Sunday at the pond at south Lake Union. There will be no fun float in February since we will be floating our boats at the Hobby Expo in Monroe Feb. 6-8. Even though there is little expectation that there will a plethora of vendors the real meat of this event is the swap meet which will be in the adjacent building.

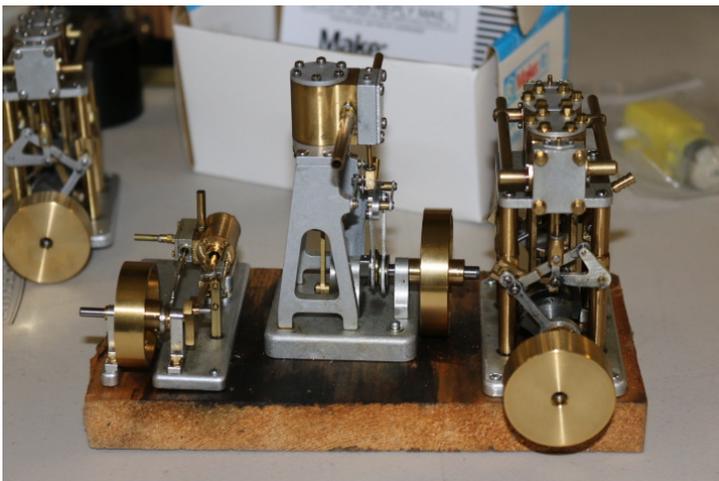
Dave Green announced that the city of Bellevue will be probably start modifying the pond and surroundings (parking) some time in early July which will most likely impact our fun floats and the Tug regatta in late July. We can only hope this project will be delayed. Dave said he is in contact with the parks department and will keep us up to date as well as obtaining the necessary permits. Insurance was paid with a copy to be directed to the personnel at the parks department. A show of hands indicated there were sufficient members belonging to SSMA to qualify. However, **Scott** encouraged joining this organization as they provide a newsletter providing information about other clubs as well as our own.

Scott discussed having our spring regatta on the second Saturday of June in order to allow members to attend the Anacortes festival. There were no objections to this proposal. It was also proposed to have our float at the Seattle Yacht Club on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Scott will be contacting the Club to see if this is viable, with the thinking that there will be more people around to view our models. He also encouraged bringing more yachts rather than tug boats as the attendees will be more interested in models similar to their motor yachts and sail boats.

Allan Wing has produced a very colorful and informational brochure which can be given out at various events.

All of this was accomplished by 1955 and the chairs were stacked and we headed for home ports trying to digest all of this information.

Great job Scott!



TIME TO GET READY FOR HOBBY 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 Klocke 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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From the Bridge (cont.)

Junior Falcon, single channel model plane I built in high school. I still remember its crude rubber-band-and escapement rudder control mechanism. I also remember the 67 ½ volt B battery for the transmitter tube grid current (which provided many shocking moments for my (few) high school buddies). It wasn't until I discovered this club and modern, multi-channel radio-control sets in the late eighties that I really became smitten with the hobby. And the rest is history.

That leads us to today. Dave White and I make no extravagant promises. We simply aim to coordinate club activities as necessary to keep us on course, and "HAVING TOO MUCH FUN SINCE EIGHTY-ONE."

Speaking of fun, I hope everyone is looking forward to Hobby Expo in Monroe. I encourage you to go to their website at www.nwmhe.com. Go through their web pages; there are a few pictures of 2014 club members and their models. Mentioned also are our boat model contest winners, Mike Jones, Bob Wickham, and Ron Bray. Let the pictures remind you of the fun we had last year, and whet your appetite for the first full weekend in February! Veterans should show their ID's for a discount at the ticket office.



FEELIN' LUCKY??

Here's your chance to win a finely crafted towing winch for your workboat. This winch was built by Ulrick Briner of Canada who donated it to our club.

The club will raffle this unit off to the

lucky winner of a drawing at the March meeting. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets will be available at all

Galaxy Hobby

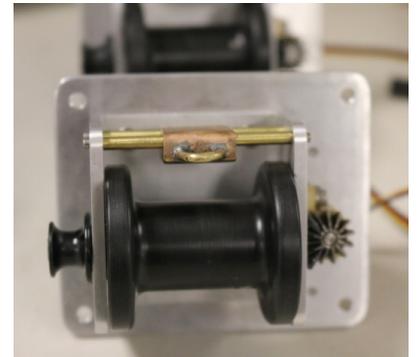
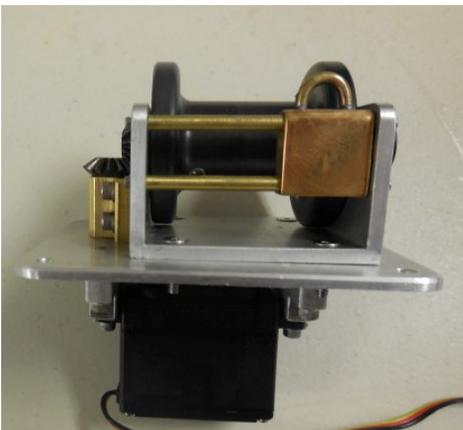
meetings and at

the Hobby Expo in Monroe.

You need not be present to win!

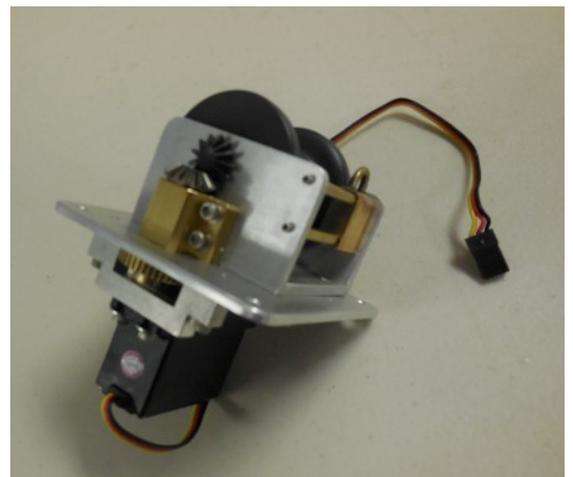
Just purchase your tickets and wait for a call after the drawing at the

March 6th meeting.



The winch is fully operational and powered by a standard servo that can be connected directly to a proportional channel.

Don't miss out on a chance to own this beautifully crafted winch for only a buck.



2015 NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

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| January 6 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM (note this is TUESDAY) |
| January 11 | Fun Float Location South Lake Union Pond 10:00 to 2:00 |
| February 5 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| February 8 | February 6,7,8 Northwest Model Expo Monroe WA |
| March 5 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| March 7 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| April 2 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| April 4 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| April 29 | SEATTLE YACHT CLUB FUN FLOAT 10AM— 4 PM |
| May 7 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| May 9 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| June 4 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| June 6 | NWRCSM REGATTA Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM |
| July 2 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| July 11 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| July 25 | TIDEWATTER CUP Spokane (tentative) |
| August 6 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| August 8 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| August 8 | TUALATIN REGATTA |
| August 15 | TUG CHAMPIONSHIPS Bellevue Pond |
| September 3 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| September 5 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| September | Fisherman's Memorial Fisherman's Terminal 11—6PM |
| October 1 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| October 3 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| November 5 | Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM |
| November 7 | Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00 |
| December 3 | Year End Dinner |

CLASSIFIED SECTION

Dave White has a ready to run fireboat he is selling for a friend. The box is unopened and includes some lipo batteries and a charger. If you are interested contact Dave at 425-269-9277



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.

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PHOTOS FROM HOBBY EXPO 2014

DON'T MISS THE FUN IN 2015!!
February 6,7,& 8

