



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

July 2015

Upcoming Events

July

July 11 Fun Float /Polo Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00

July 23 Coffee/Fun Float Bellevue Pond 10AM –12

August

Aug 6 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM

Aug 8 Fun Float Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00

Aug 8 TUALATIN REGATTA

Aug 15 TUG CHAMPION SHIP Bellevue Pond 9AM—4 PM

September

Sept 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM

Sept 5 Fun Float Location Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00

Sept 13 Fun Float and Barbeque— Lake Goodwin 10:00—4 pm

Sept 17 Coffee/fun float Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon

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View From The Bridge, Scott Baumann

Well, the biggest and most important event of the modeling year, the June Regatta, has come and gone. And the big winner is...**Steve Sunich** with the cycloidal drive Andrew Foss! This



model was awesome in its capabilities. It could move forward, backward, left and right. In fact, the only direction it could NOT move was vertically! And Steve's probably working on that as we speak!

Steve won in scale judging in the Working Class, and also placed Third in the Large Class in navigation, which gave him the Best Of Show Overall trophy. Also scoring highly were **Al Kinsman** in Navigation and **Mel Suelzle** and **Bob Wickham** in Scale Judging.

But before we close this event out I want to disclose the many persons who contributed to the running of the big show. In all, it took the choreographed efforts of more than twenty club members to get everything done. I want to thank all of you for helping out with all of the chores associated with making the event a success.

June events included the Fun Float, which allowed members to practice their maneuvering before the Regatta, and a Thursday Coffee Float. Coffee and donuts rarely taste as good as they do next to a working pond. June finished with a Twilight Float on the 27th. This was fascinating, because we progressed from full

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Meeting July 2nd - *Dr Ron*

On a hot sweltering evening our commodore, **Scott Bauman**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours in a refreshingly air conditioned room at Galaxy Hobby. There were 24 overly warm members present. **Scott** gave kudos to the volunteers who made the regatta so successful as well as to those who successfully orchestrated the night float last Saturday.

Show and tell began with **Bob Jacobsen** showing his recent long awaited purchase of a 1/72 RTR Fletcher class destroyer from Aquacraft. The detail is most impressive and the model is ready to sail after installing batteries, a receiver and speed control. Of course, Bob will be adding additional cool features when he gets back from cruising this summer. He brought in an album of pictures he took of other Fletcher class destroyers and a booklet on the USS Kidd, the only navy ship to fly a pirate flag. **Bob Wickham** showed his twin super Springer with all its really neat features including magnetic latches, lights and a functioning radar. He also brought in the rubber bumper strips made by Aimee.



Mel brought in a switched master distribution board from Action electronics, a UK company. The unit operates from 6-15volts and has a small electronic relay which sells for around \$36 plus shipping. **Robert Osmond** gave his Vietnamese Chris Craft to anyone wishing to have it and **Bill Heath** beat everyone to the punch. He recommended placing a small sponge in the bilge to soak up any water not picked up with a sucker and to keep unintended water from sloshing around while running. He demonstrated a real cool plastic contour gauge and drafting tools to help with drawings. He brought in a singing bass fish to show how he relieves stress when he gets frustrated during a build that isn't going as it should. **Doc** brought the hull for his Coho ferry model which



he popped from the mold showing some imperfections and explaining some of the difficulty in getting it out of the mold.

Ed Maurer described an article he noted in the latest Marine Modeling magazine pertaining to Voith Schneider drives which are now available from a new company in Germany.

Following the break

Scott announced that **Dave White** is attending a train conference in Denver and that he will hopefully bring back some great info on items pertaining to model boating. **Dave Green** gave a report on what's happening at the Bellevue park. The pond is reserved through mid August so we will be able to have our tug event this summer. Since parking has become quite critical in Bellevue a private firm will be enforcing the three hour limit. Dave said that we must have a reservation in place for our activities in order to get a waiver for running any motorized models be they boats cars or airplanes. As he is the designated point person no one else should try to contact the park department. **Scott** has been in contact with Lynn Olsen to coordinate our activities at the Fisherman's festival



to be held on October 3rd. This month's fun float has been moved to the 2nd Saturday due to a conflict with the holiday and will be another polo event. The coffee fun float will be held on the 23rd. For those not going to Tualatin a fun float will be held on the 8th. The event at **lake Bob** will be held on September 13 and most likely will be a swap meet as well. **Bob Jacobsen and Kevin** are working to see if we can run our boats at the Pacific Marine Expo this year in Kevin's pond.

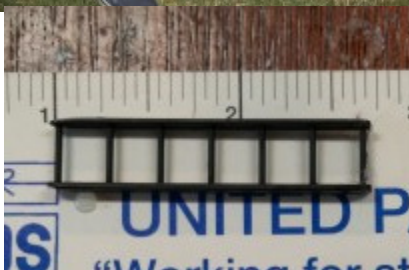
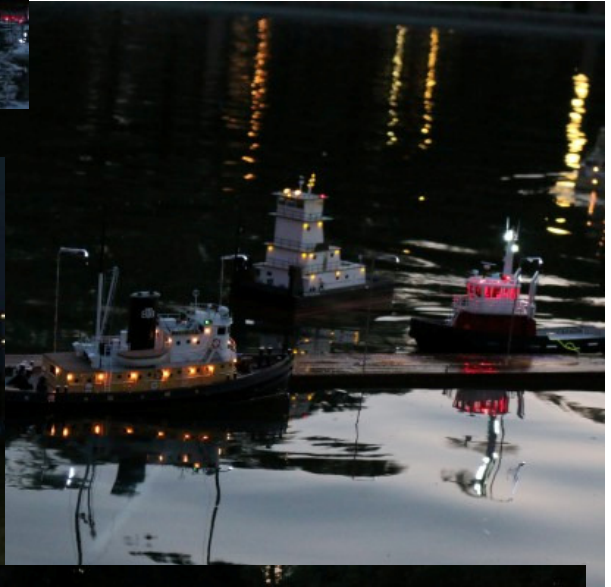
Following the raffle we all headed out into a very lovely warm evening at 1820 hours.

TWILIGHT FUN FLOAT June 27th

Dain Webster report that there were about a dozen members at this fun float. A good number of spectators also enjoyed the action and had lots of questions about how the boats and buoys work.

Dain had his three grand kids along and they each piloted the Eula B Devall through the course without incident. The course of lighted buoys was set up for about 3 hours until the sprinklers came on and everyone decided to call it a most successful "twilight Float and head home.

Check your boats, Dain found a ladder section pictured below. Contact Dain if you are missing one.



2015 REGATTA SPONSORS

Here is a listing of our main contributors to our 2015 Regatta Raffle Prizes. Proceeds from this raffle pay for the majority of our regatta expenses. Member are encouraged to patronize these companies and/or offer your thanks and support for their support of our club.



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34th Annual NW R/C SM REGATTA

June 13th was the date of our 34th Annual model boat Regatta. As usual the early crew showed up early and began setting up a course under the direction of Al Kinsman that proved very challenging to the 27 Skippers who entered 4X boats for the day long competition. The weather was a perfect mid 70s and the wind picked up in the afternoon, but did not pose to big of a challenge for most models.



Skipper Scott got things going around 10am with a skippers meeting and soon after the navigation course was in full swing under the direction of Harbor Master Dave White.

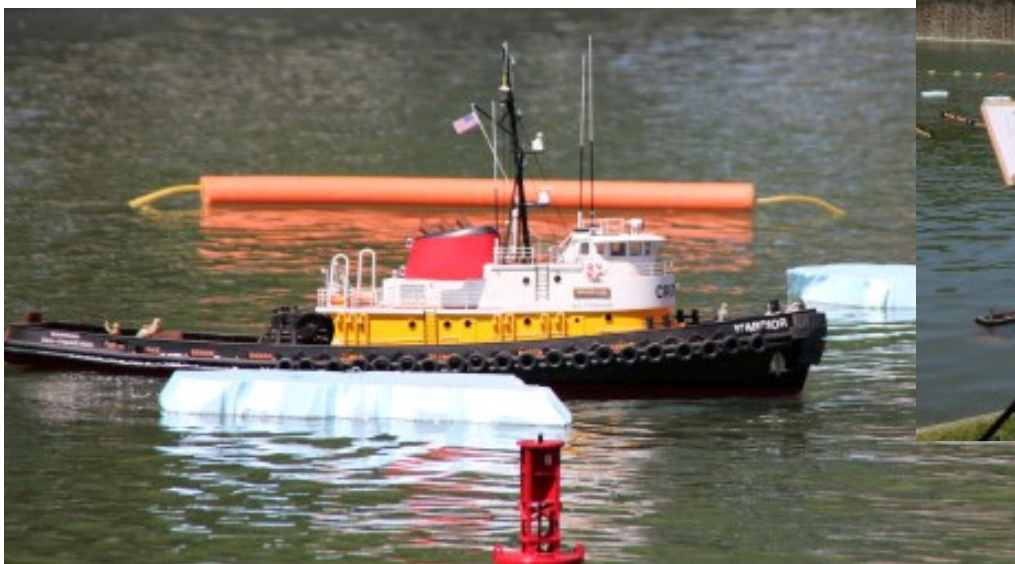
Phil Northrup was in charge of the Scale Judges and Scott Bauman and Allan Wing judged the navigation course. Lunch and much needed drinks were provided by Bob Spiger. Dr Ron and myself handled the registration desk with Ed Maurer and Noel Holly taking care of entering the results of the competitions

The events finished up as scheduled around 3:30 followed by the final raffle drawings and then the award presentations. The top award (Best of Show) went to Steve Sunich with his beautiful Andrew Foss. Judges Choice award went to Bob Wickham's "320". Our raffle raised \$663 to help offset the regatta expense. Thanks to Leif Benzen for his convincing sales tactics, the participant and our Sponsors that helped make this happen.



NAVIGATION RESULTS

Large 1st	Al Kinsman	Warrior	Small 1st	Bryan Morse	South Hampton
2nd	Aimee Eng	T103 LST	2nd	Keith Schermerhorn	Patos
3rd	Steve Sunich	Andrew Foss	3rd	Al Kinsman	Fury
Med 1st	Brad Young	Tacoma Fireboat	Youth 1st	Jeffery Parker	Shrew
2nd	Jeff Parker	No name tugboat			
3rd	Keith Schermerhorn	Misty Moon			



SCALE RESULTS

Working

1st	Steve Sunich	Andrew Foss
2nd	Mel Suelzle	Sally S

Non-Working

1st	Robert Wickham	320
2nd	Ralph Durham	USS Strauss

Judges Choice

Robert Wickham	320
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NORTHEND NOTES FROM KEITH SCHERMERHORN

July's meeting found 5 of us enjoying a nice air conditioned room for a meeting. Small group with long weekend just finished, but fun people. Discussions included a recap of the most current events: Waterfront Festival, regatta, Night float. The Waterfront festival had several people stop by the display to enjoy our boats, share stories, and just say hello. Sunday was a nice surprise to have a bunch of boats on display, about the most we have had on a Sunday in a long time. Good news was the weather was perfect for both days. Thanks to all that came out to the show. Keith gave an overview of the regatta that had a lot of new boats this year. The navigation course was challenging, but doable for a majority of the vessels. Showed off the awards won and shared the event where too much ballast in the Tye Sea tug caused a sinking after running the course. Boat was pumped, dried and cleaned and was back in service a few days later. The night float was a good evening down there in Bellevue with extremely warm temperatures. Lots of lighted buoys, lighted dock, and several boats made the evening a fun event. Being warm out also had a lot of people in the park stopping by to see the action. Ran boats to about 10pm and never became chilled!

As far as upcoming events, we had to have our July fun float at Gordon's cancelled due to the lack of water in the pond. Maybe next year we will have cooler temps and rain to help fill it and keep the weeds to a minimum. August will be a busy month with so many opportunities to display and run boats. Just a friendly reminder that there will be a model display at the Drayton Harbor days Festival on Saturday, August 1. Nice thing there—this is in an air conditioned room! So heat and tents not required. 10am-4pm if interested in going.

Tualatin, Tug regatta, and Burnaby all to follow in the following 2 weekends. Lots of fun all around the region and should be good if the weather keeps up like it has been.

Show and tell was not bad as 40% of the participants tonight had a model there. Keith showed the latest updates to the purse seiner Misty Moon. Working on the booms to get finished and installed before tackling the sein skiff. My apologies the other member (brain fart on the name) who brought along a modified little Midwest steam tug. Cute little boat with the working steam engine. There were a few modifications made to make the vessel look nice and to his liking. Once all the dock talk was done, we headed back to our home ports by 2030 hour, headed off into a smoky sunset that filtered the sun like some sort of sci fi movie scene.

Do You Need Some Special Graphics ? - Every now and then you need to get lettering done for your model. Some use dry transfer type if they are correct or vinyl stick on type if they are correct size and style. Others will simply just paint or use a permanent marker to do the job. Well, on my newest project, I needed a stylized lettering to match what the full size boat has and nothing "readily" available. I used a Callies Graphics to replicate what was needed. All I had to do was send a photo of what I wanted and the dimensions and a few days later I had what I needed. These are a really thin and flexible vinyl cut letterings that just need to be pressed fitted on the model. They have a sticky side and are soft taped in the front so that every thing lines up and you just need to apply. The results look good and the pricing was very reasonable.



(mine with shipping--\$10.00). So I recommend using her services if needing some unique lettering for your boat or other models. **Keith Schermerhorn** <http://www.callie-graphics.com>



20th Annual Pacific Northwest R/C Tugboat Regatta

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Downtown Park , Bellevue ,Wa

Events Begin at 10:00 Am

Pacific Northwest R/C Tug Boat Group will be hosting the 20th annual Tugboat Regatta. This is one of the premiere events in North America. Contestants come from Washington, Oregon, California, Canada and other locations to operate and show their models. This is a day long event , requiring skippers to run R/C tugboats in a scale like manner performing tug work. This included Barge handling, Salvaging derelict vessel. This is a skills competition to find out who is the best skipper around. Skippers will be judged by actual Tugboat Captains, who have been in the business for years. Lunch for Skippers and Guest will be provided. Raffle drawings throughout the day with items donated by maritime companies and hobby supporters. Please join us in celebrating this event. Event is free to the public and all are encouraged to come and enjoy the day.



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THE END OF THE LINE IS THATA WAY!



ANYONE RECOGNIZE THIS YOUNG LAD?

Hint:
This is his first of many
tug boats.



View from the bridge (cont.)

sunlight to full darkness. Initially we were presented with a conventional view of our boats on the pond. But by the end, all we could see were running lights and lighted, coded buoy beacons. And the darker it became, the narrower Roger Lyons made the channel!

Again, I want to thank the club members who made the Float possible - **Dain Webster, Roger Lyons**, and **Robert Osmond**. Again, these were the people who did the work to set up and take down the course, thereby providing the rest of us with an entertaining evening.

I was contacted by Lynn Olsen, of the Fishermen's Festival staff. They are planning on setting us up just as they have done in the past. The only thing new is the date. It is to be October 3rd, later than we are used to. Since this is always a good time, we are really looking forward to it.

We were briefed by **Dave Green**, our liaison with the Bellevue Park Department. It appears that we can plan on using the Downtown Pond at least through August 15th. After that date its availability is unclear. Dave also pointed out that motorized vehicles are forbidden in all Bellevue parks. That is why having our specific events permitted in advance, allowing for motorized models, is so important. Also, the Parks Department wants only one person to coordinate with them for each group using their facilities. So please work with Dave if you have any questions about what the department requires.

The AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) pushes the idea of supporting local hobby shops seriously. Well, Chuck Bower, vice president for five Northwest states, names Galaxy Hobby as one of the best, and in the latest issue of "Model Aviation" points out that he himself often uses Galaxy for his modeling needs.

At the July club meeting I had a stack of "Professional Mariner" magazines to give away. I didn't realize when I offered them, because I hadn't yet read it, that the cover featured Dixie, a Fremont tug. And inside is a great five-page article all about the Fremont Tugboat Company. It features Mark and Margie Freeman, who were nice enough to contribute \$500 to our Regatta to add more prizes to the raffle. The article is fascinating. It seems that Mark has built his own private tugboat museum. Does this mean another club field trip? Because I have some issues left, I will bring them to our July Fun Float.

July and the first half of August are filled with activities, so we can continue Having Too Much Fun as usual!

2015 NW R/C Ship Modelers Schedule

July 2	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
July 11	Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00
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September	Fisherman's Memorial Fisherman's Terminal 11—6PM
October 1	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
October 3	Fun Float Belleview Pond 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

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