



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

October 2015

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 1 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 3 Fisherman's Memorial Fisherman's Terminal 11AM—6PM
- 17 Twilight Fun Float Bellevue 6pm—9 pm

### November

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

### December

- 3 Holiday Dinner 6:30 — 9 PM

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### **View From The Bridge, Scott Baumann**

Summer is waning, and winter is approaching. That means the club's tempo is changing. Things are slowing down.

The running season went out with a bang – Fishermen's Festival at Salmon Bay on October 3<sup>rd</sup> was nothing short of a blast. Hundreds of visitors admired our boats, and these were not all civilians. Instead, many were true shipping industry participants – fishermen, crabbers, and cargo mariners. The hobby of constructing model boats is a well-known activity of true sailors, and our boats were well appreciated.

As usual, when unanticipated problems appeared, many club members pitched right in and set things right. I appeared on site an hour and a half early, but that still wasn't early enough to set all right. **Al Kinsman, Bob Wickham, and Bill McGee** arrived even earlier to find nothing set up for us. They chased down the organizers, who obliged by making our canopy, tables and chairs appear where they should have been set up the night before. By 11:00, our tables were heavily laden with models of all types, especially fishing vessels, for the crowd to admire.

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## Meeting October 1st - Dr Ron

Commodore **Scott Bauman** gathered the troops and launched the meeting at 1900. **John Straub** introduced himself as an old new member interested in steam powered boats. A guest and potentially a new member, **Porter Bratten**, introduced himself and is seeking help in building a Robbe Happy Hunter which he acquired over the internet having been started and modified with plywood parts replacing the plastic supplied by the kit.

**Robert Osmond** and his family contracted pneumonia on their recent visit to Texas. **Cliff Elowson** was recently in the hospital and is now in a rehab center at the foot of Madison (the Parkshore) recovering from kidney failure and electrolyte imbalance. Both would appreciate a call or a note.

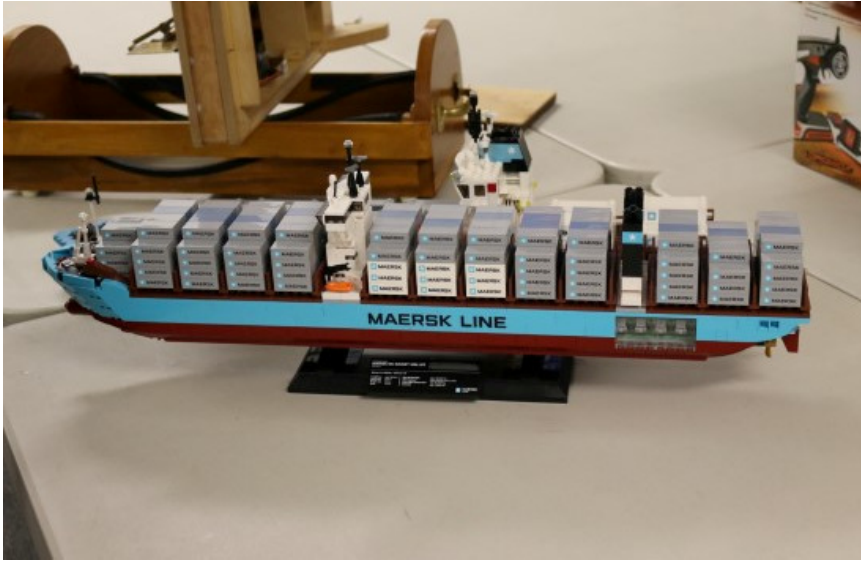
Show and tell began with **Doc** showing his completed Happy Hunter to aid **Porter** in his build. Porter's model has some ancient technology in electronics and several suggested he replace it with more up to date ESC's and 2.4ghz radio components.

**Robert Wickham** showed his new Springer polo boat build with one side of his Pro Boat esc exposed to the water for cooling purposes. He has a 2/1 reduction drive system and a 50/50 rudder. A question was raised regarding the lack of a keel but he replied that it functions very well, even in reverse.

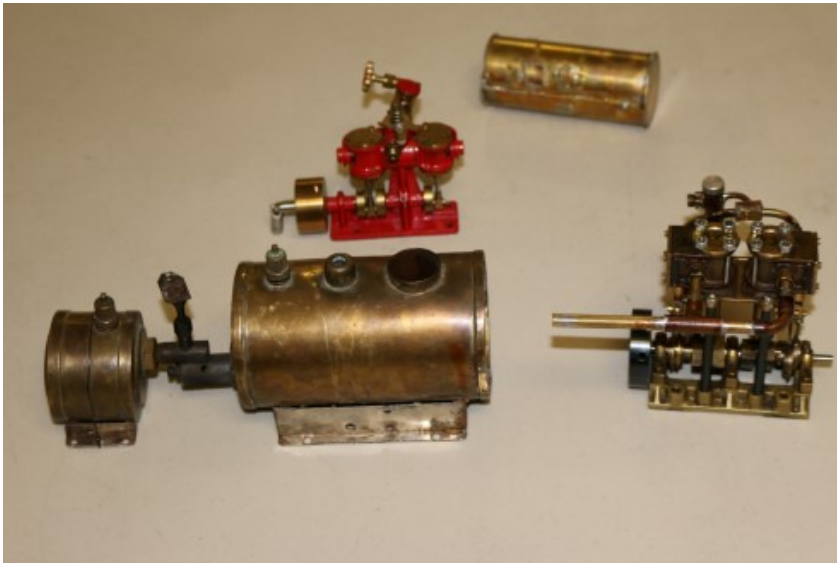


Photos, Courtesy of Allan Wing

**Bryan Morse** brought in two cargo vessels which were made with legos. Really cool!



**Dave White** showed his two steam engines. The first is a Cheddar from over yonder and the second was a Saito with a regulator and boiler which is nonfunctional because it got too hot and the solder melted. Not good to keep the heat going without water.



The calendar was reviewed with a probable fun float at Lake Ballinger in November and a night float coming up soon. Saturday will be the October fun float at the Fisherman's festival in Ballard. All were encouraged to bring plenty of boats and chairs and to stay to the end when it is over at 6PM. There will be lots of activities and plenty of good eats not to mention all the booth displays and demonstrations.

**Mel** gave a report on arrangements for our Christmas dinner at the Spaghetti Factory and instead of a buffet like last year we will be choosing one of three entrees when we register for the event. He also suggested we have our scale judging at the Monroe Expo instead of at the June regatta. All seemed in favor of both items.

It was announced that next month we are due to elect a new slate of officers so one should consider taking an office or seeking a nomination. The meeting adjourned at 1950 with lots to think about.



## FALL FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL October 3rd, 2015 Mel Suelzle

T'was a beautiful day  
he Fisherman's ter-  
minal. Had it not  
been for the wind, it  
would have been a  
perfect day. The  
wind kept many

model boaters off the water, but later in  
the day the winds subsided, the sun  
came up higher to offer some warmth  
and more models were on the water.

The winds and wind did nothing to  
dampen the enthusiasm of **Scott Baumann and Roger Lyons**.

Scott spend the entire day on the dock allowing junior skippers a chance to run one of  
his two boats. Those in the booth made sure all junior visitors knew that Scott was giv-

ing lessons. Recruiting junior skip-  
pers was easy and those in the  
booth made sure Scott was kept  
busy the entire day.



We had a great display of boats  
that captured the interest of the  
large crowd. **Keith Schermer-  
horn and Tom Stevens** provided  
a good display of purse seiners  
that got a lot of attention. **Rodger**



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Lyons and Dave Green warmed the hearts of the Coasties in the crowd.



**Ron Bray** and Myself filled another table of fishing and tug boats.

**Allan Wing's** Wawona was a crowd favorite and even ventured out in the heavy winds and performed very well.

Our booth was augmented by a display put on by the Center for Wooden Boats where a modeler was working on a model of the Constitution.

This Festival is attended by many in the marine industry. They appreciate our models and are highly interested in our club. Perhaps we will yield some new members from this event.

The crowd kept those inside the booth very busy. We had a nice display and enough members were able to stay until the festival ended.



## LAKE BOB FUN FLOAT - September 13th , 2015 Dr. Ron

Despite the threat of rain there was a great turn out for the event at Bob and Laurie Jacobsen's lovely lake home. Early on the lake was placid but got a little bumpy as the wind picked up resulting in the sinking of Robert Osmond's fast boat flipping over and eventually sinking – bummer! After a fabulous lunch, with Bob flipping burgers and hot dogs, the water calmed down and many boats were seen running around again.



Many yummy side dishes were contributed by the members and their wives to compliment the burgers. After the wind picked up the women moved inside and seemed to enjoy conversation and each other's company.

In between running boats and devouring the good eats there was the Seahawk game on Bob's big screen TV which many members and wives witnessed. It was sad however, that the Seahawks lost despite a good effort.

There were many items for the silent auction with some finding new homes either by purchase or trade. Following the three o'clock deadline the items were packed up and taken home. Many helped Bob put away his tables and chairs and then headed home around 4 o'clock.

A great time was had by all with many thanks to Bob and Laurie for hosting this very popular event, probably the best we have all year.

**Thanks again Bob and Laurie for your wonderful hospitality and great grub.**





Thanks to Doc and Allan Wing for the photos!

## Fall Springer Event September 19th Bellevue Pond

by Robert Osmond



Amos Holding his Springer which he finished this morning at 2:00 AM. Good work!

The event was attended by eight members. The weather was overcast but there was no rain.

There were two groups of four boats each. The winners of each group ran for the Glory. The first round was won by Dave White. The second was won by Bill Heath running Robert Osmond's tried and True "Toe Boat". For the final round Scott Bauman and our new member Amos ran to keep Bill and Dave honest.

To start the race the four competitors were told to mill around in the cove while the four barges, which were made of 2x10s with 1/4" thick guide walls were aligned together and held up tight together side by side until the springers arrived to try to get into the notch on a barge. At this point all the barges would start skittering about like wild horses and then the fun began as each competitor tried to catch a barge and get in the notch. This took most of the time in each round. The barges were pushed 50+ feet sometimes before the Springer would get in the notch and start exerting control and head back for the first gate. Of course access to the first gate was sometimes blocked by someone else coming from the other direction or a cross direction since that is where they finally caught up with their barge and got control. See one picture with all for springers in their notches but all heading in different directions to get back to the first gate. It was good fun and the participants said they enjoyed it.



It only looks like confusion. There is only one course.

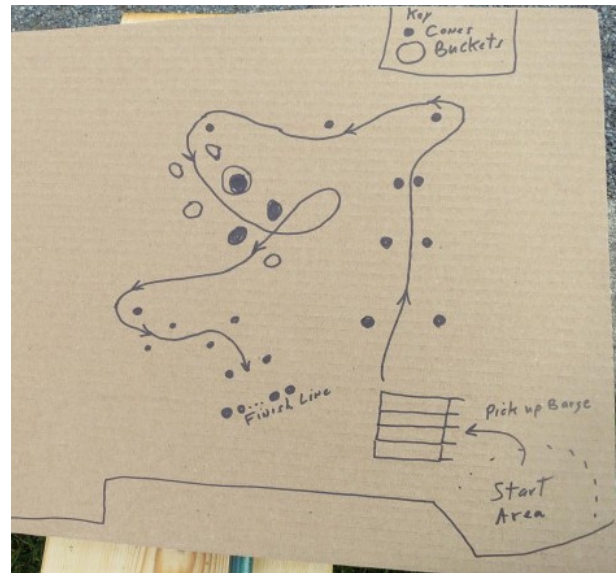




The skills being practiced were modeled after real towboats and barges, since sometimes towboats and tugboats are parted from their tows and have to reacquire them. Also the slowing of the Springer and the barge pulling away simulated and showed the how the different masses decelerate at different rates. It was also good practice pushing a barge through very tight gates. Most of the gates were only about 2' wide and close together, so going fast meant that



Robert Wickham's excellent looking Springer competing.



you would miss the turn in for the next gate which was out of line with the previous gates, so there was a lot of doubling back to catch missed gates. All of the skippers did well.



Dave White winning the Fall Springer event for 2015

Bill Heath also had his very large rail-road barge and Crowley tug running which occasionally would be run through part of the course when we were not competing. It is very impressive to watch run.



# NORTHWEST R/C SHIPMODELERS 2015 CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Arrangements have been and all is in order for another great December Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood on **December 3rd**.

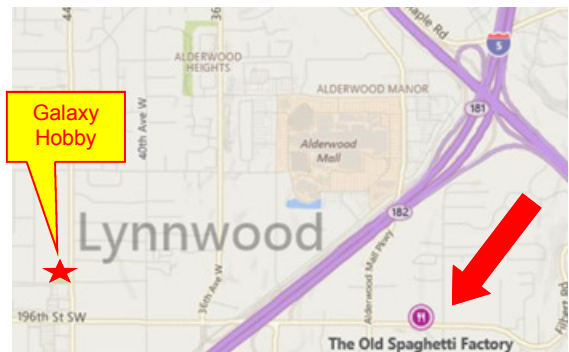
This year we will have a similar menu that includes a nice variety of excellent Italian dishes that will satisfy the largest of appetites. Our meal will include appetizers, bread, soup or salad, the entrée' of your choice and Spumoni desert, soft drinks and coffee/tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase separately.

ALL this food and a fun filled evening for the modest sum of **\$20/person**. The Spaghetti Factory has lots of parking. Some may want to use the upper parking lot that is on the same level of the restaurant and avoid the entry way steps.

The location details are:

**The Old Spaghetti Factory**  
**2609 196th Street SW**  
**Lynnwood, WA**  
**425 672-7006**

Time: Social Hour 6:30 PM  
Dinner 7:15 PM  
Program 8:00 PM  
Concludes 9:00 PM



The cost for the three course dinner is \$20/person. This includes and gratuity, appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. Mixed drinks, wine and beer are available at extra cost. tax

### Reservation & Meal Selection

This year we will ask each person to pre-select the entree that will be served to your table. This will avoid the long buffet serving lines, and help everyone receive their meal about the same time. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lasagna & Chicken Marsala Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
Spinach & Cheese Ravioli Qty \_\_\_\_\_  
Meatballs/Sausage Spaghetti Qty \_\_\_\_\_

Send a copy of this form with payment to: Mel Suelzle  
2731 184<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
Bothell, WA 98012



If you prefer to pay via PayPal Send payment to [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com), and email copy of this form to [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com)

**SEATING IS LIMITED** Arrivals without reservations run the risk of not having a seat or meal or both! Make your reservation TODAY!

**Payment and menu selection must be received by 11-20-2015**



OUR LAST EVENT OF 2015 AT THE BELLEVUE POND is a twilight fun float on October 17th. The twilight fun float last June was big hit. Don't miss your last chance to show off your lights and enjoy a quite evening pond side.

## NOVEMBER FUN FLOAT—Lake Ballenger

Our November Fun Float is scheduled for November 7th. As the Bellevue Pond is likely drained for the winter, we have selected Lake Ballenger in Mountlake terrace for November Float,

Lake Ballenger a 103-acre lake with a 3-acre island, jointly owned by the Cities of Mountlake Terrace and Edmonds. The Lake Ballenger Park, 2-acre park, is located on the east shore of the lake and south of the Lake Ballenger Golf Course, and offers one of the only access points to the lake. Year-round fishing is available. Amenities include a boat launch for non-gas powered boats, a fishing pier, beach access, picnic tables, barbecue grills, and restroom facilities.

**View From the Bridge (cont.)** Even the model Coast Guard was in attendance.

The other half of our effort was down on the water below. There on the water-level dock we had a fun float running and offered models for children to run. We had an almost-continuous supply of boys and girls waiting for their chance to run several appropriate vessels. No boats were sunk, no more

than a few minor collisions happened, and no transmitters were dropped in the drink. I estimate that almost a hundred children were able to successfully run. Thanks to Doc, Dave Green, and others for aiding this effort.

Also worthy of mention was the successful picnic at Lake Bob. We had beautiful weather and good fellowship on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Not only did we run our boats, but Bob was kind enough to give us a skillful air show with one of his seaplanes. We also had a successful bid sale. Now, if only the Seahawks had won their sports contest...

**Robert Osmond** was kind enough to set up the Springer contest on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and it was a success. He set up a maneuvering course and everyone had to push a very awkward barge through it. A good conclusion to a summer of challenges for us all. We still have a Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue's Downtown Park on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, before the pond closes and is drained for the winter.

Next month the meeting will consist mainly of annual elections. Everyone is encouraged to run for club offices for 2016. We will have a fun float on the 5<sup>th</sup> at Lake Ballinger. And be sure to plan on sending in your reservations for our December club dinner at Spaghetti Factory.

**Let the Building Season begin!**

## Coffee/Fun Float - Bellevue Pond September 17th



Our last Thursday Coffee/Fun Float of the Summer was a good one. We had a good turnout and the weather was great (for a while). **Bill McGee** tested his new creation, but no photos were submitted for this publication. Bill claims it ran perfectly and met all his expectations. Perhaps he will consider showing it off at a future competition so we can see how it really stacks up in the heat of competitive battle. It is likely the boat will do fine, the jury is still out on the skipper though!!



**Scott Baumann** was gathering motor power measurements on a boat he is building for his grand daughter. He now has sufficient data to confuse practically anyone!!

**Dave White** had his powerful tug on hand and demonstrated that pilot house windows are not a requirement for his skipper to move quickly. While the weather was great for the most part. The fun float came to an quick conclusion when the skies opened and the downpour cleared the pond and pond side in short order.

Soggy boaters made for their home ports as quickly as possible. **Mel Suelzle**



## North End Report



The North End meeting normally held on the first Monday of the month was delayed this month, so no meeting report was available. We will look forward to an expanded version of the North End Report in the November issue.

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October 1	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
October 3	Fisherman's Memorial - Fisherman's Terminal 11:00 to 6:00
October 17	Twilight Fun Float— Bellevue Pond 6pm – 10Pm
November 5	Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
November 7	Fun Float Location Lake Ballinger 9:00 to 1:00
December 3	Christmas Dinner—Spaghetti Factory—Lynnwood

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