



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

September 2015

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 5 Fun Float Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00
- 13 Fun Float and Barbeque—Lake Goodwin 10:00—4 pm
- 17 Coffee/fun float Bellevue Pond 10:00—Noon
- 19 Springer Contest/fun float Bellevue Pond 9:00 to 1:00

### 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

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

August was another successful month of club operation for us. It started with a club meeting presided over not by myself (YAY!) but by our very capable Vice-Commodore, David White. Claudia and I left early to prepare the way for our club presence in Tualatin, Oregon. Tualatin is a venue that I had often heard about during my early years in the club, where you can operate your fleet from your hotel balcony. But it took me forever to make the trip. Once I did so, nine years ago, I quickly made up my mind to never miss it again, and I haven't. It's a great time, for both modelers and their wives.

August eighth was both the Tualatin regatta and the Fun Float at Bellevue Pond. A good time was had by all, and we were joined by Ralph and Christine Durham from Montana, our most eastern club members. At Tualatin, the Navigation contest was won by Robert Osmond, and Mel and his grandson very capably won the Team Towing contest.

Next, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, an excellent Tug Championship was held, by Keith Schermerhorn and his very able north end crew. They did a wonderful job. Robert Osmond even convinced yours truly to compete in a tug contest for the first time. Pushing barges is tough but fascinating! The experience convinced me that I have to build a couple of my own tugs for future competitions. I can't let you tugboat guys have all the fun!

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## Meeting September 3rd - Dr Ron

Twenty members ambled in to the monthly meeting despite the Seahawks game starting at 1900 hours, the same time our commodore **Scott Bauman** called the meeting to order. **Mel** started the show and tell with the miniature truckable tug which he plans to build. He plans to have twin drives with 400 motors and fabricate the superstructure himself rather than purchase one from **Troy Waters** who is distributing this in a kit form. Mel was hoping he would win this at the tug regatta raffle but doc got it. Mel twisted doc's arm and finally ended up with this neat hull. Apparently the kit sells for \$249.

The next show and tell item was presented by **Amos Aarsvold** – a 36 inch Dumas Shelly Foss which he has nearly completed. He has done a very nice job and has epoxied the inside and outside of the hull. The pilot house is very nicely detailed with figures appearing to operate the vessel. He hopes to get it completed soon and get it in the water before the snow falls.



**Tom Stevens** brought in a very cool telegraph station mechanism with a loud bell to signal various commands. A friend found it tossed in someone's trash and rescued it. Tom acquired it and polished it up so that it looks like brand new.

Following the break, **Scott** ran through the list of upcoming events which are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. There was discussion of where to hold our floats when the pond is down. Noel Holley has done an inordinate amount of work exploring several sites nearby and it seems that there is no really good alternative except Lake Ballinger. Since Ed Maurer lives in Mountlake Terrace, he will approach the city to see if this would be feasible.

At 1955 we left for home and the Seahawks game.



**Note:** It was reported that Pacific Power Batteries in Lynnwood offers FREE watch battery replacement on Wednesdays.



# Bellevue Fun Float - September 5th

Mel Suelzle

On a beautiful day for boating, a dozen or more skippers were on hand to enjoy a great late summer day at the Bellevue Pond. Plenty of coffee and donut were on hand to satisfy the sweet teeth of all. The bright sunlight even brought out **Allan Wing's** sun powered boat/barge. While not setting any speed records, it did performed nicely (except when clouds passed by) and set a new standard for energy savings for model boaters.



A big hit was **Bill Heath's** super railroad barge. It was great looking and a good load for the higher powered tugs.

**Scott Bauman** tested his newly configured model for his granddaughter and it ran well. (based on the editor's recent experience, it is recommended he find a way for dual rate or lower speed on the throttle).

**Noel Holly** had his freighter ran well and **Steve Sunich** got in some good exercise with Bill's barge and his Andrew Foss. **Bill McGee** was over from Cle Elum. **Al Kinsman, Dave White** also had boats



on the water. **Rod Bindon's** Freedom looked and perform great. All in all it was a great day with no recorded incidents. Good fun and great fellowship was had by all.





# **Lake Goodwin**

## **Fun Float & ~~Springer~~ Event**

### **September 13th 2015**

**10:00am—4:00pm**

Join us for a fun day on Lake Goodwin at the home of Bob & Laurie Jacobsen. This is a great event with boating, visiting and of course lots of great food.! Hamburgers will be provided, please bring a dessert or salad to share and drinks for you and your guests. Wives and guests are very welcome – this is a fun event to just sit back and relax at.

There is electricity available and lots of room for tables and awnings. Also, there is plenty of room indoors if the weather is less than stellar. Come and plan to spend the day.

### ***Special Event—Silent Auction Style Sale & Swap!!***

As an extra bonus bring all your old cool model stuff to sell silent auction style. It's easy!! Just bring your stuff, put it on the sale tables with the silent auction form we provide, and then attendees can "bid" on your items until the 3:00pm closing time. You can start your items at zero or any price you like. At 3:00 when the whistle blows the high bidder will pay you the bid amount and you walk with the cash. It's very fun to bid and you know there will be great deals on boat kits, hulls, motors, drive parts, props, radio gear, tools and so much more so bring along cash because you will not want to miss out.

#### **Location:**

Bob & Laurie Jacobsen  
14609 W Lake Goodwin Road  
Stanwood, WA 98292  
206-790-2367

#### **Directions:**

North or South I-5 Take exit 202  
At top of exit head West on 116<sup>th</sup> Ave go .3 mi and turn right at the first turn.  
Follow 34<sup>th</sup> for 1.2 mi (through roundabout) then turn left at light on 136<sup>th</sup>  
136th becomes 140<sup>th</sup>—stay on this for 5.2 mi then turn right on 46<sup>th</sup>  
Go .2 mi on 46<sup>th</sup> and at intersection go left onto W Lake Goodwin Road  
The house is on the right about 5 houses up from the intersection

## From the Bridge (continued from page 1)

As usual, we are indebted to the organizers for contributing so much toward the enjoyment of club members. When so many contribute, we all benefit!

The month finished with a Thursday coffee and fun float on the 20<sup>th</sup>; great weather and great fun. We had a good September meeting and subsequent Fun Float on the fifth. We'll have another coffee and fun float on Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Sadly, summer is ending, and so will the coffees at the Bellevue Pond. But while they last, they contributed to good times in the club.

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> we will have the Fall Springer event. Now, this was organized by Robert Osmond, our past club commodore. Even while he was in office and doing a lot of traveling out-of-state to take care of his parents, he encouraged more-than-usual boating events. He continues to do so, particularly with Polo or Springer venues. The club is lucky to have such devotion. By the way, Robert saw that participation flagged because tradition required that the winner of each contest organize the next such contest. Well, Robert assures us that is no longer the case. He is willing to organize these jousts, no matter who wins, removing that task from the winner. So let's go and have fun!

## FALL SPRINGER CONTEST— September 19th



Don't forget to bring your Springer boats to Lake Goodwin on the 13th so you can compete in this semi-annual event. Robert Osmond will have his usual interesting course that will test the skill (and luck) of all skippers. No longer will the second place boat will be the "winner" as previously, the FIRST PLACE boat had to run the next competition.

Robert Osmond has volunteered to be the permanent coordinator of this event so we can try extra hard to make his course look easy so he will have a greater challenge to be even more creative for the event in the Spring of 2016

## 2015 Tug Championship Keith Schermerhorn



Well thanks to all that made it out to this years' 20<sup>th</sup> annual tug regatta. The weather had been threatening, but thankfully it turned out to be a great day with comfy temps for August. Captains and their tugs came from BC, Oregon, WA, CA, and even 1 from good jolly old England. 38 boats were entered and most completed the events of the day. A few underwater winches were seen being used but no sinkings! A lot of great models were competing throughout the day in the different parts of the event. With a modified course from before with salvage and barge handling inter twinning, made for a busy harbor at times. New this year was the extra effort the masters had to perform at the end of the barge handling by working into the breakwater harbor and landing. A lot of high scores and some fierce completion made this the closest event in a long time. Raffle prizes

were more than abundant and handed out throughout the afternoon. Many thanks to all those that donated to this from hobby vendors to maritime companies. Top ten prizes were great to be given away just before the winners announced. Another new thing that was done for this special event was that each class winner also received a special gift pack with goodies including a hat, tug book, flashlight, and their award. Top ten prizes were great to be given away just before the winners announced. The winners are listed below.

Like so many events, these things take some hard work by people behind the scenes to make all this happen. Thanks to the following for yeoman's type duties before, during, and after:

**Shawna McClellan:** registration, score keeping, raffle tickets

**Dave White:** pond master extraordinaire

**Flodquist family:** galley coverage, score keeping, raffle drawings

**David Green:** for pond acquisition communications

**Tom Stevens:** repair supply of launch dock, organize/retrieve/return of items from storage, connecting prize vendors ( BIG THANKS!)

**Bill Heath:** retrieve/return of items from storage with big truck

**Ben Flodquist and Russ Shrewsbury:** dedicated judges

And the many others that contributed throughout the day setting up and taking down. Was probably the most smoothest set up/tear down we have ever had. Many thanks to all that helped each other.



On behalf of the PNW tug regatta, I was happy to hand over to the NW R/C Ship Modelers a token of our gratitude in the form of a garden wagon that can be used to help transport items at the regatta sites and at storage. Should help make moving things a bit easier for all. Also thanks to Troy Waters of California for donating another canopy to the club as well!

So here are the final results and congratulations to all the winners and competitors for a great day.

**Small class:**

- 1) Ron Burchett
- 2) Ray Malone
- 3) Troy Waters

**Medium class**

- 1) Al Kinsman
- 2) Charles Brown
- 3) Tim Ripperger  
( also youngest competitor and tough kid to beat! )

**Large class**

- 1) Bill Heath
- 2) Tom Stevens
- 3) Steve Sunich

**Vintage class:**

- 1) Brad Young
- 2) Dave Green

**Masters( past winners):**

- Troy Waters

**Judges Choice:**

Western Mariner by Ray Malone of England ( also won farthest traveled)

**Team Tow:** Ron Burchett and Troy Waters

**Pacific NW Tug Regatta Champion: Keith Schermerhorn**



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## 2015 tug Regatta Cont.

Once again, many thanks to the following for supporting the event with donated items. Please remember them when looking for parts or a project purchasing from them. You can also let them know that you saw their product displayed or heard about them at the events.

### Maritime companies:

Freemont Tug: whole lot of goodies!!

Western Towboat: hats, shirts, bottles

Foss: hats, shirts, bottles

Crowley: hats, shirts, memory sticks, chocolate, and lots of other goodies

### Hobby or related:

Raboesch: rubber, props, bow thruster

Loyalhanna Dockyard: 5 channel radio and hull

Ships-n-Things: 6 channel radio

Interstate Battery: lots of goodies

RAM: Gift certificate

Servo City: 2 gift certificates and servo expander

Vantec: Gift certificate

Tower Hobbies: 3 V

Great Planes/Hobbico; glue pack

Barracuda Boats ( new company with laser cut barges/boats): barge kit

Gary King Hobbies: tug hull with cast nozzles

Troy Waters; 12 inch tug hull ( also the winning hull this year)



## Burnaby Regatta—Keith Schermerhorn

For almost 25 years I have been going up to the Burnaby Regatta in Canada ( 2014 was an exception). This regatta is located in central Park and features some great models, neat scenery, and nice people. Their club is fortunate to have a club house and storage right there at the pond. This makes it nice for them to be able to set up some cool dioramas for navigating around. They also have a nice cement dock to launch/retrieve their models from.

So in the US contingency- I was the WA representative, Aimee Eng from Oregon, and Troy Waters and Charlie Brown representing California. Lots of interesting models on display. Events of the day included scale judging, navigation, go fast racing, and sailboat races. Lot of spectators come by to view from behind a rope line and sides.

At the end of the day I won 2 awards: 2<sup>nd</sup> in scale tugs with the Tyee Sea and 1st in workboat with the seiner Misty Moon.

Lots of fun with great people. Recommend a trip over the border to this one sometime as it is only about 15 minutes away.



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- November 7 Fun Float Location TBD 9:00 to 1:00
- December 3 Christmas Dinner—Spaghetti Factory—Lynnwood

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**DON'T** forget, our September 13th Barbeque at the Jacobson's includes a silent auction. This is a great venue to sell some of your excess boating items and pickup some new ones at great prices. Start collecting your stuff to sell and cash to take advantage of this fun event.