



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
January 2016

Upcoming Events

January

- 7 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 9 Fun Float Location Lake Ballinger Park 10:00 to 2:00
- 29-31 NW Hobby Expo Monroe WA

February

- 4 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7:00 PM
- 6 Fun Float Location Lake Ballinger Park 9:00 to 2:00

2016

DUES ARE DUE!

\$25

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From the Bridge - Scott Baumann

The season has turned, and the command staff certainly hopes that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The first event this winter, naturally, is the Hobby Model Expo in Monroe. The club is going to be there for four days – Thursday afternoon (January 28) to set up, then Friday 2 to 9, Saturday 9 to 6, and Sunday 9 to 3. We need 4 or 6 volunteers to help set up the pond on Thursday, and a similar number to take it down.

Model running conditions are going to be much more benign inside the pavilion than they will be outside this winter, so bring your boats and have some fun! I intend to bring my grandchildren's' two Atlantic tugs to allow children to get in some running time. It worked out well last year. A guest running time will be scheduled for one and a half hours each morning and evening. Thanks in advance to other people bringing boats for children to use. I find that if you have a parent supervising the child, they do just fine.

If anyone wants a certain time to put on a demonstration, we can accommodate you on the schedule.

The Saturday Fun Float at Lake Ballinger went well, but was sparsely attended. It is a nice venue, much better than our floats at that lake twenty years ago. But the temperature! It sure wasn't Waikiki Beach, and I can personally attest to that. We should discuss at the next meeting whether these winter floats should be scheduled a little later, when the sun has risen a little higher...

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Monthly Meeting January 6th - Dr Ron



With 22 members in attendance the first meeting of the year was heralded by our commodore, **Scott Bauman**. The first topic of discussion related to the upcoming Hobby Expo in Monroe at the end of the month. **Mel** presented the committees recommendations regarding the scale judging which will replace the one usually held at the spring regatta. It was agreed that entrants for the competition will be limited to club members around the north-west and not the general public. If an entrant, who has won in an event in the previous five years, will not be eligible. There will be only one category to be judged, including any RC vessel whether work, military, sail or pleasure. After much discussion it was decided that the vessel should be judged on its merits not the builder and that RTRs would not qualify.

Roger Lyons began the show and tell by showing the progress he has made on his 125 Coast Guard Cutter with three rudders and twin screws.

Mel Suelzle brought in his magnificent steam launch which is 95% completed. He used urethane as a finish and noted that it took four months to cure before he could polish it. He purchased the brass fittings from Wet Goose and they really add to the beauty of the model. He mentioned that he had to learn how to master the art of French knitting in order to make authentic looking fenders. Since his Sally tug was named after his wife's first name he named this vessel after her middle name, probably in order to display these vessels without her objection.

Bob Wickham provided details regarding the excellent build of his super springer with flanking rudders and a cabin assembly that can be taken apart by unscrewing two long through bolts. Another master build, after one and a half years worth of effort.



Photos by Mel & Ron & Robert

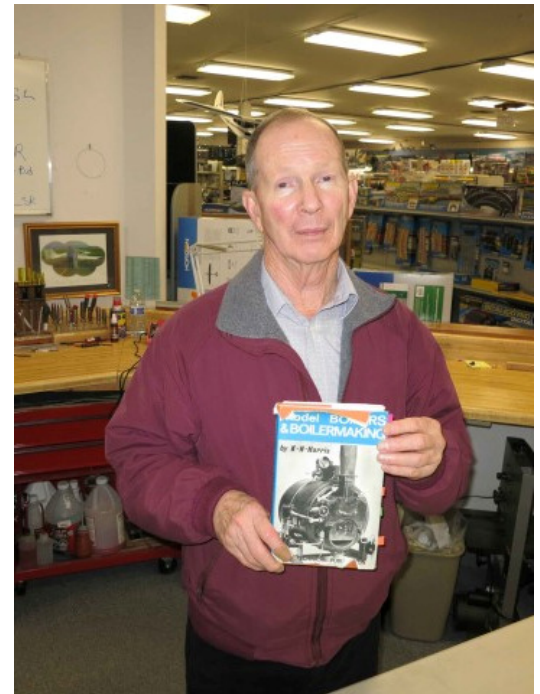
After the break **Tom Stevens** gave an excellent dissertation on the different drive systems available and those that could be made by the modeler. He also reviewed the different rudder mechanisms and propeller applications. He demonstrated a new toy – a gyroscopically controlled power screwdriver.

Robert Osmond concluded the meeting by showing how to make windows out of specimen glass sheets. **Mel** bought 36 of these for \$130. **Robert**

also showed a gear reduction mechanism which he bought from Tower Hobbies.



The meeting concluded at 2025 hours and after the chairs were stacked we all headed out into the dark to find our way back to home port.



Fun Float - Lake Ballinger - January 9th

This is the first successful fun float at Lake Ballinger since November and December events were rained out. While the turnout was low, the weather was as good as it gets for any winter date in the Pacific Northwest. It was a beautiful day for model boating. Many thanks to Robert Osmond and Rich Goodrich for the photos.





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Remember, as our late Cliff Shaw was fond of repeating, “This is the building season!” It’s really easy to sit back and relax, without making serious effort on your next project. Then all of a sudden May and June and warm weather will be here and we’ll be running like crazy, and there won’t be any more time to complete your boat project.

So, let the ship modeling begin!

TIME TO GET READY FOR HOBBY EXPO 2016



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. This years event is a little earlier to avoid a conflict with the Super Bowl (GO HAWKS). The show will start on January 29th and run though January 31st. 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/>

NEW FOR THIS YEAR is the scale model judging event. This will replace the scale judging normally held as part of the June regatta competition.

Models registered for this judging must be available in a designated location from 10am to noon on Saturday, January 29th. The contest is open to all current members of scale model boat clubs from Canada, Washington and Oregon. More details on this new event are on pages 7 & 8.



Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Scale Model Boat Contest

Purpose - Recognize best efforts in modeling R/C model boats

Categories Scratch (commercial molded hulls ok)
Semi Kit – Kits (commercially molded hulls/cabins and other major parts without detail parts or assembly instructions)
Kits - Commercially produced models

Who can enter? All members of R/C model boat clubs in Puget Sound Region and Canada

Limit on entries? A boat owner can enter up to two models.

Previous winner's exclusion - Any boat that has previously won first place in a scale judging contest sponsored by NW R/C Ship Modelers 2010 thru 2015 is ineligible for this contest

Classes of entries A single class of all types of models capable of operating on water

Judging When: 10am - 12am Saturday morning January 30th, Monroe WA
Judges : Bob Wickham, Tom Guglielmo, Keith Schermerhorn, Ron Bray

How: 4 judges using pre-arranged criteria recorded on the Model Expo Scale Judging form. Judges scores are averaged. Judges will abstain from judging of own entries. In these cases only three scores will be considered in the averaged score.

Awards Best of Show
Best of Show 2nd Place
Best of Show 3rd Place

Registration Fee None

When - Registration closes at 9:30 am Saturday



Halyard Hitch

HAVE A KNOTTY PROBLEM??

If you ever wondered how to create some special knots, check out the website at <http://www.animatedknots.com>

This site has step by step descriptions and videos on knots for every occasion. Boating knot also give some useful information on mooring lines as well.

NORTHWEST



SHIP MODELERS

Model Scale Judging & Registration

SKIPPERS ARE TO COMPLETE TOP SECTION AND LEAVE WITH MODEL WHEN DELIVERING MODEL FOR SCALE JUDGING

Boats must be available on Saturday January 30th 10-12AM

Skipper name _____

Club Affiliation _____

Boat Name _____

Kit Scratch Purchased formed Hull Self Documented

Operational features Lights Winch Bow Thruster Sound Fire monitor

Scoring Category	Key Considerations	Min/Max points
CONSTRUCTION -The apparent workmanship, use of materials, modeling techniques, skill and craftsmanship demonstrated by the model construction.	Appropriate materials used Fit of components Accuracy of modeled components	(0-24)
DETAIL - The amount (and quality) of detail parts added as well as the overall complexity of the model should be considered.	Items match model scale Consistent level of detail throughout model Detail appears natural and appropriate Lights and working accessories are good replications and of proper scale.	(0-24)
CONFORMITY - The conformity of the model to its prototype and/or comparison to any supplied documents. Freelance models without a particular prototype (or prototypes without docs) shall be judged on their believability, i.e. probable prototype and functionality for this type of vessel considering common vessel design and construction practices. Also considered is the accurate scale sizing of components (not their quality) and that such parts appear to be able to perform the functions of their prototype with normal seamanship practices.	Colors & Graphics match prototype documentation Lines/fittings match size and placement Fitting and deck accessories are appropriate style for model.	(0-24)
FINISH - This factor judges the overall appearance of the model surfaces. Finish includes, paint, paint lines and lettering or other graphics. Ageing and weathering are optional and will not be a reason to award more or less points than a non-weathered finish. Models without any finish (in whole or in part) are considered incomplete and receive no points in this category.	Paint or finish is of uniform texture and sheen No wood grain visible on painted surfaces Paint lines are smooth and crisp No brush marks, runs or excessive buildup Lettering & graphics are sharp and proper scale Model is clean & prepared for show Wear, tear & weathering are part of the Finish scheme (weathered, worn or clean) is consistent throughout the model.	(0-24)

Judge Comments _____

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



New Club member, Ken Valk has a friend in need of a couple of Dumas 12V motors with mounts. If you have a pair you would like to sell, contact Ken at Ken ken-valk@pacbell.net



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