



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

May 2016

## May

- 4 Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float  
9 am – 4 pm
- 5 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7:00 PM
- 7 Fun Float at Bellevue Down  
town Park Pond 9am
- 14 Polo Match 10 am Dennis  
Chinn's (see page 8 for info)

- 19 **Coffee Float Bellevue Pond  
10am**

## June

- 2 Monthly Meeting at Galaxy  
Hobby 7:00 PM
- 4 NWRCSM REGATTA  
Bellevue Pond 9am—4 pm
- 16 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue  
Pond 10am

## July

- 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7:00 pm
- 9 Fun Float at Bellevue Park  
Pond\* 9am
- 21 Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue  
Downtown Park\* Pond  
10am

**SEE PAGE 10 FOR MORE  
SCHEDULE DETAILS**

**ONLY 3 WEEKS TO  
GET READY FOR  
THE REGATTA!**



## **From the Bridge**

Well, the other shoe has dropped, and we as a club are getting a prime chance to prove just how flexible we can be. Bellevue recently announced they would begin Downtown

Park construction in mid-July. We don't know exactly what construction means, but I would imagine that the first area they would tear up would be our parking lot. They did say that they would not drain the pond right away. So we will look for ways to operate in part of the pond, perhaps from the other side. Alternatively, we will choose to take our events to a new venue. So far, we hope to be at the Downtown Pond at least through the Fun Float on July 9th. Keep watching the website (shipmodelers.com) schedules topic to see where we currently plan to hold each affair. We will try to advertise site information the week prior to each event.

We had fun at the Twilight Float on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and at the Seattle Yacht Club on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Due to the weather, these events are best characterized as "qualified successes." A little wet, a little cold. (Our thanks go out to Dain Webster and Rog Lyons for setting up their lighted course for us.) But the May Fun Float last Saturday was an unmitigated success. Glorious weather and appreciative crowds in the park made it a rousing success. A good time was had by all.

Looking forward to the Regatta: It is planned out and we are looking forward to it. By the way, when we scheduled it, there was no conflict with the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. At that time the Anacortes website proclaimed the Festival date as being in mid-May. Now, it seems like it may be that

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## Monthly Meeting CINCO DE MAYO by Dr Ron

Our monthly meeting was conducted by our commodore, **Scott Bauman**, with fourteen of us swabbies in attendance. Scott recapped our recent fun floats and gave a brief survey of some of our upcoming events, which are listed elsewhere in this newsletter,

**Robert Osmond** started the show and tell portion of our meeting by showing progress he has made on his small army tug using a scotch tape center as his Kort nozzle. He also showed his burnished props and described how he accomplished this task.

**Stein Setvik** brought in his own design of a ship he made from scraps of wood in his shop. He plans to build a model of a Norwegian coastal cruiser in the near future.



**Phil Northrup** brought in his new Trumpeter kit of a 1:200 Nelson battleship he plans to add to his military fleet. He gave a short dissertation of the history of this English battleship which was built in 1927 and scrapped in 1948 after surviving WW 2.



It appears as though Bellevue will commence demolition and construction of the park modifications according to the original plan some time in July, making it difficult to continue our activities at this site.

However, the regatta will still be held there on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. A sign up sheet was passed to enlist help for this event. **Mel** discussed the changes made this year to simplify sign up and judging.

Kudos were given to **Robert Osmond** for organizing the polo and Springer events, The **Wings** for their photos and our web site, and to **Scott** for providing his launcher for everyone to use at our events. It was suggested that recent photos should be provided for our web site.

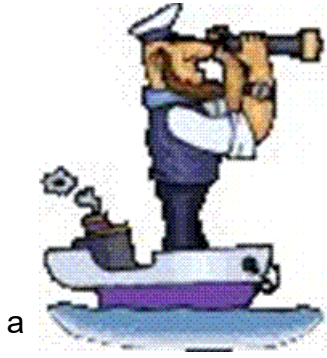
After **Darlene Wing** and **Dave Green** won the drawings for Galaxy gift cards the meeting was concluded and chairs were stacked before heading for our home ports.



Welcome new members

Stein Setvik  
Bob Bullard  
Jason Milsom

## NORTH END REPORT      Keith Schermerhorn



The monthly gathering of the Skagit group found a nice small crowd of 7 sharing stories and models for the evening. The usual update of past and upcoming events was the first order of the evening.

Upcoming events start with the Anacortes waterfront Festival on June 4 & 5. This is our boat display during the festival that attracts many people from far and wide to the area. We accept all kinds of model boats for the display. Will be important to have help/models there both days as there is conflict with multiple events happening that weekend which includes the NW R/C Regatta on Saturday that will have a couple away at and a big

sailing event in Canada that is taking a sailor or two to that event. Bring models if you have them and put on display.

Our other fun event will be in July with a fun float in Mt. Vernon at the home park Gordon's' on the hill. This event will take place between 1pm and 4pm and has been fun when we do have the water. So far pond is in great shape and full of water. More information coming in July. Reminder that due to the July's meeting being the 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have 2 meetings in June this year.

Report given by our power boat person letting everyone know they are still racing and looking for more to join them—even if you don't have a boat.

Our intrepid sailor Larry brought along 2 sailboats he races and showed the differences in the what used to be and what is now the new hull . Also showed of the workings on the sail controls as well. Good luck up at the Canadian Nationals.

Show and tell on the scale side was by Keith. Showed off the article in the model aviation magazine that had a photo of the Misty Moon purse seiner at hobby expo this year. Usually when this happens they get the last name spelled incorrectly. But this time, they just got he first name wrong. Apparently it was a model by PETE Schermerhorn.

After that good laugh, Keith showed—or should I say attempted to show the working led lights on a project. There was just one little problem. In my haste and excitement of hooking the battery to the lights, I did something that we all must be careful not to do. Using fingers to hold the battery leads to the connection points, accidentally hit the second positive connection with the negative lead. To quote Ghostbuster's" Whatever you do—don't cross the streams!". Yes, I let the magic smoke out of my FINGER as it worked like a fuse. It made a lot of smoke and burn/cut into the finger before I could break the connection!!

So remember, we are not dealing with huge power, but 12 volt 8 amp battery hurts and will do damage to you and your model if not careful! Luckily, the lights were not damaged and worked just fine once correctly connected.

With not much more to discuss, and the smell of smoke barbequed modeler still in the air, we called the meeting and headed home to our home ports. We hope to see ya at the waterfront festival or one of our meetings some time.



### **From the Bridge Continued**

same weekend. That is unfortunate, but so be it. By the way, the complex regatta course map is on the website, so please look at it.

There will be a couple of changes this year. The entry fee is a flat \$10 for up to three boats. The only registration form will be for each boat. And look at the rules. Rule 2 states that any one contestant will be allowed only one trophy per class. You can win two or three trophies by entering different classes, but only one trophy within each class, to spread the trophies around.

By the way, do look at our website. We try to highlight our members' handiwork with pictures of their many models. Allan Wing has recently added extra photos to the site.

And, by the way, make use of my boat launchers. I continue to have members come up to me at floats, saying they wished they had launchers like mine. Well, they DO HAVE them. I bring them to pondside for EVERYONE to use. Please use them, and

SAVE OLD MEN'S KNEES!

## **Good-Bye from Wet Goose Marine**

This is to let you know that effective December 31, 2016, Wet Goose Marine will close its doors. It's been a wonderful 12 years, and I have truly enjoyed the opportunity of meeting many new hobbyists and working with such gifted craftsmen. But at age 71 it's time for me to step back and make the time for building new boats. As the old saying goes "So many boats, so little time".

If there are fittings you need, I suggest ordering sooner than later. I'll make every attempt to fill orders received, and paid for, by December 15. For orders received after December 15, there's no guarantees. Thanks and Best Regards,

Ken Valk, Owner

<http://wetgoose.com/>

### **EDITOR NOTE:**

We are sorry to hear that club member Ken Valk will be discontinuing his business that produced the finest model fittings you will every see. This is a good time to consider your future plans for building a high quality yachts or ships that you want the very best fittings to make it special. Perhaps you want to stock up on some of the more critical needs for your future project.

## **May 7th Fun Float    Bellevue Downtown Park    - Allan Wing**

It was warm and sunny with just enough wind to slowly move the sailboats. We had a good turnout and Al Kinsman brought a dock and some buoys to use for practice. One set of buoys were set up 24 inches apart to see if this was an acceptable width. Allan Wing was able to run his 11 inch wide sailboat through the buoys 5 times including once in the opposite direction and rub a buoy only once. The group broke up about noon. Allan







### Twilight Fun Float April 23rd— Bellevue Pond

Many thanks to Rog Lyons and Dain Webster for organizing this night fun float. They put out an array of lighted buoys to form a course for this event. There were approximately 8 skippers on hand who braved there elements and ignored the dire weather predictions in order to show off their boat lighting systems and navigate the special course. While the weather was cool, the rains held off until 8:30 when most were ready to call it a night anyway.

We got a taste of the parking situation at the pond for weekend evening hours. Few spaces were available in any lots around the pond. Some had to park in the upper lot and endure the long trek to the pond. It might be best to schedule future night events for weekdays.



## POLO SPRINGER MATCHES ARE A “BIG HIT”



If you haven't been to one of the recent Springer Polo matches you are missing a lot of fun. Matches are held at Dennis Chinn's pool which is a perfect size and setup. Springer polo is not the place for the faint of heart or tender boats. Rather is it a real “crash and bash” event with light on strategy and team play and long on fun and frivolity. Even if you don't have a polo boat, spectators are welcome and often spare boats are available for use.

Our last event was on April 16th and was a typical fun 2 hours. The weather was perfect, and most of the time we had 8 boats running which keep things interesting. Skippers are leaning to ruggedize their boats and the only breakdowns were related to dead batteries. Now, if we can just learn to charge our batteries BEFORE an event.....



Bob Wickham's futile effort to defend against Earl's Legacy Super Springer.

**Our next event is scheduled for May 14 Note the date and plan to join in the fun.**

Directions to Dennis' house are **Dennis' home address is 9001 NE. 37TH PL, Bellevue.** This is generally located near the East shore of Lake Washington just north of 520. From 520, you take the 92<sup>nd</sup> street exit, head north on 92<sup>nd</sup>, turn left on 37<sup>th</sup> Place. The street ends in a cul-de-sac. And Dennis' house is on the left. The pool is in the rear of the house best accessed from side of the house. . Dennis will have coffee and after the usual crash and bash of the hotly contested polo match, pizza will be available.





We have had better days at the annual SYC fun float. It was cool but at least the rain came and went before we arrived. Ten Skippers were on hand and we had a good display of boats that were well scrutinized by a steady flow of spectators throughout the day. We had a good variety of boats including wind and steam powered to impress the visitors. Robert and Dave's steamers ran well while Mel struggled to get his running and never hit the water. Ron' re-powered ferry ran much better so he can proceed with the topside construction. No boat mishaps or lost boat incidents occurred and everyone had a good but somewhat abbreviated event due to the cooler temperature and threat of building traffic for the travel home.



## Northwest R/C Ship Modelers 2016 Calendar

<b>MARCH</b>	3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
	5	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	10:00 am
	12	Polo Springer Match	Dennis Chinn Residence 10:00—noon
<b>APRIL</b>	7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
	9	Fun Float/Springer Contest at Bellevue Pond	9:00 am
	23	Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond	7 pm
<b>MAY</b>	4	Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float	9 am – 4 pm
	5	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 PM
	7	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond	9am
	19	Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond	10am
<b>JUNE</b>	2	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 PM
	4	<b>JUNE REGATTA</b> – Bellevue Downtown Park Pond	9 am – 4 pm
	16	Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond	10am
<b>JULY –</b>	7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
	9	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond*	9am
	21	Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park* Pond	10am
<b>AUGUST</b>	4	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
	6	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond*	9am
	13	Portland Model Boat Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon	9am – 9pm
	18	Coffee Float at Bellevue Park	10am
	20	NW Tug Championship Bellevue Downtown Park*	9am-4pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	1	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7 pm
	3	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond*	9am
	?	Fishermen's Festival at Fisherman's Terminal in Seattle	11am – 6pm
	15	Coffee Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	10am
<b>OCTOBER</b>	6	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7 pm
	8	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond*	9am
	15	Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Pond*	7pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
	5	Fun Float (venue TBD)	
<b>DECEMBER</b>	1	Christmas Dinner and Party	6:30 - 9pm

\*After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Bellevue Pond may not be available



## CLASSIFIED SECTION

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**Used Emco Compact 5 Lathe for sale** with many accessories, including a 4 jaw chuck. I bought it to learn the art of small hobby machining, but it sits unused. It's 14" wide, 29 ½" long & 9 ½" high. I paid \$750.00 for it but will sell it for \$600.00. It needs a better home, maybe to a model boater who will use it.

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