



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Club

**October 2016**

## Upcoming Events

8 Flun Float—Lake Ballinger  
9:00 to 1:00

### November

3 Meeting at Galaxy  
Hobby 7:00 PM

5 Fun Float Lake Ballinger  
9:00 to 1:00

### December

1 Holiday Dinner  
6:30 — 8:30 PM

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**View From The Bridge,** By  
Dave and Scott



September 3 we had a good Fun Float, September 8 we joined the Panorama Model Boat Club down in Lacey, on the 18<sup>th</sup> we had a great sunny picnic (but a not-so-satisfying Seahawks football game) at the Jacobsen's on

Lake Goodwin, and on the 24<sup>th</sup> we were active at a sunny but poorly attended Fisherman's Festival.

Only about a half-dozen club members appeared for our Fisherman's Festival booth. That was too bad, because we needed many more attendees to man the booth and respond to questions from a very appreciative crowd, and many more models to fill the sizable venue that organizers set up for us. Scott and David Green spent the whole seven hours on the floating dock allowing over a hundred children in all run our boats for five minutes each, to their delight. Doc, Mel and Keith Schermerhorn spent their hours trying to answer all the questions from the crowd. I, and the organizers, hope that next year we can enjoy a bigger Shipmodeler turnout.

Dave Green and I drove down to Panorama in Lacey for their big open house, and enjoyed the atmosphere. The modelers are much like us – in fact, some of them ARE us. Jerry Julian is one of our own members, and Jim Elder was a former member of our club, and said he'd like to rejoin. As usual, my models were too large for the pool, and I wished I had smaller examples to use. I was intrigued by the ability to sample a warm-water venue for winter running. Still, it a long drive to run boats...

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## Meeting October 6th - Mel

.The meeting was called to “order” at 7 pm by Vice President Dave White. Dave was standing in for President Scott who was on his annual trek to Hawaii and assumed to be tough’n it out on some nice beach while we were taking care of business at the home port.

Dave’s first agenda item included kicking off the show ‘n tell segment of our meeting . Dave started with a showing of his recent Costco find of a set of 6 remote controlled LED lights. They are compact and individually controlled for on/off and brightness



Tom Stevens brought in his new counter rotating blade cut-off tool he used to cut fiberglass panels. This \$39 (Harbor Freight) tool made nice clean cuts in a straight line

Following Tom, Bob Wickham showed his most recent mini-boat additions to his fleet. His recently completed Tuna Clipper is nicely done as all of Bob’s boats. His is working on powering his Lindberg Mine Sweeper. He uses servo control systems powering this twin screw boat and found it necessary to up-

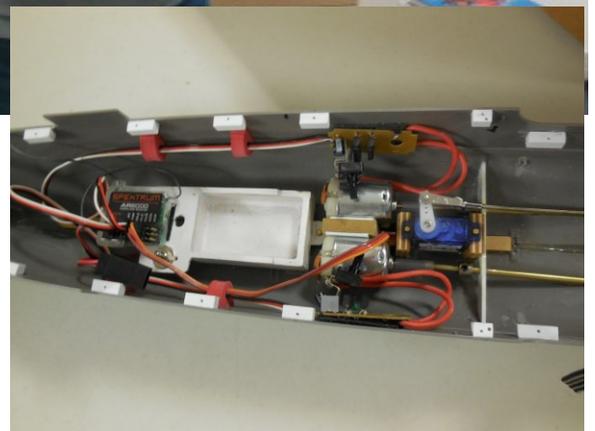


grade the motors over those used in servos. Bob showed some nice lighting systems he purchased from Evan’s Design. This tiny LED systems are perfect for Bob’s mini-fleet.



Doug Wilson showed a nice Swiss made carving knife he purchased from Woodcrafters. It is very heavy duty and has a nice sharp edge for wood carving.

Phil Northup showed his new sub. He thinks it’s ready for his test tank. He has his power switch operated by the periscope and a viewing port to see and power LED. This is a beautiful small model that will likely see it’s maiden run at Monroe in a few months.





Amos Arrdvold brought in his nice little tug "Cooper". This is a Dumas kit that Amos did a nice job building. He leaned how to make nice pudding and fenders and is ready to mount the propeller he just received from Harbor Models. The name "Cooper" is in memory of his bull dog that he lost last February.



Robert Osmond showed his steel hulled boat kit purchased at Lake Goodwin. This very old kit is made in Japan and comes with a very complete fittings kit. Robert also showed his aluminum hulled Edwardian launch he is building. It has a single cylinder steam engine and boiler.



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Mel showed a inexpensive sanding block he recently found at Lowe's.

Dave reviewed Scott's comments about he successful Lake Goodwin event and the Fisherman's Memorial event in Ballard. The Fisherman's festival had great weather, a great crowd as usual. Our booth was larger that usual and unfortunately, our club participation was SMALLER than usual. 6 or 7 club members is not sufficient participation for a festival of the size.



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The matter of club elections for next year was raised by Dave. The President, Vice President, Treasure and Newsletter editor positions are open. Dave asked members to consider filling one of these openings.

Following the meetings 3 persons offered to fill 3 of the vacancies. The top position of President is still open so opportunity still remains for someone.

Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:10 and members headed for homeports soon after.

**Photos, Courtesy of Robert Osmond**

## FALL FISHERMAN'S FESTIVAL September 24th

Mel Suelzle



It was a beautiful day at the Fisherman's terminal. As usual the festival was well attended. Our location was somewhat different this year as we were located in the center of the isle instead of along the edge where we could easily view or run our boats from the booth. Being in the center had its advantages as both sides of our booth were accessible to the crowd as they pass by to the other popular events in our

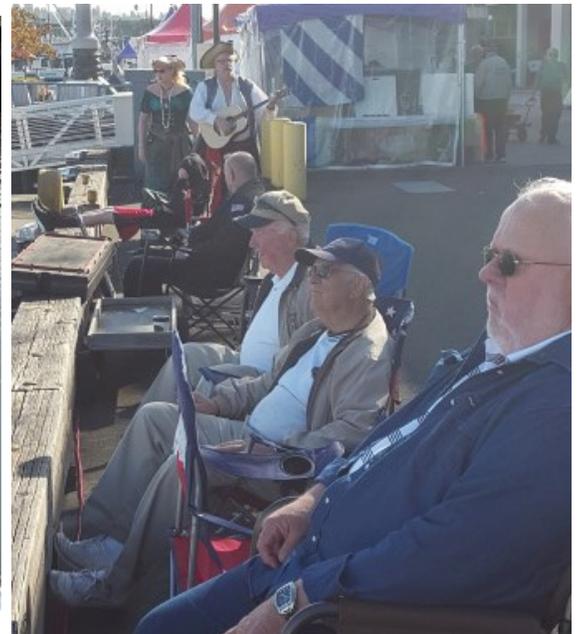
area. We had plenty of canopies and tables more than enough for the boats we had on hand. We had a good display of boats that captured the interest of the large crowd. **Keith Schermerhorn** had several boats and his purse seiner got a lot of attention. **Dave Green** drew the interest of the Coasties in the crowd with his nice buoy tender. **Dr Ron** and **Jeff and Jeffery Parker** and myself were on hand the entire day trying to interface with the crowd and keep an eye on our boats.. **Al Kinsman** and **Bill McGee** also attended in the morning.

Once again, **Scott Baumann** spent 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 giving lessons. Recruiting junior skippers was easy and those in the booth made sure Scott surrounded by skipper "wannabees" the entire day. Scott had two boats going constantly and used a timer and "take a number" process to manage the excited youngsters.



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 only thing that could have been better is MORE of our members attending and bringing/ running model boats. With the large active crowds it is difficult for 6 or 7 members to man the booth, run boats and have a little time to enjoy the festival. Keeping all activities going until 6:00 made for a very long day. A few members helping out even for a couple of hours would have been most welcome.



**Congratulations to Fremont Tug on their 100th anniversary.**

Check out the nice feature video at <https://www.seattlechannel.org/explore-videos?videoid=x68247>

## LAKE BOB FUN FLOAT - September 18th , 2016 Mel Suelzle



The dire weather forecast couldn't have been more WRONG. It was a beautiful day for a late summer bar-be-que. The water was calm and no water skiers to create some Tsunami waves for our boats. Approximately 30 members and spouses were on hand to take advantage of this perfect venue with great food and fellowship. A few brought some items for sale and most if not all went home with new owners to be stored for years (or decades) only to be brought our and sold at some future event.

This year we had a special challenge on the water. A large array of weeds shielded the entire waterfront. This presented a problem to several boats and offered some rescue opportunities for the tugs.

With great water, great food and a plush theater to watch the Seahawks, it was a great combination for the day. A great time was had by all with many thanks to Bob and Laurie for hosting this very popular event. What a great way to wrap up our summer boating season.

**Thanks again Bob and Laurie for your wonderful hospitality and great grub. The only area that could have been better was the foot-ball game. Perhaps next year you can arrange for a better outcome for the Seahawks.**



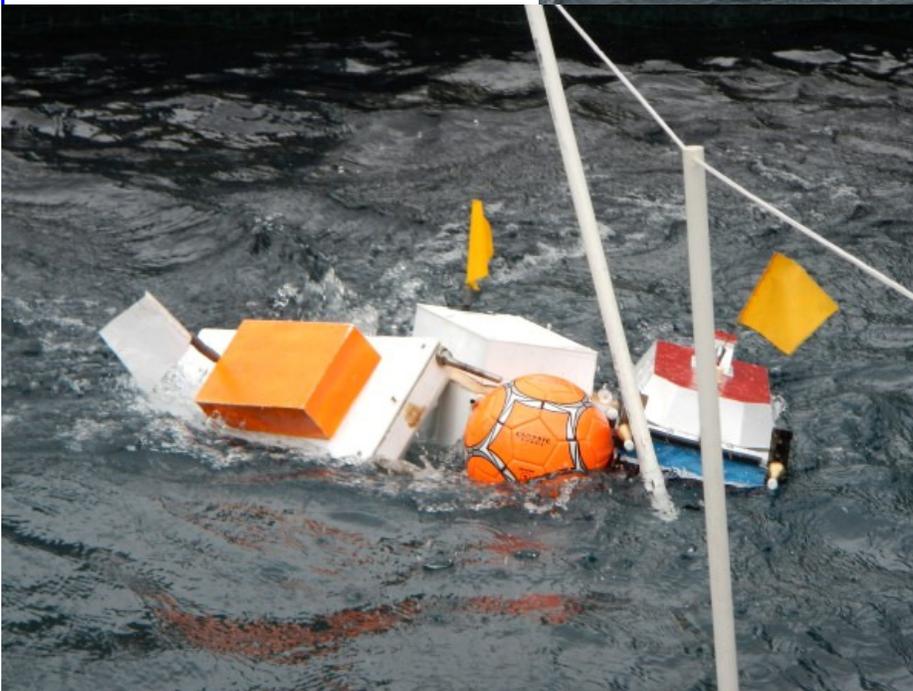


## POLO MATCH September 17th

by Robert Osmond

A Springer Polo match was held at Dennis Chin's house on Saturday September 17. The match was attended by six members and Robert Osmond's son John, who is a regular at these Polo matches. Doc (Bray) brought 3 boats, Robert brought 4 boats, Dennis had 2 boats and Alan had a boat.

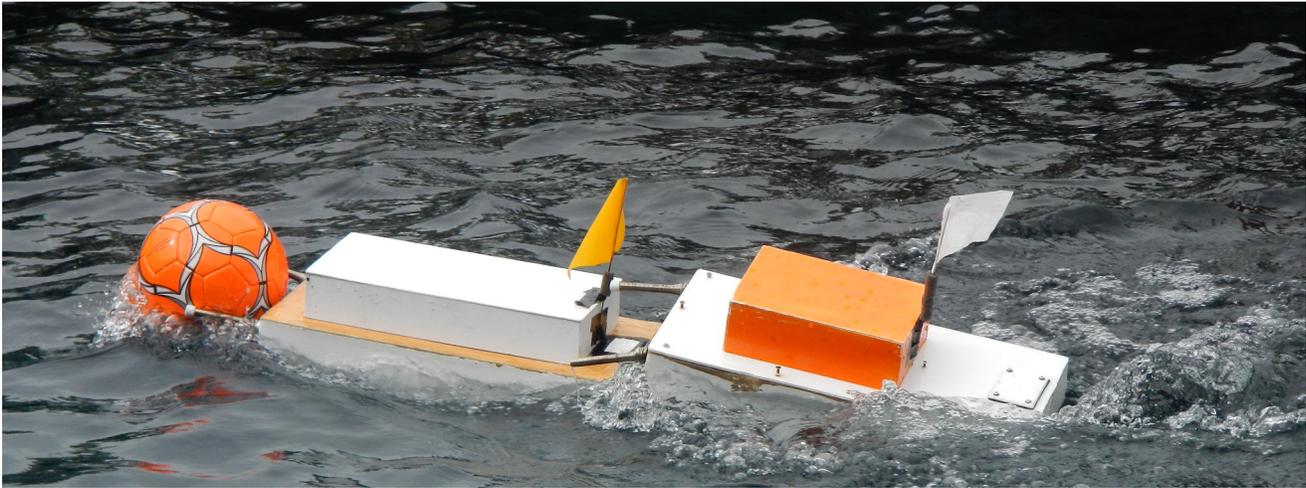
The game is set up so that we play until a team has makes three goals and then we start over. It was a very successful day, we were able to play many rounds without anyone having to make repairs or to drain water out with the various turkey basters. We had a breeze but it did not rain on us and we played for two hours and fifteen minutes a new record. Usually the rate of attrition is higher so that after that much time there are only two or three boats running.



On this day the only attrition took place after playing for an hour and a half, at which time one of Robert's boat had its aluminum rudder servo mount broken by raucous battery action caused by side impact (many times), a little while later Alan Wing's "Sir Speedy" the only brushless motored polo boat quit due possibly to excess water in the receiver. It was a thrill a minute with boats turned over, boats pushed on their side for many feet and a lot of loud clunking and thwacking sounds.

Everyone made at least one goal and several made quite a few goals. We had coffee and donuts to start with a pizza near the end of the match. Scott's (Baumann) driving improved greatly and he made a couple of goals.

Next time we have a polo event I hope more people can attend, it is a lot of fun and very good eye hand coordination. If you think driving slowly between buoys is fun, try capturing a 7" soccer boat with door springs 7" apart then pushing it down the field and thought he goal without it being taken away by a group of speeding springers.



## View From the Bridge (cont)

It's election time, and we have all leadership positions to fill. Just so you know, we are lucky to have some individuals already fulfilling important unelected positions and doing much of the club work- Mel is publishing the newsletter, Alan Wing is serving as webmaster, he and Darlene are our busy photographers. We are lucky to have them volunteering to perform these tasks for the club. That lessens the burden on the upcoming officers. Now we only need a Commodore, vice-commodore, and treasurer to do the rest. David White and I stepped up to take our turn to keep the club in action. Now we are ready to turn it over to someone else. Who wants to volunteer?

The Lake Goodwin picnic featured outstanding weather, and fun was had by all (If only the Seahawks had been victorious). Bob put on a great seaplane demonstration, and many enjoyed running their boats. Unfortunately the Commodore began running his PT boat with a total of six propeller blades on two shafts, and finished with only two blades remaining! Next time I'll try to be more careful around rocks...

Lastly, we are looking forward to the Christmas dinner. It's similar to last year's. Please purchase your tickets early, so we can best lay plans for a successful event.

One other thing – we wish Dave White good luck on his upcoming knee surgery.

October's meeting had a good show and tell with interesting models. There was discussion on the upcoming elections with some interest shown by members in stepping up for upcoming open offices. And get your reservations and monies to Mel for the December Meeting Dinner.

The fun float was held on Saturday the 8th that had a few members show up. Have a great rest of October and Happy Halloween. **Scott & Dave**

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

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Member Jerry Julian has a couple of boats for sale. One is a 50-800 RC sailboat for sale. 50" with 800 sq. in. of sail, fiberglass hull, Carr sails, proportional sail winch control and deluxe fittings. \$ 275.00 pick up in Olympia. Stand included. Jerry Julian 360-943-7009

Also he has a marine patrol boat for sale. Fiberglass hull, 27" x 8", Graupner z-drive 600 installed, never run.

\$250.00 pick up in Olympia, includes stand and carrying box. 360-943-7009



## North End Report Keith Schermerhorn



Fall is in the air, days become short, and political oddities abound. Going indoors for a meeting of model boaters would be a good thing to escape from all this. So the monthly meeting of the Skagit club was to be held on October 3rd.

But, due to a scheduling issue, it was moved to the 10th. Well some were on vacation, some had other planned events, others may not have remembered. 2 intrepid members made it to the meeting ( yours truly was amongst the missing) and knowing them--it was all camera banter. So the meeting was real short and not much to report. The items to be

discussed would have been the recent fall Fisherman's festivals in Ballard and Bellingham, meeting dates for next couple months, sail report from Larry Stiles, and maybe a review of a book and a project or two. Mixed in would be some banter, laughs, and comments from those there making for an entertaining meeting.

So if you like to join us, then the next meeting will be on November 7th, besides some of the previous doings, we will be planning our annual Pig Out meeting for December. Bring your projects, maritime finds, and even stories relating to the subject to share as we welcome everyone.

## October 8th Fun Float Mel Suelzle

Not everyone was kept at home by the dire weather forecast of our scheduled fun float at Lake Ballinger. The rain was light but heavy clouds threatened to change that. Typical for this location was the high winds that created some heavy seas for all but the largest boats.

**Bill Heath** kept his tug and barge on the water for most of the time and **Bill McGee's** tug handed the rough seas well.



I launched the Red Bull and ran for all of 5 minutes before returning to the safety of the beach.

**Bryan Morse** arrived about the time most were getting ready to call it a day. He brought a sailboat that would have been a real challenge with the wind and rough seas. The wind, cooler temps and the threat of rain, finished the fun float before 10 am with everyone packed and ready for other activities more suitable for the day.



# NORTHWEST R/C SHIPMODELERS

## 2016 CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Arrangements have been and all is in order for another great December Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood **on December 1st.**

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.

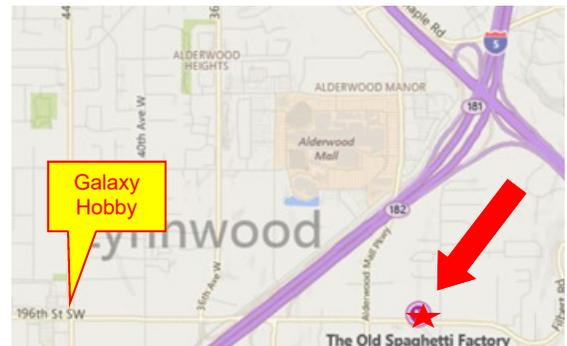
ALL this food and a fun filled evening for the modest sum of **\$20/person.**

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 8:30 PM



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

### Reservation & Meal Selection

Again 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 for each person below:

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

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

Send name and menu selection info with payment to:

Mel Suelzle  
2731 184<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
Bothell, WA 98012



Make checks payable to "NW R/C Ship Modelers"

If you prefer to pay via PayPal Send payment to [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com), and email name & menu selection info 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!**