



# The Bilge Pump

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

## September

- 1 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7 pm
- 3 Fun Float Lake Ballinger  
Park 9am—Noon
- 18 Lake Goodwin Fun Float  
and Barbeque 10am—4 pm
- 24 Fishermen’s Festival at  
Fisherman’s Terminal in  
Ballard 11am – 6pm

## OCTOBER

- 6 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7 pm
- 8 Fun Float Lake Ballinger  
Park –9am—noon
- 15 Twilight Float Lake  
Ballinger Park -10am—noon

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby  
7:00 pm
- 5 Fun Float Lake Ballinger  
Park—9am—noon

## DECEMBER

- 1 Christmas Dinner and Party  
6:30 - 9pm

**\*\*\* Check club website  
calendar for times and  
location**



## **From the Bridge**

We have a lot to celebrate with the successful completion of the 2016 Tug Championship. It was put on by Keith Schermerhorn and his staff of Pam Deer, Shauna McClellan, Ron Burchett and Dave White. Keith did all the

planning, Pam and Shauna did all of the delivering, Ron and Keith were the judges (a big job- I know!), and Dave was the in-water organizer. I was feeling sorry for Dave until I realized that it was probably pretty darn comfortable standing in the cool water on that very hot day!

Our annual visit to Tualatin was again a success. It’s always a joy to get together with the Portland club members. I like them because they build lots of gray boats! Congratulations to Robert Osmond for skillfully winning the maneuvering contest.

And speaking of the Portland members, one of them, Paul Williams, has moved to Camano Island and proudly joined our club this month. He was at our meeting on Thursday, and he has my heartfelt apology for not introducing him. We have known him for several years now, seeing him every August at Tualatin. Welcome to the club, Paul.

In other news, my multi-month troubles in ordering a Southampton tug may be coming to an end. As you may remember, when the first club member received his Southampton (the price back then was quite low), we took it apart at Thursday coffee and were quite impressed with the quality. When I saw the success that Bryan had with his Southampton at the June Regatta, I decided to order one for myself. I first tried to get it

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## Monthly Meeting September 8th by Dr Ron

Twenty members attended the monthly meeting despite a Sea Hawks preseason game on TV. Our commodore, **Scott Bauman** called us to order at 1900 hours. Name badges were available for new members, but none were present. **Scott** reported on the Tug Regatta and gave thanks for the efforts of **Keith Schermerhorn, Ron Burchett, Robert Osmond, Bill Heath, Pam Gear and Shanna McClelland** in making the event a great success. Apparently **Ed Maurer** was hacked as he was advised to send a check to Scott for \$2600. However, he was wise enough to disregard the e-mail. **Scott** mentioned that one can identify the sender by holding the cursor over from. He also mentioned there is an app to eliminate robo calls, but **Phil Northrup** said those were the only calls he received.

Supposedly, Great Planes are now stocking the South Hampton tugs and **Mike** has ordered a couple which he hopes to have available next week. **Scott** was sent an announcement about an all day fun float next Thursday at the pool located at the George Bush Panoramic Retirement Center in Lacey. The announcement with details was passed around.

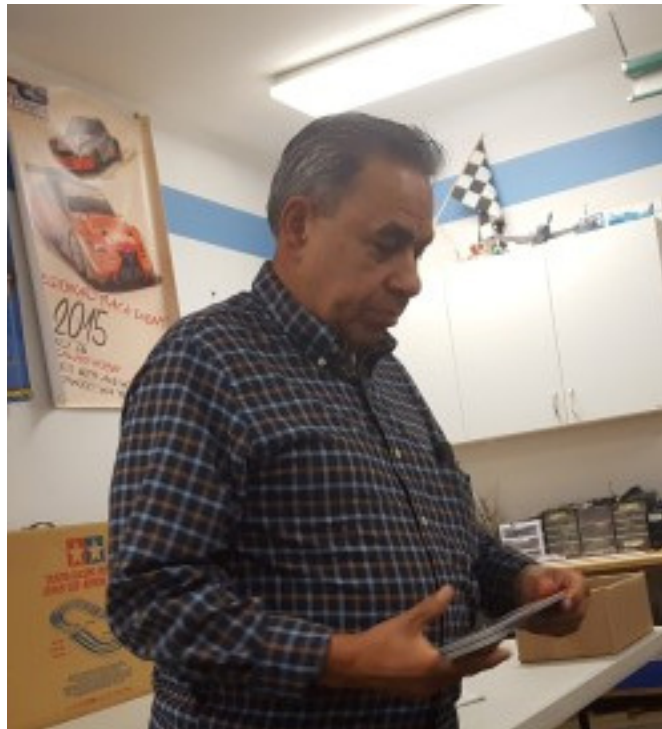
**Robert Wickham** began show and tell with his Lindberg Tug which he has modified and added many items, such as lighting and a functioning radar. This is indeed an exquisite model.



**Mel** brought in his model of the HMS Kite, an 1870 gunboat which is under construction. The model has two Pittman motors a sound module for the cannon, and a smoke generator which he purchased from an outfit in Australia. He provided info on how to modify a serve to obtain an extended range, but said they can be purchased from Servo City and Hobby King.



**Phil Northrup** showed the sub kit he is making which isn't planned to be an underwater sub. He had questions regarding placement of the rudder assembly



which were answered at morning coffee.

**Tom Stevens** had a protractor showing what a 4 degree skeg would look like on a barge. This allows for better tracking and maneuvering.

After the break, **Scott** gave kudos to **Dave White** for his stellar efforts in helping us get our tugs in the water and tied up to a barge at the Tug Regatta. He then announced the upcoming events which can be found in another section of the newsletter. The drawing was won by **Mel** who got a Foss cup and **Doug Wilson** who got a Foss hat.

Since Scott had his Foss cup confiscated at the Museum of Flight, Mel handed the cup over to **Scott**. The meeting concluded at 1950 and we all left to hopefully cheer on the Seahawks.

## September 3rd Fun Float—Lake Ballenger



It was a cold and rainy day and a holiday weekend which apparently kept most if not all skippers at home. No photos or other input was received for this months newsletter.

## From the Bridge continued

through Mike, but back in June he couldn't get it through his distributors. So I went online seeking it. Three months later, it still hasn't arrived. Thursday Mike announced that it had just been picked by Great Plains, one of his distributors. I immediately requested the first one, and eagerly await its arrival! I have been in contact with George Bush (no, not THAT George Bush), and we have been invited to join them down in Lacey for his club's big annual display and operating day at their indoor pool. The Panorama Model Boaters run indoors in the retirement community's central pool. This day is some sort of Arts Festival at the community. At last! Finally someone recognizes our hobby effort as the ART it is! It is Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 to 4:00. (see flyer on page 11) Now, I hate traveling at rush hour, but Dave Green and I intend to participate at this event, not only to meet the club members, but to also check out their facilities. Model boaters without their own pond have got to be amenable to trying other venues. I hope other club members will join us down in Lacey. Directions follow...

The Panorama Retirement Community is just a couple of miles down Sleater-Kinney Road from I-5. Travel south on I-5 to Sleater-Kinney exit at Lacey (just south of the Nisqually exit, number 111). Turn left (south) on Sleater-Kinney road for about two traffic lights. (1 to 2 miles) Right after a 4-way stop (14<sup>th</sup> Avenue?), turn left into Circle Lane and continue across the development to the Aquatic Center. Park there and move your stuff inside. If the parking lot is blocked off, unload, then find nearby parking. Anyone needing more detailed directions can call Scott at 425-444-3727 **Plan on having fun!**

September offers many operating opportunities. Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> we will rendezvous at the Jacobsen's on Lake Goodwin for the annual club picnic and silent auction. 10:00 to 4:00. Bring model boats to run or show, a salad or dessert, and perhaps beverages, and maybe something to sell at the auction.

And Saturday, September 24, is Fishermen's Festival. It is held in Salmon Bay, and is fun for the whole family. It runs from 11:00 to 6:00, and the organizers would appreciate it if the club would stay until 6. Please come early to get a good parking space (some people who will remain nameless arrive as early as 7:30). Bring boats to display and run. As the British say, we will have a Have-A-Go process to let children run a boat. The salmon dinner is terrific!

Lots to do and fun to have in September!

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# **Lake Goodwin**

## **Fun Float**

### **September 18th 2016**

**10:00am—4:00pm**

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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 & hot dogs 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.

As an extra bonus bring all your old cool model stuff to sell either silent auction style, or just put a price on it. It's easy!! Just bring your stuff, put it on the sale tables with the silent auction form we or price tag. 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>  
136<sup>th</sup> 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

## Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta - Keith Schermerhorn



Well the 2016 Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta held at Whatcom Falls Park in Bellingham on Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>. Nice location with a breeze, clean water, and trees for shade made it a lot more comfortable in the heat of the day. 36 boats were entered

from all over the West coast including Southern California, Oregon, and BC.

This being a new venue was almost like a new event which did have some minor issues to be worked out. Once the course was set (widened from original design since the water was up a foot from originally checked) by **Ron Burchett** and **Robert Wickham** out in the boat, we were ready to get things started. Boats started to tie up to barges and go on the long voyage around that was met with confusing winds that did create some havoc. Luckily, no one got tangled in the natural hazards and most were able to transit the course. Over in salvage, captains were tasked to go and retrieve the derelict vessels that this time were floating freely (no anchorage). Being a deep-water venue, that made it interesting since they did move with the wind and current. Thankfully, there were no sinkings or underwater winches being used this year. Registration was smooth and lunch on time. Many raffle prizes were to be had with winning tickets. And free stuff this year: magazines, photos, catalogs, pens, more magazines.....



All in all a good day of tug work was had. Not as many spectators as in the past, but then this was a new venue. I do want to mention that those who have long skinny boats with an open rudder/wheel should look at the Vintage Class in the future as it seems to be overlooked by many as an alternative option to the big 3. At the end of the day, **Robert Osmond** was the new champion for 2016. Some highlights: easy load/unload at site, 1/24 scale Millennium Falcon tractor tug, plenty of room to see all the action, lots of help by all attendees, many tugs on display.

As with any event, it takes a lot of people doing a lot of work to make all this happen before, during, and after the event. I like to thank the following especially for their hard work in making the day great:

**Mel Suelzle** for doing the computer work on the course and getting the directions /map done for the announcements. **Pam Deer** for the hospitality tent work with food and raffle, **Shawna Monroe** for keeping all paperwork and registration moving as well as organized along with the raffle



**Dave White** for helping out in the water to keep things moving and tying boats up! ( had the water chair site). **Tom Stevens** for help with the dock and moving salvage vessels back out to sea so they could move around. **Ron Burchett** for setting the course and being a judge on the barge event. **Robert Wickham** for being the power in the boat to set the course. **Randy Flodquist** for handling the score board. Bellingham Parks and Rec for allowing us to invade the pond .And all those who attended, brought barges, and competed.

There were a few items to be addressed to improve the event and they will be done so that next year it goes nice and smooth.

Also like to thank all of the supporters who donated goods for the raffle. Lots of great stuff. Please remember to thank them or let them know that you heard about them at the event by showing them support or business:

**Hobby vendors:** Loyalhanna Dockyard, Ships n Things, RAM, Mtronics, Raboesch, Zip Kitts, Tower Hobbies, Harbor Models, Gary King ( 3 boat kits and more), Gene Sauder ( shaft sets), Interstate Battery, Rubber baby Tuggy Bumpers ( Aimee Eng)

**Industry:** Freemont Tug, Western Towboat, Crowley, Foss, Shaver transportation, Jon Rie Equipment, Circle A Trailers



## Tualatin Regatta by Aimee Eng



A very very hot day. By the time we got to the third event, dual tug ship handling, everyone was looking to find an air conditioned space. So only one person was interested in participating in ship handling. He did have two tugs though.

### **Maneuvering Results**

1st Place – Red Ryder, Robert Osmond

2nd Place – Morgan Foss, Mel Suelzle

3rd Place – Southampton tug, Ron Bray

### **Grain Barge event**

1st Place – Andrew Foss, Steve Sunich

2nd Place – Red Ryder, Robert Osmond

3rd Place –Morgan Foss, Mel Suelzle

The day was so hot no one except Steve was up for the dual tug ship handling, so Steve Sunich was given 1st place for the event.

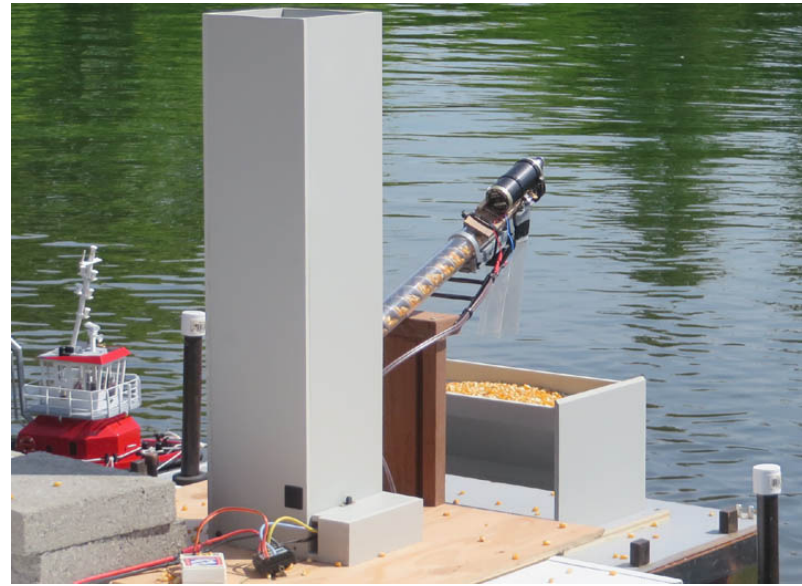
Ralph Durham, of Montana, won the large Loyalhanna Dockyard Lobster boat hull, AND the Zippkit Tugster model at Dinner. I guess that gives him something to do during the Montana Winter. And Leif, won the Harbor Models Power box.

Our thanks to Loyalhanna Dockyard, Harbor Models, ZippKits Raboesch, Shaver Transportation, and MTroniks for the donations.

I think Dave White has to be named Primary Supporter of the event this year. He bought a lot of raffle tickets. We think he was after "all" the Mtroniks ESC. He won three of the seven speed controls that were donated.

A great, if not scorching hot event, and my thanks to all the participants for being the test subjects of my "twisted" mechan-ations for events.





**The Art Walk Special**

# **All Day Model Boat Float**

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10am to 3pm

**Main pool, Aquatic and Fitness Center**

This is for model boat builders and model boat lovers and is a place to float, operate, or just talk about model boats.



**Special notice for September, note new time and date!:**

There will be no float on the second Saturday! This is because we will have a float as part of the Art walk at the Pan Pool, Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 3pm

For more details, contact Scott Baumann 425-444-3727