



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

Four Month Events Look Ahead

January 2019

JANUARY

26-27 NW Hobby Expo 9 am to 5 pm

FEBRUARY

7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 pm
9 Fun Float - SYC 9 am

MARCH

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9 Fun Float - SYC 9 am

APRIL

4 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 6 pm
6 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond (Springer boats) 9 am

May

1 Opening Week – SYC 9 am to 3 pm
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4 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond 9 am

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From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



By now, everyone has finally accepted that time does march on despite the efforts of many to stop the more brutal parts of our aging process. We welcomed in 2019 (kicking and screaming) and endured pitiful



performances by our local football teams. Hopefully we will learn from this and seek some warm confines to build model boats which are a much more reliable form of entertainment. As the holiday season ends, we will have more quite time to enjoy some of those nice modeling gifts that Santa left the better behaved amongst us. For the rest of us we will have to be content with putting our old tools to good use in getting ready for the new model boating season.

I think we did a good job of “having too much fun” during 2018 by having some good model boat events throughout the Pacific Northwest. Our events continue to be well attended by members and festival crowds. Our club membership is stable and even slightly increasing in numbers. It is always great to have new members with new ideas and enthusiasm that keeps our club fresh an interesting to all.

This year our club has a huge turnover in our leadership. Paul Williams gives up his Membership duties to Bryan Morse and his treasurer tasks to Dave White so he has time for assuming the important task of newsletter Editor. Ron Bray steps into the Vice President position and for one final year, members will have to put up with me as President.

Robert Osmond has assumed a new role to assist in gathering information for the newsletter. He will be coordinating writers for each event. So far members have been responsive to his requests and we will have a greater variety of event coverage for the newsletter.

We appreciate the job that the members have done in their past positions. Their commitment and support to the club is so important and appreciated. A special commendation is due to those that discontinue one role and continue on serving in yet another role. However, after two years of producing our newsletter, we are thankful for the job that Amos Aarsvold has done with our newsletter. His new style and format was a



At our January meeting we auctioned off a Shelly Foss model donated to the club by Paul Marlow of the Center for Wooden Boats. Paul's model was well built and only lacking in final details. Bob Wickham was the winning bidder at \$200. Our new treasurer was only too happy to start have his first official act to be a nice deposit for our new year. A few days later, Bob had the boat on the water at the fun float and was very pleased as to how it ran. It will be interesting to see what nice details Bob will add to his new Shelly Foss. Thank you Bob and Paul.

It is quickly becoming time for paying attention to our events this year. Our calendar is most set and we are looking to include a good variety of events this year. In addition to our usual meetings and fun floats, we will include Springer contests, Thursday Coffee fun floats, an evening fun float and the usual array of festivals, regattas, Hobby Expo and a number of yet to be scheduled Springer Polo events.

A new twist is planned for our club regatta to restore some level of scale model judging. Bob Wickham is leading this process and promises to come up with a program that is simple and fair to those who wish to have their models judged for quality as well as navigation performance. We are not intending to restore the previous version of our scale judging done at regattas prior to about 2016. We need to develop a much more simplified method that does not encumber the regatta with a high level of complexity and cost as did the previous program. Bob will plan an event that recognizes good workmanship but not add the complexity of the past program. They plan to propose an event in the spring. Plenty of time to work out the details before the regatta in June.

On our near horizon is our participation in the **Hobby Expo show** on January 26th & 27th. This two day event is always a popular event with modelers of all types. We will have Kevin Klocke's pond and lots of opportunities to run our models. This event is only two days this year and we expect the largest crowds on Saturday. We need a good turnout of members to display and/or run boats on the pond. More details on this event are on next page and flyer is elsewhere in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at EXPO!

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HOBBY EXPO IS COMING!

Hobby Expo at Monroe Fairgrounds, January 26th – 27th

The dates for Hobby Expo are fast approaching. Again this year the club plan to have Kevin Kocke's pond to demonstrate our models. We will have a nearby booth and hopefully lots of models on and off the water for Expo attendees to enjoy. This year the show is only Saturday and Sunday. The hours of the show are:

Saturday	January 26th	9 am to 6 pm
Sunday	January 27th	9 am to 5 pm

Again this year we plan to have junior skipper boat running on Saturday, scheduled for 30 minutes at the hours of 10 am, 12 am, 2 pm and 4 pm. Be sure and bring some of your slower and less pretty boats to share with them.



IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE LOTS OF MEMBERS ON HAND TO RUN BOATS, INTERFACE WITH THE SPECTATORS AND WATCH OUR DISPLAYED BOATS. WITH A GOOD MEMBER TURNOUT, WE ALL CAN TAKE A BREAK AWAY TO HAVE LUNCH AND ENJOY THE OTHER VENDORS, DISPLAYS AND OF COURSE THE SWAP MEET. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BOAT, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE BY MANING THE BOOTH OR OVERSEEING THE POND ACTIVITY.

You can bring you models and equipment as early as 6 am on Saturday. Best access to the building is using the rear entrance to the fair grounds. This is the entrance off Hwy 2 which is closest to the city and highway 522. Our location is in building 604. Our pond is close to the North side entrance of the building. Early on, there is good free parking in this area too.

Entrance fees are \$10 for day passes for Saturday or Sunday and \$5 for Military. Passes good for both days are \$20.

SCALE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO OUR MEMBERS. Entry fee is \$10 and INCLUDES a \$10 day pass for Saturday. Classes for boats are: Military, Work, Pleasure and Racing. Cash prizes for 1st place and Best of Show winners. For more information visit <http://www.nwmhe.com/>

HERE'S A TIP: Enter a boat for scale judging for \$10, than use your free Saturday pass to bring in and setup your boat and, enjoy the show. Pick up your boat on Sunday when no pass is needed.

January 3, 2019 Meeting

By Allan Wing

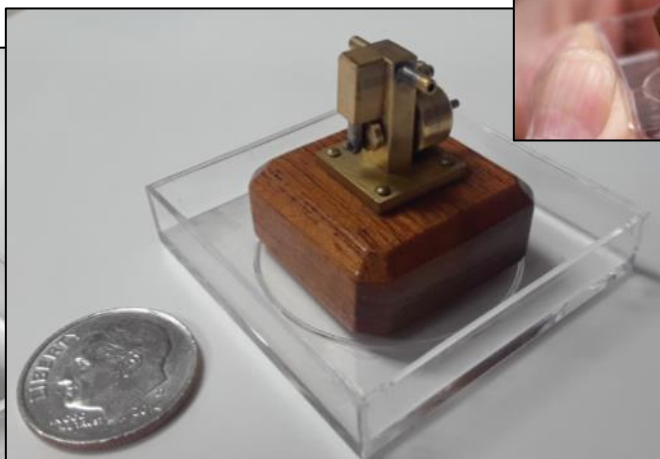
Photos by Allan

Mel opened the meeting at a new time of 6 P.M. He said we will try the new club meeting start time and see how it works.

Robert Osmond showed a tug **Tom Stevens** is building up with a single drive. The hull resembles a large sea Imp. The hull was originally a dual propeller. Robert gave us an update on Tom's condition. Tom was to be released from the hospital soon...

Robert also showed a pantograph for enlarging or reducing drawings that can be set for a specific scale.

Mel announced that **Ulrich Briner**, a master modeler from Canada sent him a miniature steam engine. Mel demonstrated the steam engine running with compressed air. It is not much bigger than a dime.



Bob Wickham showed his first attempt with a jet boat. He said it runs well but does not back-up. Bob felt the implementation of the jet drive was harder than regular propeller and rudder.





Robert van Weezendonk came to our meeting and showed his large boat he is working on. He is looking for advice on finishing the wiring and installation of servos. His boat is an oil rig service boat. The model is total scratch built to his design. Construction is form board and the hull is than cover with fiberglass.



Bill Heath brought in his super structure for a Mr. Darby hull. It is complete and the working lights. He will now add working radar. His super structure is housed in a plywood box so it is protected during transportation.

After the show and tell, bidding started for the boat donated by **Paul Marlow**. **Robert Wickham** had the winning bid of \$200 and goes to the club treasury.



Mel talked about **Ed Maurer**. Ed had another fall and hospital visit. Currently he is looking to move into an assisted living facility in the Silver Lake area.

Mel talked about the club calendar for the year. January to March fun floats at Seattle Yacht club. April fun float and Springer event will be back at Bellevue and May 1st we will be at the SYC all day. In June we will

have our regatta and this year we will reintroduce scale judging. Scale judging will be simple and not have a major time impact of the regatta.

- The July meeting will be on Wednesday July 10th because of conflicts with the 4th holiday.
- Another springer event in August and a night float in June and July.

Treasure's report: **Paul Williams** provided a summary of 2018 finances. Our 2018 income was about the same as our expenses.

Mel then talked about Hobby Expo. The Expo is a two day event this year, January 26 & 27. The show starts at 9 am on the 26th. Members can bring in their boats and equipment a few hours before the show opens. A signup sheet was distributed and members are encouraged to attend as much time as they can to keep the action on the pond brisk. We will have 30 minute junior skipper periods every 2 hours.

The meeting wrapped up at 7:30 after **Robert Wickham** won a \$10 Galaxy gift card
Paul Williams won a weekend ticket to Hobby Expo.



January 5th Fun Float

Bob Wickham

Photos by Alan Wing & Fred Row

It was a grand and glorious day for our first fun float of 2019. We had good weather and a great turn out of club members at the Seattle Yacht Club. We had a first launching and a dramatic rescue operation. Bob furnished the donuts and **Bill Heath** provided the coffee.

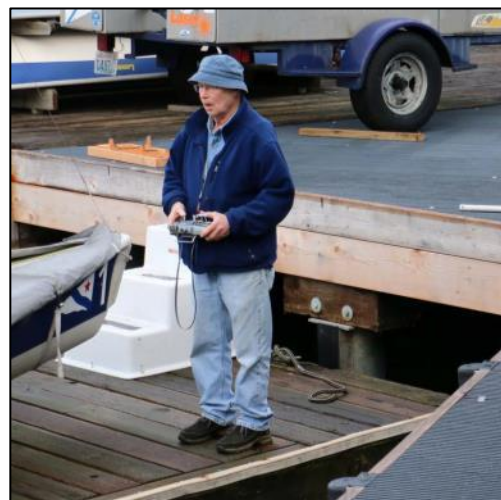


Mr. Heath had his very nice Canadian buoy tender "TSEKOA II". She showed and ran well.



Bill's brother-in-law **Jim Johnson** ran "DAZEE".

Dave White had his tried and true "JEZEBEL".



Richard Goodrich had his fleet of sail boats, but no wind.

Dr. Ron ran his scratch built harbor tug "ENIGMA", built as usual to Doc's high standards.

Al Kinsman had his armada of tugs and push boats.



Mel Suelzle ran his modified "South Hampton". It's a work in progress with ample power and I mean really AMPLE.

Richard Bizier did a christening of his new tug build. Richard has not named it yet, but it looked good and ran well.



Fred Row's Atlantic tug went 'walk-about' and wound up under a dock afoul of a pipe.

Robert Osmond accepted the standard Lloyds of London form and sent his minion crewed springer in to the rescue. Robert expertly navigated through the pipes and pilings and executed a textbook rescue. Well done Mr. Osmond!



Allan Wing was the official photographer for this event. A hardy thanks to all who participated in this fun float. It was a great start to the New Year.



Photos by Alan Wing , Fred Row & Robert Osmond

2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

JANUARY

3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
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MARCH

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

APRIL

4	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
6	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9 AM - Noon

MAY

1	Opening Week Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9 AM – 3 PM
2	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
4	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

JUNE

6	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
8	39th Annual Model Boat Regatta	9 AM - 4 PM
20	Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	11:00 AM

JULY

10	Wednesday Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
13	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM
25	Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	11:00 AM

AUGUST

1	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
3	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM
10	Portland Regatta	9 AM – 5 PM
17	Tug Championship	9 AM – 5 PM
31	Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	7 PM -- 9 PM

SEPTEMBER

5	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
7	Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	9:00 AM
TBA	Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard	11 AM – 6 PM

OCTOBER

3	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
5	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM

NOVEMBER

7	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM
9	Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	9:00 AM

DECEMBER

5	Christmas Dinner at Spaghetti Factory	6:30 – 9 PM
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