

# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Seattle, Washington, USA

September 2019

#### Look Ahead Events

## **New** Meeting Locations & Time!

#### SEPTEMBER

14 Lake Tapps Barbeque & Fun Float 11-4pm 21 Fishermen's Memorial 11 AM to 6 PM

#### OCTOBER

**3 Meeting at Edmonds Community College** (Directions in Newsletter 7 PM 5 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9 AM

NOVEMBER 7 Meeting at "To Be Determined" 9 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9:00 AM

#### DECEMBER

5 Holiday Dinner at Spaghetti Factory

More events information is provided on calendar page later in the newsletter and,

## Check our website for the latest updates at <u>www.shipmodelers.com</u>



## From The Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



August is in the books as our busiest month of special events. September also is a time that caps off our active summer events. September has model boating events on 3 consecutive Saturdays. First our usual fun float, followed by the Baumann barbeque on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Fisherman's Festival in Ballard on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully we can get a good turnout for each of these special

events. More details on these events are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Certainly 2019 will go down as very interesting and challenging year in our club history. First the rather abrupt closure of Galaxy Hobby and our move to the MLT Senior Center for coffees and meetings. As we start to settle in to this new scheme, yet another opportunity presents itself that deserves our attention. Earlier in the year we became aware of a possible resource of the Edmonds Community College (ECC) that may be of interest to our club. Members Rich Goodrich and Michael King have made us aware of this facility, only a few blocks from Galaxy Hobby's location. Recently several of us have visited this facility and were amazed at the equipment that could be available to us that are most applicable to our modeling projects. Composite material handling, machine tools, woodworking, laser cutting, 3-D printing, and water cutting are some of the interesting equipment and training available at a reasonable cost. We discussed this opportunity at our September meeting and all were supportive of exploring this opportunity. Since our meeting I have contacted the facility manager and arranged for our October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be at the Facility Makerspace location at ECC. Thursdays, they have a regularly scheduled tour from 6pm to 7pm. Members can join the

tour and we will have a follow-up discussion and our other meeting topics following the tour. Mark your calendars for this special meeting. I will send out the usual reminder of this change before the meeting. For more information, visit the website at <a href="https://facilitymade.com/">https://facilitymade.com/</a> Depending on this meeting we will consider making this our regular meeting place. In any case, we would continue to use the MLT Senior Center for our Thursday coffee gatherings.

My concern for scheduling the twilight fun float on Labor Day weekend turned out to be unfounded. We had an excellent evening at the pond and I much appreciated the great support from those able to attend. A more detailed report is elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we grow closer to our year end, our leadership for next year remains a concern. At the September meeting, all of the leaders (except one) expressed a willingness to continue on in their roles for another year. They have been doing an excellent job and their efforts and willingness to continue another year are much appreciated. Members should take the time to thank them for their support of our club.

As I said, there was one exception to those willing to continue to serve in their current role, Me. We still need one of our members to step forward to take on a leadership role following my resignation at the December 5th dinner meeting. Two new opportunities discussed in our September meeting will require even more leadership support. While I plan to retire from the position as President, I am not planning to go anywhere and will be willing to serve the club and a new leader where I can.

Please give some serious thought to stepping up your contribution to the club.





The Makerspace facility is located about 4 blocks west of Galaxy Hobby on the South side of 196<sup>th</sup> Street (Hywy 524)

## Lake Scott Fun Float and Barbeque – Coming Up Soon!

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is the date of the 17th annual fun float/barbeque and the 2<sup>nd</sup> time hosted by Scott



and Claudia Baumann at their home on Lake Tapps. This is always a fun event and I hope everyone will plan to attend. I am sure we can count on Chef Dave (White) to cook a mean burger and the Baumann's host a great event! Many spouses and significant others attend this event and are always welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or desert to share. So please plan to attend to support Scott and Claudia and enjoy some great food. Yes it is a little farther than the north end guys are used to, but the South guys have put up with locations to the north so it is our turn to give them a driving break. I am sure the Baumanns will make it worth our while to drive a few minutes longer.

Surely we will be absent some of the drama of last year's event so bring your boats and plan to have a day great food and FUN.

#### An Invitation from Scott & Claudia

Please come around 11:00 and bring either a salad, dessert, or anything else yummy. We will have hamburgers, buns, condiments, and soft drinks.

Our address is 20204 Island Parkway East, Lake Tapps, WA 98391 Our home phone is 253.750.4857.

Take I-5 Southbound Merge onto I-405 N via EXIT 154A on the left toward Renton. Then 1.98 miles, merge onto WA-167 S via EXIT 2 toward Auburn/Kent. Then 15.75 miles, take the Stewart Rd/8th St E exit toward Milton/Pacific. Turn left onto Stewart Rd. Follow this road for about 7 1/2 miles, the road name changes many times. (Stay left at the fork at Sumner Tapps Hwy) Turn right at Tapps Island sign. (Just past 29<sup>th</sup> Street East) Give our name to the guard at the stop sign. Our house is half a mile from the gate on the left.

We have a large driveway, so you may park there or on the gravel on either side of the driveway. Do not park on the golf cart lane or in front of the neighbor across the street.

Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup> Scott and Claudia Baumann



## Fisherman's Festival -- Coming Up Soon!



**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>** is the date for the Fisherman's Memorial Festival in Ballard. Traditionally, our club has attended this event and displayed and operated our boats in the marina waters near our booth. This is a very popular event and the crowd is quite interested in our models as most are tied to the marine or fishing industry in some way. We will have a 20' canopy and several tables provided by the organizers. . This is a great way to cap off our running season with a

festival that focuses on an industry and not food and vendors of trinkets common with other events. Events are limited to displays that feature fishing industry demonstrations and fun events for the kids. They do provide a fund raiser salmon dinner that is very tasty. This is a great event to showcase our models and demonstrate them on the nearby freshwater ship canal. The event starts at 11am and concludes at 6pm. Members are encouraged to attend even if you can only help out for an hour or two. That will help manage the crowds and give other members a break to enjoy the festivities. Please come have a good time and help monitor our booth and if you can, bring a boat to display and/or run.

The location of the festival is at the Fisherman's Terminal, located on the south side of the ship canal, west of the Ballard Bridge. For your GPS, the address is 1900 West Nickerson Street, Seattle. For those arriving before 11am, parking is plentiful near the festival. After the event opens, it may be advisable to get as close to the docks and unload before parking in the main lot or across Nickerson Street. Hope to see you there!



Club Meeting Minutes -- September 5, 2019 By Ron "Doc" Bray Photos by Allan Wing & Robert Osmond

Nineteen members showed up for our monthly meeting at the Senior Center in Mountlake Terrace, which was under direction of our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. There were no new members or guests.



Show and tell began

with **Bryan Morse** giving a dissertation regarding the Springer event this Saturday.

He brought in a book with drawings and plans for British Steam tugs for anyone to borrow should they be inclined to build such a vessel.







← Tom Edwards brought in Tom Steven's beach comer tug with its new motor and stated it should be ready this weekend. Tom Edwards is in the process of building a river barge which should also be ready by this Saturday.

→ Robert Osmond showed his



banana boat which is from an Allan B hull made by **Gary King**. It has a gear drive from Great Planes and a Kort nozzle made by **Gary King**. The Minions on board are held in place with

magnetic bases. He showed videos of his surfer riding the ocean surf but noted there was considerable rust on the motor. His egg shell submarine made some years before from a plastic container for ladies nylons was shown.



John LeGate showed his Chris Craft cabin cruiser he began building in 1954 which is a balsa kit with plank overlay and a geared motor.



**Rich Goodrich** brought plans for the taking of the Wawona and a Hacker 21.

Following the break, a treasurer's report indicated we are still solvent. **Mel** launched into a discussion of the fantastic Makerspace workshop operated by the Community College which can be used by the public after 5 PM when school use closes. They have a great room for meetings as well as a wide assortment of fantastic tools, a CAD and CAM, CNC router, 3D printer, and etc. Since the free public night is Thursday, we may need to consider another night. They seem excited to have us meet there and take courses on how to use their equipment before actually using any of the tools.



**Mel** would like someone to spearhead an effort to consolidate the surrounding organizations to improve communication and an aura of working together and sharing information. **Mel** gave a brief report regarding the night fun float accompanied by a slide show. Upcoming events were discussed and noted elsewhere in the newsletter.

Raffle drawings were won by **John LeGate, Rich Goodrich** and **Darlen**e **Wing**. **Phil Northrup** brought in models and other goodies for the taking as he is now living at the Fairwinds Senior Center and was told not to bring them back. We headed home at 2040.

Our Saturday night twilight float was a great success. In spite of my concern for scheduling this event on a holiday weekend, the nice weather brought out lots of model boaters and a huge number of park visitors that lined the pond perimeter and enjoyed the well-lit boats on the water. With members and guests, we had over 20 persons in attendance. Many thanks to those who were able to attend and especially those guests and spouses who joined us for this popular event.

Due to illness, neither **Dain Webster** nor **Roger Lyons** were able to attend and bring their special lighted buoys out for the event. However, lots of well lit boats were sufficient to make a very crowd pleasing display for the many spectators. **Robert Osmond** was traveling so his lighted docks were not present. All the skippers were eager to show off their lighting systems. **Richard Bizier** anchored

his barge off shore to give skippers something to run into. **Fred Row** had his Chris Craft runabout was well lit and running well. **Chuck Young** ran his South Hampton. **Norm Hyatt** ran his unlit Merrimac model that became very stealthy as the evening wore on. **Jeff Parker** took a break from his busy house moves to bring out his tug and pushed my Morgan Foss around the pond. **Bill Heath** and **Steve Sunich** brought out their big boats to keep everyone alert and aware of their presence. **John Nygaard's** fireboat got everyone's attention with his siren and water cannons. The water cannons worked great until the pump connection

came loose and the water was diverted from the monitors to the hull interior. **Bryon Morse** brought his South Hampton, but more importantly he brought **Amanda** who brought some delicious chocolate treats. **Rich Goodrich** had his sailboat on the water as well. I tested a new configuration of the

Morgan Foss and some major revisions to the Westpoint. Also I ran my newly acquired PBR for the first time. **Shibly Ahmed** brought out his popular boat with a deck full of people. He had a blue tooth music system to augment his lighting scheme. His boat was a crowd pleaser to be sure.

As full darkness occurred around 9pm, the pond scene was very impressive with the array of boat lighting, music and the perimeter lighting of the pond. After full enjoyment of this view, most skippers began packing up for return to homeports. One notable late arrival

was **Tom Stevens** and **Tom Edwards**. Unfortunately the motor replacement in Tom E's tug took longer than expected and he came late knowing they would miss the fun float, but wanted to check out the new motor performance. At least they get kudos for determination and effort. The rest of us will have to wait for the next event to see the results of the motor change.







Pacific Northwest R/C Tug Boat Regatta --August 17<sup>th</sup> By Keith Schermerhorn Photos by Fred Row and Robert Osmond

The 24<sup>th</sup> annual PNW R/C Tug Regatta made a return to Downtown Park Pond in Bellevue, Washington, on August 17th where it all started 24 years ago by a group of modelers who wanted to do more with their tugs and see who was the best at it.

The weather was really comfortable for the day as not being too hot in the afternoon and cool in the morning while setting it all up. Arrived early as we had a trailer of equipment that had to be unloaded and set up, then parked out of the way. The course was set with help from **Robert Osmond** and me. We discovered there was an issue with the printed maps—they were backwards.

Thankfully, there was a Kinkos copy store nearby and we were able to get Miss **Jessica Monroe** to go and make the corrected copies. Course was the same as what had been used the last 2 years up north—just tweaked a bit to fit the pond. And as always, it is simply deceiving in design.

Contestants were arriving and getting their setups ready for the day. Contestants came from as far away as Portland, Oregon; Nanaimo, Canada; and as well as the local club members. In all, there were 13 contestants ranging from age 6 on up to age ???. Many styles of tugs and sizes could be seen. Barges at the ready and salvage vessels anchored up out in the "bay".

After a quick captain's meeting and review of the course, we got things off at a tugs pace. Our judges this year were retired captain **Mr. Jim McKay** of Nanaimo (salvage) and Mr. Ron Burchett (navigation barge) of Crofton, BC, Canada. Just because the judges were from Canada didn't mean you had an advantage with a Canadian style tug. You had to earn the points as many found out by being real with the task at hand. Thankfully, there were no sinking's. But a few underwater winches were employed at least acceptable times. While this was going on, we had raffle tickets being sold and food on the ready for those that needed a bite to eat. Thanks to galley crew Linda and Randy Flodquist for the food and keeping us well fed and hydrated from morning throughout the day. Thanks to Shawna McClellan and Jessica Monroe for all the efforts back in command central keeping all other aspects organized and moving. One of the fun jobs available for a good portion of the day was sending the









salvage vessels back to their moorings using a model and **Tom Stevens** did a great job of that for the first half of the day. Robert Osmond helped out with this job as well and many thanks to them for doing so. One change this year was the starting location. This was done to make room for the salvage to be inside of the navigation course and create traffic opportunities. This also made for a little more difficulties with salvage and a tighter entrance to the docking. Challenges are good as we don't want it to be too easy.

During this time (and right from the setup) we had a lot of people come over to watch, ask questions, and take lots of phots of the happenings. Saw several people get a flyer for the NW R/C Ship Modelers Club and may be joining in the fun soon. Also saw several of the club members come by to check things out and hope they will be part of the event next year.

Once we had all those that wanted to operate a boat or two through the course we started our finishing events with awards. Congratulations to **Mel Suelzle** for winning the overall event as a master with the high score with his tug Red Bull. Congratulations also to **Steve Sunich** for the judges choice award for his Crowley tug Stalwart, **Ron Burchett** for winning the Mark Freeman's Award for best of Masters Class, **Carlton Young** for the youngest competitor (6 years old!), and all the others that competed.

Events like this happen only with the help of others that contribute time and efforts. Special thanks to **Mel** and **Aimee** for contacting vendors of the prizes in the raffle this year as we had less support from the industry this time. Thanks to **David Green** for being the liaison with the parks department for all the events at this location. **Dave White** for the harbor masters job and **Randy Flodquist** for keeping tracks of who has or had not run their models.

Thanks also to those businesses that support our events and ask that if you need hobby stuff for an inspirational prodject, you remember who has supported the hobby:

Western Towboat, Freemont Boat, Loyalhana Dockyard, Zip









Kitts, M-tronics, Harbor Models, Gary King, Pacific Power Batteries, Aimee and Rubber Tuggy Bumpers, RAM electronics, Ron Burchett, and all others who contributed something.

And of course, thanks to all that support this event and all other regattas as we wouldn't be doing this without your participation. Look forward to next year's event that will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Tug event. Be planning on some special things to commemorate this and looking for a good size group of models and modelers from all over next year! So get those tugs built, get them working, and look forward to seeing you in Bellevue for the 2020 event!

Pacific Northwest R/C Tug Boat Regatta -- More Pictures ...





















## Fun Float -- September 7th at Bellevue Downtown Pond

By Bryan Morse Photos by Allen Wing and Robert Osmond

September's fun float came with the first hints of the fall season. The weather is cooling and the first leaves are turning. This Saturday was no exception. It was an overcast and cooler day yet still very pleasant with calm winds and enough cloud cover to keep the heat away. The first fallen leaves of the season added a hint of color to the park as well as plenty of obstacles in the water, including a virtual leaf island around the scale maelstrom known as the pond drain.





This month's fun float brought out not just fall weather but also pumpkins. **Robert Osmond** and **Bryan Morse**, accidental winners of a previous springer event, hosted another springer event. In perfect timing with the fall weather, this event featured pushing a floating pumping though a short course. This turned out to be a bit of a challenge.



The course was only two gates, with a simple out and back design, but still had an average time of 5 minutes and 34 seconds. The winner of the Great Pumpkin Push was Dave Green with a blistering time and near perfect performance of 2:59, followed by **Robert Osmond** with a time of 3:33. Dave being last in the queue said it gave him time to study the pumpkin and to find the most stable pushing location. Clearly his scientific approach paid off as he walked away with a Starbucks gift card, perfect for the pumpkin spice latte he is sure to drink on the way home.

> Overall the float was well attended. In addition to the Great Pumpkin Push, there was a good turnout of sailboats. The wind was not as steady as one might like for sailing but that didn't deter **Rich Goodrich** from successfully testing a small discount sail boat he had just fixed up. Rich was joined by Roger Hyam with very pretty scale schooner that handled the light wind with ease

Tom Edwards brought a newly built barge for its inaugural float. It is fully loaded with wood chips and a front end

loader for offloading. Norm Hiatt had an interesting fan-boat but unfortunately due to technical difficulties was not able to run it. Mel Suelzle was a hazard to everything on the pond with his scale, twin jet powered, Vietnam era, PBR. Bryan Morse ended the float with an unwilling donation of a propeller to the pond. Press on propellers and soggy leaves don't mix.

Great Pumpkin Push seemed to be bit of a comical crowd pleaser. There were rambunctious dogs, ever hungry ducks, excited and amazed children of all ages and even a wedding party came through for photographs by the waterfall. It was a little disappointing they didn't seem interested in including model boats in their wedding photos.

The fun float drew the usual park crowd and the













## Skagit R/C Ship Modelers -- North End Report ...

By Keith Schermerhorn

Well summer is coming to an end and we will soon be back onto our Saturday morning meeting schedule starting in October. But a quick recap of August to start with. I managed to do the Drayton Harbor Washington show along with folk artist **Mike Dodd** and his incredible waterline model fleet of fishing boats. Good 2 days of models on display and chatted with lots of nice people.

One of the biggest events of the year was the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta held down in Bellevue, Washing again. The event drew in model tug skippers from as far away as Portland, Oregon and Nanaimo, B.C. as well as the local tuggers. Nice weather, lots of nice models, and good people having fun with the tug boating stuff. Congrats go out to **Mel Suelzle** for winning the event as a master over every one and **Steve Sunich** for taking the Judges Choice with his Crowley tug Stalwart. Not as many prizes this year, but still some good stuff was won. Done on time and with lots of help from everyone. Thanks to all that came out as this was a good crowd event that hopefully inspires more to join the hobby. **More on this in a separate report in the newsletter**.

#### Burnaby Association of Marine Modellers Regatta

The following day, I found myself up at the 60<sup>th</sup> yepp they have been doing this for that long) BAMM Regatta in Central Park in Burnaby, B.C., Canada. This show is one that features many great models of all sorts, navigation, tug towing, tug racing, sailboat racing, and go fasties going----- well fast. Seen many familiar faces that I have met over the 30 years of attending and seen some great models out on the water. They provide a nice simple BBQ lunch so as not to go hungry. Navigation there is simple: go through the course and not hit anything. I did good with 3 touches (wide body boat-what's one going to do). While doing navigation, there is always model traffic out there and they even wander into the course making it a little more fun. Tug towing event had teams taking the large freighter through a different course seeing who had the best control of this monster. Looks good when done correctly. At the end of the day, I won 2 awards for the fishing boat misty Moon: 1<sup>st</sup> in the workboat category and the John Tarvin's Memorial Award for best scratch built model. On the way back through the border, had a fun conversation with the border guard as he was a former commercial fisherman and recognized the style of boat the Misty Moon is. He asked for a better look (inspection) and was marveled at the detail as we chatted for a couple of minutes. I am sure the people in the line behind me were not as happy about this....but for all they knew I was being searched! It was a great ending to a great day of boats and friends.





Now for upcoming events, there is the model boat display at the **Bellingham SeaFeast Celebration** on September 21 and 22 at Squalicum Harbor. This is now a 2 day event and the last couple years I have had models on display along with Ralph Beuphort much to the delight of people attending. The display is in the opening to the event and next to the sawtooth dock where the larger vessels of the industry are put on display. Looking for more people to join in the display of models either both or 1 day Hours are from 10am -6pm on Saturday and 10am – 4pm on Sunday. Parking is limited and I do have a pass if you are bringing boats. Can drive right up to the display, but vehicles must be removed before 9:45 am. Fun show with vendors, displays, and food options available on site as that is what this is about—where we get our seafood from and by whom. Let me know in advanced if planning on displaying models.

So the first North End Meeting will be in October and will get that information out ASAP once confirmed for location. Have a great fall and get back onto some more boat projects!

The North End section meets for club members in the Washington general area of Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes, and Bellingham.

Keith Schermerhorn, 360-306-1165 (leave a message), wscherm@fidalgo.net

#### For Sale Bay

#### Aquacraft Rescue 17 Fireboat Read To Run (RTR)

For sale, never used, still in original box. Some small detail parts loose from shipping. Length: 38", Beam: 10.25" RTR with radio. Has working lights and working fire monitor. New from Tower these are \$430 Asking \$350 delivered in Everett-Seattle-Tacoma area. Steve O'Connell 425-765-5418, cell Steven.oconnell@live.com



#### Phil Northrup's Boats and Tools for Sale

30 boats for sale, an assortment of tugs, military ship, and gray water ships. He is moving and needs to reduce. For more details, call Phil at 509-884-6898.

## 2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

MARCH				
	7 9	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	6:00 PM 9:00 AM	
APRI	_ 4 6	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	6:00 PM 9 AM to Noon	
ΜΑΥ	1 2 4	Opening Week Float at Seattle Yacht Club Meeting at Galaxy Hobby Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 AM to 3 PM 6:00 PM 9:00 AM	
JUNE		Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	6:00 PM	
	8 20	39th Annual Model Boat Regatta at Bellevue Downtown Pond Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9 AM to 4 PM 11:00 AM	
JULY	11 13 25	Meeting at Senior Center, Mountlake Terrac Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	ce 7:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	
AUGUST				
	1 3	Meeting at Senior Center, Mountlake Terrac Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	ce 7:00 PM 9:00 AM	
	10 17	Portland Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon Tug Championship at Bellevue Pond	9 AM to 5 PM 9 AM to 4 PM	
	31	Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	7 PM to 9 PM	
SEPTEMBER				
	5 7	Meeting at Senior Center, Mountlake Terrac Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer)	ce 7:00 PM 9:00 AM	
	7 14	Lake Scott Barbeque & Fun Float	11 AM to 4 PM	
	21	Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard	11 AM to 6 PM	
OCTOBER				
	3 3	Tour of Makerspace before meeting Meeting at Edmonds Community College	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	
	5	Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond	9:00 AM	
NOVEMBER				
	7 9	Meeting location "To Be Determined Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club	7:00 PM 9:00 AM	
DECEMBER				
DECE	5 5	Holiday Dinner at Spaghetti Factory 6:30 to	9 PM	

Check our website .at <u>www.shipmodelers.com</u> for latest calendar updates, address, and maps to events, and other past newsletter issues and other club information

Club History: By Robert Osmond

Here is an "Oldie but Goldie" navigation course from 1992 NWR/CSM Regatta. I will try to locate others and submit them to the newsletter in the future.



2019 Club Officers					
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