



The Bilge Pump

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

October 2019

Look Ahead Events

New Meeting Location!

NOVEMBER

7 Meeting at Edmonds Community College (Directions in Newsletter) 7PM
9 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 AM

DECEMBER

5 Holiday Dinner at Spaghetti Factory
(see [page 6])

January

2 To be determined next meeting 7 PM

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

Check our website for the latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com



Tug Beachcomer

From The Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle

As I write this article for our newsletter it is with a heavy heart as I remember the recent passing of Tom Stevens.

Tom has been a friend and major contributor to our club in so many ways the past 25 years. He had the skills and knowledge of the marine industry as he grew up in the fishing industry of his family in Alaska. He knew the ropes and was most willing to share them with others. Tom was a good person with a kind heart and he willingly shared his feelings and expertise in ways that were kind, but certain. To augment his life experiences, he was a great craftsman and most willing to share his expertise and vast array of high quality tools and supplies to others. His generosity often came with a challenge to help him find what you need amongst his vast collection. However, he usually had spares and at least one could be found quickly.

No other club member was more generous with his time and expertise when it came to mentoring new members. He quickly came to the assistance of new and young members to help them learn new tricks and methods to build boats from start to finish. Tom loved to build and did so right up to the very last days. The nice tug the Beachcomber is a tribute to his memory and it is most fitting that his wife Sandy will keep it as a perfect reminder to us of the master builder no matter if on display or churning up the waters (real or imagined) at our events. Our club has lost a great friend and we will miss him greatly.

A memorial service for Tom has been scheduled for November 2nd at 7:00PM. It will be at Kingdom Hall at 1730 Madison, Everett WA. The service will be followed by a reception with light refreshments.





As fall arrives, the leaves join the duck feathers on the Bellevue pond and we clearly have a sense that the season has arrived. After our busy and very fun September schedule we can look forward to a quieter October as our calendar year winds down. Our most recent fun float is the last for several months at the Bellevue pond as we shift our fun floats to the welcome environment of the Seattle Yacht Club. As the winter season progresses and cooler temperatures prevail we will appreciate the protected waters and heated areas made available to us by the Seattle Yacht Club.

The fall and winter season lends an opportunity to look forward to quieter times when we can spend time building and repairing our models so they are in top shape for next spring. In the meantime we can turn our attention to getting ready with a year-end celebration and the new administration that will take the helm in 2019. Our time to identify a new leader is short and getting shorter.

We have some exciting opportunities available to our club as evidenced by our meeting at the Makerspace facility, part of the Edmonds Community College. The facility manager, David Voetmann led a most interesting tour prior to our October meeting using their nice classroom. The availability for training and equipment that are important to our modeling efforts is a great opportunity for our club. We will discuss making this our permanent meeting location at our November meeting.

And finally, it is time to start planning for our December Banquet dinner. Again this year we plan to hold the event at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. They offer a great meeting room, good food at a reasonable price that everyone seems to enjoy. So we plan to hold our dinner again at this same location. The date of the dinner is Thursday, December 5th. This will be the 6th consecutive year we have used the Old Spaghetti Factory for this event. Space is limited, so we need to begin the reservation process. Detailed information is on page 6 of this newsletter.



Mel

!!! November Club Meeting Location !!!

Dates: Thursday, November 7th

Club Meeting Starting Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Monroe Hall (Makerspace)
Edmonds Community College
6606 196th Street SW,
Lynnwood, WA 98036

OCTOBER 3, 2019 -- Meeting Minutes

By Ron "Doc" Bray
Photos by Paul Williams

Sixteen members attended the monthly meeting at a new trial location at Monroe Hall's Makerspace, Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood.

Before the meeting we were given a tour of the center for industrial arts and introduced to all the latest tools for fabricating projects. Classes on how to use these new sophisticated tools are offered and, for a small fee, one can use these machines. The public is able to use them from 5 to 9 PM after school is finished and on Saturdays.



Following the tour and introduction to all these fantastic tools, our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**, called the meeting to order at 1700 hours. Mel introduced one of the founding members of our club, **Lou Magnabosco** who we have not seen for a long time. A sympathy card was passed for all to write a few comments and acknowledge sympathy in **Tom Stevens** recent passing.

Show and tell started with **Tom Edwards** showing **Tom Stevens'** tug that he has been working on before he passed. He is putting the finishing touches on her and hopes to have her ready really soon. When finished, **Sandy** plans to keep it and perhaps run it in a few of our events.



Tom also showed another of **Tom Stevens'** tugs which requires very little in order to her seaworthy.

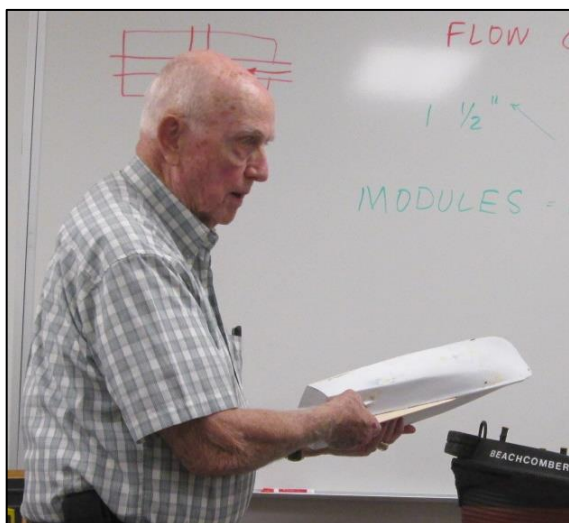


Robert Osmond displayed his log boom boat built using the bread and butter method and claimed that he built it many years ago.





Dave Green showed progress he is making on his 95 foot harbor patrol boat. The hull is fabricated with 1/16 inch balsa and coated with fiberglass. The inside is waterproofed with resin. The superstructure is in separate pieces, ready to be painted, and put in place. Plans are to finish the model by the first of the year.



Mel gave a financial report stating that we are fiscally solvent. Next he discussed using this location for our future monthly meeting location, as it is close to our previous meeting place (Galaxy Hobby), and has some exposure of our organization to the public who tour the facility on Thursday nights with hopes of enticing a few new members. A vote was unanimous to continue monthly meeting at this location.

Jon McCool volunteered to act as the liaison for our club in trying to promote interclub communication, news items and activities with other RC boat clubs in the greater Northwest region.

Mel recapped the September events and noted that there was not a significant participation by our club members, especially for the Fisherman's Festival.

He urged us to be sure and register for the **Pacific Marine Expo** next month stating that the event is free. It was suggested that we car pool on our Thursday morning coffee meeting.

The **club's December Banquet dinner** will again be held at the Spaghetti Factory on the 5th of December with part of the price of the dinner picked up by the club. See flyer in newsletter.

Following the meeting, raffle prizes were won by **Tom Edwards, Sam Stout and Dave Green**. Following the conclusion of the meeting at 1810 hours many remained to continue conversation and inspect the show and tell models.



NORTHWEST R/C SHIPMODELERS

2019 CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Arrangements have been and all is in order for another great December Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood on **December 5th**.

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 entre' of your choice and Spumoni desert, soft drinks and coffee/tea. Wine and beer will be available for your purchase separately.



This year, the club will pay a portion of the meal cost so 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/Appetizers	6:30 PM
	Dinner	7:15 PM
	Program	8:00 PM
	Concludes	9:00 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 and ask each person to pre-select the entree of your choice that will be served to your table. Seating is limited so get your reservations in early. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

Name: _____ Name: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagna | <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fettuccini Alfredo | <input type="checkbox"/> Fettuccini Alfredo |



Please send names & selection(s) to mel123@suelzle.com

Send payment to:
Mel Suelzle
2731 184th Place SE
Bothell, WA 98012

Make checks payable to Mel Suelzle. If you prefer to pay via PalPal, send payment to mel@suelzle.com

Payment and menu selection must be received before Thanksgiving (11-26-2019)



Lake Scott Barbeque and “Fun” Float - September 14th

By Mel Suelzle

Photos by Mel Suelzle and Paul Williams

September 14th was the date for this year’s Annual Barbeque and Fun Float. This is the second year we have held this event at Scott & Claudia’s beautiful home on Lake Tapps. Again this year Claudia provided excellent driving directions which were not sabotaged by the highway department with critical ramp closures as happened last year. Unfortunately only ten members were in attendance, nearly half of those attending last year. Perhaps the dire weather forecast took its toll, but the weather was cloudy but very comfortable for outdoor enjoyment of great burgers cooked to perfection by **Chef Dave White**. The many dishes provided by Claudia and other guests filled out the menu perfectly.



Unlike last year, the wind was calm which made for near perfect water conditions to run boats. Also unlike last year, the event was void of any mishaps that resulted in visits to the ER (Scott) and use of many bandages (Bob). While absent the drama, it was truly a most enjoyable day for enjoying the food and occasional running of model boats.

On the calm waters, **Dave White** ran his Jezebel without notable events. Multiple skippers teamed up to help Scott get his Atlantic bound to the

transmitter allowing Scott to spend a good amount of time running it for the first time in about a year. The day was not totally void of interesting moments however.

Feeling the need for speed, I ran my new PBR jet boat and it turned out to be a BIG HIT! Not so much with the spectators, but with the DOCK! Underestimating the boats turning radius resulted in a big hit to the starboard side with dock. While the boat was undamaged, the magnet latches on

the mid deck section with weapons and a figure, flipped off and went to the bottom of about 10 feet of water.

Contemplating building a replacement, I decided to attempt to recover the deck piece which was very visible in the clear water. Remembering the four strong magnets that normally hold the deck piece, I attached a metal clamp to a line and with only two attempts; I caught a magnet and brought the deck piece to the surface. All of this recovery was accomplished in spite of the “help” and advice from **Paul Williams** and **Jon McCool**.

The next day I attached a piece of foam to the deck piece so it will float in the event I misbehave again.

Dave & Barbara Green, Bob & Pearl Spiger and **Dave Kentala** kept the discussion lively. All in all it was a great day both on the water and at the food line with great enjoyment with the whole group enjoying each other’s company. Everyone had a great day leaving around 3:00.

We sincerely compliment **Scott and Claudia** on their fine hosting of the day and we very much appreciate their efforts to make his event most enjoyable.



Fishermen's Fall Festival -- September 21

By Mel Suelzle

Photos by Fred Row, Mel Suelzle, and Paul Williams

This year's Fisherman's festival was, as usual, a great venue and one of the best festivals we can attend. The purpose of the festival is only to recognize and celebrate the fishing and marine industry absent the commercial ventures that focus on feeding you or loading you up on souvenirs. There is plenty to eat and drink, but it all benefits the memorial fund. It is pure entertainment and education of folks interested in marine industries.

This makes it one of the best festivals for displaying and running of our boats. Unfortunately we had very low participation by our club due to member travels and other commitments. Recent years our booth was overflowing with boats and members. This year we had only 10 boats and 4 members to man the booth which did not leave much time for running boats. However what we lacked in quantity, we make up for in quality. **Fred Row, Richard Bizier, Paul Williams**, and yours truly, spent the entire day working the booth. **Norm Hyatt** and his friend, Carol, spent a couple of hours in the booth as well.

Richard Bizier brought his tug and noodle boat. He managed to spend some time running boats and limited time for the youngsters to run as well. **Fred Row** brought his Chris-Craft boat which was popular with the crowd. **Paul** brought his fishing boat and I had the Morgan Foss, 343 Fireboat, Sally S, WestPoint and of course the PBR. The PBR was popular with the youngsters both on the table and on the water. Several youngsters wanted their pictures taken with the PBR and at least 3 women named Sally S wanted photos with the boat of the same name.

A highlight for me was meeting the brother of the Pilot of the real 343 Fireboat. He was taken by my model and took many photos. He promised an interesting visit to the NYPD, especially if I brought the model.

Again this year we had to endure the "entertainment" of the drum band but our location was excellent. Level concrete and right next to a ramp to the water.

Here are pictures from the festival.





Fun Float – October 5

By Robert Osmond

Photos by Robert Osmond

Ten intrepid model boaters braved the weather forecaster's prediction of rain and were pleasantly surprised to find a warm morning with dark clouds in the sky over other areas while they experienced some blue skies and sunshine.



Dave Green, shown in the photo was sitting on his Lilliputian 3 legged stool and balancing 2 radios on his knees to run both of his boats, the large cutter and the buoy tender at the same time in a carefully choreographed maneuver fit for an admiral's review. He also did some darting about the pond with emergency speed turns as he raced around the pond in the large cutter. He was hoping to race Mel with his new PBR but Mel had commitments elsewhere this morning.



Richard Bizier had his Chris Craft on the pond with a young lady driver. She, the boy next to her, and their dog all had the latest in Coast Guard approved life vests, along with a round pink life ring shaped like a fish in the back seat. **Richard** said that he and **Fred Row** had both outfitted their runabouts crews with life vests since their last outing. **John** was busy squirting any living object within 30' of the pond since repairing his water cannons since the last fun

float. **Tom Edwards** was running his log tug and seeing how much water he could displace. **Doug Wilson** was there with his son running several boats. **Bill McGee** came over the mountains from Cle Elem to run one of his fine tow boats. **Haslan Winslow** came from Port Angeles to run with us, which is a long way to come! He was running his very nice looking scratch built tug which he based on a McAlister tug.



I ran my surfer with a new motor. The old motors commutator wore out. The surfer kept slowing down, so I would have to put in reverse to get the leaves or duck feathers off the prop or rudder. Lots of organic debris. One young lady and her father ran my Tow Boat for quite a while. She did very well having



never run a boat before. She was also testing how far away she could run it and did a skillful job of negotiating all of the boat and duck traffic and stopping next to the shore. Her father said they were looking for a hobby for her and this might be it. I gave them a club card.



Jon McCool came to see if we were wet. He also ran my Tow Boat till a young mother and her daughter wanted to try running a boat, which they did. The daughter was scared of the boat but the mother was having fun. Thanks, John, for sharing.

The fun float was packed up and gone by 11:30, not wet or cold, just contented model boaters heading home. This was the LAST FUN FLOAT at the Bellevue pond till next spring. We will be running at the Seattle Yacht Club starting next month till spring.

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.

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 members located in the Washington general areas of Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes, and Bellingham.

Contact Keith Schermerhorn for more North End meeting information, 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.

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2019 Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Events Calendar

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 to Noon

MAY

1 Opening Week Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 AM to 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
at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9 AM to 4 PM
20 Coffee Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 11:00 AM

JULY

11 Meeting at Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace 7:00 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 Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace 7:00 PM
3 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9:00 AM
10 Portland Regatta, Tualatin, Oregon 9 AM to 5 PM
17 Tug Championship at Bellevue Pond.. 9 AM to 4 PM
31 Twilight Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 7 PM to 9 PM

SEPTEMBER

5 Meeting at Senior Center, Mountlake Terrace 7:00 PM
7 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond (Springer) 9:00 AM
14 Lake Scott Barbeque & Fun Float 11 AM to 4 PM
21 Fishermen's Memorial at Ballard 11 AM to 6 PM

OCTOBER

3 Tour of Makerspace before meeting 6:00 PM
3 Meeting at Edmonds Community College 7:00 PM
5 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Pond 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER

7 Meeting at Edmonds Community College 7:00 PM
9 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9:00 AM

DECEMBER

5 Holiday Dinner at Spaghetti Factory 6:30 to 9 PM

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




Roger Lyons Update:

Reported by Dave White

Three of us, Dain Webster, Bob Wickham and I took Roger Lyons out to lunch. We had a great time. He's doing much better and hopefully soon will be back to his normal old Crusty self.



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