



# The Bilge Pump

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

November 2019

## Look Ahead Events

### DECEMBER

5 Holiday Dinner at Spaghetti Factory  
(see inside for details)

### January

2 Meeting at The Facility - Makerspace  
(address in Newsletter) 7 PM

4 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 AM

25 & 26 Northwest Hobby Expo 9-6  
Evergreen Fairgrounds  
Monroe, WA

Our 2020 event calendar is being finalized  
and will be published in the January  
newsletter.

Check our website for the latest  
updates at [www.shipmodelers.com](http://www.shipmodelers.com)

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## From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



2019 is fast drawing to a close. Thanksgiving is just around the corner so it is not a good time to be a turkey. Our boating season for 2019 ended with the November Fun Float at the Seattle Yacht

Club. Given the weather, the turnout was very good. Our next fun float will be on January 4<sup>th</sup> when we will return to the Seattle Yacht Club until they fill the pond at Bellevue usually in March.



It's this time of the year that I spend significant time scanning hundreds or thousands of photos that our camera bugs have sent me during the year. This is my quest to seek out the well documented and interesting events during the year that I can share at our club's December Dinner gathering on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Our dinner meeting is a perfect venue to share these highlights AND lowlights for everyone's enjoyment. It is a great idea to make sure you are present so you can defend or challenge some of the "fake news" that might be spread around during the evening. This is one event each year that our friends and spouses can learn about what goes on at our model boating events.

For the 6<sup>th</sup> year, our dinner is again is at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. While their prices are a little higher this year, we have voted to keep the cost at \$20/person and have the club pick up any additional costs such as tax, gratuity and appetizers. Last year we had over 50 persons attending. Reservations are slow so far this year with only 31 reservations as of this writing. The reservation deadline is November 27<sup>th</sup>, so don't wait too long before you get your reservation placed to insure you have spot reserved. Detailed information is listed separately in this newsletter.

Also, here is your chance to get even. If you have some photo gems that would be entertaining to the general group, please send me a copy so we can all enjoy them.

The club's "Election" is over! It was a landslide! (as usual). We had a full ballot of nominations including some new positions. Of course all nominations were "elected" by a unanimous approval of a single motion. Many thanks to **Bryan Morse, Paul Williams, Dave White, and Ron Bray** for agreeing to continue in their current roles for 2020. We all owe them a great deal of thanks for their efforts. Please take the time to express your appreciation for their work on behalf of the club.

As expected, there were no nominations for the position of President. As a backstop measure, I capitulated on my promise to resign at the dinner, and have agreed to accept the nomination on the condition that a number of members step forward to perform key functions of the club. At the November meeting the functions needing support were reviewed and a large number of "opportunities" were filled by members wanting to become more involved. I thank those that stepped forward and encourage others to consider filling some of the key tasks that remain open. We still need volunteers to submit fun float information for the newsletters. Also, we need someone to lead the key event at Hobby Expo in late January. All of these tasks require only a few hours a year. While I am quite willing to HELP someone with the task, I am NOT willing to DO the task. REMEMBER the more people that are actively involved in the club, the healthier the club. It is not good for the club to defer too many tasks to an octogenarian that is on a first name basis with a cardiologist.

Additionally, as president I am not always the backstop. Those signed up for a task or function is expected to take full responsibility to see that the task is performed. If for some reason they are unable, then they are expected to find some who fill in for them.



Here's wishing you and yours a  
Happy Thanksgiving - Mel

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Consider spending a day to visit Pacific Marine Expo on **November 21-23** at the Quest Field and Center. This is a great location with plenty of close parking. Parking at the Center is \$18/day but some have scored a free parking pass with their online registration. Otherwise, carpooling might be a good option. This is a great time to rub elbows with the pros, get info on modeling details and talk to local boat builders who support our efforts. Online registration is free but tickets at the gate are \$30. Show times are 10AM to 5PM on Thursday and Friday and 10AM to 2PM on Saturday. A few of us plan to be there on Thursday morning and enjoy a nice lunch at the Pyramid Brewery. After lunch we will finish the show and head home before the traffic builds. For more information on the show, visit their web site at

<http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com/>. If you would like to join the carpool on Thursday, contact Mel at 206-484-2974



# 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 5<sup>th</sup>.



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

GALAXY HOBBY



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](mailto:mel123@suelzle.com)

Send payment to:  
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2731 184<sup>th</sup> Place SE  
Bothell, WA 98012

Make checks payable to Mel Suelzle. If you prefer to pay via PalPal, send payment to [mel@suelzle.com](mailto:mel@suelzle.com)

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



## !!! 2020 Club Meeting Location !!!

Date: Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 PM

Location: The Facility -- Makerspace  
6606 196<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Lynnwood, WA 98036

### November 7, 2019 -- Meeting Minutes

By Ron "Doc" Bray

Photos by Allan Wing and Paul Williams

Twenty-four members were called to order by our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**, at 1855 hours in Edmonds College industrial arts building with lots of show and tell demonstrations and some brief business items to discuss.



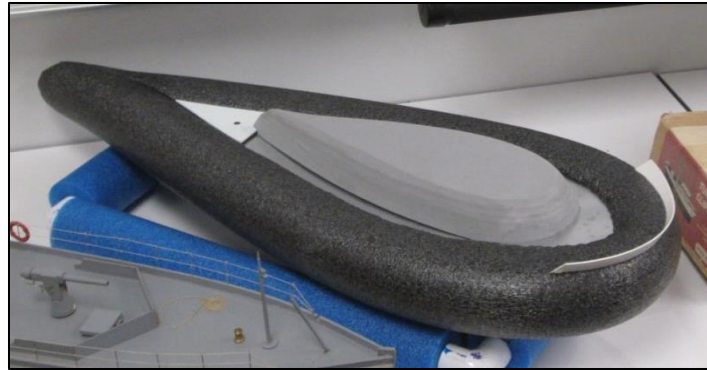
**Dave White** began show and tell by bringing in several cool electric gadgets he purchased at Vetco Electronics (VETCO.NET). He showed some very small 3 volt electric motors, tiny voltage meters and a bunch of winches of several sizes from Hobby Town.



**Tom Edwards** acquired a schooner from **Tom Stevens** and is working on upgrades and modifications.

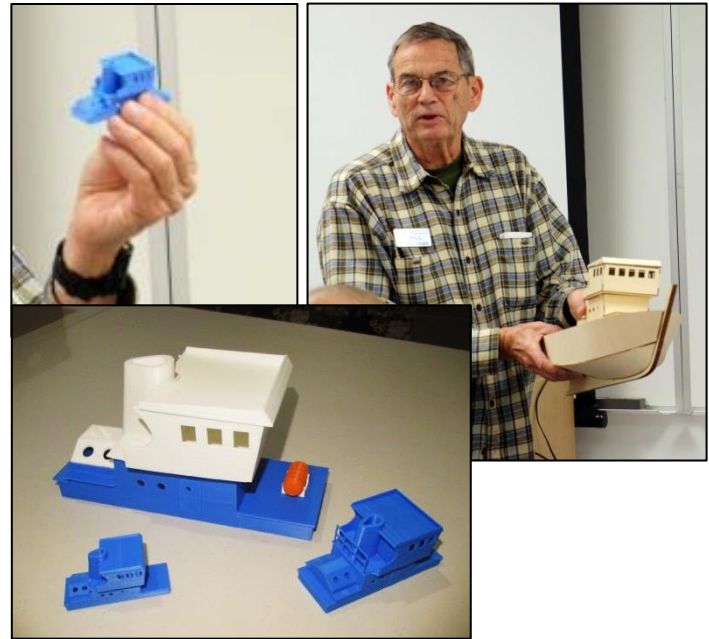
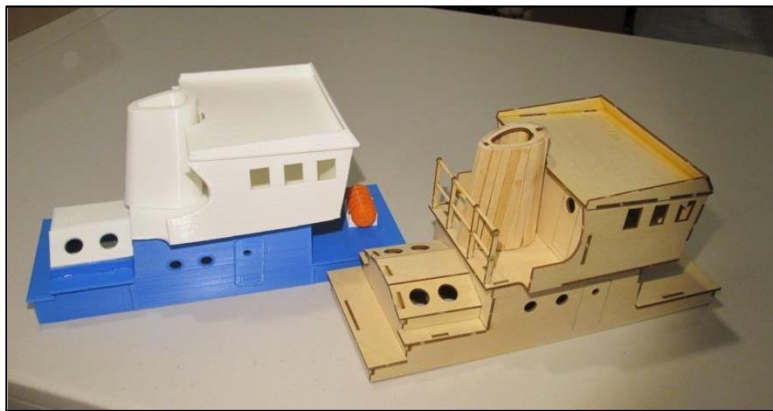


**Robert Osmond** brought in a box of goodies for distribution to the members which were acquired from **Tom Stevens**. He brought in **Phil Northrup's** first model boat and showed modifications made to his noodle boat including a screen to



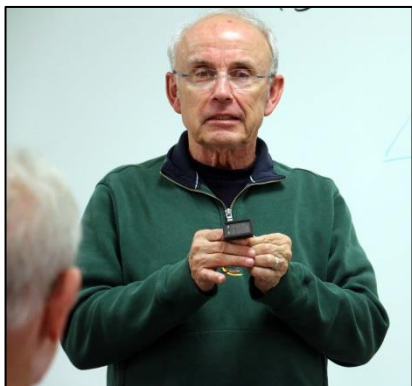
prevent water from flowing over the bow as it has a tendency to run bow down. He added a piece of styrene to the bottom to facilitate its course through the water.

**Paul Williams** showed progress he is making on his fishing boat and discussed how he is fabricating the superstructure with the aid of 3D printing.



**Keven Nolet** showed his coast guard model and gave up on planking the sides and used sheets of plywood to finish the hull. He learned that water soluble wood filler dissolves when covered with epoxy.





**Allan Wing** brought in an MPJA.com catalog from which he ordered a small pump for \$3.95 that can handle voltages between 5 and 12 volts. These small pumps can be used to drain bilges, etc. but are not self-priming. He also ordered a 4-30 volt 10 amp meter.

**Jon McCool** showed his C.G. Cutter model.



**Doug Wilson** sold his partly finished tuna boat to **Mel** for the large sum of \$1.



Following the break, Mel commented on the good turnout for **Tom Stevens'** memorial service in Everett on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He introduced our newest member, **Masaaki Seki**, who is building a submarine. He announced that our coffers are still fairly full and plans to re-do the calendar for the following year so that our activities don't coincide with any of the holidays.

**Vote** -- The membership unanimously voted to continue meeting at the Edmonds College industrial arts building on 196<sup>th</sup> as there is ample room, parking and access to numerous cool tools.

**Vote** -- The membership voted to discontinue our routine door prize policy after tonight's meeting.

**Mel** announced that the officers for this year are willing to continue. However, **Mel** stated he would only continue as president if the list of club tasks was filled out by members willing to accept responsibility for the tasks they signed up for. Fortunately, most of these tasks were filled. **Mel** stated that members are expected to find their own substitutes to perform their tasks if they are unable to.

The meeting concluded at 2025 after raffle items were won by **Doug Wilson, Dave White** and **Jon McCool**.



## Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club – November 9, 2019

By Fred Row

Photos by Darlene Wing & Robert Osmond

Alan Wing, Darlene Wing, Mel Suelzle, Judy Heath, Bill Heath, Richard Bizier, Fred Row, Doug Wilson, Scott Wilson (Doug's Son), and Robert Osmond.



Like last year, our November 9, 2019 fun float was graced with light showers falling on our group of 10 boaters, who braved the overcast wet morning to run boats at the Seattle Yacht Club. We soon got boats in the water and then to stay dry, got



ourselves under cover. We enjoyed Mel's hot coffee, fresh donuts, good conversation, a bit of laughter and overall club camaraderie. We were graced with the presence of Bill Heath's wife, Judy and Alan's wife, Darlene. Bill and Judy also brought a large pump pot of coffee! Thank you, Mel, Bill and Judy!

Richard was first in the water with his Chris Craft, quickly followed by the rest of us. Robert tested the new splash guard he installed on the bow of his noodle boat and was relieved that the water didn't splash over the bow. Our steadfast photographer, Darlene, clicked away throughout the morning. Robert facilitated the group photo with his small pocket camera. For those who haven't been at the Seattle Yacht Club before and decided not to come because of the wet weather, the club's covered area is a great place to operate our boats from while staying dry. This is not to say our boat decks stayed dry. No major mishaps were reported this year, that is no boats sank or got stuck under the docks. We packed up after a couple of hours and headed home. While attendance was light, due to the weather, all had a great time.



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

By Keith Schermerhorn

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](mailto:wscherm@fidalgo.net)









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### 2020 Club Officers

	<b>President: Mel Suelzle</b>	<b>Treasurer: Dave White</b>
	<b>Vice President: Ron Bray</b>	<b>Webmaster: Allan Wing</b>
	<b>Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams</b>	
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