



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
Seattle, Washington, USA
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October 2020

Events Look Ahead

NOVEMBER

5 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
7 Fun Float at SYC CANCELLED

DECEMBER

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
3 Holiday Dinner—Lynnwood CANCELLED

JANUARY

7 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm

More events information and updates on calendar page latter in newsletter and, **Check our website for latest updates at www.shipmodelers.com**



Read about other members projects below.

From the Wheelhouse

Mel Suelzle



We had a successful meeting on October 1st with over 20 members joining in for the 2nd Zoom meeting. Participation was double the September meeting so perhaps the November meeting will be even more. Our free Zoom account is limited to 40 minutes and so far, we have had to schedule back-to-back meetings to cover all the topics. To avoid the disruptive nature of the back-to back meetings, it was agreed that we should spring for the paid version (\$165/yr.) for unlimited meeting times. I committed to setting this up with a club subscription that can be transferred when our new president takes over in January. Sounding simple, I had lots of failed attempts to make this happen. Finally, a few days later, the same process worked and we are good to go! Seems Zoom was having some issues too! Of course it was COVID related!



Also, at the last meeting I proposed a dues hiatus for 2021 as 2020 was such a bust with so many events having been cancelled. The motion to approve this received near unanimous approval. Unfortunately, I did not spend enough time considering the effect on our finances that this would have. Doing so, our current balance of approximately \$2,500 would be at or near zero by the end of 2021. Currently our treasurer Dave White must sweet talk the bank to void a bank fee of \$14/month as we do not meet their \$3000 minimum for free checking service. As our balance declines further, we would likely incur additional fees of \$170 for 2021 further affecting our balance. Consider these charges and storage costs of \$1200/year, these fixed costs will

occur even without ANY events in 2021. Therefore, I feel we need to reconsider our decision during our November meeting.



Unfortunately, we are cancelling our year end Christmas Dinner. The event joins a long list of cancelations caused by COVID conditions.

Member news info – New this month is the SCUTTLEBUTT section on page seven. This was suggested by Marilyn Northrup (described by Phill as “She who must be obeyed”. This is a new section for members to submit tidbits of information about members or events. Items are submitted to the newsletter editor by the 10th of each month. This is short subjects not exceeding 50 words.



And finally, keep those projects going and let everyone know what you are doing by sending in reports to Paul for the newsletter. The build logs and floats are great for our newsletters that would be very sparse and boring without your submissions.

Sooo, keep on building and refitting those boats as fun floats still are on the horizon. I greatly look forward to seeing you all again and seeing the results of your work performing on the water.

Stay Safe

Mel Snelzle

Boat Building News from Members:

Below are articles covering project updates, news, and lake adventures that members are sharing.



Bill Heath's Search and Rescue Boat Report

By Robert Osmond

Bill Heath got out his bright yellow search and rescue boat during the recent deluge here in Washington. He sent out his intrepid EMP/Green Beret/Life guard/Seal to look for anyone stranded in Bills' back yard. The intrepid EMP/Green Beret/Life guard/Seal was happy to report that no one needed rescuing and that the water level was dropping fast and that all the neighbors were safe. He did holler out where is my truck and trailer? Till the next time he is called to serve he will rest up in Bill's house on his shelf. Which is what our boats are mostly doing this year.



Boating in a pandemic



Looking for survivors



Bill is boating

A September Boat Run on Silver Lake

by Fred Row

Three club members, Richard Bizier, Chuck Young and Fred Row met at Silver Lake on Tuesday, September 22nd for an impromptu float. The day started out overcast and cool, but by the time they gathered at Silver Lake, the sun had come out and glistened brightly on the lake and boats.



Richard ran his tug and barge, showing off the awesome new crane he created and the barge's new pipe cargo. He also ran his larger tug.

Fred ran his Chris Craft until problems continued. In a number of previous outings, it had been blowing the 30 amp fuses, so a new 40 amp fuse intercept was installed. Unfortunately, the new 40 amp fuse also blew after about a 15 minute run on the lake. He has ordered a new motor to install and see if that will rectify the problem. Richard's tug was able to bring the Chris Craft back to the shore and dock....Thank you Richard! Fred then ran his Cougar 1 Springer.



Chuck ran his red and white Springer. They enjoyed the comradery through social distancing and the relaxing movement of the dock. They were also visited by Canadian geese and ducks, which were impervious to the running of the boats.

Fun Float - September 30th - Silver Lake

By Mel Suelzle

It was a beautiful day, the water on Silver Lake was very smooth and we had little competition for space on the deck. A great day for a fun float and that's what **Richard Bizier**, me, and eventually **Fred Row**, as he arrived twice, enjoyed. Once, without a mask and again after his return home to get one. Richard ran his outboard runabout until his batteries gave up and his bilges started to fill. But Richard brings lots of boats so he had his bumper springer run as well. I brought out the Morgan Foss to see if it still runs after many months of being in dry dock. I was pleased that it ran very well as it was the only boat I brought. Finally after his travels, the well masked Fred brought out his new Springer. It looks very nice on the water even with the crimson and grey colors. Fred showed off his clever design that allows the pilot house to be positioned so the skipper can always face forward regardless of the boat direction. This was my first visit to the park on Silver Lake. It is a great place to run on a calm day for a small group.



From the Julian Shipyard -

This month Jerry Julian features two models using hulls from his visit to Monson Boats to get hull lines for their aluminum boats. He built a mold and made several hulls for future models. One was a Tahoe Marine boat and a second boat is modeled after the Bremerton Fire boat still under construction. Both have Jerry's trademark of clean, well detailed models. Thanks Jerry.



OPPORTUNITIES

Lighting Help Wanted:





Jim Codling of Seattle is looking for some help upgrading his scale models with lights.

Jim visited our booth at a Fisherman's festival last year and admired the lights on our models. He has asked if anyone in our club is willing to add lights to one or both of his models. One of the models is shown. These are reasonably well built for display, but there is no easy access to the interior. If you are willing to install lighting for a fee, Contact Jim at 206-524-9200.

SCUTTLEBUTT

Brief news about our members

 **Marylyn Northrup** reports that **Phil** is doing well, but suffering from stage IV kidney disease and may be on dialysis in a year. Like everyone, he looks forward to a visit to Bellevue for a fun float. For now they enjoy their river view from their deck surrounded by smoke from the forest fires.

 **Can't Keep a good man down --** Club founder **Bob Jacobson** is back at it again. This time Bob is promoting his hobby business with R/C trucks. Check out his website, computerconcepts.net

2020 NWRCSM Events Calendar (10/15/2020)**JANUARY**

2 Meeting at The Facility* 7 pm
 4 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am
 25/26 NW Hobby Expo Monroe 9am-6pm

FEBRUARY

6 Meeting at The Facility* 7 pm
 8 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

MARCH

5 Meeting at The Facility* 7 pm
 7 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

APRIL

~~2 Meeting at The Facility* CANCELLED~~
~~4 Fun Float - Bellevue Pond CANCELLED~~
~~Springer Model Event CANCELLED~~
~~29 Seattle Yacht Club Fun Float CANCELLED~~

MAY

~~7 Meeting at The Facility* CANCELLED~~
~~16 Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park CANCELLED~~
~~21 Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park CANCELLED~~

JUNE

~~4 Meeting at The Facility* CANCELLED~~
~~6 NW RC Regatta - Bellevue Pond CANCELLED~~
~~6 Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park CANCELLED~~
~~18 Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Park CANCELLED~~

JULY

~~9 Meeting at The Facility* CANCELLED~~
~~11 Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park CANCELLED~~
~~16 Coffee Fun Float - Bellevue Pond CANCELLED~~
~~31 Twilight Fun Float - Bellevue Pond CANCELLED~~

AUGUST

~~6 Meeting at The Facility CANCELLED~~
~~8 Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Pond CANCELLED~~
~~8 Portland Regatta - Tualatin, OR CANCELLED~~
~~15 Northwest Tug Regatta - Bellevue Pond CANCELLED~~
~~16 BAMM Regatta - Burnaby B.C. CANCELLED~~

SEPTEMBER

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
~~5 Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park CANCELLED~~
~~12 NW RC Regatta - Bellevue Pond CANCELLED~~
~~26 Fishermen's Memorial - Ballard CANCELLED~~

OCTOBER

1 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
~~3 Fun Float - Bellevue Downtown Park CANCELLED~~

NOVEMBER

5 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
~~7 Fun Float - Seattle Yacht Club CANCELLED~~

DECEMBER

3 Meeting by Zoom 7 pm
~~3 Holiday Dinner - Lynnwood CANCELLED~~





The Facility

Our meeting location is part of the Everett Community College buildings (Monroe Hall) located at:

6606 196th Street SW.
 Lynnwood, WA. 98036

More information on this facility can be found at <https://facilitymade.com/>



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Club Meeting Location

The Facility – Makerspace

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