



The Bilge Pump

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October 2023

Look Ahead Events

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More events information and updates on calendar page later in newsletter and check our club's website for latest updates.



Read more about members' projects.

From the Bridge Steve Sunich

Coming into another fall R/C season and we will keep running. We are fortunate, in the Northwest, to have some mild weather around our cruising waters. We can run all winter without the worry of ice and snow (mostly).

We have our last fun float at the Bellevue Pond for the year and are transitioning to Seattle Yacht Club where we run under shelter and in calm, clean water.

The Seattle Fishermen's Fall Festival has also come and gone. I attended my first and it was great. It was an all day affair with constant exposure to the public. We also had a great area to run boats all day.

So, bring out all those boats and don't let winter get you down. It's time to get those builds going



Meeting Minutes Oct 5th

By Steve Sunich

Photos by Robert Osmond, & Paul Williams

Steve Sunich called the meeting to order at 0700 and proceeded with some short business. The Fishermen's Fall Festival had come and gone and the next fun float is Saturday at Bellevue Pond. The winter floats start at Seattle Yacht Club on November 4. If anyone needs a name tag, contact Bryan Morse to complete the list before we order more.



Robert Wickham kicked off show and tell this month. He brought his wonderful PT 320. It started off as a Dumas kit, but he did not like a lot of it. Three years in the making, he salvaged the fiberglass hull and built the rest from scratch. He included Mel's gun turrets. The build was researched through many books to get details and history. It includes lights, torpedo launchers, and depth charges. The real boats had depth charges set by time and not depth. He covered the paint with Dullcoat as this protects the paint from the harsh chemicals added to some ponds where we run.



Dave White showed us a small 3D printed tug that was done by Ami Eng. It is actually an operating twin screw boat.



Paul Williams had an interesting article from Model Boat October 2023 magazine on a landing craft model by Glynnn Guest. Paul wanted to see if he could convert it to a 3D printed model. The hull was printed in two halves. One half took 8 hours to print, the other 3 hours. (*Paul provided a closeup picture and one being 3D printed.*)



Lee Buse presented a steam engine sound generator kit.



Robert Osmond, a dependable show and tell participant, had generous wood bundles from **Ron Bray** that were being donated to anyone interested.



Robert also brought a plastic hull of a 24" long, 1/25th scale Stockholm pilot/police jet boat kit from Graupner. It is a nice kit, roto molded with jet drives. He is working on the superstructure. He also talked about strong miniature magnets from K & J Magnetics.



Last, Robert Wickham talked to us about history of the USS Carolina which he researched for a book from Norman Freeman about WW II ships. This book also provided detailed specs of the ship.

The meeting ended at 0745.

New to RC Boating?

Overview of RC Boat Electronics -- Mr. Dave Milbourn wrote an article called "But I Don't Understand Electronics!" for Model Boats magazine in 2013. There is a lot of information packed into this article and may require more than one reading to allow it to sink in. The article is free to view at website: www.modelboats.co.uk/news/article/but-i-don-t-understand-electronics/18054

Fun Float at Bellevue's Downtown Park Pond

By Klaus Bellon
Photos Robert Osmond

On Saturday October 7th, we closed out another successful season at the pond in Downtown Park, Bellevue, Washington. Attending captains were **Christ Merrill, Bill Heath, Dave Green, Richard Goodrich, Lee Buse, Steve Sunich (in front), Haslan Winslow, Klaus Bellon, and Robert Osmond.**

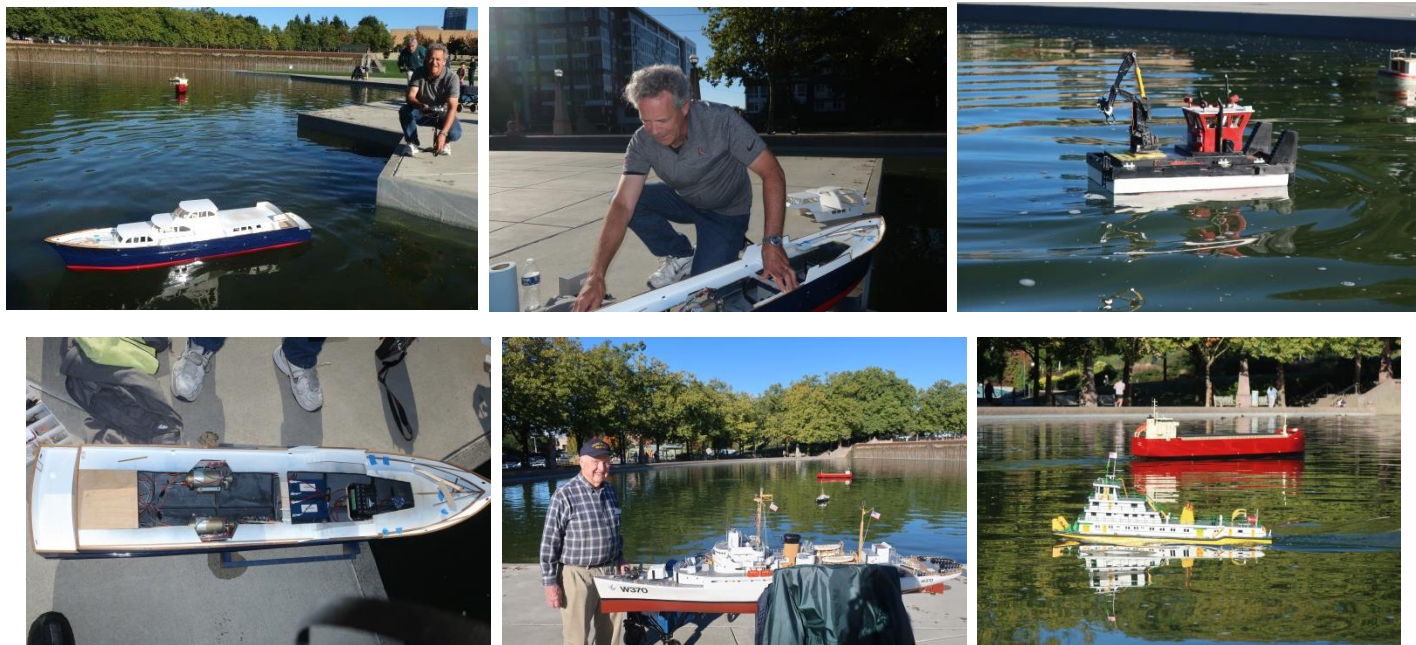


Warm weather and blue skies made for a good showing, with lots of passers by asking questions, and kids wanting to get a closer look and play (Robert Osmond's Minion's-themed springer is always a favorite). Maybe next year we'll get more adults to be that excited about the boats!



For the last float in Bellevue, we had a mix of boats, including tugboats, runabouts, Coast Guard ships, freighters, a yacht, a fast and agile jet skier, and two new boats.





Lee Buse's 3D printed springer is likely foreshadowing of the many 3D printed ships that we'll be seeing in the near future.



Bill Heath was running his brand-new wonderful tow boat which started out as the Dumas's *American Beauty* kit. Bill redesigned the superstructure, details and colors and it is now named *Miss USA*. It ran very well and looked great on the water. But, it started to take on water while navigating waters close to the waterfall in the pond. Ever vigilant and donning waders, Robert Osmond was able to rescue the ship without any major incident.



With another season at the pond in Bellevue coming to a close, we look forward to time floats at the Yacht Club, and also to next spring!

Fishermen's Fall Festival September 30, 2023

By Steve Sunich

Photos by Steve Sunich, Robert Osmond, & Paul Williams

We had a great turnout for the festival. Robert Osmond, Robert Wickham, Steve Sunich, Bob Brown, Paul Williams, Keith Schermerhorn and Dave Green attended the Fall Fisherman's Festival.



A tent and tables were provided by the Port of Seattle; enough to display 16 boats. Dave Green's Virginia V was a hit as the 1:1 was at the terminal.





Bob Brown's Chris Craft was well recognized by onlookers that know about that craft. Keith, Bob and Steve tirelessly ran multiple boats to entertain the crowd.





The weather was great and it was a long day. Everyone was able to get some great food too.



2023 NWRCSM Events Calendar

The rest of the calendar with ?? marks will be determined as the year progresses. (Updated 10/16/2023)

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

2 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
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MARCH

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APRIL

6 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
14 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe Noon to 6 pm
15 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm
16 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 2 pm

MAY

3 Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float 9 am to 3 pm Wednesday
4 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
6 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
20 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.

JUNE

1 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
3 **NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta** 8 am

JULY

6 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
8 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am

AUGUST

3 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
5 **NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta** 8 am
16 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.

SEPTEMBER

7 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
16 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am
30 Fishermen's Fall Festival 11 am

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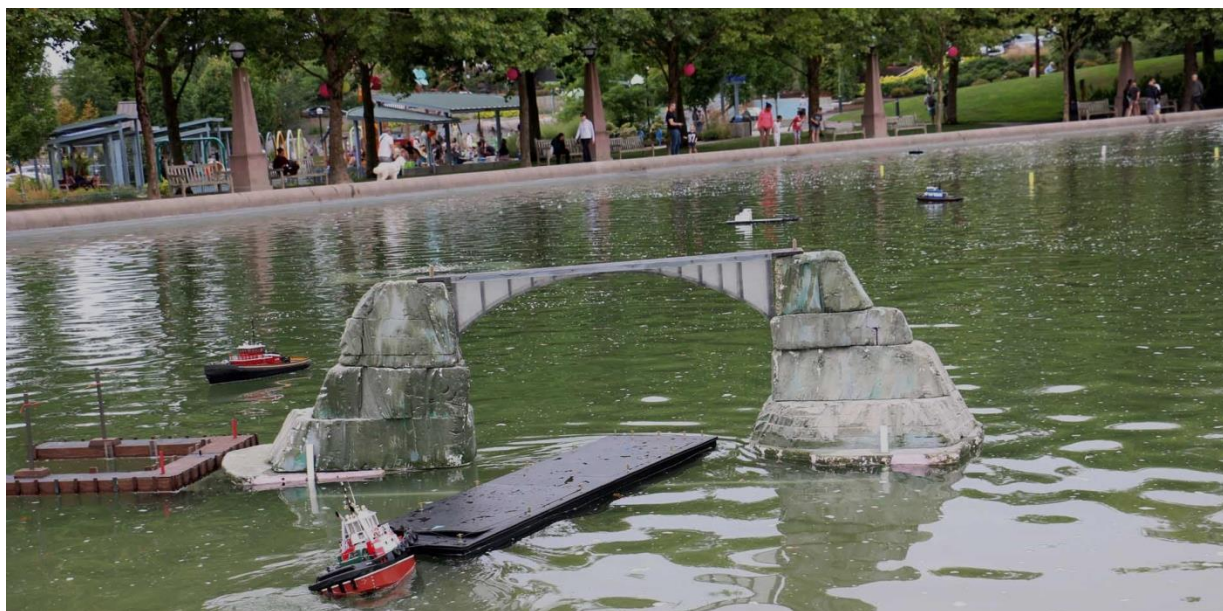


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