



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
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January 2024

Look Ahead Events

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Read more about members' projects.

2024 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY



Annual dues are \$40. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to:

Bryan Morse (new address)
1630 NE 186th St,
Shoreline, WA 98155

Make checks payable to: NW R/C Ship Modelers

From the Bridge Steve Sunich

We are continuing our planning for the coming year. The first major event will be the Hobby Expo. We are working on a pond design and hope to have one built by the Hobby Expo. The lack of a pond last year was a problem. So, this year we are planning to build a pond. This will require a little effort as it is a big job. It will also require some money. I will be asking for anyone that would like to donate to the pond project.

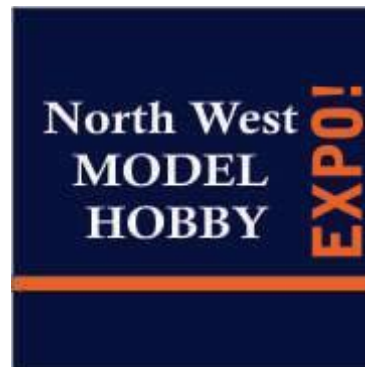


We continue getting great turnouts for Show and Tell. Keep building and keep sharing your knowledge and tricks of the trade. The building methods are limitless and I always learn something. Remember, there is a computer there that is capable of showing pictures of your projects along with any Powerpoint you would like to create.

Coming up on a new year, remember to join or renew your membership to SSMA (Scale Ship Modeler's Association of North America at www.ssmana.org). If you are an existing member please renew your membership for another year. We get our insurance through them and need a minimum number of members to qualify. They also provide an excellent quarterly newsletter that includes what the rest of the clubs in the United States are doing.

Also, we are collecting dues for 2024. Please send in you \$40 for the year. That is a deal compared to other clubs. Plus, we will have some special expenses this year.

2024 Northwest Model Hobby Expo 2 Days in April



April 12, 2024 – Friday	- Setup Only
April 13, 2024 – Saturday	9 am to 6 pm
April 14, 2024 – Sunday	9 am to 4 pm

Evergreen State Fairgrounds located at
14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272, USA

More information at EXPO's website www.nwmhe.com

Mark Your 2024 Calendars!

Meeting Minutes – January 4th

By Steve Sunich

Photos by Robert Osmond, Steve Sunich & Paul Williams

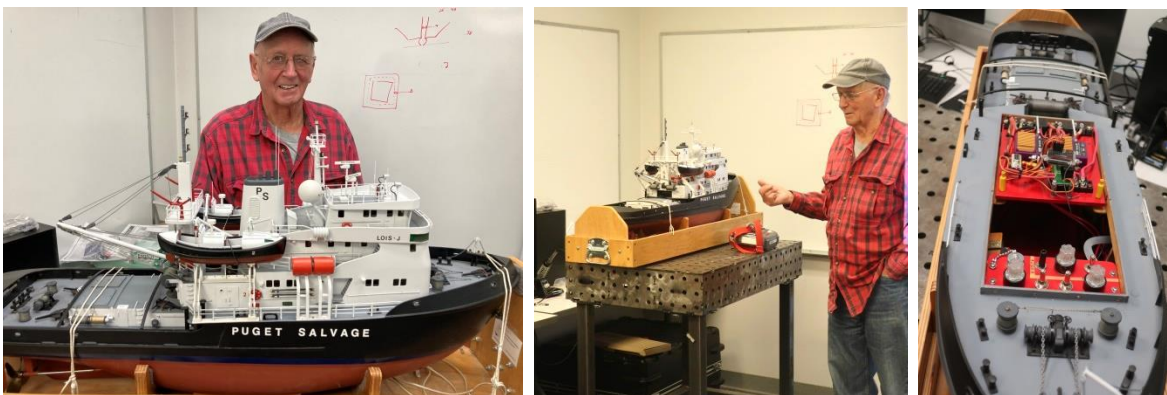


Steve Sunich kicked off the meeting with 18 in attendance at The Facility Makerspace at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, WA. There was some very brief business and summary of the last functions.

Steve started Show and Tell with a discussion about the potential pond design for use at the Hobby Expo in April. The group had some helpful comments and agreed to go forward with the design but not spend funds on it yet. It was asked who would like to take over the Treasurer duties for Dave White but there were no immediate takers. Steve asked if anyone was interested in club's bridge positions and the only takers were nominations that the bridge remains the same for another year. That was moved, seconded and approved.

Members were again reminded to join the SSMA (Scale Ship Modeler's Association of North America at www.ssmana.org). We need a minimum number of SSMA members to get insurance for NWRCSM's regattas. From a show of hands, it looks like we might have at least six SSMA members.

Robert Wickham started off showing us his large model of Puget Salvage. This had a nice case that secured the model well. It has 32 LEDs and controller set up with one channel that can do on or off for 8 functions.



Dave Green showed us his excellent progress on his new lightship *Swiftsure* it will have a timed light and working anchor. The anchor mechanism is operated by way of a fisherman's fishing reel. We are really looking forward to seeing how this stuff works.



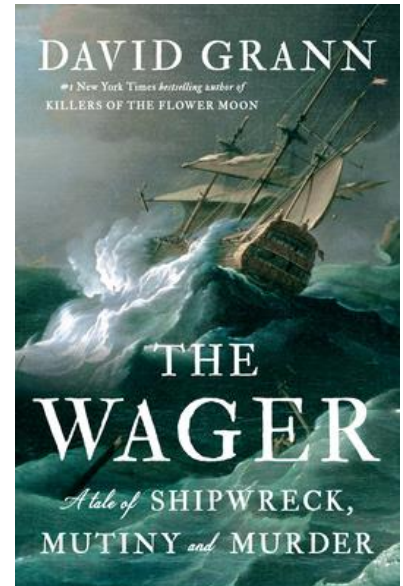
Robert Osmond stepped up with two fiberglass hulls of steam launches, one white and the other blue. Where does he get all this stuff?



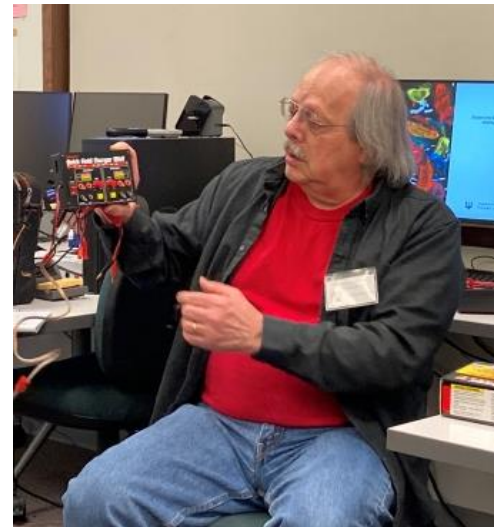
Richard Goodrich showed us some great putty used as filler that can be sanded well.

Dave Kentala gave us a photographic American Cruise Line tour he took to the east coast intracoastal waterway where he visited a museum that had many beautiful models.

Paul Williams had a book he recommended called "The Wager, a real tale about a shipwreck, mutiny and murder" by David Grann. From the book's jacket, "*On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel of patched-together wood and cloth washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men, barely alive, and they had an extraordinary tale to tell. They were survivors of His Majesty's Ship, the Wager, a British vessel that had left England in 1740 on a secret mission during an imperial war with Spain. While the Wager had been chasing a Spanish treasure-filled galleon known as "the prize of all the oceans," it had wrecked on a desolate island off the coast of Patagonia. The men, after being marooned for months and facing starvation, built the flimsy craft and sailed for more than a hundred days, traversing nearly 3,000 miles of storm-wracked seas.*" Paul loaned it out to Chris Merrill.



Chris Merrill brought his quick field battery charger. He is having a hard time with it blowing fuses and needs help figuring out what is wrong. It will become handy if someone needs a charge and there is no plug in power available.



January 6th Fun Float-SYC

By Steve Sunich

Photos Allan Wing

Well, again and again and again, I was right. The weather was good to us. Seven members were in attendance. **Robert** and **Marge Newell**, **Darlene** and **Allan Wing**, **Robert Osmond**, **Chris Merrill**, and I came to see that the weather was good for running.

We were on the outside dock so there was plenty of calm water. So, don't forgo the winter fun floats because of the weather. As we know, it always changes. The Seattle Yacht Club float at Port Madison was cancelled due to small craft warnings so Robert and I attended the regular float at SYC.



Allan Wing was doing some data gathering with his *Foss Tug*, running with 2S and 3S batteries and timing the boat over distances. Allan will probably have some new data for us at the next meeting from his many test runs. Darlene was writing down the data while Allan was holding two controllers, one was for the tug and the other was for the drone with a camera strapped to the deck, which was giving him his data each run he made. I don't know what the data was, but hopefully we will find out soon.



Allan and Robert had drag races with their tugs, Robert's *Pacific* and Allan's *Foss Tug*. The *Pacific* was a little quicker.

I ran my super yacht again. It was showing better build progress since last month. It runs great with a good bow wave.



Chris ran his swift boat and the PT boat he received from a raffle.



Robert and Marge Newell were there with Robert's boat *Soul*, which is very quick. He and Chris Merrill were having drag races. Chris was running his Horizon Hobby Vietnam Era Swift boat. *Soul* was winning the races.



In Memoriam – Scott Baumann

Sadly, we lost a long-time member. Scott Bauman passed away on December 20th.

His service will be Thursday January 25 at 3:00 pm at the New Hope Presbyterian Church, 19800 108th Ave SE, Kent, WA 98031.

He was the club president in 2015 and 2016. Scott's quiet demeanor and smiling face will be missed at the regattas and fun floats.

Obituary (from the website www.yahnandson.com)

Scott Richard Baumann was born at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on April 9, 1947, to Edward and Dorothy Baumann. His family soon included his younger brothers Peter, Bruce, Bob, and his sister Debra. With their father in the Navy the family lived in New York, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Hawaii, Spring Valley, California, San Diego, and Lake Shastina, California. He went to be with his Lord on December 20th, 2023.

Scott graduated from San Diego Point Loma High School with Academic Distinction in 1965. He ran for the track team, was a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship, and he received the highest grade in a competitive chemistry exam. Scott was also an Eagle Scout. He attended Princeton University where he earned a degree in Theoretical Astrophysics, graduating in 1969. Scott joined the Navy during his senior year and went to flight school in Pensacola, Florida where he later attended the University of West Florida earning a master's degree in Aeronautical Systems. He was assigned to the base at San Diego and flew the T-34 Mentor, T-28 Trojan, A-4 Skyhawk, F-4J Phantom, and the S-2 Tracker from Point Mugu, north of Los Angeles, testing fighter weaponry and tactics. When he left active duty in 1977 he joined the Navy Reserves for a total of 24 years of service. He flew the P-3 while in the Reserves. He began flying for United Airlines in 1978. Scott spent half his career on the Douglas DC-10, but also flew the Boeing 727, 737, 757, 767, and 777. He absolutely loved any and all aircraft. He looked up any time he heard a plane flying over.

Scott has a son and daughter from his first marriage to Joanruth. He loved spending time with both Lindsey and Scotty, and Scotty's wife Brittini when she joined the family. He especially enjoyed sailing, running radio-controlled models, astronomy, talking airplanes, jets, and going on many trips. Scott married Claudia in 2006 after being matched on E-Harmony. When he first told her about himself, he said he had two perfect children. He was introduced to her large family at a niece's wedding then accompanied her to each of her son's weddings, also in 2006. He quickly became a beloved part of the



family. In 2008 he became a Grandfather for the first time. Being a Papa to Hunter, Camdyn, and Livi was a real joy.

Scott joined a Remote-Control Model Boat Club in 1985. He loved learning, building, running the boats, and especially all the great guys in the club. After his stroke in 2000, he became a Docent at the Museum of Flight. He was a "Monday Morning Docent", and he also loved that group of men. He earned more than 2000 hours of volunteer service at the Museum. He loved reading about World War II, boating, and model building to name just a few of his interests.

Both Claudia and Scott were members of their own church when they met. When they were married at New Hope, both of their Pastors officiated. Scott soon joined New Hope Presbyterian Church as a member and loved being a part of this church. He also joined in Claudia's love of the Seahawks, Mariners, and Country music. He will be missed every day by his friends and everyone in his blended family.

(Edited from the 2009 April Bilge Pump newsletter)

Member Spotlight -- SCOTT BAUMANN

By Dr. Ron Bray

Scott got hooked on RC model boating in the early 1980's after meeting Bob Jacobson and Cliff Shaw who enamored him with their zest and enthusiasm for the hobby. He joined the club in 1985 and made a Lindberg diesel tug, a Lindberg mine sweeper and a corvette by Revell, all of which were RC'd. He has two Springers on the ways, one partially completed and one in the conceptual stage. Santa brought him a Midwest PT for Christmas and he has newly acquired electronic monitoring technology providing him with data such as speed, RPM's, temperature and current draw. Another deciding factor alluring him to RC boating is his interest in naval history.

His interest in RC ships comes as no surprise as he was born at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1947 (also the birth place of the USS Iowa and USS Missouri), the son of a world war two navy pilot. As with most service personnel his residence changed frequently but he did spend his last high school years in San Diego. He then went to Princeton and earned a degree in astrophysics. He joined the navy during his senior year and went to flight school in Pensacola, Florida where he also attended the University of West Florida earning a master's degree in aeronautical engineering.



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flying for United Airlines in 1978. He spent half of his career on the Douglas DC-10, but also flew the Boeing 727, 737, 757, 767, and 777 till retiring in 2000.

After flying RC model airplanes, he became tired of repairing his aircraft and moved on to model boats because they are harder to "rekit". His other interests include astronomy, flying private aircraft, finding all the shallow places in Lake Washington with his 30 foot Catalina sail boat and volunteering as a docent for the Boeing Field Museum of Flight.

Scott enjoys club activities and would like to see more scheduled events not only in our club but also events of other clubs.

For Sale

New boat model winch's from Ron Burchett. He has seven new models that are 12 Volt, 60 RPM gear drive's, using 540 motors, and are paintable with plastic paint. Cost are \$ 225 to \$ 400. Please contact him for other information at ronburchett@shaw.ca and/or phone 250-416-0608 in Canada.



2024 NWRCSM Events Calendar

Remaining ?? dates will be determined as the year progresses. (Update 1/16/2024)

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

JUNE

1&2 Anacortes Waterfront Festival 2024 10 to 6
6 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
?? **NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta** 8 am

JULY

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

AUGUST

1 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
?? **NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta** 8 am
?? Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.
30 Olympia Harbor Days (and Sep. 1)

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

3 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
5 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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7 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

The Facility Makerspace

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

6606 196th Street SW.
Lynnwood, WA. 98036

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2024 Club Officers		
	President: Steve Sunich	Webmaster: Allan Wing
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	Treasurer: Dave White	YouTube & Meetup Master: Klaus Bellon
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