



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers
www.shipmodelers.com

March 2024

Look Ahead Events

APRIL

- 4 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
- 6 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond 9 am
- 11 Pond Setup at Expo around 10 am
- 12 NW Hobby Expo Noon to 6
- 13 NW Hobby Expo 9 to 6
- 14 NW Hobby Expo 9 to 3

MAY

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JUNE

- 1&2 Anacortes Waterfront Festival 10 to 6
- 6 Meeting at The Facility 7 pm
- 8 NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta 8 to 4

See more details in the expanded calendar section at the newsletter end.



Read more about members' projects.

2024 DUES ARE DUE



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

Well, things are looking up for the club a little. We have a great new member, David Helgeson, and we are looking at one more renewing member. David has already brought a boat for Show and Tell at his very first meeting!



We are still working on the new club pond for the Hobby Expo. We have a plan and some volunteers. Thanks to everyone that can help. I will be asking for more as we will need to setup and the most difficult is getting the

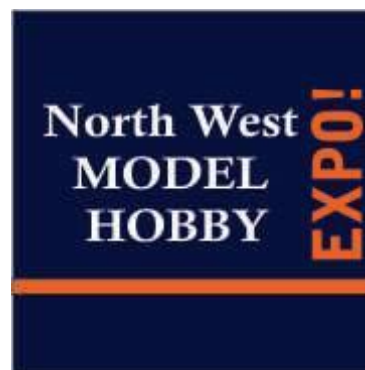
water out and taking it down. That being said, we will have a booth and plenty of tables to display boats.

Fun floats are going great. Participation gets better and better. They will now be moving from Seattle Yacht Club to the Bellevue Downtown Park's Pond from April to October. Don't forget the all day float at SYC on May 1, Wednesday.

We are getting closer on our dues collection. Please pay your dues for 2024 membership as there are a few stragglers.

We are also doing great with memberships to the national organization Scale Ship Modeler's Association of North America (www.SSMANA.org). We currently have 16 NWRCSM's members who have joined. That is great!

2024 Northwest Model Hobby Expo 3 Days in April



April 12, 2024 – Friday	Noon to 6 pm
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

For more information see EXPO's website www.nwmhe.com

Mark Your 2024 Calendars!

Meeting Minutes March 7, 2024

By Chris Merrill & Steve Sunich

Photos by Steve Sunich & Paul Williams

We gathered again for our meeting at the The Facility Makerspace at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, WA with 19 in attendance.



Steve Sunich reported that he thought we had a total of 54 members with a few left to pay 2024 dues. A membership roster was provided with name, phone numbers, and email address to everyone. If there are any corrections for anyone, they should contact **Bryan Morse**.

Treasurer **Dave White** was in attendance, reporting \$4,700 as a balance before paying for the Bellevue Pond permits.

Steve gave a brief status of the club's new pond that is transportable. After working with the Hobby Expo staff, we decided to build it inside and then only use 8"-10" of water, hence keeping the construction simpler. Steve has acquired a plastic 6 mil liner so hopefully that will not leak. It was suggested, also, that we rent a higher capacity pump to pump out the pond. Volunteers were requested and a few raised their hands. Steve will contact them for a time, around 10 am, for setup on April 11, Thursday at the Expo.

The next fun float is this Saturday March 7th at Seattle Yacht Club and then they will move to the Bellevue Downtown Park's Pond on April 6. There was a reminder for the SYC Opening Day Fun Float on May 1, Wednesday. That is an all day affair but feel free to join as you like.

There will be a volunteer sign up sheet for our June 8th NWRCISM's Model Boat Regatta. Steve asked that someone volunteer to help with the raffle at the regatta. This is an important job as we raise money from it. Steve has a few raffle items to get it started. However, we need someone to help make some phone calls to donors to get more items. Please consider this job as Fred Row and Richard Bizier will not be able to do it this year. Robert Osmond has posters available to advertise the regatta at hobby stores, etc.

Klaus Bellon is our person taking care of our Meetup.com website. We need as many members as possible to sign up with Meetup at our club events so that it appears like there is good interest to outside persons wanting to attend our functions. An e-mail will be sent to give Meetup.com instructions.

Thanks again to **Dave Green** for working with the City of Bellevue on our pond permits. His connection is essential.

Insurance has been taken care of for the year with SSMANA. We had enough members join so that we could again qualify for their insurance.

We welcomed a new member **David Helgeson** who was in attendance. Welcome to the club, David.

We then went on to **Show and Tell**.

David Zanzig started off by giving away winch drawings, from which winches could be built. He also had a steam engine kit that needs to be machined and completed. Both of these items will be in the raffle at the next regatta.



Bryan Morse gave us a verbal Show and Tell. He mentioned attending the miniature expo where there were a lot of 1/12th and 1/24th scale figures, furniture, etc. that would fit well with the scale of our boats and would be a good source.

Robert Wickham brought a new project that has been resurrected. He showed us his 1/32nd scale tug that has 3 motors along with three conventional rudders and six flanking rudders. It has 3 five bladed props. He explained how those work. The cabin is almost complete and he will be working on a lot of railings. This reminds us how much we can learn from the guys that have been around.





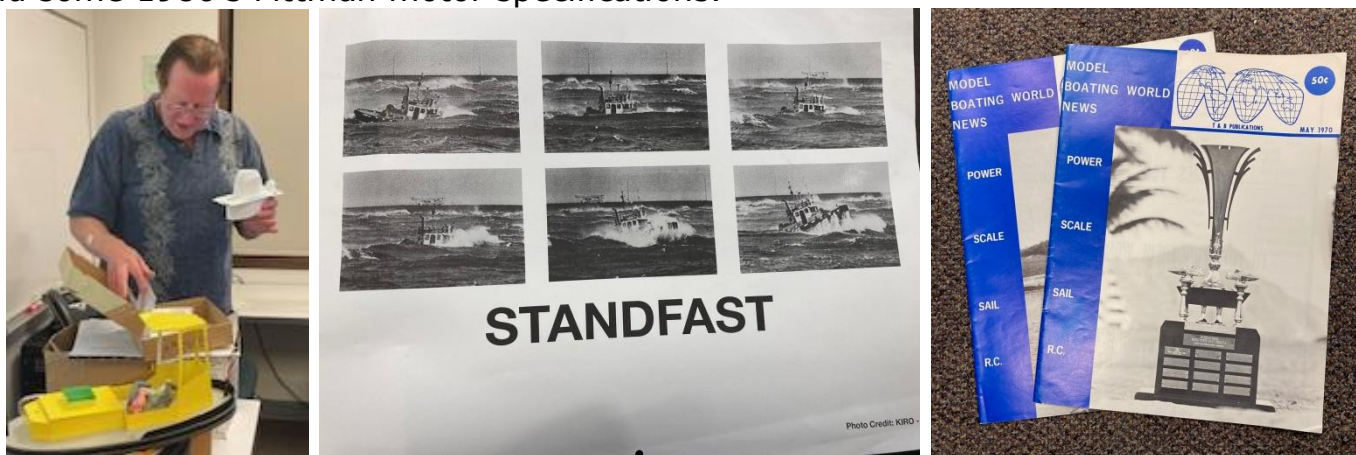
Dave Green brought back his Coast Gard lightship, *Swiftsure*, for a progress report. It is making good progress as he now has a deck built. He expanded the opening in the deck to get more space. He is working on the fishing reel used for the anchor winch and starting construction on the cabin. The motor that controls the timing on the flashing light is installed. Dave gave an interesting history on how those ships were manned and anchored in the open ocean.



Robert Osmond brought a log boat built by the “bread and butter” method. It is extremely stout.



He also brought some old pictures of the old tugboat races, some model boat magazines and some 1980's Pittman motor specifications.



Our enthusiastic new member, Dave Helgeson, brought his large steam launch. It's over four feet long. After the meeting he got plenty of attention with members giving advice about it. He also brought a box of transmitters to see if anyone could use them.





After the meeting ended, members had a closer look at the projects.



Fun Float at SYC

By Robert Osmond

Photos by Robert Osmond

The Northwest RC Ship Modelers held our third Fun Float of this year on Saturday March 9, 2024 at the Seattle Yacht Club, on the waters of Portage Bay in Seattle, WA. The weather cooperated again.





Richard Lenington was running his orange swamp boat for the first time. It ran quite well. He was also experimenting with different propellers. It looks like it is the swamp police with the flashing red and blue lights.



Klaus Bellon was running the mine sweeper that was the first boat that Phil Northup built. Unfortunately, the propeller came off (must have been running in reverse). Klaus has big plans for refurbishing this boat and adding details.



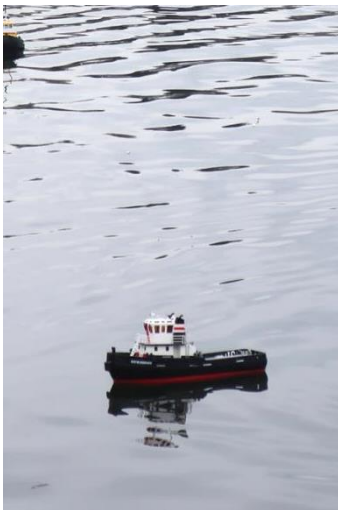
Steve Sunich was running his large, new yacht model, which pivots like it has a bow thruster, which is very unusual in a long boat.

Chris Merrill was able to make another motor quit in his PT boat. I think it is gremlins.



Richard Goodrich was running his sailboat and caught several very strong gusts of wind.

Dave Kentala was running his *Richardson* tug.



I ran my *Pacific* tug.

2024 NWRCSM Events Calendar

Remaining "??" dates and times will be listed as the year progresses. (Update 3/16/2024)

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

- 2-3 Miniature Show - www.seattleminiatureshow.com
- 7 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 9 Fun Float at Seattle Yacht Club 9 am

APRIL

- 4 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 6 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park (?) 9 am
- 11 NW Hobby Expo - Pond Setup 9 or 10 am
- 12 NW Model Hobby Expo, Noon to 6 pm
- 13 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 6 pm
- 14 NW Model Hobby Expo, Monroe 9 am to 3 pm
- 18 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.

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- 8 **NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta** 8 am – 4 pm

JULY

- 11 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm *(Instead of July 4th)*
- 6 Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park 9 am

AUGUST

- 1 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 3 **NWRCSM's Tug Boat Regatta** 8 am – 4 pm
- 14 Twilight Float at Bellevue Downtown Park Sunset Only boats with lights can run after dark.
- 18 BMM Regatta. see www.bammrc.com for details.
- 30 Olympia Harbor Days (and Sep. 1)

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

- 3 Meeting at The Facility Makerspace 7 pm
- 5-6 Lynden Lions Club Model Train & Toy Show ?? (See their website for times)
- 5-6 Bellingham SeaFeast ?? (See their website for times)
- 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

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







2024 Club Officers		
	President: Steve Sunich	Webmaster: Allan Wing
	Vice President: Richard Lenington	Skagit R/C Meeting Contact: Keith Schermerhorn
	Treasurer: Dave White	YouTube & Meetup Master: Klaus Bellon
	Membership Database: Bryan Morse	Newsletter Editor: Paul Williams



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