



The Bilge Pump

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

Look Ahead Events

AUGUST

30&31 Olympia Harbor Days (and Sep. 1)

SEPTEMBER

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14 Fun Float at Bellevue Pond	9 am
28 Fishermen's Fall Festival	11am

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



Read more about members' projects.

From the Bridge

Steve Sunich

Wow, did this R/C summer go fast. We have already had two regattas and three fun floats. However, the season is not over and we are lucky in the Pacific Northwest to have access to water all year long. There are still plenty of opportunities to show off your craft and skills. There are still events coming up and the fun floats and show and tells continue each month.



The highlight this month was the annual Tug Regatta. Participation was great as we had a big west coast and international representation. There were participants from Port Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Canada and England. From what I can see we might have the most thriving and active club in the US. All clubs are struggling with membership lately.

I have a short story about reengaging with a former NWRCMSM member. I took a cruise on my full size (1:1 scale) on the Sound recently. I ended up in Gig Harbor for a couple days. There was a farmer's market going on and, of course, my wife needed to be there. So, we took my tender over to town. When we got to the dock, there

was a gentleman running an R/C boat. Well, we wandered over to the farmer's market and I went back to the dock to see the person running the R/C boat. We chatted a little and discovered we had met at a NWRCSM event a while back. Well, it was Shibly Ahmed, a former member, who recognized me. However, I might have distracted him, as his boat went under the dock. The water was too deep to go wading so I went and got my tender and slid under the dock to get "Emma" out. He took a couple photos of our little adventure.



Anyway, it is interesting where you see people. It was great reengaging with a fellow R/C enthusiast.

Additionally, the newsletter has been getting larger and larger with great articles written by members. Please keep sharing your projects. I see many different boats at the fun floats that I am sure the membership would like to know more about.

As always, a reminder to join the SSMA, our national organization. We get good exposure and benefits from SSMA (website SSMANA.org).

Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2024

By Steve Sunich and Chris Merrill

Photos by Robert Osmond and Paul Williams



Steve kicked off the meeting at 7 pm at the "The Facility Makerspace" at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood, WA with 17 members present.

Dave White gave a treasurer's report basically saying that we still have some money. The July Fun Float went well with a big turnout and a good time by all.

Steve went over planning for the August 3rd Tug Boat Regatta. He mentioned about moving equipment from storage to the truck at Bill's place. Volunteers were asked to fill the remaining spots for the Tug Regatta. We needed a judge for the salvage event and volunteers in the morning to unload the truck at the pond. The event will start at 6:30 AM. Discussion ensued about the requirements for sizes of boats and barges for the Tug Regatta. For example, like barge weight relative to boat length and lengths of tow lines.

Seattle Yacht Club location is set up for the winter floats. There was also talk of resurrecting possible night floats at SYC. Steve will reinvestigate that potential.

There was also a need to transfer some of the Show and Tell information and tips to the website. Members were encouraged to contribute their skills and tricks of the trade so that more can be added to the website.

Steve mentioned that he would be looking for someone to step up to be president next year with help from him. Other officers will continue from 2024 to 2025. Thanks to them for stepping up again.

Olympia Harbor Days was talked about and is coming up. Nice tent and tables for

displays. **Keith Schermerhorn**, **Robert Osmond** and maybe Steve will be there. See Keith's article below in the Bilge Pump pages.

Fishermen's Fall Festival is coming up on September 28. It is a great event to show our boats and those people know about boats! If you are thinking of manning our booth and attending please let Steve know.

Chris Merrill has been talking with The Facility Makerspace staff about having another 3D printing introduction class there. More information will be coming. Class cost maybe \$50.

We went on to **Show and Tell**:

Bryan Morse, showed his new progressive lens safety eye glasses he got from Zenni company. He is very happy to be using them now. More information at their website: www.Zennioptical.com.



Chris Merrill, showed his new method for connecting his "GoPro" type of cameras on a board converted to mount the cameras. One camera has a WiFi connection option. His plan is to use his hollowed out log boat. He was asking for help in selecting the EMC size for the motor and energy load.



Richard Goodrich talked about his donated sail boat control wiring that he had to redo. He also talked about ways to charge batteries and the importance of being sure the electrical current is turned off to prevent the battery energy being drained when not in

use. He shared using lead tape coil for ballast in his model boats as he found it easier than using lead shot.



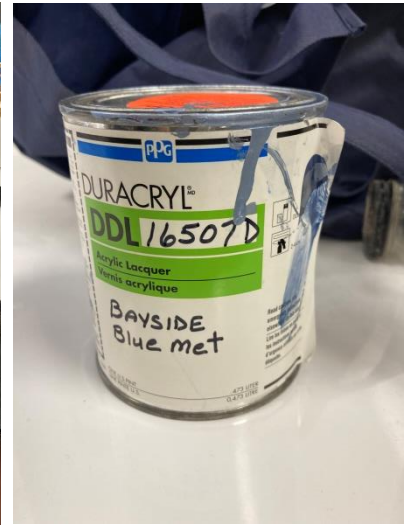
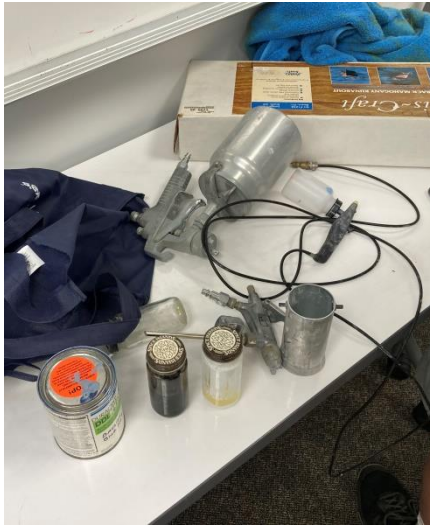
Robert Osmond showed size 6-32 and 4-40 stainless steel countersunk head screws and bolts he used and offered them to members. He ordered them from Grainger.



Richard Lenington, showed a very small remote control submarine ready-to-run model. It also has a LED light when submerged. He picked it up at JS Hobbies and Models in Marysville, WA.



Doc Ron Bray gave a follow up talk to his last meeting about fiber glassing. Now he showed us some pneumatic paint sprayers in different sizes. He shared a neat trick of pouring the paint in a smaller open tin can which is then loaded into the sprayer's tank. Therefore, paint did not need to be cleaned from the sprayer's tank, but to remove the paint only required lifting out the open tin can from the tank.



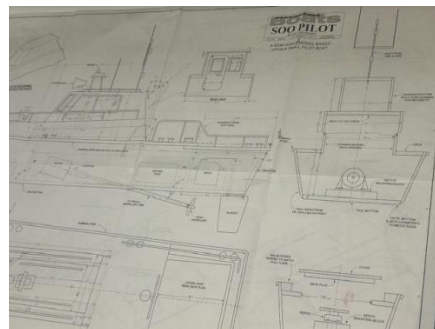
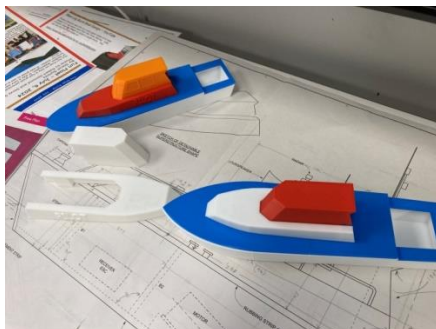
Jon McCool – has a boat that he does not have time to complete. He offered it to other members or the raffle.



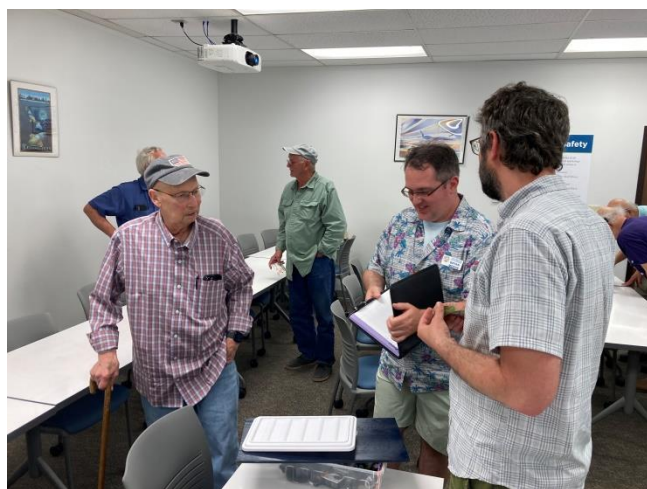
Robert Wickham – Showed a model similar to the Lindberg Class models using even smaller LED lights he got from ModelTrainsoftware web store.



Paul Williams showed his progress of modeling a pilot boat in CAD from plans and 3D printing the boat. The boat is used in Michigan at the SOO locks. He is now on the second version and maybe more will be needed.



Meeting ended at 8:15 PM and members had time to talk and check out the presentations.



3rd Annual Tug Regatta – August 3, 2024

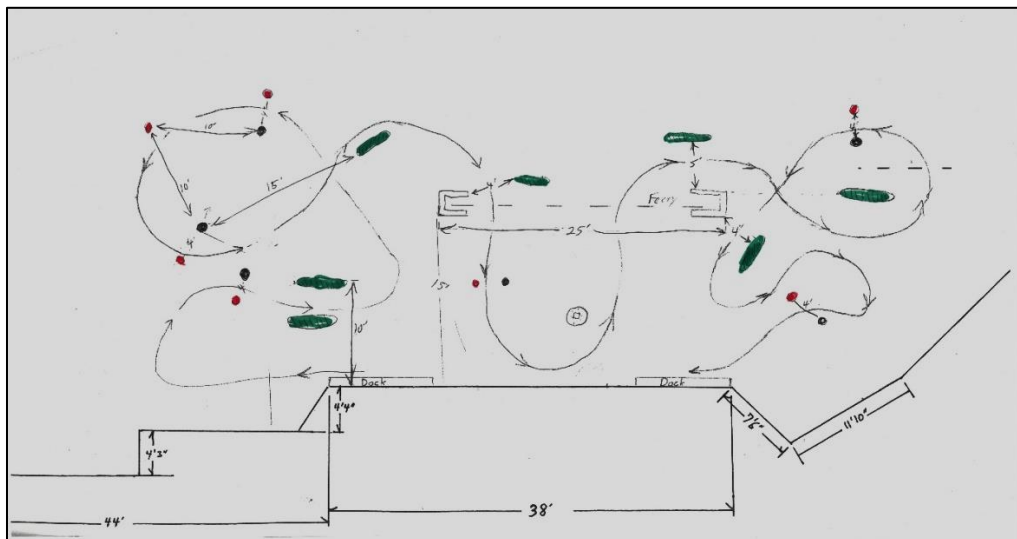
By: Steve Sunich

Photos by: Allan Wing, Robert Osmond and Keith Schemerhorn



What great weather we had at the Bellevue Downtown Park pond for our 3rd Annual Tug Regatta! There were participants from Port Angeles, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Canada and England. Thank you to those that traveled from far and wide to support the regatta.







NWRCSM took some awards but the Los Angeles contingent took most of the awards and was the overall winner. The judges, **Bryan Morse, Allan Wing** and **Robert Wickham**, worked the entire day trying to sort out the best of the best. There was a half dozen perfect scores so the judges had to make some tie breaking decisions.



There was also an informal “team” towing event that had three entries. It involved two contestants, working together, to tow a large derelict vessel out into the pond and back. Participating teams were **Ron Burchett and Gene Sauter**, **John Osmond and Ray Malone** and **Robert Osmond and Keith Schermerhorn**. Unfortunately, Keith’s small tug got towed under water by his team mate and sank so, it could not finish. It was a tough event to judge as there were so many catastrophes. Pat Plueard won the salvage event.



Thanks also to the many volunteers that helped load and unload the truck and then load and unload again, set up and dismantle the course and man our tent. Everything went off really well.



Congratulations to the award winners.

Overall Winner – Gene Sauter



1st Place Large Class – Gene Sauter



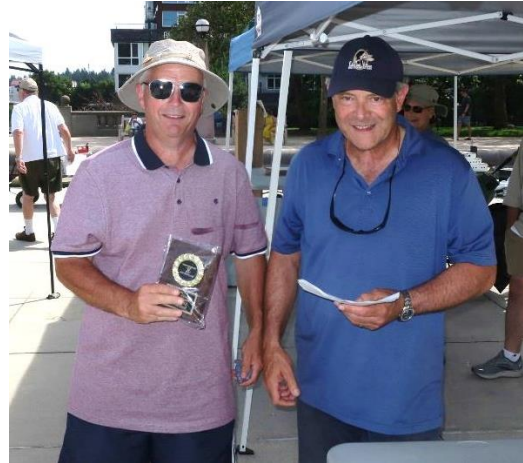
2nd Place Large Class – Bob Brown



3rd Place Large Class – Harlan Winslow



1st Place Medium Class – Ray Malone



2nd Place Medium Class – Gene Sauter



3rd Place Medium Class – Steve O'Connel



1st Place Small Class – Gene Sauter



2nd Place Small Class – Bobby Sauter



3rd Place Small Class – Pat Plueard

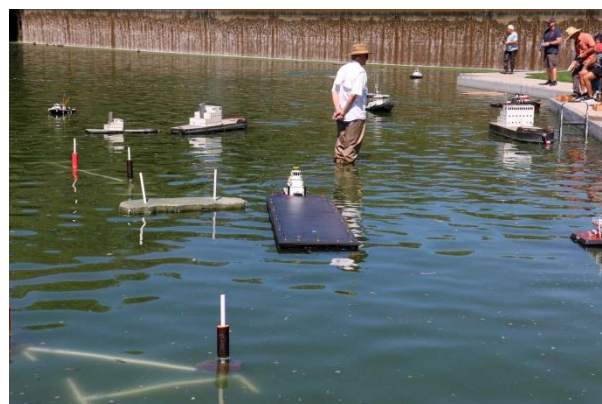


More pictures of the Tug Regatta.















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These ducks had the best place to sit and view the many tugs going by.

Twilight Fun Float – August 14

By: Chris Merrill

Photos By: Robert Osmond and Marge Newell

The NW RC Ship Modelers held our seventh Fun Float of this year as a Twilight event on Wednesday August 14, 2024, at the Bellevue WA Downtown pond. The weather was pleasant and sunny around 5:30 pm when I arrived early. Fortunately, the setting sun went into shade from the park's trees by 6:30 pm when other club members arrived. I heard from many that parking was tight, and they wheeled their models from the upper parking lot. The temperatures were in the low 70's, there was a light breeze but no need to have any pop canopies. There was no organized group photo but by my count at least 10 members participated, most of us came with multiple models of all types.

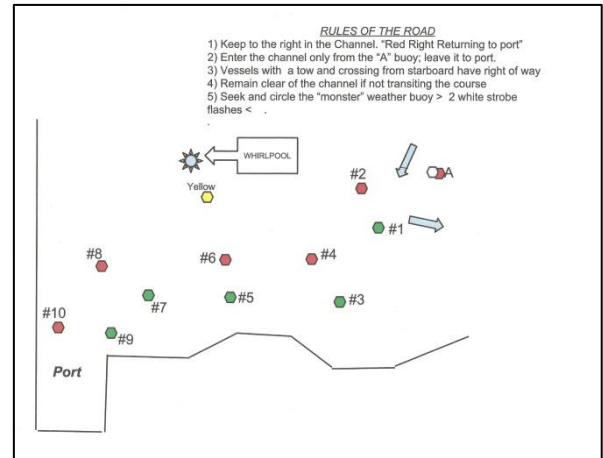
I put on my waders and set up a lighted buoy course close to the usual south edge. All the club's 13 buoy lights were functioning well despite a lot of models bumping into them. 1 or 2 buoys' lights got dim by the end of the night. See the copy of the course I used from the package of material from **Dain Webster**. The pond water was low, so the buoys drifted around from the slacking anchor lines. I am glad I did not drop anything in the pond as the water was green and full of fowl feathers too.

Robert Osmond came prepared to assist if needed and provided his step stool for me to use to get in and out of the pond. The only water rescue that required the waders was for my WWII Japanese PT boat when I made a hard turn at full speed that flipped off the superstructure into the water.

There were many types of models on display or on the water. We attracted many interested people from the park, and I handed out all the club cards I had with me. There was a family that had brought their own trawler model, and I spoke to the dad Ben for a long time about the club and answered his questions on joining. Here is a picture of another father and son who showed strong interest, and I let them drive my Harbor Tug. **Marge** and **Robert Newell** were also in this picture.



Robert and Marge Newell ran 3 boats – a beautiful white speed boat, *Crabby Jack's* and the car ferry. Like many of us, the duck feathers did get tangled in the rudders and props and boats had to be checked and cleared after a few minutes of running time.



Dan Limon was getting more practice maneuvering with his tugboat and barge, *Fairplay*.

Patrick and his son Mathew Plueard were running a large tow boat with a tall superstructure and had sound effects.



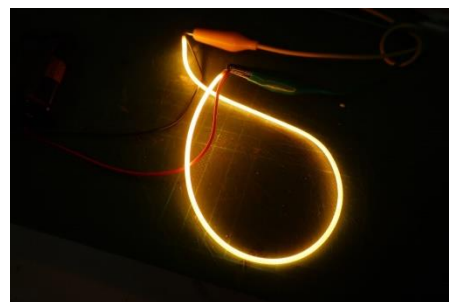
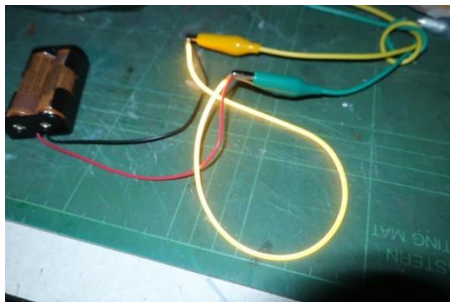
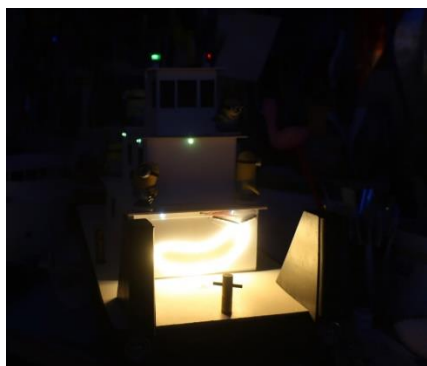
Bryan Morse had his sailboat with lights on.



Richard Lenington ran his Viet Nam era swift boat.



Robert & John Osmond had a colorful lighting display using light rope on *Toe* boat with neon Banana on the front of the superstructure. They also ran tug boat *Pacific* and Orange *Pond Patrol* boat with rotating red light trying to catch speeding PT type boat and fast Swift boats. Nobody was ticketed and they got off with just a warning.



Besides the club's buoys and sandwich board sign, **Chris Merrill** brought his orange Jet Jam boat, Japanese PT boat, Horizon Harbor tug and his swift boat. I could only run the Jet Jam for a brief time as it did not have running lights. It also got "fowled" by feathers and had to be cleaned often. I was so busy making new friends and talking to interested folks that I did not get to run the swift boat this time. I sure enjoyed our time on the pond and as usual was the last one off and packing up. I appreciated the help from everyone to haul everything back down to the parking lot. I am looking forward to the next fun float in September.

Olympia Harbor Days

By Keith Schemerhorn

Olympia Harbor Days is coming up on Labor Day weekend, Aug 30 to Sept 1st. This 3-day maritime event is one of the largest of its type with vintage tugs, craft vendors, food, music, entertainment, boat rides, and even a Friday night drone show.

NWRCSM club have been invited back again and given a 10x20 space to fill with model boat displays (tugs and workboats along with others). We will also have access to the Lanza Family model displays pool for running them (right next to us)!



We will be located at the Percival Landing at the north end where the tall ships and Virginia V are also docked. For those wanting to bring models in for the display, you can drive right up to the space up to an hour before opening/closing (vehicles need to be removed before start time). Parking can be limited, so there are parking passes available. They do not provide tables, so we are on our own to bring them for the models to rest on. I am providing 1 canopy and Robert the second one (maybe get the club one?). The event schedule is as follows:

Friday 3 pm to 10 pm (150 drone show over the bay)

Saturday 10 am to 7 pm

Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

- Fridays **afternoon** starts with everything opening and boats arriving. There is some interesting nighttime entertainment that finishes with a 150-drone show over the water.
- Saturday festivities include on board tours of the vessels, arts/crafts, music and other entertainment
- Sunday there is a tug race, and you can see the boats in motion as they leave/return to the dock (not visible from the festival)

Hope to see you there and if you want more information go to www.HarborDays.com

"Model Boats On Parade" on Sunday in San Francisco September 15, 2024

The San Francisco Model Yacht Club will hold an expanded Model Boats On Parade on Sunday, September 15, 2024 at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park, California. In addition to the traditional focus on craftsman power boats, we are also including Sailing, Steam engines, and Display Ship models.

This year's event will include:

- Craftsman RC Power Models
- RC Sailing Yachts
- Freesail Yachts
- Display Ship Models
- Benchtop Steam/Marine engines

We will also be featuring:

- Club House Tours
- Power Boat Parade
- Sailing Demos

We are committed to putting on a great gathering this year, and welcome your

participation. More information including registration forms are available at the SFMYC's website: www.sfmvc.org/MBOP/

For other questions, please contact:

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Model Boats on Parade
Sail, Power, Steam, and Display
September 15, 2024. (Sunday 9 to 4)
Spreckels Lake Golden Gate Park



San Francisco Model Yacht Club
Celebrating 126 Years of Model Yachting
Exhibition and Running of:
Model Sail Yachts
Craftsman Power Boats
Static Ship Models, Steam Engines
Club House Tours
Oldest Model Yacht Club in USA



More Information: www.sfmvc.org/MBOP/

2024 Northwest Remote Control Ship Modelers Events Calendar

Remaining "???" dates and times will be listed as the year progresses. (Update 7/24/2024)

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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| 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

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| 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, Monroe | 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. |

MAY

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| 1 | Seattle Yacht Club Opening Day Fun Float | 9 to 3 Wednesday |
| 2 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 4 | Fun Float at Bellevue Downtown Park | 9 am |

JUNE

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| 1-2 | Anacortes Waterfront Festival 2024 | 10 to 6 |
| 6 | Meeting at The Facility Makerspace | 7 pm |
| 8 | NWRCSM's Model Boat Regatta | 8 am – 4 pm |

JULY

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

AUGUST

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| 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 | BAMM Regatta. see www.bammrc.com for details. | |
| 30-31 | Olympia Harbor Days (and Sep. 1) | |

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DECEMBER

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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

Meetings are the first Thursday of the Month. 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



Photo by Allan Wing

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