



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

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Dates of
interest

August

- 1st Club Meeting
- 3rd Fun Float
- 5th Skagit Meeting
- 10th Crawfish
Festival—Tualatin
- 17th Pacific NW RC
Tug Regatta

September

- 5th Club Meeting at
Bellevue Pond
7:00pm
- 7th *Fishermen's
Festival*
- 15th Springer Event
at Lake Goodwin

MORE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

As we go to press, many of our members are making ready to head South to Tualatin, OR for the *Crawfish Festival*, this weekend. This is a fun, family event with a parade and many other activities for the whole family. The water activity is always challenging and a full show of the latest models. Aimee Eng and Phil McKinney always put on a great event.

We, as a club, usually gather for dinner Friday night and then on Saturday night a ceremonial dinner is held to award the trophies. The weather is generally warm, so be prepared.

The following weekend, August 17th at Bellevue Pond, will be the inaugural running of the Pacific NW RC Tug Regatta. (formerly the Foss Cup, but renamed due to a change in sponsorship) The regatta will be managed and run by the same people who have been running it's predecessor and have a great deal of experience in running regattas. This usually brings together skippers from the West Coast from Vancouver Island to as far South as Central California. The competition is strictly for tugs so dust off your tug, your transmitter and your skills as many of the best will be there to challenge you.

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View From The Bridge – Bob Jacobsen

Wow! We had a great turnout at the club meeting and lots of fun things going on. Special thanks to Mel Suelzle for the slideshow and presentation from the Tidewater Cup! The slides were excellent and really showed what happened there. Robert Osmond came away with top honors. Also thanks to Dain Webster for the presentation and all the hard work on the course for next month's night float. Dain also set up the course so we could practice at the fun float (more later). Lots of great show and tell, including a couple of new projects and even an award winning scratch built steam train engine by Dave White – just the kind of fun stuff to make the meetings interesting. We also discussed the upcoming events and the Saturday Fun Float.



Speaking of the Fun Float – what a turnout! About 20 skippers and probably twice that many boats. Dain set up the practice course and we all had a great time running. There was so much going on it looked like a regatta. We had several boats and barges in the water for the very first time, and as far as I saw, there were no issues at all. Just a great time hanging out at the pond.

Of course this time of year there are lots of upcoming events so check the calendar and see what is happening.

My e-mail is bobandlaurie@nwlinc.net and my cell phone is 206-790-2367.

Remember, kneeling in duck poop when your launch is just PART of the fun!

Bob



August 2013 Meeting Minutes by Ron Bray

The events of the evening began at 1905 hours under direction of our commodore, **Bob Jacobsen**. There were no guests or new members to introduce. There was no old business but under new business upcoming events were announced and discussed. At the fun float this Saturday, **Dain Webster** will set up a course similar to the one slated for next month's meeting. The meeting will be a night time fun float at the Bellevue Pond at 7 PM instead of our regular meeting location at Galaxy Hobby. He passed out descriptions of the upcoming event with all the details of the buoy flashing signals, the course setup and many more details which will undoubtedly be the subject of future communication.

Without a break, the next order of business was **Show and Tell**. **Allan Wing** showed video clips he took with his underwater camera at hobby expo last February, detailing the action of the Vought-Schneider drives and the action of the propellers on the South Hampton tug, noting the lack of cavitation. **Mel Suelzle** gave a power point presentation of the Tidewater event in Spokane last weekend. All but two of the prizes were brought back to the West side, with **Robert Osmond** winning the overall event. **Bob Wickham** demonstrated how he used the rubber material supplied by **Amie Eng** for bumpers and fenders for his new push boat. He also demonstrated **Bill McGee's** method of setting the middle rail at the same height for each stanchion by using blocks of wood to hold the rail in place while soldering. **Dr. Ron Bray** showed his progress with the Lake Union Dream Boat build. While demonstrating the RC functions, he was unable to get the reverse to function. Mel showed his new two cylinder steam engine he purchased from Graham Industries. He spent a lot of time polishing the components and is awaiting the arrival of high temperature paint. Next comes a boiler and a boat to put them in. **Cliff Elowsen** presented his Garth Foss and hopes to test it this Saturday at the fun float. This build has progressed slowly over the past two to three years with the end now in sight. Robert Osmond brought in his latest acquisitions from Deans Marine. The large container ship kit looks great with stern and bow thrusters and many containers as well as molds to fabricate additional containers. In addition, he bought a large bulk container hull, a smaller hull of the larger container ship, a chemical container hull, an Edwardian launch hull and a Media yacht kit. It looks like he is going to be busy for some time. **Dave White** brought in his semi scratch locomotive which won first place in a national competition. He plans to RC it and power it with batteries. **Bob Jacobsen** displayed his crane barge, which has a fully operational crawler crane installed so that it can be easily removed. He was unable to demonstrate its functions as the transmitter battery was dead.

After the drawing for door prizes the meeting was over at 2017 hours and all 23 of us headed back to our own ports.

August Fun Float *by Robert Osmond*

The August fun float, which was on Sea Fair weekend, was overcast all day with a couple of brief blue sky breaks. We had an impressive attendance of 19 members, including Mike Moore with his magnificent large Shelly Foss, which we had not seen in many years. Scott Bauman was testing his Lipo powered PT 109 by Pro-Boat. It was faster and seemed to run forever on the new lighter batteries. Dain Webster set up his night-time buoy course for us to practice for the September 5th Club meeting, which will be held at the Bellevue Pond at 7:00 PM. After many of the boats had gone through the course with a wide channel he narrowed it to make a "no passing lane" version, which made pulling and pushing barges in opposite directions more challenging. I am sure that when we have the actual night float with the buoys lighted, barges and lighted tugs, it will be quite exciting. We might have to have some Coast Guard patrols of the area, just to ensure that the proper procedures are followed. Bob Jacobsen was pulling his new clamshell crane barge around dropping rubber ducks and sharks on any tug slow enough to stay in his area, then picking them up off the decks and putting them back on his barge. There were some other distractions for the skip-pers each time a B-25 Mitchell bomber and its P-51 Mustang escort flew over with a Japanese Zero in hot pursuit, they must have flown over 10 times. It was a great day and a good time was had by all.



August Fun Float cont'd.



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2013 Tidewater Cup - Mel Suelzle



July 27th was the date of the 2013 Tidewater Cup in Spokane. Six members of our club and three spouses attended this event. **Robert Osmond, Tim Ripperger**, and regulars **Al Kinsman, Bob Wickham, Bill McGee** and I rounded our West Coast team for the event. **Aimee Eng** of the Portland club also attended, for the first time. Spokane skippers were fewer this year as medical issues took its toll on participation.

The event is held in a park-like location on the property of the local power company, Avista. This manmade pond has many large rocks and a fountain that contributes to a most interesting and challenging event.

The events consisted of 2 separate competitions. One event is for Springer class boats that require a skipper to take a barge through a very complex course, weaving in and around 18 large and unforgiving boulders. The complexity demands you to have a navigator, allowing the skipper to navigate around and thorough rock lined passages, some with only an inch or so to spare. This most challenging course is difficult to run without hitting at least one rock. It is timed as well to break any ties. This year's Springer event winners were:

1st Place Robert Osmond

2nd Place Al Kinsman

3rd Place Randy Seiser

In the Tidewater event, the Westside skippers also did well. In the Small Class;

1st Place - Robert Osmond

2nd Place – Mel Suelzle

3rd Place - Aimee Eng

In the medium class;

1st Place - Al Kinsman

2nd Place - Tim Ripperger (my grandson)

Large class, Ron Hinton of Spokane took the first place award.

Combined scores of all classes resulted in our own Robert Osmond being the 2013 Tidewater champion.



As usual, the awards were followed by a nice meal, in celebration of a most successful and entertaining day. If you have never attended the Tidewater event, you should seriously consider it in your future plans. It is normally held on the Saturday of the last weekend of July. This is very fun model boat event in a park- like setting, nice weather and the best tug/barge navigation courses anywhere! Everything's setup and nicely hosted by a great bunch of guys (and wives) from the Spokane Model Boat Club. Kudos to this small club for putting on this super event.

Tualatin Crawfish Festival

Saturday and Sunday, August 10th and 11th.
RC Tug boat Regatta, and Fun Float



Saturday 9am til 10 pm

Tug boat competitions 9:30 till 3:00pm

Buffet Dinner 6:30pm (\$34.00)

Night Sailing with lights 8:00pm-10:00pm

Sunday Fun Float 9am till you leave.

All the docks and tank barge, crane, offshore tower and other equipment will be available to use and challenge your skills.

Century Hotel is located on
the South end of the pond
<http://www.thecenturyhotel.com/>

Comfort Inn up the road a bit.
Comfort Inn & Suites -(503) 612-9952
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**Regatta Directors, Northwest R/C Ship Modelers, Western Tug
and Fremont Tug**

Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta 2013

Radio Control Tugboat Competition

**The best R/C Tugboat Skippers and boats from the West Coast of The US,
CANADA, England and Australia**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2013
BELLEVUE, DOWNTOWN PARK – BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON
Event Begins at 10:00 AM**

**Competition designed to show the ability of R/C Tugs, Towboats and their Captains.
Tugs in 4-different size classes including a unique Vintage Tug Class Compete for The
Regatta Championship. All past FOSS CUP winners compete in the Masters Class.**

**Tugs are required to navigate a course similar to conditions faced by their “Full-Sized”
counterparts, while pushing Scale Barges.**

Each Tug must recover a Derelict Vessel and return it to a dock, for the Salvage Event.

Judges for the Regatta are Actual Maritime Captains.

The Judges Blend a sharp eye for “How it Should be Done”

Come to watch or compete, but be sure to come to the Pacific NW R/C tug Regatta!

For more information on details or directions,

Contact one of the following Foss Cup Directors:

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BURNABY ASSOCIATION OF MARINE MODELLERS

Radio Controlled Model Boat

REGATTA

To be held at Central Park
Burnaby B.C.

Sunday August 18th, 2013, 9am to 4pm



- Navigation Competition
- Sailboat Racing
- Speed Boat Racing
- Tug Towing Competition
- Model Boat Displays
- Scale Model Boat Judging



Schedule for the 2013 B.A.M.M. Regatta

Date and Time: Sunday August 18th, 9 am to 4 pm, at the pond Central Park, with registration beginning at 9 am.

Cost: \$5 per person registers your first boat, gets you a souvenir plaque and BBQ lunch ticket. Additional boats are \$2 each, and raffle tickets are \$1 each.

*Events: *Include tug and other model demonstrations.*

**All day steering course competition.*

**Morning sailboat race.*

**Noon hour lunch.*

**Afternoon fast electric race.*

**Registered model static judging in four categories :*

Pleasure boats

Warships

Tugboats

Workboats

Award presentations and raffle draw will be held around 3:30 pm.

(BAMM club members, please arrive early to help set up and / or stay late to help pack up)

This event is open to all, so please come and enjoy a great model boating day.

NW RC Ship Modelers – 2013 Schedule – Updated 8/5/2013

February 8 th – 10 th	Fun Float at NW Hobby Expo – Monroe
March 7 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
March 10 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am
April 4 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 6 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
May 1 st	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club
May 2 nd	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 5 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:000pm (Springer 1:00)
May 11 th	Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
June 1 st	Anacortes Waterfront Festival – Randy randyandlindaflodquist@gmail.com
June 6 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 8 th	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
July 13 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
<i>July 27th</i>	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
August 1 st	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 3 rd	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
<i>August 10th</i>	<i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i>
<i>August 17th</i>	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
September 5th	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
<i>September 7th</i>	<i>Fishermen's Festival</i>
September 15 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin
October 3 rd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
November 7 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 10 th	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m
December 5 th	Annual Awards Banquet – TBD – 6:30



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