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Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

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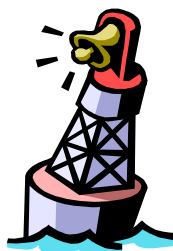
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The Newsletter is a few days late.  
It took a long time to get back by camel.



### Red Right Returning

By Randy Flodquist

Number twenty written on the twentieth, the fortieth anniversary of our landing on the Moon. What a day that was! We don't go there anymore but we still get stuck in awkward civil wars. Funny world. People should spend more time with relaxing hobbies. I could suggest model boating. What a segway. Or was that the two wheel gizmo we used to call Ginger? But I digress.

Hey, Foss Cup is coming up ( right after many of us get back from Tualatin ) and I'm sure help is needed. Keith and crew are doing an excellent job and seem to be ahead of the curve. For those of you who limit your efforts to running a boat: practice. With global warming here our warm dry summer has made the third Thursday coffee/float at the pond very popular. Last week Al and Mel were practicing seriously. Others were just having a pleasant time and using their hobby as a stress reliever.

The July meeting held at Fremont Tug was a great success. I'd like to thank Mark and Margie for their hospitality and generosity ( great door prizes ). Now there are a bunch more people who know where the tug information and photographs are. Many pictures were taken. INDEFATIGABLE looked great moored by the office. One member said something like " so that's it? A short meeting and then an hour lounging on the docks and visiting tugs on a sunny summer evening.....that's about perfect." I'd agree.

So enjoy those summer evenings. Enjoy the events of the late summer. Two of my favorite sayings are "the world will wait for tomorrow" and "it is later than you

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## Upcoming Events

### August

- 2 Fun Float  
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park
- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 6 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 8 Crawdad Festival  
Tualatin OR 9:00am-9:00pm
- 15 Foss Cup  
9:00am, Bellevue Park
- 16 Bamm Regatta  
Central Park

### September

- 3 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 19 Fall Fisherman's Festival  
Fisherman's Terminal, Seattle
- 20 Fun Float/ Springer Event  
Lake Bob

### October

- 1 NWRCSM Meeting  
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 4 Fun Float  
12:00 pm, Bellevue Park
- 5 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers  
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon



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know". Both true. That leaves us with the advice to carpe diem and count our blessings. Good health takes number one. Then ride the trolley, and that wildly expensive light rail system ( it is very smooth ) and that a walk on that path around Lake Union. Finish that boat you've been working on and run it in the water. It's cool and relaxing. And then there's the Bamm meet on the sixteenth. Nice trees to sit under in the park up there. Keep clam.

## Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Allan Wing

July's meeting was held at the Fremont Tugboat Company and hosted by Mark Freeman and his wife, Margie. Prior to the meeting there was a mini fun float. This gave Mark a chance to see at least a few of the clubs boats. Ben had his Indefatigable, Randy and Al kinsman provided a few more boats.

The meeting started with a drawing for several nice door prizes. Then Randy discussed the Regatta and noted that this year there was only one complaint. The complaint was that there was no 2nd and 3rd place certificates. Lee Stewart has made up the additional certificates and they will be awarded.

Keith Schermerhorn talked about the Foss Cup. This year Foss Tug and Barge will not contribute any money to the event because of budget restrictions. Keith said the Foss Cup committee has sufficient funds so there will be no problems. Keith said they would try and let people run two boats this year. They plan to have each entrant run one boat and then see how much time and how many boats are left.

With the business part of the meeting over quickly we all sent to see the Fremont tugboat Company fleet. It was a warm summer evening and it was a real treat to see the boats close up, go on board and even crawl around inside. Our thanks to Mark and Margie for a wonderful evening and a pleasant change to our normal meeting at Galaxy.



## July Meeting Pictures



Some of Mark's Boats



Mark and Margie (standing) Freeman



One of the Door Prizes



Randy "Inspecting" one of the Tugs



Leslie our contributing  
photographer this month



# July Meeting Pictures From Leslie Regier

It is always nice to get pictures from other club members



# Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

## By Keith Schermerhorn

Monday, July the 6th found 16 people gathered for another interesting meeting at the PUD building in Mt. Vernon. It was a good night to be indoors with cool temps overcoming the outdoors after a great July weekend. In this group we had some new visitors that included Nate who was new to the hobby and had been wanting to come for the meetings for some time. Also had Bob and Natalie from Bellingham who came to see what was happening. Bob is working on a Lord Nelson victory tug and Natalie has built a few model boats and thinking of doing 1 for r/c. Don was there with his daughter Samantha.

After some introductions to all by the group (kind of like the Mickey Mouse Club roll call). A quick review of the past months activities included the regatta coverage and the visit to Freemont Tug. On the schedule for July/August include a fun float at the modular home community in Mt. Vernon where Gordon lives on the 19th. This was well received last year and a lot of fun for those that went. Spokane Tide water Cup will be the last weekend in July. For those wanting to travel, there will be Tualatin in Oregon on the 8th. Many from the NW R/C Ship Modelers are making the trek to this one. A week later will be the double billing of Foss Cup on Saturday and Burnaby Association of Marine Modelers in Canada on Sunday. Great weekend to go on a model boat overload tour. Just reminder that if going to Canada you need to have the passport or enhanced drivers license. The weekend after that will be the Jack Spore Memorial fun float/ potluck up at Lake Jack in Alger ( between Bellingham and Burlington) on August 22 around noonish. This will be a chance for those that remember him to gather and have fun with the pond that he so graciously let us play in with the models.

Now if you still have not had enough model boating fun, there will be the new date for the second BIMM model show of the year on Labor Day weekend in Bellingham. New date to accurate better weather and long weekend so that those traveling do not need to be in a rush to get back home. More about this next month.



Now we had a another fun event for this evening that required us to take a break at this point. We had our first ever silent (not really that silent) auction of various model boat items that were donated by Gerhard Ericson. Gehr is down sizing some of his hobby items and wanted to use this clearing out as a way to help others. As he and Ruth are active in helping their local food bank and many of us in this group are active in the Alger Food Bank, all the proceeds from this auction would be going to the Alger FB. Of the items up for bidding:2 hulls, a couple of kits, various groups of electronic items, building supplies, and model drawings/plans. The bidding was quite furious as some items created quite a bit of action. After a short break we continued with the meeting. There would be 1 more chance latter to bid 1 last time after some show-n-tell. When all was done for the night, we had raised \$339.00. Thanks to all those that contributed to this worthy cause.

For show and tell, Randy showed us Bens' new Makita mini tools that came with a nifty caring case. Nice lightweight portable tools that would be handy in anyone's tool bow and was only about \$140. 00 at home depot. Tom showed us this nice t-shirt that a fellow near him makes for a

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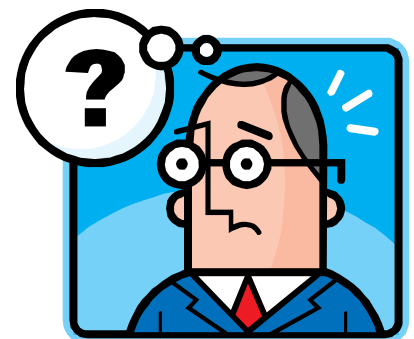
really great price and can have graphics printed onto them. Some thing to think about for other events. Keith showed the latest updates to a model pleasure boat that he had been working on converting based on a Dumas Dauntless kit. Some of the add ons included: wire railings, life rings, mooring lines, boat fenders (from Rubber Baby Tugboat Bumpers) in holsters, canopy framing in chrome, various vents, and other scratch details. The lines that were used came from the craft store that were sold in packs of 5 colored braided lines. look good for modern poly style rope. Also used was candle making wicks for larger lines. These can be bought in 36" lengths and even spools. The chrome on this boat is painted on from a spray can. Some notes to remember when using a metallic on metallic finish. Make sure you use a primer between the metal and chrome paint as it will allow better adhesion and reduce the chance of wrinkling. After cleaning the parts for painting, heat them ( not so much that the solder joints become soft) and the paint up so that it will harden faster and leave that chrome finish pristine. If not, chrome paint has a tendency to stay soft for a while, making it susceptible to being ruined with finger prints when handling. For the fenders, go to <http://mysite.verizon.net/res1tf1s/id12.html> for more information on items carried by Amie. Nice stuff, great priced, and great to work with.

Last item of the evening was the voyage that Vic and the crew of the catamaran "Cats Sass" took up the Sacramento river from San Francisco. Was another interesting trip with this being most of the same crew that flipped the same boat a couple of years ago in the Victoria Regatta. They had managed to pass all but a few other boats in this race up the river and were 20 miles from the finish, when they cam to a tight bend in the river. They had managed to go into it in good shape and were making ready to drop the spinnaker, when the winch for it jammed. This was the start of several bad things to follow that included, another sudden stop and flipping of the boat in the river. Thankfully, no one got seriously hurt this time except for the owners pocket book with the loss of the main sail. Fun trip despite the accident. With the end of that story, Dusty collected the funds for the food bank and we gathered our things to head to our home ports until the next time we all meet.

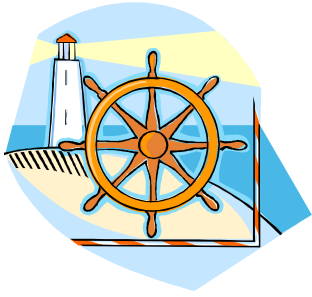


Note from the editors,

Please send us write ups from the latest events. It would be nice to have a report about the Spokane competition and news about the Crawdad Festival in Tualatin, Oregon.







## **Member Spotlight** **By Dr. Ron**

**JON ANDRIESEN**

Jon slipped out of the womb in 1951 at Fort Lawton as his father was in the Coast Guard. He grew up in Ballard and graduated in 1970. Uncle Sam knocked and he went into the Navy for 3 ½ years attending nuclear power school but ultimately ending up on beach and river patrol in Viet Nam. Upon completing his service time he came home to work for the Crowley Maritime Salvage Division for 4 years.. He went to night school at City University, Shoreline Community College and the Shoreline Trident facility near the Montlake cut, obtaining a marine engineering degree in 1977. He then traveled all over the world performing dockside repair of ships and eventually formed his own company which he sold 11 years ago after owning it for 20 years. He bought an apartment building in Australia where he lived for 7 years coming back home in 2005.

It's not surprising that he got interested in model boats with a father in the Coast Guard and a grandfather who was skipper of the fireboat Duwamish, not to mention all the marine exposure growing up in Ballard with the many commercial and pleasure boat marinas and boat building facilities.

His first modeling project was a toothpick boat at the age of 10 and a sailboat at the age of 12 followed by a plank on frame trawler and another sailboat. He went on to build model airplanes and helicopters and earned his pilot's license at age 23. In 1992 he built a Dumas Typhoon and in 1999 started the Brooklyn tug. He also built Kyosho streamliners. Needless to say the Brooklyn is a work of art with a Saito steam engine and magnificent metal detailing which won best of scale at the 2009 Regatta.

Jon somehow heard about the Foss Cup in 1992, tracked the club down and joined 2 to 3 years ago. He finds the club a great, accommodating, fun club in deference to another club he previously belonged to.



Picture by Ron Bray