



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

December 2017

## 2018 Events Look Ahead

### JANUARY

- 4 Meeting 7 pm  
@ Edmonds Museum
- 6 Fun Float 9 am  
@ Seattle Yacht Club

### FEBUARY

- 1 Meeting 7 pm  
@ Galaxy Hobby
- 3 Fun Float 9 am  
@ Seattle Yacht Club

### MARCH

- 1 Meeting 7 pm  
@ Galaxy Hobby
- 3 Fun Float 9 am  
@ Seattle Yacht Club

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DUE IN JANUARY**



## From the Wheel House

*Mel Suelzle*

December 7th has another reason for us to remember this date. Our Christmas Dinner was a great success with a record turnout.

With 55 members and guests we had a great crowd and a most enjoyable evening. The food and service at the Old Spaghetti Factory was great and made our evening a great one. This is a unique location for our type of event. I will be making reservations for December 6th, 2018 so mark your own calendars.



During the evening we showed many pictures of our events during the year. Following dinner, I did another moderated recap of the more notable events of the past year. Of course there was lots of fun and even some truth to the stories surrounding some of the slides. We even enjoyed a stroll back to our club events 10 & 20 years ago.

I hope everyone that attended enjoyed the evening as much as I did. We filled the room but had plenty of space to roam around and interact with each other.

I think the evening was very enjoyable and rewarding for all the club members and guests. But none more so than **Robert Osmond**.

Robert received a \$100 Galaxy Hobby gift certificate for being the most active Show 'n Tell presenter during the year. **Tom Stevens** was a very close second. Show 'n tell makes our meeting most interesting and is a major reason why our meetings are well attended.

Congratulating and thanks are extended to everyone who participated during the year.

Robert also was the recipient of the new Member of the Year award. Robert has been an outstanding club member for many years. Like his dedication to meeting activities, he also has been a strong supporter of Polo events, the Regatta and every other club activity or event. Thank you Robert for your dedication and commitment our club.

2017 was a most interesting year to say the least. The Bellevue pond renovation created lots of uncertainty throughout the year. But when the dust settled and the pond filled I think the new arrangement is an improvement in many aspects.



While we may have lost some close by parking and street access, the expanded parking in other areas still meets our needs. Albeit we will use carts more often but that is often easily handled by our members anyway.

The absence of our normal pond made us seek out other locations. Our fun floats at Hilton Lake and especially the Seattle Yacht Club were most successful. While we were familiar with the SYC, we had not considered the location for a routine fun float. This turned out to be a great wintertime alternative to Lake Ballinger that often was cold and windy for our type of



event. The pleasant thing about the SYC is they actually appreciate us being there. They are most welcoming to our group and offer a heated room dockside should the weather be too harsh. I would like to look for other ways we can strengthen our relationship with SYC. Perhaps some model displays or other things they feel would benefit their members.

2017 was a great year filled with challenges and positive results for our club. Our new officers did a great job in helping us keep on track. VP **Bryan Morse** was most helpful and showed his skills by winning this year's Regatta. **Paul Williams** stepped in and did a great job in managing the member database and treasurer responsibilities. **Amos Aarsvold** brought a fresh more modern look to our newsletter format which has been relatively unchanged for 10-15 years. I am very pleased







that each of these guys has agreed to continue to serve in their rolls for 2018. I would ask that members find opportunities to thank them for their extra effort to serve our club.

And finally, I would like thank everyone in the club for their great support during this past year. Without each of your efforts and support of our club activities and events we would not have had the successful year that we enjoyed during 2107. Next month I will be talking more about 2018 and laying our plans for having and even more successful year.

I want to wish each of you and your families wonderful Christmas Season and a very Happy New Year.



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Annual dues are \$30. If you have not paid yet, please forward your dues payment to Paul Williams, 645 Manaco Beach Road, Camano Island, WA 98282. Make checks payable to NW R/C Ship Modelers



## January Meeting

We start off the New Year with a new meeting place for our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Museum in Edmonds has had a model boat display

since last October and concludes a few days after our meeting. Ron Bray and I have several models

each on display as well as other very nice models from the local area. While the museum is small, it has some very interesting models that we feel our club members would enjoy. The museum also has model train exhibit that those interested can enjoy. Space is somewhat limited for a meeting setting, but most of our time will be viewing the museum displays. Show 'n Tell space is also limited, so larger projects might best be saved until February when we return to Galaxy Hobby,

**EDMONDS HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

**118 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Edmonds, WA**

## From the North End

*Keith Schermerhorn*

Happy holidays from the crew of the Skagit R/c Ship Modelers. 2017 was a good although funky year. We had meetings get rescheduled and postponed due to various other activities at our normal location and days, but we managed to get them in and had a successful showing at the Anacortes Waterfront Festival. We had a couple more people come join us and we're looking to add more in the New Year. Our final event/meeting for 2017 was the annual Pig out



potluck. We had 7 members and 5 guests come out to enjoy the evening of food, storytelling, and camaraderie. We will be having our first meeting of 2018 on the second Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> where we will discuss moving the meeting day/time to a Saturday format. With many of the members being older and limited driving at night, the thinking here is this will make it easier for them to attend and also allow some interesting options for meetings/gatherings to be on field trips or to events. More will be discussed in 2018. May all of your winter projects be in line, all your fun ahead, and may 2018 be a fun, productive year of model boating.

## November 4<sup>th</sup> Fun Float

*Mel Suelzle*

Our last fun float of the year was November 4th. It was a cold day and our turnout of skippers willing to venture out in the weather was very limited. Our water access was also severely limited as the SYC was ongoing a major dock rebuilding project. The protected waters we hope to use were filled with real tugs and a crane barge. Even heated room where we take refuge in bad weather was



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## For Sale

We have been contacted by a person that would like to donate his unfinished model to someone in our club. This model is a Latina model Marine II the hull and cabin are built but without detailing. Unfortunately, the hull suffered a fall and is damaged and needs repair. Below are some photos. If you are interested contact Denny O'Neil at [dennyoneil@msn.com](mailto:dennyoneil@msn.com).



### Vintage Douglas Greg Harbor Tug Kit

These single screw tug hulls were designed by the late Dwight Hartman in the early 70's. The hull is 1/25th scale, 42" Long, 11 1/2" wide and displaces approx. 33 pounds. This kit is the # 500 hull, is still in the box, and was shipped to the original buyer in San Francisco in May 2002. The kit contains the following: Fiberglass Hull, Main Cabin, Sub-Deck, a 3/16th stuffing box & stainless-steel shaft. Also provided are 2 complete sets of original plans, top & side view drawings, & fitting details, 1 set of "extra details" plans and a 4-part building article by Kurt Van Dahm published in 2006 Ships in Scale magazine. The kit also has a brass rudder assembly kit, keel guard & a 1975 black & white photo of the finished boat. The kit appears pretty much complete except for missing the stack. This kit is designed for an experienced builder seeking a serious tug boat. The Hartman Douglas Greg's were known for their exceptional stability, good maneuverability & can be powered with a large size electric motor.

For further information or additional photos contact: Ken Valk  
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**Price: \$850.00 (Or Best Offer)**

**The kit is located in Camas, Washington.**

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