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WINTER CALENDAR

December

North End Christmas meeting 12/2
Coast Guard Museum 7:00-9:30 PM

North End float	12/5	Bellevue
South End meeting	12/16	Andy's
South End float	12/19	Steele

January 1994

North End Meeting	1/6	Innis Arden
North End float	1/9	Bellevue
South End meeting	1/20	Mike's
South End float	1/23	Fenwick

February 1994

N.W. R/C Model Expo. Feb. 5th & 6th
Puyallup Fairgrounds, Expo Hall

President's Notes

Steve O'Connell

VANTEC SPEED CONTROLS

The Vantec speed controls are finally in. I will bring them to the December meeting for distribution.

We will be raffling off one speed control, 5 bucks a shot so bring your cash.

ELECTIONS

I forgot to bring this up sooner, but it is time for our annual election of club officers. As discussed at the last meeting, we will combine nominations and voting at the December meeting. All offices are up for grabs, if you would like to participate or

nominate anyone, please be prepared to do so. I have had only one member say he would like to be Vice President, and that is Andy Paris. So far the other officers have said they would continue for 1994, but we will welcome any other nominations.

The Very Nearly Famous POLAR BEAR FUN FLOAT

Yes, it is upon us again. For those who have missed this event in past years, we get a little crazy at the January fun float and allow all sorts of strange things to happen. We will have both organized go-fast racing and tugboat racing again this year. New trophies will be purchased and will go to the winners of each category. The go-fast racing is a no-holds barred, open class racing through a tight course to equalize very fast and very well driven boats.

In the past we have allowed the tugs to race under the same rules as the go-fast boats, that is no rules. This has resulted in some spectacular "tug" boats being entered. But these events bear little resemblance to the timeless and traditional contest between work boats. Last year we adopted a new rule as follows:

"Tugs entered in either of the size classes for this event shall be models of displacement hulled tugs and be capable of doing tugboat work. Tugs entered cannot expose any portion of the keel during the race."

DECEMBER MEETING

Our annual Christmas party / pig-out will be held at the Coast Guard Museum. We will have some business and elections to cover, but will get to the goodies and "Engineering Review Discussions" as soon as possible.

Please bring some edibles to share, and lots of Show and Tells would be great. Due to scheduling, we will do the museum part first, so be on time (see SPECIAL EVENTS section for details).

Please remember to say thank you to Captain Webb for coming in on his day off.

Dues

Check your mailing label for your expiration date. You can bring your renewals to the December meeting.

From the Editor

Mike Moor

The construction of a new Polar class icebreaker has been awarded. The new cutter will be 420 feet long and will be the USCGC Healy, WAGB20. My sources tell me W A G B stands for White Arctic Garbage Barge. The new icebreaker will be of a different design than the two Polar class icebreakers currently in service.

I hope you all had a good and filling Thanksgiving. Merry Christmas a little early.

Meetings and Floats

November 4 North End Meeting

Enjoyable, the best North End meeting I have attended, and I haven't attended many. Which may explain the greeting I received from Lou Magnabosco, "What are you doing here?". Kinda makes a guy feel right at home.

Steve began the meeting with some club news. Bob Jacobsen and Cliff Shaw went to Chicago to take in the Hobby Expo, Museum of Science and Industry (U-505 display) and to indulge in some deep dish Chicago style pizza.

The Vantec speed controllers didn't arrive in time the November meeting, they will be here for the December meeting.

Also, nominations and voting for club officers will also take place at the December meeting.

Two of the clubs old "shellbacks" showed up. **Tug Morgan** and **Martin Zenge** were on hand Thursday night. Martin presented the club with his video collection of club events dating back to 1986. The tapes will be showed and enjoyed by current and future members. Thank you Martin.

For a *show and tell*, Martin got up out of his chair and walked across the room under his own steam. The only show and tell to receive a round of applause.

Martin, You realize next meeting we will expect a little soft shoe or the "Texas Two Step".

Other Show & Tells included: **Phil Northrup** with his scratch built sub chaser and tug. **Chuck Hough** showing his Mississippi River towboat sporting a styrene plastic house and Styrofoam hull. **Burt Maxwell** displayed progress on his coastal freighter. Nice lights Burt, I'm glad there is someone else in the club with a thorough understanding electricity besides me.

Eagle Hobbies in Bellingham seems to have misjudged the plastic model market,. They have an abundance of a *limited production* Lindberg tugs for sale below list price. This tip comes from **Keith Schermerhorn**.

After the business was complete a small group of warm blooded members moved to poolside to watch Phil Northrup run his two boats.

November 7 North End Float

The November float was held at Bellevue Pond. The weather was great, cool and clear with a fresh breeze from the Northwest.

Many of the "regular" skippers were on hand, including Gordon Cannney, Bruno Faccini, Mike Jordan, Dave Kentala, Ray Nelson, Burt Maxwell and more. Also on hand were some of our newer members and some "seldom seen" at Bellevue like Dave Smith, Fred Carpenter and his Grandson Mikie.

During the day 15 to 20 boats were on the pond, usually within a 20 yard radius of the

pin board. Why is that? Are we in a rut, or should I say a trough?

Howbout the next time we are at Bellevue, we move down by the canal end of the lawn. Live on the edge, "take a walk on the wild side". Besides.. the sun won't be in our eyes looking over the pond.

I was incorrect in stating the Bellevue Pond was shallow. **Dick Sackville** informed me that the pond is at the correct depth. However, the pond is 4 or 5 inches shallower than it was last year. Correction of a problem with the automatic monitoring system will keep the pond at its current depth. A sure way to keep submarines at periscope depth.

On a serious note, a small sailboat was run over by a German heavy cruiser.....

November 18 South End Meeting

Was held at Andy Paris's house. Big meeting for the South End, 12 members and 1 guest were present. Andy Paris ran the meeting, beginning with determining the S.E. float schedule, then moving on to show & tell as follows: **Chuck Hough** showed us his progress on the Mississippi River towboat, **Jerry Julian** brought two tug hulls and a slick Columbia River towboat with SIX rudders, **Mike Moor** displayed his progress on his 28 inch "minitug", and **Mike Garcia** demonstrated a recording/playing sound board, and **Ray Nelson** showed us the builders model of his 42 foot schooner. **Cliff Shaw** did a great s&t on the Prinz Eugen "combat" version. Very impressive.

A very full and enjoyable meeting. Special thanks to Cliff for coming all the way down to the boat building center of Western Washington, and for bringing Martin along. Thanks also to **Andy and Louise Paris** for the hospitality. The pigs in a blanket were great!

November 21 South End Float

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday the newsletter went to press before the South end float. I'm sure it was enjoyable.

SPECIAL EVENT

Christmas "Museum" Meeting

1519 Alaskan way South, Seattle,
phone 286-9608

The United States Coast Guard has one again lived up to its tradition of rescuing mariners. This time the rescue was on dry land and the mariners are a bunch of R/C boater who just lost their Coast Guard (**Bill Michaels**) Sponsor.

First on the scene was **Lieutenant Vince Weber**. Vince, brand new to our club offered to sponsor our Christmas Meeting even though he will be at sea.

Next to arrive was **Captain David A. Webb U.S.C.G. (Ret.)**. Captain Webb is an old friend of our club and an officer in the Puget Sound Ship Modelers. Even though Captain Webb Was off duty on Thursday December 2nd, he generously offered to come in and open the museum prior to the meeting. Thank You both.

The museum will open at 6:30 PM for, lots of nice models and interesting memorabilia. We will move upstairs to the Bear Room around 7:00 PM.

Bring soft drinks, and Christmas food, cups, ice..... This meeting hasn't been labeled "PIG OUT" for nothing.

The museum has a plans service available as well as a maritime library. A nice variety of plans are available for Coast Guard vessels at reasonable prices. Bring your cash or checks.

THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL, NORTHWEST RADIO CONTROL MODEL EXPOSITION for 1994

February 5th & 6th

Sat. 9 AM to 6 PM, and Sun. 10 AM to 5 PM.

Don't miss this one. Let me repeat slowly,

Don't miss this one!

Booth setup starts on Friday February 4th from 8 AM till 8 PM. We have pre-arranged for a double space, two tables and extra chairs.

Ray Nelson will be organizing our club's participation this year.

The Puyallup Show features models, manufacturers, demonstrations, boats, trains, planes & helicopters. You can buy at reduced show prices in the Expo hall or walk over to the swap meet for some real bargain hunting.

Model competition, railroad layouts and club booths are on the second floor. There is an elevator at the back of the hall for moving the big stuff.

Mt. Rainier R/C Society is preparing a well organized professional R/C hobby fair billed as the 8th largest fair in the U.S.A.

Historically, our club has attracted new members every year from our participation at the Expo, let's all pitch in and help Ray make this a great show.

All boats must be removed before 5 PM on Sunday.

BOOK REVIEWS

This month the Book Review should be titled Bookstore Review, a Maritime Bookstore Revue to boot.

American Booksellers
850 N.W. 85th Street
Seattle, WA 98117
(206) 783-4899

American Booksellers located in the Greenwood neighborhood of Seattle is owned and operated by Kaye and Carl Weber.

Specializing in nautical themes, many of the books are based on the maritime history of the Pacific Northwest. Also, model building books and Superior Picture Books can be found on the shelves.

The Webers are committed to selling quality books at reasonable prices. Carl said that

his prices are low, so discounts are only available in quantity purchases.

Some titles available include:

- 90 Years of Towing, Scalley
Hardback; \$55, Paperback; \$35
- Maritime History, 1896-1976, McCurdy
- Maritime History, Supplement
- Maritime History of the Pacific Northwest
,Wright

Kaye & Carl are preparing a catalog to be out soon.

When you visit the shop, show your club ID so the Webers can better help you find interesting books.

Remember, Christmas is coming.

ATTA-BOY

For his media appeal and spotlight attracting charisma, **Brad Young** gets our December "Atta boy". A great photo of Brad appeared in the *Olympian* showing Brad and his fireboat FEARLESS at the Olympia Funfloat. This publicity is not new for Brad, having appeared in other newspaper articles and on television. Well, if ya got it..... flaunt it, right Brad.

Names also appearing in the article were Wayne Martin, Gene Lemmon and Jerry Julian.

BENT PROP AWARD

Ah.....What can I say. A landslide victory that would make Ronald Reagan envious.

From the walls of Bellevue Pond to the shores of Steele Lake. From calm waters to dry land. Misfortune and hard luck seem to be following that little Destroyer Escort.

Last months newsletter described the collision at sea involving the DE and the German heavy cruiser. That alone would have secured the coveted "Bent Prop", but that didn't satisfy **Andy Paris**. No siree, two weeks later a misplaced footstep on the

fantail of that hapless DE bent the rudder flush with the hull and crunched a large hole in the aft weather deck. Now Andy HAS to fix the rudder. We will all wait to see if the repaired warship turns the direction it is commanded.

BOAT OF THE MONTH

Edward L. Galarneau

The *Edward L.* is wholly a product of **Ray Nelson's** memories and imagination. Plans and drawings existed only after Ray drew them.

Growing up on the East Coast, Ray spent a lot of time on the banks of rivers and canals around New York City watching tugs pushing barges. His tugboat building career started many years ago in the old *Jacobson Shipyard* where he helped build the original *Patterson*.

The *Edward L.* is 1:32 scale, 26 inches long and 7.5 inches wide. Hull construction is "plank on frame" mahogany. Remember, there were no plans to work from. Ray lofted and faired the hull prior to cutting the frames. That is "scratch building".

The power plant is a Pittman 12 V. gearhead motor (6:1 ratio). The power battery is a wet Nicad surplused from a Boeing 727-200. The transmitter is a modified Futaba operating on HAM frequency 50.96, and the speed control is a Vantec.

Operating features on the *Edward* include radio operated navigation, towing and interior lights, and fore and aft tow/mooring release pins. The release pins allow the *Edward* to change barge towing configuration from "on the hip" to stern tow all by radio control.

Ray's dream boat seems to have met the approval of audiences and judges. The *Edward L.* won second place in Scale and second in Navigation in it's class at the **Northwest Regatta** last May, first place in the under 35 inch class at the **Pacific Northwest Model Tug Championship** (Spokane), and first place in R/C working

boats at the **93 Puyallup Hobby Expo**. Pretty respectable haul for one years competition.

Now.....The Rest of the Story.

Edward Galarneau was a friend of Ray's and a fellow HAM radio operator. In fact Mr. Galarneau gave Ray a big bundle of mahogany for boat projects. When Edward Galarneau passed away last year Ray knew how he would use the mahogany.

Drawing from his memories and ideas, Ray designed and built a small tug, and decided to compete the finished tug for one year. At the end of the year the tug with any awards received would be given to Mrs. Irene Galarneau as a tribute to Edward.

At this writing, Ray is preparing the *Edward* for static display. The tug with trophies will be placed in a hand made display case. The *Edward L. Galarneau* will be refitted with nav and towing lights and the entire display will be presented to Mrs. Galarneau.

PRODUCT REVIEW

If anyone has information on propellers like company names, addresses, phone numbers, and some information about the product, please send it to me (Mike Moor).

If I can assemble enough good information, I will publish it in the newsletter.

WANT ADS

If you are buying or selling scale boat stuff, place an ad in the news letter. Call or write me with the information.

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Newsletter contribution Thanks
this month go to:

Ray Nelson
and
Steve O'Connell

Fair winds and calm seas