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December 1994 Newsletter

FALL CALENDAR

December 1994

North End Meeting	12/1	Innis Arden
North End float	12/4	Belleview
South End meeting	12/15	Bud's
South End float	12/18	Steel Lake

North End:

The December (Christmas) meeting AKA *Pigout* will be held at **Innes Arden** at **7:00 PM Thursday, December 1 (bring food)**.

South End:

Bud Lynn will host the South End meeting on Thursday December 15 at 7:00.
Directions to Bud's see page 5.
(bring food)

President's Notes

Steve O'Connell

The December meeting and PIGOUT is upon us and will be held at the **clubhouse at Innes Arden**. We were unable to arrange for the use of the Bear Room and the Coast Guard Museum. Unfortunately we were "*Aced by the Admiral*". Just goes to show, If you snooze you loose. Apparently the local Coast Guard Admiral reserved the room in June. Also, we never found a Coast Guardsman to sponsor us.

Thanks to **Gene Lemon** for attempting to arrange the Bear Room.

The December meeting will be brief, but important, new officers will be selected. The rest of the meeting will be Show & Tells, stuffing our faces with Christmas goodies, BS (Boat Speak).

Lets try for a large turnout and remember to bring something GOOD to eat. I personally like those little sandwiches, meatballs, sausages and of course any form of cookies, fudge, pizza, etc. etc. etc.

On the subject of elections for club officers, we have volunteers for the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor (new news). All of the VP spots are wide open.

To help you with your decision, here are some jobs/descriptions that need to be filled:

VP FUN FLOATS-

Schedule fun float themes and locations to keep them interesting (North End floats only).

VP MEETINGS-

Take over organizing and arranging presentations and locations for meetings (North End meetings only).

VP MAY REGATTA-

Organize and HELP run the May regatta.

If any of these jobs sound interesting, CALL STEVE O'CONNELL BEFORE DECEMBER FIRST to sign up.

To remind you of what I said two months ago, the future of this club is up to you. The club can be held up for a short time by another small group of people.....or.....It can collapse from its own weight .

A better Idea is for a bunch of members to get together, divide up the work and make the club better than it is today.

From the Editor

Mike Moor

The last 15 or so newsletters have been interesting, fun, work, but well worth it. This job has been a great way to get to know a lot of club members and express myself about a bunch of topics I may or may not know anything about.

Taking over the keyboard will be **Eric Potter** (providing none of the rest of you guys step up and make a horse race out of it).

Eric submitted several articles about his model of his Russian destroyer and Eric has a computer and is able to type....YES.

As I sit at my workstation, picking out my last edition of the **Northwest R/C Shipmodelers** newsletter, while listening to *Click and Clack* on NPR I have these thoughts:

I won't have to bug O'Connell for his contribution to *Presidents Notes*.

I won't be able to kid Andy about his boat driving ability in the printed medium.

I won't have to decipher various club members penmanship / spelling.

I did learn how to spell **Schermerhorn**.

I didn't learn how to spell Prinz Eugen, Egiun.....

I did get lots of good articles from club members, you know who you are, THANK YOU.

I will contribute articles to Eric and help him get started in his editing career. I hope you guys keep sending articles to Eric. You can send articles to:

Eric Potter
7918 Bright Ct. S.W.
Olympia, WA 98513

Meetings and Floats

November 3 North End Meeting
As reported by **Robert Osmond**

25 members attended the meeting.

The terrible weather didn't keep us away but it did keep us out of the pool. Master of Ceremonies was **Steve O'Connell**, arriving fashionably late. Everyone had time to talk, look and relax.

Once again the major topic of discussion was of club officers. We are still a bit short for the take over January 1,1995. The only spot with takers is the Treasurer/Database office (old news). Both **Andy Paris** and **Mel Suelzle** are interested in that one.

Several nominations for **Phil Northrup** for president have been submitted. Phil will probably accept a nomination, with some considerations. Phil does live in East Nowhere.... I mean East Wenatchee, that is long distance on the old telephone and on the old auto. This is not an obstacle, just a consideration. We will put it to the vote at the December meeting.

The office of Vice President and the Newsletter Editor are still open (old news). Other jobs which need to be filled include Meeting VP, Fun Float VP and VP of the May Regatta.

There was discussion about the **December meeting**, like where the meeting will be. Someone must contact an active duty Coast Guardsman to sponsor the meeting in the Bear Room above the C.G. Museum. **Gene Lemon** will attempt to work something out but don't let that stop you from trying.

Puyallup Hobby Expo..... next year!
I don't think so, more like 70 days.

Ray Nelson is at the helm, **John Benthien** has stepped up to be Ray's Right hand and **Jim Elder** will pitch in. For more info see the article on page 5.

SHOW & TELL

Phil Northrup - Brought back the tug *Snohomish*. Phil has installed lights and is ready for a night float.

Gordy Canney- Brought in his HO scale railroad barge....I mean car float (sorry Robert). Gordy has detailed up a neat little "pushable" for a Lindberg tug.

Robert Osmond- Also brought in a "Car Float" with some books on how railroads used tugs to push barges (properly called car floats) loaded with railroad cars back and forth around NY. Harbor. Looks like we could have a good showing of mini tugs. Go get you Lindberg kit today.

Michael Lyon- Brought in a cannon. A big, heavy, brass and wood, really shoots CANNON. Mike also brought along apart of a tree with a cannonball buried about 10 inches inside the tree.

Mike talked about his next project, the Virginia V. Mike, you should get hold of **Jim Elder** in Olympia. Jim has lots of info on Puget sound steamers.

Mike also talked about visiting with **Mr. Phil Spaulding**. Mr. Spaulding is a Naval Architect, one of the best. Mike said he would invite Mr. Spaulding to some of our events.

Bob Jacobsen- ran and talked about some nice little motors available from *Cliff & Bobs*. The motor has good smooth slow R.P.M. capabilities.

Dave Basden- Filled two tables with his 10 foot long U.S. Fleet sub. Looks like another Basden Masterpiece.

Gene Lemon- Brought in the keel and frames of his new tug based on the Weeks Marine *Alaxandra*.

Probably the most interesting thing about this project is the building process. Gene is using the Phil Northrup "Half Hull" method. Phil's method builds half the hull at a time on a flat building board.

This process provides great access to the inside of the boat, requires only half of the templates and is fast, VERY FAST. Phil and Gene finished one hull half in a day and then Gene finished the other half the next day. So, in two days the templates were made, the parts were cut and the hull halves were assembled.

We will request a how-to from Phil on this one.

November 6

North End Float
by **Steve O'Connell**

I was, to say the least, surprised at the wimpy turn-out for the North End Funfloat. Even though the morning was gray, wet and cold by funfloat time I decided to hit the pond.

I arrived late and found Robert Osmond just unloading his Fleet-of-the-Day. **John Benthien** was already on the pond and running. **Jim Sisley**, arrived later to photograph the event, and that was the extent of the turnout.

OK, it was a little cold and breezy, but we had a nice run for an hour or so anyway.

December 15

South End Meeting
Submitted by **Dave Smith**

14 Boat Geeks in the same room, as translated from several members wives. There were 15 people total filling up Andy's basement. 14 members and one guest.

The South End was very well represented.

Jerry Julian, Jim Elder, Earl Jensen, Vick Lanza and Richard Mac Farlane. Federal Way boys included **Andy Paris, Jerry Sager, Brad Young and Mike Moor**. **Ray Nelson, Bud Lynn, Dave Smith and Gene Lemon**

drove in from the fringes to fill out the attendance.

We had a guest for the meeting, **Ted Ballew**, a local, retired boat designer came with **Mike Moor**. Ted brought several of his great fish boat designs, and said they would be available for modelers (Did you catch that Keith).

We were to have **Phil (Half Hull) Northrup** give a lesson on his hull construction techniques using **Gene Lemon's** Alexandra. Unfortunately the poor road condition in the passes forced Phil to cancel his trip. Gene was able to do some show and tell on the half hull construction, explaining concepts and technique. Phil will try to come to the South End again after the New Year.

Vick Lanza just returned from a three week vacation to Italy and he brought his photos. Vick said there is lots of boat building along Italy's long coast line. Most is still quite primitive. There was much discussion about oars and Winches.....

Earl Jensen, a retired tugboat driver for Crowley brought some photos of his Son's (Crowley) tug leaving Portland with a barge bound for San Francisco. Earl also brought some photos of his vacation with his wife aboard a sternwheeler on the Mississippi. Earl had lots of pictures of push boats including one big one with a string of barges 7 wide and probably 10 long. Couldn't be sure how long the string was cause the bow was out of sight.

Jerry Sager brought along a 12 Volt battery charger he bought at Sears for about \$20. Jerry and **Chuck Hough** will convert this charger to a 13.2 volt gel cell charger at an upcoming south End meeting.

Jim Elder hooked up a mini chip voice recorder. The whole thing including speakers was about the size of a a deck of cards. The sound was quite weak, Jim hasn't fitted an amplifier to the system, but if you listened

closely you could hear a voice say "Hey Andy, what's in the refrigerator".

Jerry Julian brought a mini VCR/TV and showed a video of the Pilot's Congress in Vancouver B.C., the May Regatta and the video for The Launching of **Jim Elder's** terrific steamer TACOMA.

Other topics of discussion included the December meetings in the North and South. **Bud Lynn** offered his house for the South Ends Christmas Meeting. Bud's address is 4208 North 35th St. (on the corner of 35th and Mason) phone 756-0316 (at a reasonable time).

The North End will have its meeting at Innis Arden.

The Foss Cup was briefly discussed, as was the Puyallup Show and the May regatta.

Once again **Louise Paris** prepared food for the troops. Little weenies and dip (I'm not referring to the Federal Way School Board although it is appropriate) and pot stickers with soft drinks aplunty. Once more Thanks a lot Louise and Andy.

Dave Smith has been appointed Official Yeoman for the South End Fleet. Thanks for your help Dave.

Hey **Jim Elder**, I just remembered who it was that wanted info on the Misquito Fleet it is **Mike Lyon**.

November 20 **South End Float**
by Mike Moor

This is easy, I'm writing this on the 19th so it will get in the mail. My prediction is a light turnout due to poor weather. Still I see Ray, Jerry Sager maybe Brad and me. We will enjoy the boating and go for coffee after.

PUYALLUP HOBBY EXPO
by Mike Moor

**NORTHWEST RADIO CONTROL
MODEL EXPOSITION**

February 4th and 5th
Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM
Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM

This is a good opportunity to meet new club members. You never know, someone might take a VP spot.

Ray has two good guys to help him with the tuff stuff. **John Benthien** and **Jim Elder** have stepped up. These guys will still need help to set up, take down and man the tables.

Remember we need some IN-PROGRESS projects to work at the table.

Mike Lyon will be doing some animated modeling with his steam engine.

Boats placed on display should arrive on Friday and must stay till 5:00 PM on Sunday. Working projects

For more info contact:

Ray Nelson at 825-5419.

NORTH NORTH END FLEET

Keith Schermerhorn our far North End member is moving around. Here is his new coordinates and call numbers:

Keith Schermerhorn
1552 south 7th
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273
(206) 336-9537

Keith's report
"Attention K-Mart shoppers now at the video department at K-Mart stores is a video called ALL ABOUT HARDWORKING TUGBOATS. This video features a tugboat at work in a harbor doing tugboat things (docking and

maneuvering ships) also lots of shore-side work. Although the video is aimed at kids it doesn't say how old the kids have to be. The video runs for 30 minutes and costs \$9.95. ☺

COMING ATTRACTION

SOUTH END CHRISTMAS MEETING
BRING GOOD FOOD
NORTH END MEMBERS INVITED
NO SHOES IN THE HOUSE

Driving Instructions to Bud Lynn's house.

I-5 to the **Downtown Tacoma Exit** go West.

Continue through downtown until street becomes **Schuster Parkway**.

Move to the right hand lane at the grain elevator (becomes Schuster) follow the signs for Schuster Parkway.

Schuster P-way goes through Old Town and becomes 30th. Stay on 30th and go up the long hill.

Go straight through traffic light at Proctor and go two blocks to mason and turn right.

Go a long two blocks to the intersection of 35th and Mason, Bud's house is on the South East corner. 4208 North 35th. 756-0316.

ATTA-BOY

All new Officers.

BENT PROP AWARD

To **Cliff Shaw** only cause he didn't bring it back.

THANKS

Newsletter contribution Thanks this month go to:

**Membership of
Northwest R/C Shipmodelers**

Fair winds and calm seas