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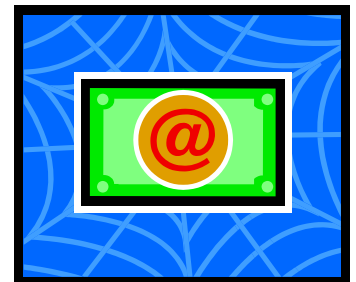
From the Quarterdeck

By Allan Wing



As we approach the end of the year, I look back and think Wow that went by quick. It was a rather full year in many respects. The club had all the usual events plus the Tug and Salvage Conference in Vancouver BC, an additional fun float at Lake Serene and lots of polo events. Couple that with the 3 weeks Darlene and I had in Germany and Bulgaria and the year seems like it went by with non stop action.

With this being my first year as president, it certainly felt a great deal different. In so many ways, it is easier to implement the wishes of others rather than to make decisions. I was happy about how things worked out and I am thankful for all the help I received throughout the year. I had several goals at the beginning of the year and I feel that many were met. We got good participation from the members for all our events. I think I was able to reach more members with news about meetings and events. The biggest single goal was an updated WEB site. Thanks to Mike Jones, we have a new WEB site that modern looking and easy to navigate. Mike is continuing to update the site and we are looking for more information to include. The site will continue to grow and we will no doubt make some changes as the year progresses. The new format opens so many possibilities and we have received several suggestions for new features



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Upcoming Events

December

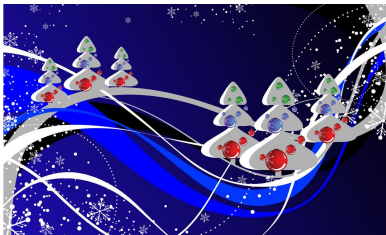
- 2 December Dinner Meeting
7:00 pm Martha Lake
Community Center
- 5 Fun Float
12:00 CWB, Lake Union
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon

January

- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 6 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 9 Fun Float
12:00 CWB, Lake Union

February

- 3 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 6 Fun Float
12:00 CWB, Lake Union
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 11-13 Hobby Expo
Monroe Fairgrounds
(estimated date)



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from members. It is like a new toy where everyone wants to play with it.

I felt the Regatta went well this year. The success was due to a lot of help from many people. So many of our members stepped up to do so much which was good because I was unable to be as active as I wanted to be during the month of May. We learned much and I expect we will continue with those things that worked well.

We had the two additional events with the Tug and Salvage Conference and the additional fun float at Lake Serene. The Tug and Salvage Conference was held in Vancouver Canada and was a chance to show our boats to some of the big names in the industry. We had a good turnout of club members. The fun float at Lake Serene was a result of an invitation from Barbara and Glen Shaddock. Glen is a model train enthusiast. Glen felt that it would be a fun thing to show the model boats as part of a series of open house showings that his model train club was having that weekend. The train people were very interested in our boats and many of them had boats or were thinking of getting a boat. It was a fun event.

The Crawdad Festival was a great chance to mix a social event with a boat competition and float. We were able to have a lovely dinner by the lake with a very large attendance. The food was good and the company was great. I do not recommend the bucket of crawdads. They were ok to try once but next time I will definitely try something else.

I wish to thank all the people that helped during the year. The list is long and I don't have room to thank everyone here, even if I tried I would no doubt leave someone out. There is one person that somewhat hides from the spotlight and that is our camera person, newsletter editor and for me a nurse for a part of the year. Darlene I thank you for all our help and support, you are truly the one person I could have not have done without.

As I look ahead to next year, I hope we will see the same support and fun. I wish you all calm seas and fair winds in the coming year.



NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By, Dr. Ron

November meeting



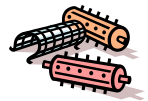
Our meeting started promptly at 1900 hours and was officiated by our recently returned commodore, Allan Wing, who with his wife, Darlene, just finished a trip to Germany and Eastern Europe. Under new business Allan tried to hand out name tags but the new members were not present. However, Dain Webster requested one. Visitors were **Sandy Chinn** and her cousin, **Ron Tatsumi**, who is visiting from the Dallas Ft. Worth area. Our December meeting and pig out was discussed noting all was set with the caterer. However more members need to sign up and pay \$30 per person in order to make it economically feasible. Allan mentioned that dues for 2011 are ready to be collected by our treasurer, Ed Maurer.

The Marine Expo is set for the 18 -20th of this month and all were encouraged to attend and to get in touch with Ron Burchett to obtain a vendor pass if you will be bringing a boat to display and run in his pond. This is a great event with lots of displays and marine info and a chance to hob nob with all the dignitaries of this industry. Lunch with the guys at the local brew pub is also a high light. Allan mentioned that it was time to nominate and elect officers for next year and before he could finish Dave White moved to reelect our present officers and this motion was resoundingly approved by everyone present. **Dennis Chinn** announced that a polo event will take place at his pool on Saturday the 13th at 10 AM. If the weather is inclement then we will have a gab session indoors and discuss methods of improving performance, etc. Donuts coffee and pizza usually allay any hunger pangs. This is becoming a premier event and everyone should participate. New polo boats appear on the scene often and some of the old ones having been repaired also return.

This month's fun float will be held at the new pond at the south Lake Union Park, weather permitting. Nominations for the Cliff Shaw award are due by the 13th and can be e-mailed to r.bray@frontier.com or phoned to 425 778 9223. This award is to be given to the person who contributes new ideas and building techniques, attends most of the club functions and who is willing to lend a hand to members who are in need of help with their projects. **Dave White** mentioned he would like some parts from old Radio Flyer wagons to construct a wagon to transport his



models. **Tom Stevens** told him to stop by his place as he has the necessary items. Dave also inquired as to where he could acquire old fashioned hair curlers for his smoke stack surround and **Mel** told him he could purchase them at the dollar store, as he had just bought some for his mother.



After a short break. it was time for show and tell and presentation of models to be judged by **Mike Shaw** for best build of the year.

Dain Webster started off by showing the neat plastic box he bought at Lowes to carry his coast guard boat. He proceeded to demonstrate modifications to his boat which included the recent purchase and installation of a P 74 dual esc, mixer controller from Action Electronics allowing him to vary the speed and direction of the motors while effecting a turn. Someone mentioned that Harbor Models carries this product.

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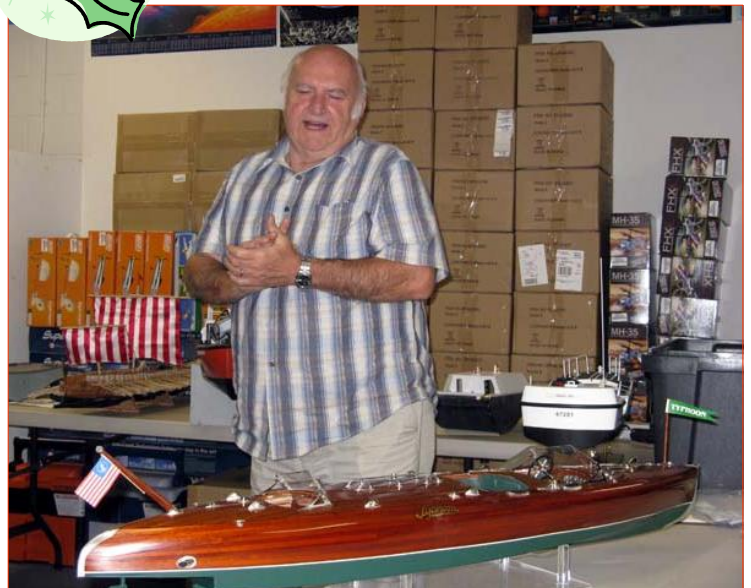
Next, **Norm Hiatt** presented his Greek trireme, Olympia, for judging. It is fully operational and a true work of art and engineering. The vessel has 170 oars and the oarsmen were paid rather than conscripted as in Roman vessels. He has done a lot of research into this project and has a lot of knowledge on the subject.



Dennis Chinn presented his Cape Kuper, a Canadian Coast Guard boat similar in design to the US versions. He demonstrated many features including the stitch and sew method of construction, lighting systems employing fiber optics, a remotely controlled search light, sound system and siren.



Mel presented his recently finished and christened beautifully finished Typhoon and discussed what he had learned about varnishing. Allan Wing demonstrated his solar powered boat which produces up to 120 ma on a sunny day. The receiver consumes 70 ma. He uses a modified servo as a speed control.





Phil Northrup presented his new version of a flat bottomed push boat and moved the props and Kort nozzles forward and medially to attempt to diminish cavitations noted on the Delila. He emphasized that one can build one of these models from scraps found in the garage and that it shouldn't cost an arm and a leg to construct such a model being of simple design. Phil continues to be a prodigious builder of really classy models and contributes a lot to the membership in innovations and building techniques.



Dr. Ron presented his Seattle fireboat and displayed its many features, such as a switch 16 to operate the many LED lighting circuits, water pumps and thrusters. Springer hull number 2, just out of the mold, constructed of two layers of three ounce fiberglass cloth was shown and is very light and flexible. Progress on Springer hull number two was shown. It has both air and water cooling for the 600 can motor and esc and the decks and superstructure are constructed of 2 mm styrene.



Mike Jones brought his Springer build which he plans to create into a pusher tug similar in design to Tug Boat Joe.



Following show and tell, Mike Shaw announced his *Secret Santa Sale* to be held on the **20th** from **7 -10 PM.**

With that the meeting concluded at 2035 and everyone slowly headed home.

Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

The Skagit club was once again back on schedule and location on November 1st with their monthly meeting back at the PUD building. 12 people made the journey including a new face/member as Vic's new son in law Shawn Mitchum made his first visit. We were all thankful to be back in our usual meeting place to start setting the winter schedules. One thing that was mentioned is that we want to keep the information for all the members here up to date with email and phone numbers so that in case we need to change the date or time due to weather or other events, we can notify all to save some travel time. Business was kept to a minimal as there was not much to discuss. Did chat about upcoming Fish Expo in Seattle. Reminder that our annual holiday pig-out will be held on December 6th at the PUD building. Everyone is asked to bring food to share as this is a potluck style dinner with members, their families, and guest. Festivities will include showing photos on the big screen of this years events and more, show and tell, and socializing with very minimal business. Larry gave an update on the ever expanding sail boat racers that keep gathering twice a week when weather permitting. Their group is now up to 20 people that either have or are building sheet boats.

Show and tell started with Keith showing a 30 year old bunker boat that he is doing some work on for the owner. Amazing items on this model were the mono filament lines were not brittle and that the fiberglass hull was in great shape.

New member Shawn showed the older bunker boat that his dads had built 20 years ago in 1/48th scale that he is now upgrading with newer electronics.

One of our youngest members, Donovan (about 7 yrs old) gave a detailed and spirited report on his pirate ship that he had painted as well as put together. Still need to have some work done to make it float like adding Styrofoam and a string so he can control it in the water. Report included also how they would use cannons to battle it out and that he might need to have another one with missiles on it.

Following the great presentation by Donovan was Larry with 4 different sailboats (including Dusty's newly acquired boat) showing the size, weight, sail, differences of the different classes that they race. A lot of similarities in hull shape but differences made it easier to tell them apart.

Kevin had a few things for show and tell. The first was his new r/c duck recovery boat with tailing duckling/tow hook now being sold at the hobby store. Duck features a water jet propulsion and easy access to the protective interior. Next was the 1970 battery operated "board" Tugboat game. You basically moved a tug and barge through a course trying not to hit the metal pins sounding a buzzer all the while trying to beat the "clock") a ball rolling down a gutter on the outside of the game.

Tough game as everyone seem to try this with out much success. His last presentation was to let members know that Performance Hobby has "Model Boat Magazine" from England now in the magazine stands. Nice to know as there are no really good magazines of this type left here in the states.

Wayne was the last show and tell of the evening with the slide show that featured photos of the BRATT visiting this area, the fun fly back at the middle school, and some of the usual very nice scenic photos he has recently been able to get.

With that all said, we put the room back to order and headed for our home ports until the December when we gather for the annual pig-out. Reminder that all are welcomed to attend from other clubs as well.

On behalf of the Skagit R/C Scale Shipmodelers we want to wish all a very safe and prosperous holiday season.

SPRINGER POLO

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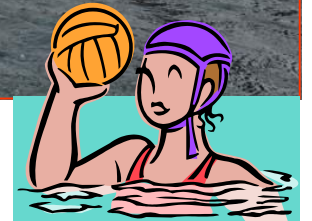
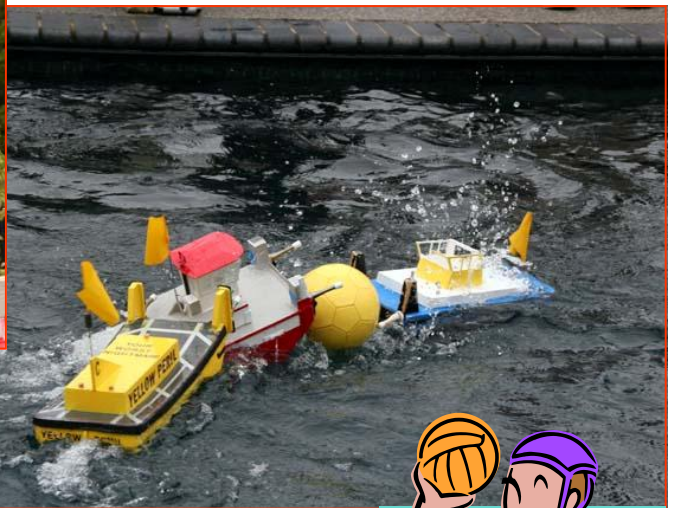
Dennis Chinn had another polo match at his pool. This time we had 8 boats and at least as many drivers. Earl Anderson brought his grandson, Auggie.

It was the usual crash and bash that lasted about 2 hours. By the end of 2 hours, we were down to about 4 or 5 boats and had used up most of our batteries.

We thank Dennis again for providing and excellent place to play.



SPRINGER POLO



November Fun Float



With the coming of winter and the draining of Bellevue pond, we move to the south end of Lake Union. This year instead of using the Center for Wooden Boats, we had our float at the new model boat pond that is part of the South Lake Union park.

The pond is a raised and 100 foot in diameter. We can get rather close to the pond for loading and unloading and then there is free parking. It was a partly sunny and cool day with at times a stiff wind. We had many of the usual suspects with a few extras who were curious about the new pond.



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Fun Float



The big hit of the day was not a boat but a wagon. **Bill McGee** brought a little red collapsible wagon. Bill was concerned that we would make fun of his wagon but quite the opposite, we have ordered 5 to 7 more because it looks like one of the best ideas for transporting our boats to the pond.

It was a good float. We had many people interested in the boats. It looks like this pond will be an excellent venue for our winter floats.

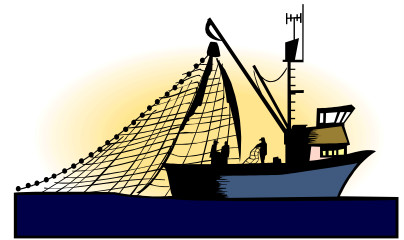
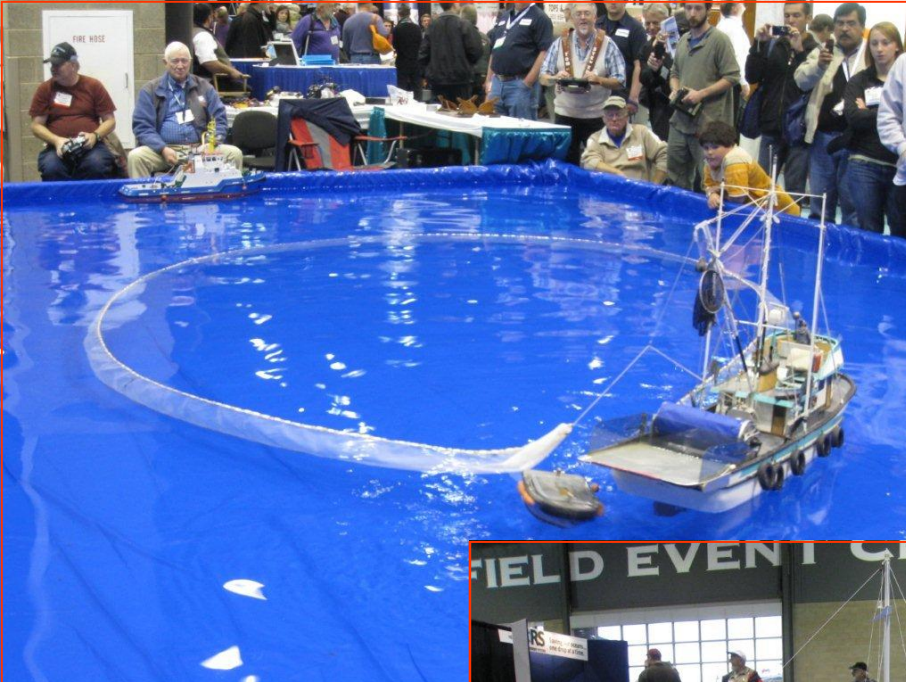


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