



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

February, 2012

DATES OF INTEREST

February

- 2nd** Club Meeting
- 5th** Float CWB Pond
- 6th** Skagit Meeting
- 10-12th** NW model expo

March

- 1st** Club Meeting
- 4th** Float CWB Pond
- 5th** Skagit Meeting

April

- 2nd** Skagit Meeting
- 5th** Club Meeting
- 8th** Float CWB Pond

DUES ARE DUE NOW!

March will be Auction Month

The March meeting will be the time of the auction of the items donated by Earl Anderson. You all should have received the catalog, which was sent out the end of January, by email. If you have not received it please contact Gordy Canney for an electronic copy. The only qualifications for bidders will be that they are currently paid members of the club.

Galaxy Hobby closes for business at 7:00PM. The auction items will then be placed out on the display cases to be viewed prior to the start of the auction. The auction will start at approximately 7:45PM. All items must be paid for, in check or cash, before they will be allowed to leave the store. If they are not, they will be auctioned off again.

The Northwest Hobby Expo is this month, 10th - 12th at the fairgrounds in Monroe. This is always an interesting show to attend as there are many models, supplies and demonstrations to be seen. We will be participating in showing off our model boats and demonstrating them in the pond. You are encouraged to attend and to bring a model, if you so desire. Full admission will be paid by all, so plan accordingly.

The following weekend, 18th - 19th, there is a model show at the Museum of Flight at Boeing Field. The show is free with paid admission to the Museum. This is being put on by the Northwest Scale Modelers.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE

As I have taken command of the Bridge of this club, I have learned various things which need to be addressed to the group as a whole. At the January meeting I did two things for which I have been called upon. The first, I did not have a break between the meeting items and Show & Tell. I did not because there had only been ten minutes of meeting and I felt that there was not a need at that early a point in the meeting. I was wrong! The second, I limited the time that I gave to Tom Stevens for his Show & Tell. I have apologized to Tom and I have told him that I am going to limit individuals to ten minutes to show off their items. If more time is going to be needed, then please let me know before the meeting is started so I can plan accordingly. I am also going to try to keep speakers and questioners "on track". Too often a speaker starts off on one subject and then gets distracted to another, which may or may not have anything to do with the original topic. I believe that there is time after the meeting to have these type of discussions. **Mike Shaw** has never "thrown" us out of the shop for being over the normal time of the meeting. I am certainly open to different viewpoints.

The Model Expo at Monroe is the 10th -12th of this month. **Kevin Klocke** will have his pond set up for the duration and club members are encouraged to attend and bring a boat or two to show to the crowd and sail in the pond. We use this opportunity, as a club, to pitch our story and gain new members. There will be color handouts available for visitors and a video slideshow running to show our activities and fun. I hope that a number of you will plan to attend to participate and to look for some bargains among the vendors and the swap meet tables.

The March meeting will be dedicated to the auction of the items donated by **Earl Anderson**. There will be very little business and **NO** Show & Tell. As stated previously, you must be a current, paid-up member of the club to participate. **Dues are past due now**, so this is another reason to get your money to Ed Maurer for 2012. All purchases must be paid for, in cash or check, that evening or the item will go back on the auction block.

Our discussions with the Hilton Lake Homeowner's Association have been successful and we have been invited to set the date of our visit. I am thinking it should be in April or May. We each will be asked to sign a Hold Harmless agreement provided by the Association. It is a standard type form which basically says the Association will not be accountable for any injury or damage. More will be discussed in future newsletters.

Let's Have Fun!



February Minutes by Dr. Ron

With a full house the meeting started promptly at 1900 hours under direction of our chief – Lee Stewart. Two guests were introduced: **Terry Iom** from Everett and **Brian Morris** from Lynnwood. Both had seen our web site and decided to see what our club was all about. Brian joined later in the evening. Welcome aboard!

Since there was no old business, new business was initiated. First off, **Kevin Klocke** brought everyone up to speed on the upcoming Model Expo at Monroe February 10-12. Set up will be on Thursday at noon. However, the show starts on Friday at 3PM and ends Sunday at 3PM. Those entering models to be judged must wait until Sunday to retrieve them. Kevin also discussed the Pacific Marine Expo and stated that next year Markee Winches might sponsor the pond. Our model boat exhibit again seemed to be most favorably accepted, according to a You-Tube video.

Lee mentioned that a catalog of Earl Anderson's donated items was e-mailed to members and that the items will be auctioned at the March meeting. **Bob Jacobsen** passed out invitations to his "open shop" on Saturday, February 25th from 11AM to 3PM with hot dogs, chips and drinks to be served from 12:30 to 2:00PM. If weather permits, we can run our boats in the lake. It appears that Bob's new shop is gargantuan and fabulous. According to **Scott Bauman** there will be a great model exhibition the 18 –19th at the Boeing Field Museum of Flight, which will include airplanes, cars, boats, robots, etc., including Bob's R2D2 robot.

Dain Webster brought up the prospect of a night float and it appeared there was a lot of interest in this idea. So, he will have strobe flashing buoys made up to highlight the course at this event which most likely will be held at the Bellevue pond.

There was discussion regarding attendance at the fun floats and timing of the events. It appears that some early participants have run out of juice and departed before the scheduled time of 12 noon even though the pond is reserved from 10 to 4 on the first Sunday following the meeting each month. It was stressed that better communication among those wishing to participate be considered, to set up arrival times.

There were no announcements and upcoming events are presented in another part of the newsletter.

After a break, show and tell commenced with **Dr. Ron** leading off by describing his Robbe **Happy Hunter** build which he started in January. Securing the shafts, rudder posts and bow thruster using forms to contain the epoxy was discussed. The quality of the materials and accuracy of the parts was mentioned, which enables trouble free building with no need to do a lot of modification to make the parts fit into position. He described a method of activating the bow thruster with maximum rudder throw. **Doug Wilson** showed his progress on his twin screw 3:1 400 speed geared motor pusher tug. He enlarged the plans he obtained from Tug Boat Joe 2 1/2 times, **Phil Northrup** brought in his first epoxy **West Track 2** Z-drive tugboat hull with molded cabin, pilot house and stack. He offered it for sale and Mel snapped it up. Phil made the original mold and sold it to Harbor Models. **Mike Jones** brought in his elegant Preston build with the recently constructed brass paddlewheel. He plans to have identical lighting and mechanical functions as the

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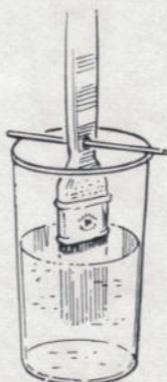
large 1:1 boat. The steam engine and boiler are in the process of being manufactured. Concern was raised over the possibility of fire onboard and how it could be extinguished by some form of internal fire extinguishing system– CO2 or Halon – since removing the top would be too time consuming. **Tom Stevens** showed his intricately detailed work shop which goes on his crane barge. The small wrenches and other tools, etc., were purchased from doll house shows. He has many automotive LEDs to provide light to illuminate all the great features. **Frank Smith** brought in a partially built Graupner **Shark** RC U-Boat, offering it to anyone who could provide a good home for it. Since there so much interest, it was decided to add it to the auction items for next month's auction meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2035 hours and everyone climbed into their boats for a journey to home port.



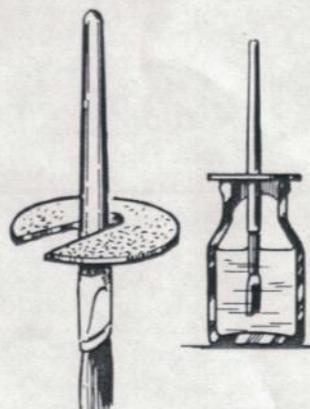
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PAINING AND DETAILING SECRETS



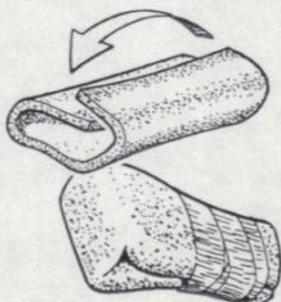
SAVE THOSE BRUSHES

To keep dope-brush bristles straight, drill a hole in the brush handle, put a dowel through the hole, and suspend the brush in thinner.



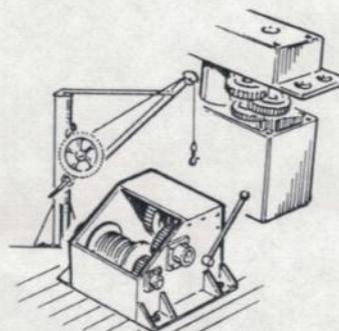
PARK THAT BRUSH

A tapered slot in a metal or Formica disk grips dope brushes so that they won't touch the jar's bottom when they're soaking in thinner.



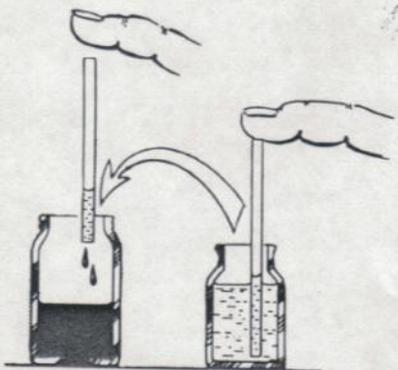
DISPOSABLE APPLICATORS

Why buy disposable brushes? Sheets of craft foam, folded and taped as shown, make inexpensive applicators for urethane or epoxy protective coatings. (Or, for the environment's sake, clean and re-use your brushes!)



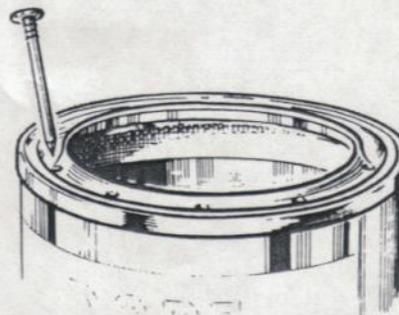
WINCH GEARS

Collect old servo, watch and clock gears and incorporate them into your deck winches, cranes and gantries. They don't have to operate to look striking!



THINNER TRANSFER

Transfer thinner the clean way. Place a tube in the thinner, and "seal" its top with your finger. Transfer the loaded tube to the dope jar, remove your finger, and the thinner will run out.



AVOID A MESS

Punch holes around the lip of a dope can so that overspill can drain back into the can, and splatters can be reduced.



NorthWest Scale Modelers presents Model Show 2012

February 18-19, 2012 ■ 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Museum of Flight



● **MODEL SHOW:** NorthWest Scale Modelers (NWSM) will push the envelope with a massive show of modeling force, attempting to stage the largest model show in Pacific Northwest history. See hundreds upon hundreds of model aircraft, cars, tanks, ships, spacecraft, and more as NWSM members display their collections. Meet expert modelers and learn about the fascinating hobby of scale modeling. (Note: this event is a spectacular exhibition, not a contest.) The show also will feature special displays of models representing famous aircraft produced by the Mikoyan-and-Gurevich Design Bureau and creatures and hardware from the Star Wars series.

● **MODEL SEMINARS:** Learn the skills of modeling during a series of seminars on Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Members of NorthWest Scale Modelers will share expert tips on building and painting plastic model aircraft, armor, automobiles and more.

● **SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Bob Jacobsen will demonstrate the life-size working model of R2-D2 he designed and built from scratch. The fictional droid, who appears as a major character throughout all six Star Wars films, was a major hit with adults and children alike at last year's model show. Day and time to be announced.

● **"MAKE AND TAKE":** Children age 6 and up are invited to learn the art of modeling during free "Make & Take" model building workshops sponsored by Galaxy Hobby and The Skyway Model Shop. Experts from NorthWest Scale Modelers will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to help children build a scale aircraft model to take home. Workshops are first-come, first-serve. Each child should have an adult helper.



Events free with museum admission

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