



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

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View From The Bridge

– Bob Jacobsen

Wow! This month's column just finishes up a very, very busy 4 days for me. First up was a super fun club meeting. Great attendance (over 30) with some new members and some faces from the past. Thank you all for the turnout and many thanks to former long time member Steve O'Connell for all the free stuff he brought for everyone to look over and take. Also along with the regular door prizes I had a 3 day wristband for the hobby show that was given away. I am telling you all if you miss a meeting, you REALLY miss something.

Next up was the NW Hobby Expo. On Thursday many, many members showed up to help setup the pond – thank you all so much for the great turnout!! We were able to get the pond and club area moved to the new building in a very good spot. Friday, Saturday and Sunday was just a fun time of boat running, visiting and showing everyone just



Dates of interest

March

4th Skagit Meeting

7th Club Meeting

10th Fun Float

April

1st Skagit Meeting

4th Club Meeting

7th Fun Float

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what ship modeling was about. Most times there were 75 or some boats on the display tables or in the pond – really a lot of fun and generally pretty relaxing too! Some members entered boats in the display contest but frankly the judging sucked (can I say that??) but I guess that's what happens when airplane guys judge boats. Again on Sunday afternoon there was a great turnout to help take down the pond and we had it down and packed in 60 minutes flat. Thanks to Kevin once again for providing the pond.

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FEBRUARY 2013 MEETING by Ron Bray

An enthusiastic crowd assembled at 1900 hours and the meeting was orchestrated by our spirited commodore, **Bob Jacobsen**. Our newest member, **Steve Sunich**, was introduced. Older members: **Steve O'Connel**, **John Kelly** and **Tim Justice** were acknowledged as they have been absent for a long time. **Steve O'Connel** brought in a plastic model of the Constitution for a new home as well as two boxes of past model magazines. Guests from Vancouver, B.C., **John Pineau** and his son **Darcy** were recognized.

The upcoming Hobby Expo in Monroe was discussed by **Bob Jacobsen** and passes were presented to the pond masters; **Marvin Walden**, **Bob Wickham** and **Mel Suelzle**. Bob mentioned the newer and better location of the pond which is in the same building as the swap meet, next to the flying area. Battle Bots and the tank guys are in the other building with the vendors. Bob expressed thanks to all those that participated in setting up the pond. Thanks again to Kevin Klocke for providing the pond and the opportunity to run and exhibit the fruits of our labors.

Awards were presented to **Gordon Canney** and **Robert Wickham**. Gordon received the Cliff Shaw Memorial award and Robert an award for outstanding service and dedication as our vice president. An award for Lee **Stewart** will be presented when he returns from his road trip in New Zealand. Bob noted that the 2013 revised schedule of upcoming events is now available.

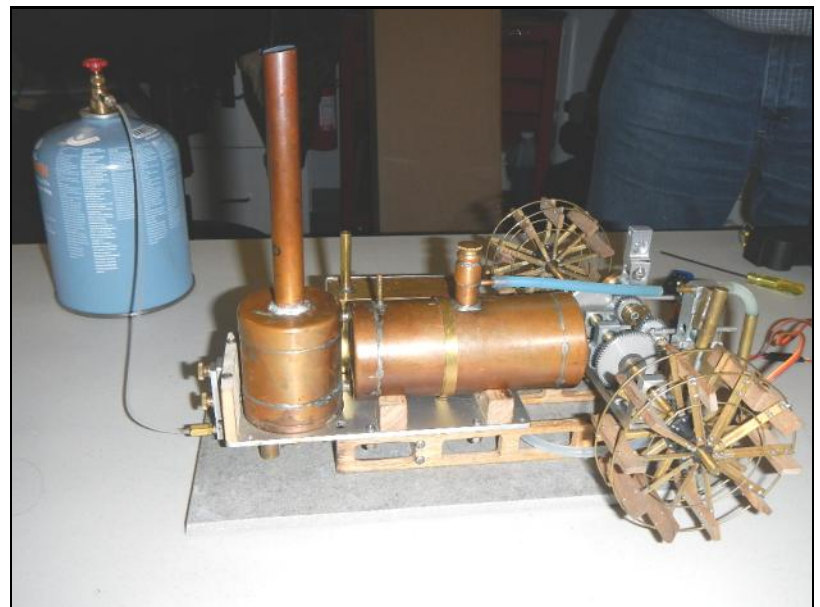


A slide show was presented by **Bob Jacobsen** encompassing some of the model boat displays at the AMA Ontario Model Show and then showed pictures he took today of the Monroe Hobby Expo site and the pond set up and crew.

Following the break, **Bob** presented a Foss green awning which was anonymously dropped off at Galaxy Hobby. Our logo and the Foss logo are on the awning. The tone of show and tell was a presentation of the oldest unfinished projects of our members. **Bob Wickham** brought his unfinished short hull Everett class destroyer he started in 1957. He also showed some ancient batteries. **Phil Northrup** brought in his scratch built sub chaser, based on a Glenco plastic model, which he started many years ago. **Scott Bauman** has a 1:200 scale model of the Yamato battleship he started 23-25 years ago finishing some of the smaller parts while on layovers. The model has four speed 400 motors. **Allan Wing** has a model of a 1955 Richardson cruiser built by his brother and has been shelved for a number of years. **Dr. Ron** displayed an unfinished Elco cruiser he started at age 14 which was originally to be powered by a gas engine. The model, box, plans and contents show their age. **Mel Suelzle** showed an unfinished Dumas Victory tug which he lost interest in after acquiring the Mustang hull. **Robert Osmond** received a model of a German hydrofoil produced by 32nd Parallel Models from his wife for a birthday present in 1982. **Bob Jacobsen** brought in his Tito Neri which was shelved after his interest shifted to flying. **Tom Stevens** showed progress in the modification of his cruise a box Unafite model he purchased from the Spore estate. He built a really cool bar b q and showed how he created and upholstered the seat in front of the main cabin. He also showed how he modified a RIB (rubber inflatable boat). He showed a small fishing boat model which he carved as a 12 year old while living on his father's fishing boat in Alaska. **Ron Burchett** showed his long standing project which he started as a youngster. Namely, a picture of a tug on a block of wood, which still persists to this day. **Bryan Morse** brought a waterproof Go Pro camera with a built in wifi, router and running at 6-220 frames per second. Apps are available for I Pods and tablets for receiving transmitted info. **Frank Smith** brought in a really detailed scratch built oscillating compound steam engine powered by a mixture of butane and propane to achieve the correct vapor pressure. He uses a bar b q igniter to light the fire. Teflon pistons are employed in the high and low pressure cylinders. Originally fabricated for his Beaver model he is now contemplating a new build to accommodate this work of art since it is too large for the Beaver.







The meeting concluded at 2030 hours after the prize drawings and a great deal of enthusiasm and optimism for the coming year and scheduled activities.

“Dear Northwest RC Ship Modelers,

Our family wants to thank you for all of your kind notes and cards, for those of you who came to the celebration of Earls life – and for the friendship and fun that he was able to share with you! Earl enjoyed attending meetings – he loved the regattas and especially enjoyed the Polo races (I wonder why?)

As you might presume, Earl lived his life, with ALS, with grace and courage and with quiet dignity. Twelve hours before he died he said, for the first and only time, - I am ready to go. Gratefully, with the help of Hospice his suffering was over.

Our Sincere Appreciation, Jan and family”





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