



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

DUES ARE DUE

FEBRUARY, 2014

Dates of interest

March

3rd Skagit Meeting
6th Club Meeting
8th Fun Float

April

3rd Club Meeting
5th Fun Float
7th Skagit Meeting
17th Coffee Fun Float

May

1st Club Meeting
4th Springer Event
5th Skagit Meeting
15th Coffee Fun Float

June

2nd Skagit Meeting
5th Club Meeting
7th NWSM Regatta
19th Coffee Fun Float

2014 Season Opens

Our club had a very good attendance, with close to 50 boats on the tables and in the water. Members showed up to show boats, run boats, supervise children running members boats and just shopping the swap meet and vendors booths. There were fewer vendors this year, some were deterred by the snow in Oregon and some probably wanted to see how it went this year after the poor layout last year.

We had a booth this year where we set up a "convention booth display", which is a pop up, curved wall covered with Velcro panels and two halogen lights. Along with the booth we were supplied with 12 tables, which were placed down two sides of the pond, for members to place their boats on and which gave the public access to two sides of the pond for viewing and running.

21 little girls were counted, who wanted to run our boats and 13 little boys. One small boy even brought his "Atlantic" and bought a railroad barge from Tom Stevens. On Sunday, a radio was shared with 3 adults who ran a springer, but did

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not ask how they could join the club, but it was a start, since no other adults had walked up and asked to run our demonstrator boats.

A large sign, was put up, touting the public's welcome to run boats and the schedule for the Seiner Demonstration. Ron Brouchett made two very nice drawings of seiners on our sign, he is quite an artist. The sign was double sided and 4' x 4'. Next time, we should make this earlier, with bright colors and make it more obvious that we want adults to run the boats also, in an effort to get people interested in our club. But this sign was more that we have ever done before, so that is a step forward.

Photos of members boats were enlarged, printed and hung on the booth wall. The booth received a lot of comments and discussion by the passing public.

Flyers were made which described our club, with meeting locations, web site address and contact phone numbers. These will be improved, so we can have them at other events this year. Business cards were available, for the taking. We are definitely improving our marketing.

Our clubs members took home many awards:

- Robert Wickham's *Lois J* - First Place in Work Boat
- Robert Wickham's PT boat - Second Place in Military boats
- Robert Wickham's German Tiger tank - Second in Land
- Mike Jones' *Preston Snag Boat*, an Army Corps of Engineers Snag boat, took First in Military, Best of Show and Judges Choice Award
- Ron Bray's Seattle Dreamboat - First in Pleasure Boat

Thank you for bringing out your very nice boats and putting them out for the public to see up close.

All of these awards were well earned for the fine craftsmanship and finish of these boats and tank. Be sure and congratulate these members when you see them.

We also celebrated Phil Northup's Birthday on Sunday, with a chocolate cake Robert Wickham brought, with candles. We all sang Happy Birthday to him.





The club Booth



The Klacke Pond



Some Participants



The Money Man





Robert Wickham



Mike Jones' USS Preston



Dr. Ron Bray





View From The Bridge

Hobby Expo was a Success for NWSMs

I would like to thank all of those that helped with set up, manned our tables and booth, those that worked with the children, that were running our boats and the take down. Many of you spent every hour that the show was open supporting our club's activity and I appreciate it.

I would also like to thank those that came by and relieved the members and those that came by and gave us their moral support.

We had a very successful event and were able to run our boats in short sleeves, while it was snowy and 30 degrees outside.

If you were not able to make it to the Hobby Expo, I hope you can come next year, because you missed out on a lot of fun.

It was fun to see all of the small children having a great time running R/C boats. Next year we need to get more adults to run our boats, they are the ones that can become club members now and in the near future. The children are where we cast our hobby's seed and hope they will germinate into model boat builders later on.

Thanks again to all of those that helped put on such a great show.

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February Minutes by Dr. Ron Bray

Under the baton of our skipper, **Robert Osmond**, the meeting began at 1900 hours with 24 members, no new members and no guests, in attendance. **Dave Green** will have a report at the next meeting regarding plans for our beloved Bellevue pond, as there is a move afoot to eliminate all the parking in order to comply with the original park plan.

Mel Suelzle gave a report on our insurance coverage from the **Scale Ship Modeling Association**. Our club can be insured, for all sanctioned events, if there are at least five NWSM club members who are current members of SSMA. Members of SSMA, attending any non-sanctioned event, are covered as an individual. Some venues will require additional funding up to \$125. Certification for our events at the Bellevue pond is forthcoming. **UPDATE**—The city of Bellevue has our insurance and has approved all our scheduled events at the Bellevue Pond for 2014.

In new business, Hobby Expo in Monroe was discussed and members were urged to participate. The mystery word for the night was the Russian one for winch. One row successfully guessed it and earned another ticket for door prizes. **Gordy Canney** is recovering well and has been transferred to Richmond Beach rehab. **Dee Obee** is recovering from hip surgery at Virginia Mason Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery and return to the ranks.

Allan Wing discussed the many gyrations he went through in order to get our web site remodeled. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for all his effort and hard work.

Mel gave a demonstration on how to cut thin strips of planking with a 10 inch table saw, using his home made device, which apparently can also be purchased at one of the local woodworking stores. In addition, he described how to safely push wood stock through the sawers with several push-and can be purchased coolest was called the



“Microjig Grrripper”. Robert Osmond displayed really neat jeweler’s micro-tweezers to hold parts being silver purchased from Seattle Find-

soldered. These can be neat jeweler’s micro-soldered. These can be purchased from [beings.com](http://www.beings.com).

Following a break, it was time for show and tell. Starting it off Robert Osmond demonstrated how to make portholes in doors, etc., by using step drills to provide the hole into which sawed off rings of styrene tubing can be fitted. He brought a roll of plastic wrap to cover models and to attract dust particles away from the model.



Next, Mel showed the ready built runabout he bought at the boat show, which he plans to RC with an out-runner motor and LiPo batteries.

Roger Lyons showed his hot rod Southampton Tug, powered by brushless motors, a speed control from Dimension Engineering and LiPo batteries. He also showed the bomb box required to safely charge these batteries.



Robert Wickham provided data regarding power consumption for some water pumps purchased from E-Bay, with the conclusion that they are not adequate for fire nozzles, but are

great for motor cooling coils at 3 volts.



Phil Northrup demonstrated the workings of his wa Class Battleship, which have been in progress since his wife gave it to him for Christmas. (lucky guy).



Dr. Ron Bray showed the modification he made to his Harbor Freight cut off saw, so that one can cut repetitive, same lengths.

Steve Sunich brought in his beautiful **Shelly Foss** ASD tug and there was much discussion surrounding the type of paint he



used. He finally had success by acquiring custom made rattle cans of automotive paint. After an informative evening, the meeting concluded at 2105, the chairs were stacked and all headed back to port with their finished and unfinished projects, to be displayed at a later date.



In The News

Chinese Navy Provokes US Navy Cruiser

On December 5, 2014, Chinese warships accompanying Beijing's new aircraft carrier *Liaoning*, in the South China Sea (neutral ocean), came within 100 yards of the cruiser *USS Cowpens*, which was monitoring the new aircraft carrier. The two crews established communications and the Chinese ships ceased their harassment.

In past dealings with a World Power Navy, the Soviet Navy's officers knew that to act provocatively to a US ship could end their career. The Chinese Navy avoided confrontations with the US and their neighbors during their "peaceful rise" policy of Deng Xiaoping from 1978 till 2008. In 2008, the Chinese leaders believed that with the economic problems and down turn in the US and other countries, these countries were now weak and the Chinese should push their agenda. They systematically angered seven of their neighbors. They made a claim to the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh, demanded the Senkakus Islands from Japan, and declared ownership of large portions of the South China Sea, hundreds of miles from any Chinese coast, but within the exclusive economic zones of the Philippines, Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam. These demands are even now shown on Chinese passports, where the map on the cover includes the waters of South Korea. These seven countries have joined together, at least politically. This has even taken the form of India supplying Vietnam with modern submarines. It will be interesting to see how this plays out.



NW RC Ship Modelers 2014 Schedule (As of February 12, 2014)

February 7 th – 9 th	Fun Float at NW Hobby Expo – Monroe Fairgrounds
March 6 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
March 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am
April 3 rd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
May 1 st	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club
May 1 st	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 3 rd	Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
May 4 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:00pm (Springer 1:00)
May 15 th	Coffee Fun Float
June 1 & 2 nd	Anacortes Waterfront Festival
June 5 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 7 th	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
June 19 th	Coffee Fun Float
July 3 rd	Club Meeting—Galaxy Hobby—7:00pm
July 6 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
July 26 th (?)	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
July 17 th	<i>Coffee Fun Float</i>
August 7 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
August 9 th	<i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i>
August 16 th	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
August 17 th	Burnaby Regatta
August 21 st	Coffee Fun Float
September 4 th	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
September 6 th	<i>Fisherman’s Festival 11:00am – 6:00pm</i>
September 7 th	Fun Float—Bellevue Pond—9:30 am
September 14 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin 10:00am – 4:00pm
September 18 th	Coffee Fun Float
October 2 nd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
November 6 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 9 th	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m
December 4 th	Annual Banquet - Site TBD

Possible Night Fun Float in October or November TBD



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