



THE BILGE PUMP

The Official Log of the
Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

January 2007

Upcoming Events

January

- 2 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers, Lake Jack
- 4 NWRCSM. Meeting, 7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Fun Float, Center for Wooden Boats

February

- 1 NWRCSM. Meeting, 7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 2-4 NW Hobby Expo, Puyallup Fairgrounds
- 4 Fun Float, Center for Wooden Boats
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers, Lake Jack

March

- 1 NWRCSM. Meeting, 7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 4 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond.
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers, Lake Jack

April

- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Lake Jake
- 5 NWRCSM. Meeting, 7:30 PM, Galaxy Hobby
- 8 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond Springer Event



From the Wheelhouse

By Mel Suelzle.



When most of you read this newsletter, we will be in the final days of 2006 and be very busy preparing for our celebrations to ring in the 2007. After welcoming in 2007 and watching more football than man should have to endure, we can settle in to a more normal routine and start paying more attention to model boating activities. Hopefully at least some of you were well behaved in 2006 and were the recipient of some nice modeling gifts from Santa. For those who weren't so fortunate, then you can begin by working extra hard on your New Year resolutions for 2007 that include better behavior in order to get back in Santa's good graces.

We did a good job in "having too much fun" during 2006 by having some good model boat events throughout the Pacific Northwest. Our events continue to be well attended by members and festival crowds. We did well to acknowledge our 25th anniversary with special programs throughout the year including a special cake cutting ceremony at the June Regatta. The regatta had the largest turnout of any model boating event ever in the Pacific Northwest and perhaps in North America. The Foss cup was also very successful and more normal flow and participation without the last minute scramble and the video production focus of past years. As usual, our season finale at the Jacobsen's was again a great way to cap off the season with a beautiful day on Lake Goodwin including great food, float plane demonstrations and the wonderful hospitality of **Bob and Laurie Jacobsen.**

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We capped off the year off with 1st class catered dinner at the Martha Lake Community Center. Once again our timing was perfect as our event was sandwiched between a snow storm and a wind storm so weather was not a factor and attendance was good. We had 44 hands attend and everyone had an excellent dinner and a fun pig roast/anniversary celebration as well as paying tribute to Duncan Lamb and Cliff and Betty Shaw.

Yes, 2006 was a fun filled milestone anniversary year. But that was only possible due to a wide range of support from the officer group. I really appreciate the great effort and support that his group makes toward the success of the club. Thank you all for a great year and special THANKS to **Mike Haff** for 7 great years as editor for our cub. Mike has done a great job and we all appreciate his effort to make sure that our newsletter is on time month after month.

Out with the “Old” and in with the New! - With the retirement of **Mike Haff**, our banquet was not only fun and games. We had to conduct some serious business to insure continuity of our newsletter. Nominations were opened for an instant so Tom Stevens could nominate **Darlene Wing**. As soon as the nomination was seconded, nominations were closed and a vote taken that proved to be overwhelming support of Darlene. Only one opposing vote was recorded. (and HER vote doesn't count) We appreciate Darlene's willingness to step up to this important job. Please thank her for her effort and help her out with some interesting newsletter content for time to time.

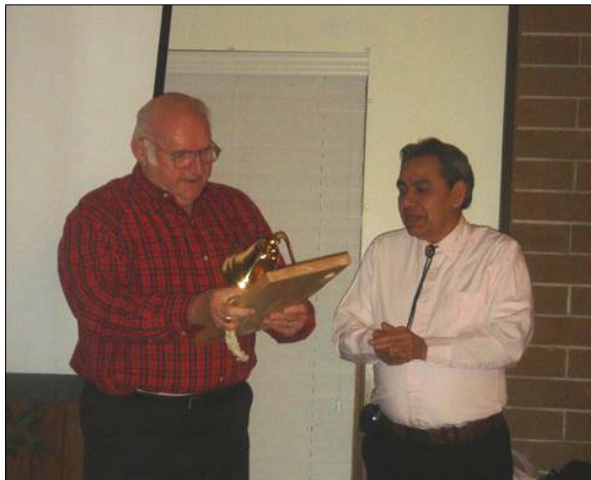
To help get Darlene started, she was presented with a copy the Microsoft Office that has the Publisher software used to produce our newsletter. The software is valued at over \$400 and was donated to the club by **Ron Bray**. Thanks Dr Ron for your support.



New Awards

Titanic Award - Our pig out banquet was a good venue to introduce to new awards for club members that were outstanding for very different reasons.

Phil Northrup gets credit for the idea to create a "Titanic Award" to provide special recognition for the member that had the biggest screw-up of the year. A special premier committee was formed and the winner selected from Bent Prop candidates and other qualified candidates of which there were many. After hours of deliberation and testimony, the winner of the first TITANIC AWARD went to Tom Stevens for his tumble while riding his robot "mule" at the Center for Wooden Boats last February. Phil Northrup provided as special hand crafted trophy for Tom to display with all the many other awards Tom has picked up at various garage sales.



Cliff Shaw Memorial Award - Bob Jacobsen presented the first Cliff Shaw Memorial Award at the Pig out banquet. Bob chaired the committee that included **Gordy Canney, Tom Stevens** and **Phil Northrup**. The committee collected nominations, defined the award criteria for this new and special award given in honor of **Cliff Shaw**. This first award was made to **Mel Suelzle**. Bob cited the accomplishments that resulted in giving the award to Mel.

Mel was very please to be honored with this award and very much appreciated the recognition in spite of his suggestion to the selection committee that club presidents be ineligible for the award!!!

Slipped Knot Award - Randy Flodquist presented **Mel** with an "award" displaying all the official complaints and tug rescue bills for recovery of his barge that allegedly was not tied properly and drifted to "Diners Lagoon" on the south end of the pond at Tualatin. The barge owner expressed his concern for the exorbitant charges for the service that was neither requested nor needed as the owner had his own even better qualified tug on hand to carry out the task. Further, the owner plans to file a claim for damages to the barge and cargo that resulted when the assist tugs fought it out to lay claim to the job.



December Meeting

By Randy Flodquist

December 7th, the 65th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, was the date that forty-six members and friends of the Northwest RC Shipmodelers came together at the Martha Lake Community Center to celebrate the 25th year of our club. A good time was had by all. The catered meal was excellent. Mike Haff was thanked for his seven years as BILGE PUMP editor and Darlene Wing was elected his replacement in the usual way.

Bob Jacobsen announced the first winner of the Cliff Shaw Memorial Award and it went to our deserving president Mel Suelzle. Mel also received some less serious awards and then concluded the evening with his ever popular PowerPoint presentation. The photos and memories of 2006 and previous years made for a rich evening of good friends appreciating their lives and times.



From the Editor

Darlene Wing

Working by candle light as I “boldly go where no woman has gone before,” I have to marvel at the things that happen behind the scenes to make the club run efficiently. I hope I do a job as well as Mike Haff has for the last seven years. Thank you Mike for sending the newsletter template to help get me started.

Several suggestions have been made to add to the newsletter like a member spotlight, a book review, and a techno section. If you have any articles or suggestions on what you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them to me and we will see how we can incorporate them in the future issues. Any complaints can be sent directly to management, Mel.

SKAGIT R/C SHIP MODELERS

. . . . **Dusty Graham**

Tuesday December 5, 2006 - 1900 hrs.

At the November meeting the crew decided to hold a mini-pig-out for the December meeting.

A skeleton crew consisting of **Captain Jack, Wayne, Keith, Shawna, Dusty,** and **Nancy** reported for duty at the mini pig out. Each crew member brought a plate to share. **Captain Jack** provided coffee, and soft drinks.

We spent the evening reminiscing about the fun, events, and competitions of the past year. We talked about the main pig-out that was scheduled just two nights later and discussed who from the Skagit club would be attending.

Securing our lines we logged out at 2106 hrs.

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FOR THIS YEAR

The members of **Skagit R/C Ship Modelers** would like to thank :

Mike Haff for all the hard work (and putting up with this contributors close to deadline submissions) that he has put in on editing the newsletter for the past years.

A special thanks to **Gordy** for the distribution of the newsletter and all his work on the website.

Just thanks **Mel** - for all you do for the club.

We would also like to welcome **Darlene Wing** our new newsletter editor.

We want to wish all the very best for a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

December 10th Fun Float

By Allan Wing

There was a small but enthusiastic bunch that turned out for the fun float at the Center for Wooden Boats. Once again, much of the boats were testing more powerful options for their Polo Springers. The participants braved showers; heavy at times, to see if their latest configuration could match Vern for Speed. Tom Stevens showed with his Springer modified with motor that promised to be more powerful than a speed 600. It appeared to work when he first started but later when he stopped his boat to talk to someone the boat started to run without any commands. When he was not looking it "ran away" and hid behind the Wawona. All of searched for about an hour trying to find the Springer including looking under the dock and attempting to signs that it may have sunk. Tom's wife Sandy finally found his Springer around the back side of the Wawona desperately trying to push a floating dock out of the way so it could continue its escape.



HOBBY EXPO – 2007 - Mel Suelzle

Our first event of 2006 is rapidly approaching. **Northwest Hobby Expo** will be February 2nd, 3rd & 4th at the Puyallup fairgrounds as usual. Again this year, the show will be a 3 day event with hours as follows:

- Friday February 2nd 12AM – 6 PM
- Saturday February 3rd 9AM – 5PM
- Sunday February 4th 10AM – 2PM

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ITEM FOR SALE

Looking for a large scale boat??

Club member Les Cade who live in the Portland area has a partially completed model of the Smit Rotterdam (London) that he is looking to sell to someone that will give it a good home. This is a scratch built model scaled up 50% from the Billings kit 1/75 scale plans. This yields a model almost 5 feet long that will be very impressive on the water. Les has fiber-glassed the plank on frame hull and machined lots of the hardware for running gear, fire monitors and other accessories and running hardware. He is asking \$250 for the hull and \$150 for the hardware items. If you are interested contact Les directly at (503) 762-3583 or email at twobars1@msn.com



2007 Calendar

Our Vice President, Allan Wing is putting the 2007 calendar together. Preliminary copies will be available at the January meeting for review. Input for the 1st calendar printing must be received by January 15th. Brochures and calendars will be available at Hobby Expo. Now's the time to suggest any improvements to last years format or contents. We can't finalize all events this early, but the earlier we get the information out to our membership and public, the more participation we will have. We want you to be involved and participate in the planning and preparation of club events and activities. Your input is encouraged and most welcome. *Thanks Allan*



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

to all NWR/CSM Members and Families!