



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

July 2017

3 Month Events Look Ahead

JULY

- 6 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7pm
- 8 Fun Float/Springer Contest 9am
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond
- 22 Fun Float 9am
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond
- 29 Polo Match 10am-12pm
Dennis Chinn's Pool

AUGUST

- 3 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7pm
- 5 **2017 Tug Regatta** 9am-4pm
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond
- 12 **Model Boat Regatta** 9am-4pm
Tualatin, OR
- 19 **NW Tug Championship** 9 am-4pm
Derby Pond

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7pm
- 9 Twilight Fun Float 6pm
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond
- 17 Jacobsen's Barbeque & Sisley
Donation Sale & Auction 10-3 pm
Lake Goodwin
- 23 Fishermen's Memorial 11-6 pm
Ballard

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From the Wheel House

Mel Suelzle

July has been a very exciting time as we zero in on our Regatta plan; handle all of the modeling tools and materials donated by Jim Sisley's family and the near completion of the transformation of the Bellevue pond area. We clearly can see light at the end of the tunnel. With the recent "Grand Reopening of the Downtown park and meetings with park officials, we have a definite course of action with only a few issues remaining to be resolved. We have commitment from the park management to hold our Regatta on August 5th as long as we are willing to accept some changes or restrictions. **Dave Green** and I are working to sort out what these changes will be and integrate them in our 2017 regatta plan. We may run our regatta from a new location; our parking will be plentiful but not as convenient to the pond as before. All of these details will be sorted out and communicated to everyone during July. Plenty of time for final adjustments. **Robert Osmond** and **Al Kinsman** are working hard on a new challenging navigation course that is flexible should our running position change. Donations are rolling in for our raffle. We expect even more before August 5th. While some prizes will be raffled at the end of the day, most will be tickets drawn throughout the day that are good for a wide variety of prizes. This simplifies the process, allows winners to choose from a wide selection and minimizes the time for a normal raffle process at the end of a long and hopefully hot day. We will continue the KISS system for our regatta scoring and judging process. This worked well last year and only minor changes are planned. We will try and ease the workload for all. Like last year, computers are banned as all scoring and reporting will be done

using a simplified registration and score management system using the latest and most advanced technology that clipboards can provide. Gone are the days (unless next year's prez decides otherwise) when someone has to spend all day typing information in a computer while covered in a black hood on a hot day at the pond. I feel it's far better to minimize the administrative process and make it a fund day for everyone!!

Last month I mentioned that positive results will be found in this year's frustrating scheduling process with the absence of access to the Bellevue Pond. Clearly one benefit is discovery of the Seattle Yacht Club as more than just a place to run one day during opening week of the boating season. Some of this year's best fun floats have been at this location. Our July fun float was no exception. An excellent turnout of members, new and old on a beautiful day. Even on a summer weekend, the parking was plentiful. It's a pleasure to hold our events at the Seattle Yacht Club, a host that welcomes us and appreciates our attendance without mentioning things like reservations, insurance, rental fees or parking restrictions. Once again **Steve Sunich** is our liaison for this venue. Give Steve a pat on the back for his effort making this possible.

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATIONS

For the last several years, we have tried to keep to a newsletter publication schedule that provides a reasonable time to prepare a quality publication and yet be somewhat timely. While those able to attend all events, it may serve as archive purposes a place to view photos. For others it is a good source of information about activities of the club and therefore it needs to be both timely and regular.

Amos Aarsvold is our newsletter editor and has done a nice job of producing a fresh look for our newsletter. Amos is an EDITOR and cannot be responsible to chase down material for the newsletter. Regular contributors should try and get photos and reports of activities to Amos by the Wednesday following our monthly fun float. If nothing is submitted, then Amos will assume there is nothing to report. Our target date for publishing the newsletter is one week after the monthly fun float. While some information is time sensitive, we can allow for small delays. If this is necessary call or contact Amos so he can perhaps hold a slot open for late breaking info.

From the North End

Pictures by Keith Schermerhorn



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July 6th Meeting Minutes

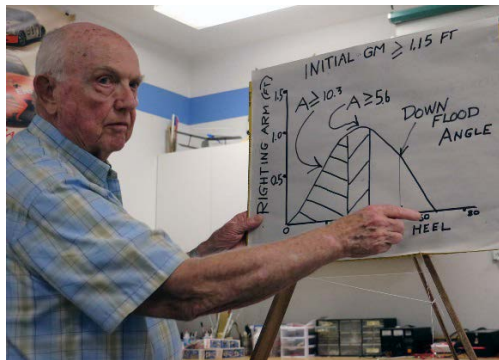
Ron Bray

Photos by Allan Wing



On a warm and balmy evening 25 members and guests were ushered into our monthly meeting by our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. Guests were: **Everett Evans**, **Chris Holm** who brought in his very nice model of an old plank on

frame Amsterdam, **Jonathan McCool** who is interested in getting into boat building and **Richard Bizier** who is now back into boats. Mel passed around a list of the items retrieved from the Jim Sisley estate which will be available by auction or direct sales at the lake Bob event in September. There will be 65 items for the silent



auction and 75 items for direct sale. **Dave Green** presented a very detailed account of details in calculating ship stabilization, including such

factors as the medicenter of rotation and centers of gravity and buoyancy. Show and



tell started with **Amos Aarsvold's** Dumas Painted Racer runabout which is painted black, blue and just about ready to take to the water. Our guest, **Everett Evans** brought in three projects – a zip kit



springer, an RPM kit of the tug Ontario and a scratch built model of the USS Ajax, a



Vulcan class repair ship, which is under construction. Another guest, **Chris Holm**

displayed a very elegant model of an old Artesinia Latina kit of the ocean-going tug, Amsterdam. **Robert Osmond** has a lot of rubber gasket material which he will share with anyone in need of such material. He bought a couple of head lamps which purchased at Costco and extoled their virtues. He

showed that he is having difficulty priming his Kort nozzles as the finish turns fuzzy.

Dave White just got a series of wire bending tools delivered today so that he can produce consistent



similar parts. He also shared a cool tool used to bend wood planks.

Tom Stevens showed a key fob to locate a misplaced phone or wallet which can be purchased from Verizon stores. He also brought in a bottle of white vinegar and explained that it could be employed to remove uncured epoxy from fingers and tools.

Following a break Mel gave a treasurer’s report indicating that we are still solvent and that we have 65 active members. He gave brief reports on the upcoming events – regatta, Tualatin, the tug regatta in Bellingham, a springer event at



Bellevue pond and last, but not least, the lake Bob event and auction on the 17th of September. A brief report on what’s happening at the Bellevue pond and where we can potentially set up and launch our boats. There was discussion on the various areas to park our vehicles or the potential lack thereof.

Before we headed for the hills **Dave White** and **Tom Stevens** were the winners of the drawing. It looks like we will be enjoying a very busy next two months. So, get your boats ready and batteries charged.

Fun Float – July 8th

Mel Suelzle



Photos by Allan Wing & Robert Osmond



July 8th was a beautiful day for a fun float at the Seattle Yacht Club. Even on a summer weekend the parking was plentiful. This fun float was well attended by members including our newest



member **Everett Adams** and his father who also builds model boats. (I hope someone gave him an application). Everett ran his tug up until his prop coupling gave out while he was demonstrating the near vertical launch mode. His running was then limited to his Springer. **Richard Bizier** a guest at Thursday’s meeting was also on hand. Hopefully we did nothing to discourage his further interest in our club.



Bill Heath brought out his nicely detailed Dutch

fishing boat. It ran as good as it looked. **Robert Osmond** continued to violate the “No Wake” rules with his Puffer. **Steve Sunich** ran his beautiful Stalwart Invader class tug. Steve





showed me how my Maverick should be configured to get more stability. We saw **Scott Baumann** for the first time in a while as he took a break from his house hunting efforts. **Dr. Ron** arrived a little late, about the same time I had to leave so any other notable events of the day will have to be reported



by someone else. All in all, this was the best attended fun float in some time. For me, the SYC is a great place, if not the best place for our monthly fun floats.

was nervous a long tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs as he tried to stay away from the speedsters least he get the first scratch on his new



baby. **Alan Wing** had his river boat out for a rare appearance and **Jeff Parker** once again filled the air with water with his powerful monitor on his Shelly. **Al Kinsman** brought out his fleet of boats and



Re-christening of Bellevue Pond

Robert Osmond

Photos by Robert Osmond

The First Running of RC Boats on the Pond after the Park Reopening by our members.



On the first Saturday morning after the Downtown Bellevue Park reopened after an extensive remodeling four members of our club ran their boats in the cleanest water I have ever seen in the pond. At about 8:00 AM the only vehicles in the lower parking lot were my suburban and **Bill McGee's** Lincoln. It was great to get back to



"our" pond, which we have been using since 1990 when the park was first opened. **Bill McGee** ran his small European Style tow boat so that he would not slosh too much water out of the pond, which is what some of his strong running larger boats have been accused of doing. **Dave White** brought his red tugboat, and I brought my Clyde Puffer, surfer and springer.

Alan Kinsman who organized the unscheduled fun float brought two fully loaded wagon up the new ramp to the pond. This new ramp is a straight shot from the parking lot to the gravel walkway around the pond, this is quite

a bit shorter than the old walkway the went north and then doubled back to the gravel. Al brought docks which was much appreciated since we have not had much practice lately with running our boats scale docks since we quit going to Lake Ballinger where **Bill Heath** and his brother in-law **Jim Johnson** were nice enough to bring and set up docks. It is members such as these that go out of their way bringing extra equipment out so that we all can get practice running boats docking that benefits all and we all owe them a "Thank You" for their efforts. Please tell them when you see them. I know for myself unless I have been docking quite a bit, I have to think about how to reverse the rudder when I am trying to get of keep the stern up against a dock.

We all had a good time and there were no incidences to report.



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7/13/2017



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NOVEMBER	2	Meeting at Galaxy Hobby	7:00 pm
	4	Fun Float - Seattle Yacht Club	9 am
DECEMBER	7	Christmas Dinner –Spaghetti Factory	6:30 - 9pm

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