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Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

July 2007



Upcoming Events

July

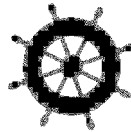
- 3 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm Lake Jack
- 5 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm Galaxy Hobby
- 7 Fun Float, Bellevue Park
- 28 Tidewater Cup, Spokane

August

- 2 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm Galaxy Hobby
- 5 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond
- 7 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm Lake Jack
- 11 Crawdad Festival
Tualatin, Oregon
- 18 Foss Cup
Bellevue Park

September

- 4 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm Lake Jack
- 6 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm Galaxy Hobby
- 9 Galaxy Fun Float
Lake Bob
- 22 Fall Fisherman's Festival
Fisherman's Terminal



From the Wheelhouse

By Mel Suelzle.

Our 26th Annual Northwest Regatta is history - On June 10th, we held our 26th regatta and by all accounts it was a great success. We had 30 skippers entering 51 boats. After a full day of showers the day before, we were pleased to have a dry day with periods of sun breaks. The winds were gusty and it made for a more challenging navigation course. Thanks to an experienced crew in all areas, we started and finished in good time. Most headed home by 4:00 or 5:00 for those that helped tear down of the course. While attendance was less that our anniversary year of 2006, the weather undoubtedly kept some fair weather boaters home. Still, we had 30 skippers representing the Puget sound, Portland, Canada and even Cle Elum and East Wenatchee. This years Regatta's Best Overall goes to **Al Kinsman** and his tug Pono. Al turned in a top score of 167.35 out of a possible 192. My Mustang won the Judges Choice. Congratulations Al on a good day on the pond!

Look for the complete rundown on the winners elsewhere in this newsletter.

Overall, I think the event went very well. Special thanks are in order once again for **Keith Schemerhorn** and **Patrick Plueard** who did an excellent job setting up the pond and tweaking the changes to the course. **Earl Anderson**, kept his waders on most of the day to restore the course when the wind moved the buoys around. As usual, several guys turned in a great effort starting early and still going after most had gone home. Once again, our hardnosed harbormaster, **Dave White**, kept things moving right along and helped the judges by staging the boats for starting the nav course.

Registration and paperwork was handled smoothly by **Ed Maurer and Al Kinsman**

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Our crack sales team of **Ron Bray** and **Leif Bentzen** managed to sell nearly 700 raffle tickets. Thanks to Ron and Leif and everyone that yielded to their pressure sales tactics and bought tickets. These raffle ticket sales put us in the black for our regatta. Registration barely covers the food. Awards and other costs total about \$500 so we bank about \$200 of the raffle ticket sales. Special thanks to all our vendors and members that donated items to the raffle. Prize listings for this years regatta are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our judges did very well at the important job of judging our models and navigation skills. My sincere appreciation to a job well done by **John Morrison, Robert Osmond** as scale judging and **Scott Baumann** and **John Witt** as navigation judges.

Allan & Darlene Wing did a good job tabulating all the results of the judge's forms again this year. The results were available very soon after the last boat had run.

Ferry boat captains **Bert Maxwell** and **Randy Flodquist** had their ferryboats on hand and did a good job at modeling scale operation of the Washington State Ferry boats. Captain Bert crashed often into his ferry docks while Caption Randy watch from the beach as his boat broke down early.

A successful regatta is only possible with lots of help from many others. I appreciate those who went the extra mile and hauled equipment to the site like **Keith Schermerhorn** who hauls the tables, docks, channels and of course **Deception Pass** which was very much appreciated as it always adds a nice touch to any event. I dare not forget to thank **Tom Stevens** for the generous use of his trailer and the equipment in it that makes our regatta work better.

To the many that lent a hand to bring in food or drinks. Thank you very much. Our more simple food experiment went well and if anyone didn't get enough to eat they simply weren't trying. Thanks to **Jim Sisley** for the unexpected cream puffs. They provided some great December material.

Thank you to all that came early and helped set up. It is real heartening to see the many hands turn to in these situations and I appreciate all of your extra effort "above and beyond" to make the club work. If I missed someone, I apologize as I sincerely appreciate everyone's effort. And of course, the regatta is nothing without those that came along with their boats and entered them in the competition. Congratulations and thank you for your participation in our regatta.

For those interested in obtaining your score sheets, I will bring them to the July and August meetings and the Foss Cup. After these events any that remain will be filed in the "round file"

As we begin a new quarter, the following members dues expire in July/August/September. Dues for the remainder of 2007 are \$10.

Ron Bray	Ben Flodquist	Randy Flodquist	Michael Finnely
Bill McGee	Ray Harris	Russel Shrewsbury	Ron Schwartz
Linda Flodquist	Robert McCaleb	Norm Mayo	Willie Bunce
Bud Leupold	Dusty Graham	Lenoard Bainter	Larry Stiles
Leslie Regier	Al Kinsman	Jim King	Jerry Anderson

The following member are **overdue**.

Gerald Julian (\$20)*	David Green(\$20)*	John Witt(\$20)*	Bruce Smiley(\$20)*
Gary Irgy(\$20)*	Keven Klock(\$15)	Michael Jones(\$15)	

New Club Schedule is Available

We have updated our calendar and the new version is on the website. Our club brochure has been reprinted and has this new schedule in it. The latest brochure is yellow.

Don't forget

To avoid the Bellevue Marathon that involves the Downtown Park, we have moved our fun float to **Saturday**, July 7th.

Regatta Supporters — The following vendors and member donated items to our 2007 Regatta. We appreciate their support of our club and hope that our members will support those that support us.

RAM	50% Discount Coupon
Midwest	50% Discount on boat kit
Dumas	2 each 12v Motors
Scale Shipyards	Coast Guard Boat Hull
Dave White	Dumas Hull Kit
Galaxy	Ready to Run Majesty
Harbor Models	4 each 25% Discount coupons
Pacific Power Batteries	2 each \$25 Gift Certificates
MCD	Switch 8 & Speed Control
Ron Hillsden	15 Model Boat Flags
Gordy Canney	Airtronics system
Aimee Eng	Custom rub rails
Al Kinsman	PBR Hull



THE 2007 REGATTA WINNERS

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Small Scale	Bill Bull/Beharty	Bill Bull/Green Rover	Sue Newmeyer/Dorothy Mackenzie
Medium Scale	Al Kinsman/Pono	Sebastian Jewel/Classy	Ron Bray/Chris Craft 63
Large Scale	Mel Suelzle/Mustang	Tom Stevens/Jeanette	Glen Newmeyer/Bobby A Aimee Eng/Minyamo Keith Schermerhorn/James E
Nav Small	Pat Plueard/Miss Happ	Keith Schermerhorn/James E	Gordy Canney/ Eula B Devall
Nav Medium	Keith Schermerhorn/Liberty	Kevin Klocke/Gotham	Al Kinsman/Wesern Titan
Nav Large	Ben Flodquist/Maggie	Al Kinsman/Pono	Aimee Eng/Kaleetan Phil McKinney
Youth	Matthew Plueard/Springer Bob	Sebastian Jewel Classy	
Best of Show	Al Kinsman /Pono		
Judge's Choice	Mustang /Mel Suelzle		

TOP SCORES – Combined Navigation and Scale Score of 100 or more

Skipper	Boat	Scale	Nav	Total
Alan Kinsman	Pono	86.4	81	167.35
Mel Suelzle	Mustang	93	72	164.95
Keith Schermerhorn	James E	75.9	81	156.9
Tom Stevens	Jeanette	81.4	70	151.4
Kevin Klocke	Gotham	69.3	79	148.3
Keith Schermerhorn	Liberty	64.4	82	146.35
Gordon Canney	Eula B Devall	63.3	79	142.25
Ron Bray	Chris Craft 63	72.1	70	142.05
Aimee Eng	Minyamo	75.9	66	141.9
Phil McKinney	M-1 Submarine	63.3	75	138.25
Sebastian Jewell	Classy	73.7	62	135.7
Phil Northrup	John JD	66.6	68	134.55
Keith Schermerhorn	Second Chance	59.4	72	131.4
Ron Bray	Chris Craft 36	69.3	62	131.3
Kevin Klocke	Dena Marie	60.5	69	129.5
Keith Schermerhorn	Automatic	60	67	126.95
Kevin Klocke	Zoller	56.1	70	126.1
Sue Newmeyer	Dorothy Mackenzie	81.4	43	124.4
Glen Newmeyer	Bobby A	75.9	36	113

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Randy Flodquist

Mel called twenty-five members to order at 1930 hours on the seventh. He gave a brief review of Anacortes (bad weather again!) and pushed the \$10 club cups. How about cup clubs?

Under new business Mel announced that Doug and Sandy Taylor have retired, are gonna travel, and want to donate their fleet to our club which had helped them get started and also treated them well. Wow!!!! Many thousands of dollars worth of boats and equipment. We'll fetch it and then decide what to do.

Discovery Ship Modelers will have their exhibit at the Wooden Boat Festival again and we're invited to participate. Yours truly gave a pitch on how the Northwest Yacht Brokers Association would like our help on 30 June and 1 July at the festival in association with the US Coast Guard showing the public the nautical rules of the road, etc. We'll use models, buoys, and the coasties will narrate various situations.

Keith sent word of a one day boat display up north on 14 July. The treasury has \$1678 as of mid-May.

THE REGATTA IS SUNDAY!!! Mel handed out registration forms to let people get started early. He also had nice laminated charts of the course. Lotsa people have volunteered to help out. Lotsa prizes in the raffle including a \$390 RTR boat. A polo demonstration will please the spectators.

BENT PROP went to Earl for leaving his prop at home. He also snagged the SALTY DOG for his role as cookie guy.

Following the break Mike Shaw led off SHOW 'N TELL with a cool multi-tip screwdriver. And X-actos with LEDs.

Dr. Ron had his Los Angeles fireboat which works fine but weighs too much. Sooooooo, he's installing smaller pumps, etc. and is trying to get more cooperation from his F-14 radio. Lotsa talk about heat, cooling, motors, etc. etc.

Mel had his Earl Anderson Dolphin hull which he's gonna turn into a "green" boat. Belt drive to the Zs.

Then it was the drawing and then it was the stacking and then it was out the door at 2100.



FOR SALE \$700.00

Scale model of a 42 ft. Uniflite. The model measures 50 1/2 inches in length with an 18 1/2 beam. Has Two 12 V Pitman motors and two Vantec 411 speed controllers. Has a Nautical Commander Gold Series (5ch expandable to 7 ch) transmitter and radio. EXTRAS! Contact Dusty - llamalad@hughes.net - (360) 595 2962



SKAGIT R/C SHIP MODELERS

. . . . **Dusty Graham**

Tuesday - 5 June 2007 – 1900 hrs. Lake Jack

Members present – **Larry, Leonard, Wayne, Jack, Shawna, Keith, Dusty,** and a guest **Dave Ferry** (He found us on the internet website. Thanks, **Gordy**)

The weather was good, the bugs were out, and Lake Jack was smooth. We decided to have a fun meeting by running our boats.

Keith was doing a trial run with the **James E.**

(named in honor of his late brother). **Keith** said

that on Memorial Day at the Skagit Speedway **Rod**

Perking did a memorial lap with the checkered flag in honor of **James**. **Shawna** reported the wild-life around Lake Jack was getting out of control, so we all decided to go inside and finish the meeting there. Coffee and soft drinks supplied by **Jack** - Cookies by **Nancy & Dusty**, and a cake by **Leonard & Esther**. **Vic** came by stating he was sorry he was late but he had been visiting with **Nancy ???** in Alger....It was decided it was his **Nancy** and not **Dusty's**. **Keith & Shawna** had brought a DVD they made of the Tug Boat Races but we couldn't get it to run on the computer so no report on that video!

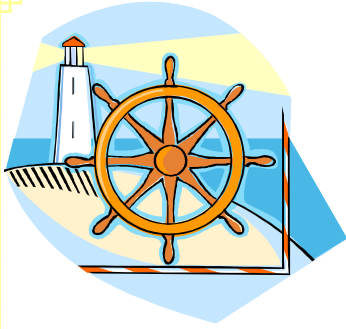
Area and boats secured at 2110 hrs.

Fathers Day Fun Float - Saturday June 16 - Lake Jack

As most know the weather was not cooperating with the group - but **Gary, Ruth, Alan Kinsman, Dusty, Nancy, Leonard, Jack,** and **Tracey** (Dusty and Nancy's daughter) were all there. **Jack** and his son **Denny** had set all the tables up down by the lake, but due to the weather moved them back to the barn area where they were covered. We shared our pot luck offerings and had pleasant conversation out of the rain.

Not too much RC activity due to the weather so Keith broke out his R/C Cat Earth Mover that he won at the Deming Log Show. Well, at least we had some RC activity. There was some talk of moving the Father's Day Float to a week after Father's Day - more on this later. We were about to secure when **Lee Upshaw** from the Scale Shipyard stopped by. He had a lot of fittings which some of us took advantage of and made some quick and necessary purchases. We want to take a minute to thank **Jack** and **Denny** for all the preparation and hospitality.





Member Spotlight

By Dr. Ron

VIC LANZA; This salty Sicilian is no novice to our club having joined some 20 years ago. Even though he lives in Olympia on Lake St. Claire, he has remained energetically involved in the club

and has provided a portable pool for many of our activities. He is indeed one of the master builders, winning many trophies and awards – enough to fill a box which is stored in his workshop.



Vic started modeling by way of trains and airplanes at the age of 12 progressing to RC boats. His first model was a scratch built Delta Queen paddle wheeler. After meeting Gary Vermos through the Lionel railroad club, he was encouraged to join NWRC Ship Modelers. Overall he has built some 20 boats mostly from scratch. His favorite is the Gina but he really enjoys the Rosa and Dino. He draws a large crowd any time his boats are on the water and occasionally a few onlookers are surprised with some wet spots on them as a result of his boats squirting abilities.

Born in Tacoma in 1934, he attended Lincoln and Stadium High Schools. He joined the Army tank corps (and loved it since he didn't need to go into combat), married his wife, Martha, in 1958, had a boy and a girl, worked for Safeway and finally worked as a heavy equipment operator for 40 years, belonging to the operating engineers for 45 years. He now adheres to a rigid schedule; breakfast and news at 8 am, workshop at 9, lunch and news at noon, workshop at 1 pm, cocktails news and dinner at 4:30. In addition to his boat building, he is a master tomato grower, wine maker, musician and truck restorer. He recently restored a 1969 Chevy truck to such a degree that he is afraid to drive it for fear of getting it scratched. Although he lives on a lake, he rarely runs his boats other than for testing. However, he enjoys sailing his 12 meter replica sailboat, the Ms. Martha. His other passions are his grandkids good food and travel.

Thanks Vic for all your involvement and input to our club.

Check out the Photo Page on the web edition of this newsletter

Ship Model Exhibit at South Lake Union

The Discovery Modeler Education Center is hosting the 13th annual Ship Model Exhibit during the Wooden Boat Festival at South Lake Union Park June 30 – July 4, 2007. We are invited to exhibit one or several of your models during the Festival and to be part of this growing annual Ship Model Exhibit. Models can be delivered to the Armory Building at 860 Terry Ave. N. at South Lake Union on June 29th between 2-4 pm or June 30th between 8-10 am. 24 Hour On-Site security will be provided. They are asking for a \$1 donation for



Al Kinsman (left) gets some last minute advise from Ben Flodquist and Tom Stevens. In spite of their "help", Al still won the Regatta.



Earl Anderson is on the nav course and Dave White (center) is giving directions.