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From the Quarterdeck

By Allan Wing



We had our Regatta as planned on Saturday June 5. With a bit of help from the weatherman and lots of help from many of our club members, it was a success. We had 37 boats entered. We got started on time and we were finished and handing out the awards by 2:30.

The weatherman helped by providing sunny and warm weather. We were lucky in that it was the only one of two non-rainy days for almost three weeks.

I want to extend a special thanks to all the club members that worked hard to make the Regatta a success. Many of them put in many hours in the months before the Regatta and many more worked on the day of the Regatta.



Our congratulations to

Roger Lyons

for winning, first in Large Size Navigation, first in Overall Navigation, second

in Military Static voting and *also* being the **overall winner** of the Regatta. It was nice to see someone other than one of the usual suspects come out the winner. There is a separate write up and a complete list of winners elsewhere in this newsletter.

With the Regatta over, we turn our attention to the near term events. Please note that our **July Fun Float** is scheduled for **July 11** since the regular Sunday after

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Upcoming Events

July

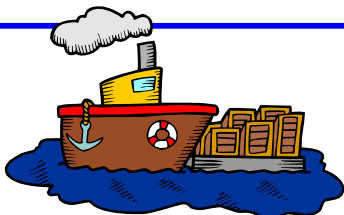
- 1 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 5 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 11 Fun Float,
12:00, Bellevue Park
- 31 Tidewater Cup
9-5pm Spokane, Avista Pond

August

- 2 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 5 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 8 Fun Float
12:00, Bellevue Park
- 14 Crawdad Festival
9am-9pm Tualatin, OR
- 21 Foss Cup
9am, Bellevue Park
- 22 Burnaby Regatta
9-4pm, Central Park

September

- 2 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 4&5 BIMM Fall Model Show
Bellingham Museum
- 5 Fun Float/Springer Event
12:00, Bellevue Park
- 6 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 18 Fall Fisherman's Festival
11:00am Fisherman's Terminal



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our meeting would be on the July 4th weekend. We got a notice from Spokane about the **Tidewater Cup**. It is scheduled for **July 31**. We had been showing it a week earlier. Some of you will have to change your reservations. This is a challenging course on a nice pond.

In August, we have the **Crawdad Festival** event on **August 14** with the **Foss Cup** a week later on **August 21**. For those who are interested, there is the **Burnaby Event** the next day on the **August 22**.

We will start planning for our December Dinner meeting.

I hope you will have a chance to attend some of these events.



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NW R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By, Dr. Ron

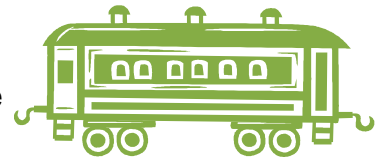
June 3rd Meeting

At 1900, our commander, Allan Wing commenced the meeting. The room was filled with members and two guests. John Wilcox learned of our organization from the internet and decided to check us out. Gary Bray was a guest of Dr. Ron and is staying with him while his wife is recovering in the hospital after recent surgery.

The regatta is this Saturday and Allan discussed many of the final details. Best of show will be awarded to the best looking and best performing vessel this year with best of scale points added to the navigation scores. A first in each scale division will be awarded 9 points, a second 6 points and a 3rd 3 points. The raffle will be a little different this year with the smaller prizes drawn after a cut off period and posted on a bulletin board. The winner can take the ticket to the prize table and pick up his winnings. The larger prizes will be raffled as before while judges are calculating event results. Tom Stevens brought two music stands so that the navigation courses can be placed in plain view on either side of the judging table. Allan asked for volunteers to help set up and dismantle the course and to help clean up the area and carry items to the vehicles.

Dennis Chinn offered his pool for a polo event the following Thursday or Saturday and an e-mail will be sent out to get a feel for how many to expect and on which date.

The **July fun float** will be on the **11th** due to the 4th of July celebration. Other events were announced and discussed and dates can be found in the event guide of the Bilge Pump. The subject of insurance was again discussed and it was decided not to renew it since we won't be having any sanctioned large events in Seattle. **Dave White** announced the **Puget Sound Garden RR Society Event (www.2010ngrc.com)** to be held at the Snoqualmie museum from the **2nd through the 7th of August**. During the same time frame there will be a host of vendors at the Murano hotel in Tacoma next to the convention center. **Mel** brought up the subject of changing the fun floats to Saturday instead of Sunday and it was decided not to change the schedule this year but perhaps to adopt a change next year.



After the break it was show and tell time. First off was **Bob Wickham** with his beautifully finished Puget Salvage vessel with all the bells and whistles. He has 32 LED lights on her and is awaiting a switch 8 to make them operational. He also brought a working model of his bilge pump.

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Next, **Tom Stevens** demonstrated a lot of new additions to the fishing trawler his dad built which replicated exactly the real boat he built with spiled planks for both. Some of the additions were: a working compass, fishing gear and rigging, keel coolers, zinc plates, etc. He also brought in some tire fenders and his unique way of attaching them by using a brass ring inside the tire to which he attached leaded fly tying line which can be affixed without tying any knots.



Dennis Chinn brought in his scratch built Canadian coastguard rescue boat and demonstrated his sound system and described how to make the decks look realistic with textured paint. The plans were obtained from Loyalhanna.



Allan Wing showed his new project . a solar powered green boat. He obtains 7-11 volts at 200 milliamps when the sun shines. Wrinkling of paint occurred and a lively discussion followed on how to avert this difficulty.



We stacked the chairs at 2025 and drifted homeward.

Skagit R/C Ship Modelers Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

The first meeting of the Summer months for the Skagit group was off to a good start with 17 people in attendance considering it was a warm day. The meeting at the PUD building has become a gathering for many modelers to discuss the events of the past month and look forward to the next months activities. This month there was a lot to review since May was so full of activities. First recap was the BIMM event as we were able to cover that at the last meeting. Just a quick thanks again for those that participated.

The weekend after that, a few made the trip to Seattle to partake in some of the maritime festivities. Keith watched some of the tug events while Wayne was out on the water for another trip on the undefeated Hunter. Ben Flodquist was out on the Maritime Academy boat working as the finish line along with the other cadets. As usual, Wayne got some great photos of the tugs and more from his vantage point.

Next came the big show for this group. The Annual Waterfront Festival out at Cap Sante in Anacortes. Once again, we had an area set up for static displays under a couple of canopies with tables on loan from the club and the Yacht club. Many great models were on display on Saturday with a few new ones in attendance. Making it's first public appearance and maiden voyage was the impressive 6 ft tug model by Tim Justice. This all scratch built tug received a lot of attention not only because of it's size, but as there were several former crewmembers that had served on one of these tugs visiting through out the 2 days. The sail boaters made a great effort and presence on the water both days with their colorful sails full of wind as they raced up and down the display area in the harbor. All in all, we felt that this event was a great success with many happy people stopping by and hopefully some new members. We all thanked the Flodquist again for hosting a nice picnic style dinner at the end of the festivities on Saturday. Could be the makings of a whole new tradition.



After the holiday weekend came the annual regatta in Bellevue which just so happened to be 2 days before this meeting. Those of us that had attended commented on how nice of a regatta it was and that we all had a good time. Tom and Keith both garnered awards while Wayne and his assistant captured all kinds of images from the day on camera.

Looking to the future was the next order of business. July will have a few events to partake in that starts with the meeting being on the 5th. Since it is after the holiday, this shouldn't be a problem. The following Sunday is the 3rd annual fun float with Gordon at the community pond in the community where he lives in Mt. Vernon. This is a fun float that will run from 1-4pm in a really nice pond that now sports a launching facility for the boats. Many people are expected to attend as spectators, so we want to make sure that we have plenty of models on hand and in the water. Come and let's have some fun. Directions will be sent out later.

New this year will be our participation in the Anacortes Workboat Races on Saturday, July 17th from 3-6 pm. This event takes place down at the end of Commercial Avenue near the port dock. We will have a static display that will feature model workboats and any other models we can put out. This all happens at the end of their Shipwreck Day where they transform several blocks of

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downtown Anacortes to a giant swap meet/ garage sale. Might be some good nautical items to be found there before the races. There will also be: chowder cook off, cannons, pirate contest, and of course the workboat races in Guems Channel. Look forward to having another potluck at the Flodquist home after this event again.

Contest coming up will be Tidewater Cup in Spokane, Tualatin in Oregon, and Foss Cup Saturday, and Burnaby Sunday in August. There will also be a Steam show in Anacortes on September 11th that will be the gathering of a whole lot of steam contraptions including trains, boats, toys, motors, cars.

Show and tell featured Keith's new yacht after it made first appearance at the regatta a couple days before. Most notable was the aluminum sided trailer that was finally taking shape. Aluminum duct sealing tape was used to achieve the shiny siding effect. Tricky stuff to work with as it wants to adhere the moment it touches any thing. Some more details inside of the house was also prevalent. Tom brought the venerable troller, Jeanette, to show off some of the changes made to make the boat more presentable. Cleaned up and sporting some very nice plugs for fishing really made this model come more alive. Tom's attention to the little detail have always made this model a favorite amongst most modelers.

A few quick discussions on possible subjects for the future were mentioned and will be discussed more later this fall once all the fun slows down. With that being done, we packed up our chairs and headed for our home ports until the next time. everyone have a safe 4th of July and don't be afraid to come to Mt.Vernon and visit us at one of our meetings.

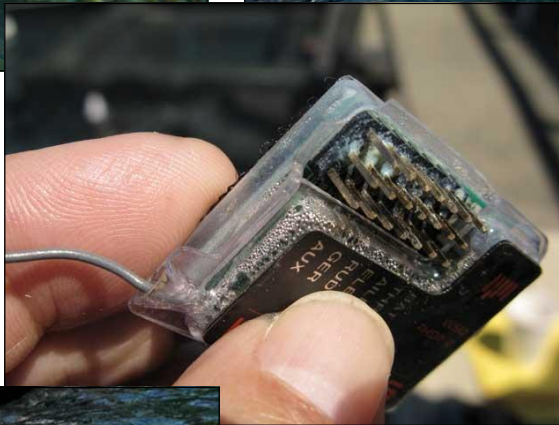
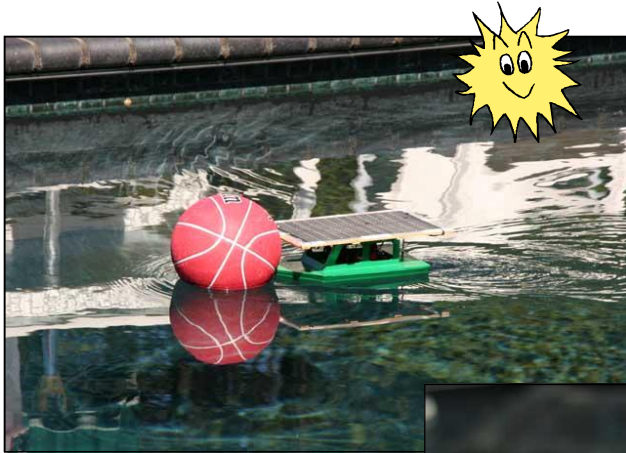
Invitation for Fun Float and Practice From Dave White



The President of the **Puget Sound Garden RR Society** (PSGRS), Glenn Shadduck, has invited our club members to a running at his house during the PSGRS' National Convention being held in the PNW in August. He has proposed **August 3** as a date for us to run. He has a garden RR that is very nice and his frontage backs onto and over looks Lake Serene. There is a floating dock (maybe 6 inches between dock surface and water), no dry beach on his lot at present, but there should be in August. In any case, his neighbor's beach will be dry. He thought as an enticement to get folks to come down to the lake when the conventioners are visiting, we could set up a hot dog grill or something down at the lake.

Springer Polo Event

We had another Springer Polo Event at Dennis Chinn's house on Saturday June 12. It was a warm and sunny day. We had eight boats and we had at least 6 running all the time. For a few stretches we had all 8 up and going. It was a typical smash and crash event with lots of scoring and action.





Northwest R/C Ship Modelers June 2010 Regatta

On Saturday, June 5, with sunny skies and breezy conditions, we held our annual Regatta. This year we had a slightly different course layout. The course features two different lines of buoys and a channel to test depth perception. It had a challenging finish which required rounding the final buoy and backing into the dock.

We had 25 skippers and 37 boats. Everyone worked well to keep boats on the course at all times so we finished early. We had a modified Raffle where many of the minor prizes were drawn during the day and posted on a board. This allowed people to come around at their convenience and pick up the prizes. The major prizes were saved till last and drawn while our fearless scorekeepers determined the winners. Here is the list of the Winners

Scale Voting

Work

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Mel Suelzle	Ron Bray	Tom Stevens
Morgan Foss	Leschi	Jeanette

Pleasure

1 st	2 nd
Ron Bray	Keith Schermerhorn
Chris Craft 63	My Yacht

Military

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Norm Hiatt	Roger Lyons	Dennis Chinn
Viking Long Boat	Chilula	Cape Cuper

There were no boats entered in Novelty class

There were only 2 boats that received votes in Pleasure class

Navigation

Small (less than 26 inches)

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Dave Feray	Mel Suelzle	Keith Schermerhorn
Ginny D	Mustang	James E

Medium (26 to 40 inches)

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Al Kinsman	Jon Andriesen	Mel Suelzle
Atya	Brooklyn	Morgan Foss

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Large (Over 40 inches)

1st

Roger Lyons
Chilula

2nd

Dain Webster
Tanikazi

3rd

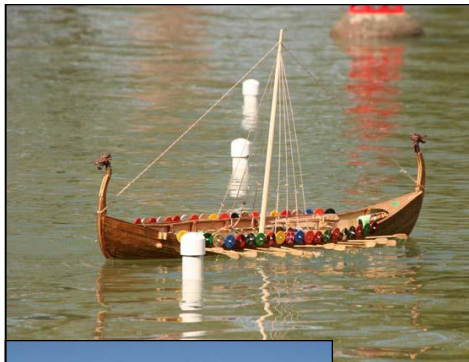
Keith Schermerhorn
Kulahan

Best in Navigation

Roger Lyons
Chilula

Overall Regatta Winner (Combining Navigation and Scale Voting)

Roger Lyons
Chilula



A Page of Special Thanks To All Who Helped Make the Regatta a Success



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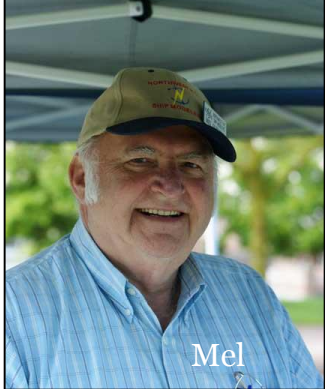


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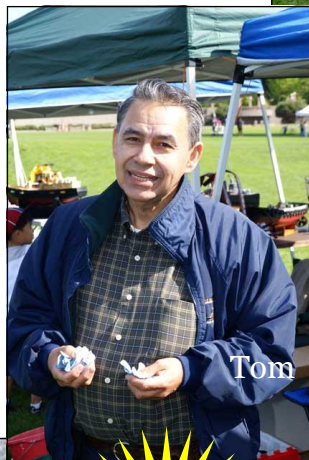


Earl

Alan



Mel



Tom



Dave



Wayne & Cayden



Leif



Dave

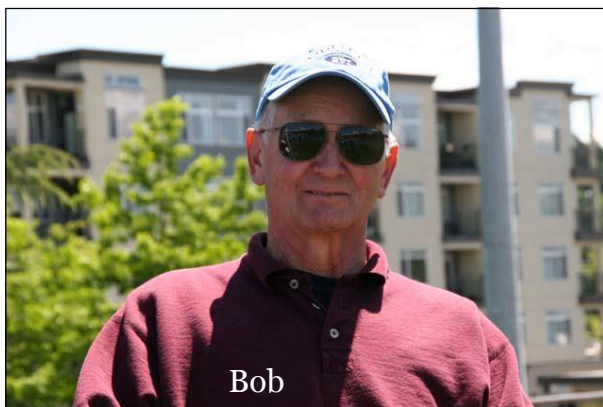


Scott



John

Pictures by Wayne Martin
And Darlene Wing



Bob



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CLASS SPRINGER 18

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