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Upcoming Events

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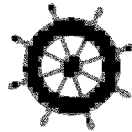
- 3 Fun Float, Bellevue Pond
- 5 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm Lake Jack
- 7 NWRCSM Meeting
7:30 pm Galaxy Hobby
- 10 Northwest Regatta
9-5, Bellevue Park
- 16 Father's Day Fun Float &
Pot Luck, 10:00 am Lake Jack

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



From the Wheelhouse

By Mel Suelzle.

Our model boating season is off to a great start! Our "first time ever" run at the Seattle Yacht Club was a big hit with everyone. We look forward to adding this to our schedule on a permanent basis. The hospitality they provided us was first rate. Thank you letters and emails have been sent to Admiralette, Contance Shill and the Yacht Club Commodore.

Opening day was quickly followed by our fun float at the Bellevue Pond. This was one of the best attended fun floats I can remember in terms of activity on and beside the pond. **Earl Anderson** brought out his crane barge and picked up a few boats. A few polo boats banged about for a while but still not enough boats for a full blown event. **Tom Stevens** presented **Bill McGee** with his special bent prop award. Bill was so overwhelmed, that he failed to see THROUGH a spectator and t-boned **Leif Bentzen's** boat. Quick action by **Earl Anderson** saved the day and brought Leif's boat to the shore with a hull full of water. The good news is Leif had things well sealed and he was back running a short while later. **Randy** and **Burt** were doing sea trials on the ferry boats and practicing landing on Burt's cool ferry dock. All in all, a great fun float with lots of boat action and spectator interest.

The following weekend brought the tugboat races at the Seattle Maritime festival on May 12th. All reports were positive. Family commitments prevented me from attending, so I will defer to others that were there to tell their story elsewhere in this issue.



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Northwest Regatta - June 10th 9:00am – 4:00pm Bellevue Downtown Park

Planning and preparation is almost complete for our 26th annual regatta. We expect to have another great event for our members and visitors from other clubs in the Northwest. Before the Regatta, we have one meeting and a fun float to do our final tune up before the big event. Our course will be similar to last year's, so skippers will have to deal with the whirlpool as they exit Deception Pass. To make things even more interesting, **Randy Flodquist** and **Burt Maxwell** promise to have their ferry boats ready to traverse the course and provide some high priority traffic on the course. Skippers will have to make sure they give way to the ferry at all times unless you are a work boat that is actually working. So tugs with barges have the right away. All others should give way to the ferry boats. Judges will be watching to make sure that pleasure boaters and off duty work boats do not interfere with the ferry traffic. Judges will be more critical than in previous years and the course will have a few new "wrinkles".

Here are some key items about the regatta:

Setup will start around 7AM and extra help is always appreciated

Registration will be open from 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Skipper's meeting about 10:15 AM, scale judging begins at 10:30 AM

Navigation course opens as soon as the first category of scale judging is completed

Registration is \$6 (\$3 under 16) for the first 2 boats, \$1 for each additional boat

Registered skippers and their families are invited to a complementary lunch

We have some GREAT prizes to be raffled. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawings will be around 3:00 PM. Prizes and donors are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

When the results are in, over 20 awards will be presented to the best models and skippers

Rain and/or wind will not be allowed until after 4 PM.

We don't anticipate a problem with parking again this year. The spaces around the pond are still posted as a 3 hr limit. However they are **not monitored** on weekends.

Remember, it will be a big help to the scale judges if you have some basic documentation about your model to help them evaluate your model. It doesn't need to be fancy. We have added some detail to the score sheets for you to note and special features you would like the judge to consider.

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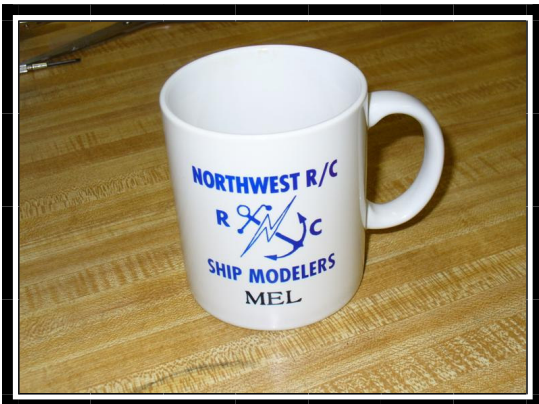
REGATTA RAFFLE PRIZES

We have received the following donations for our Regatta raffle. We appreciate their support of our club and members are encouraged to remember these vendors for our boat modeling needs. Our regatta raffle is an excellent way to make good use of model items that you no longer need. Check your shelves and parts bins and find some goodies you will never use and consider donating to our raffle.

<i>Vendor</i>	Donation
Galaxy Hobby	Majestic RTR complete boat
RAM	50% Merchandise Discount Coupon
Dumas Products, Inc	2 ea 12 volt Motors
Midwest	50% Discount on boat kit
Pacific Power Batteries	2 ea \$25 Gift Certificates
MCD	TBA
Ron Burchett Models	TBA
Harbor Models	4 ea 25% purchase discount coupons
Ron Hillsden	Assorted model boat flags
Al Kinsman	PBR Hull

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Cups

Now everyone can have their own imported (was isn't) personal boat club cup having not only the prized Northwest R/C Ship Modelers logo, but you own name as well. These highly coveted items were once available to club members and after a long and difficult search we have located a source for these items.



Members can have their own cup buy sending a check or cash payment of \$10 to our esteemed treasurer (Ed Maurer) by June 15th. Please specify what name you would like to have printed on the cup. Cups will be ordered and available for pickup at a future club meeting at Galaxy or the Foss Cup event.

Sorry, we are unable to ship these cups as the all carriers are unwilling to handle fragile items such as these valued items. If you miss the order date, you can contact the vendor directly (C&M Trophy in Mountlake Terrace) and place your order as long as you meet the minimum order quantity of 1 (one).

LAKE JACK FATHER'S DAY FUN FLOAT AND POTLUCK - JUNE 16th

Once again we plan to unwind from June's busy schedule with a potluck picnic at Jack Spore's home which has a great boat pond to run our boats. As in previous years, bring a favorite dish with enough to share. If you want anything other than coffee, bring it. So bring something to drink, something to share, your boats and be ready for a great time. Approximate time is 10-4 and Jack's address is: 1120 SHAW ROAD, BELLINGHAM, WA

To get there: Head North on I-5 to exit 240 (Alger). Turn left on Lake Samish Road. Travel .5 mile, then turn left on Barrel Springs Road. Travel .4 mile then right on Shaw Road .5 mile to house # 1120.

Jack says he will guarantee GOOD WEATHER!



May 19th and 20th were the dates of the Anacortes Waterfront Festival.

While the event was well attended and supported by the Skagit group, the weather was mixed at best. Reports are that Saturday was the best day. Since I only attended on Sunday, it would be hard to imagine that Saturday could have been worse than Sunday. Sunday was cold and windy with some showers throughout the day. The weather kept the crowds low, but as usually those that did venture out were avid boating enthusiasts and made good conversation in the model boat booth. The wind made the normally calm harbor a little hazardous

and no skippers venture out on the rough water on Sunday. By 3PM the heavy rains started and sent the few hardy of the festival crowd seeking cover. By 4 PM, most vendors and ALL model boat displays were hastily packed up and heading home. Dusty promises a more com-



Earl Anderson retrieves Leif's boat from the depths of Bellevue Pond



Bill McGee accepts his special Bent Prop Trophy from Tom Stevens.

May Meeting Minutes

By Randy Flodquist

Mel called twenty-four to order at 1924. He announced that Bob has retired and that Mike Shaw is the new owner of Galaxy Hobby. We're still very welcome, Mike is going to come to some floats, Bob to coffee, and Lake Bob is still on.

The SYC event (yesterday) went off very well and we hope to be back next year for two days. They treated us like kings providing everything (including a brief gale).

Ed Mauer got his bent prop from last month for the \$200 snafu. This month had Tom Stevens nominating Bill McGee for his recent twisting mishap.

A brief discussion of Springers in UK and along the Mississippi was interesting. We'll get some history onto the website so people can know who and from where this very popular platform came from.

Items are coming in for the REGATTA RAFFLE. You'll get bonus scale points if you RUN on the water. The course will be more difficult and begin with backing. We need more canopies. Ed will write you a check as you bring in your foodstuffs receipts. Need more people to break down the circus as the end of the day.

Tugboat races on May 12 and Anacortes on the 19th and 20th.

Ken's twin engined drag boat led off SHOW N' TELL. Nice woodwork and planking on foam. Lots of discussion about power and batteries. The lovely die cast V8s are removable, thank goodness. Weight is the enemy when going fast.

Earl's crane barge is a delight. Patterned after the Louisville Corps of Engineers barge the barge and crane are all scratch and very cleverly thought out. FULLY operational. Velcro gears. The real one can lift a 550 ton gate. This one a Springer. 1/64th scale.

Ben's Dolphin hull is coming along and will be like CATES X. Might go to SFO if finished.

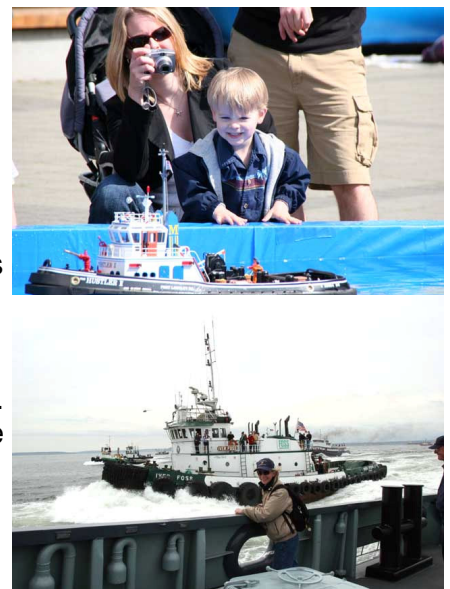
Phil had a bunch of cedar which was quickly grabbed up.
Following the raffle we slipped out the door at about 2100



Maritime Festival and Tugboat Race

By Allan Wing

The club attended the Maritime festival and tugboat races on Saturday May 12, 2007. Ron brought his pond along with several boats and some guys from Canada. Both our club and the Skagit club were represented with several more boats. The weather was calm and the tugboats along with the Coast Guard and Fireboat really put on quite a show. There was a large crowd and the little ones really enjoyed the boats. Ron's son Alan, Darlene and I were invited to ride on the Canadian Forces Auxiliary Tug Glendyne when they participated in the race. The Captain and crew of the Glendyne were fantastic and we even got served a top class lunch. The Glendyne put her best effort in running in the midsize class but came in fourth. After the event, we all assembled at the Flodquist's where Linda had fixed a meal of chowder and chili. Many thanks to Linda. It really hit the spot after a long day on the water.



SKAGIT R/C SHIP MODELERS

. . . . **Dusty Graham**

Tuesday - 1 May 2007 – 1900 hrs. Lake Jack

Members present – **Jack, Wayne, Dusty, Leonard, Shawna, Keith, Larry, Lon, and Richard Beck** (back from Arizona)

Jack reported on his latest trip to Reno. Had a lot of fun but did not break the bank.

Keith passed around some pictures of the **WTL 432** that he found at the Bellingham Museum. **Keith** is making a scratch built boat using the picture/s as a guide.

Vic sent an e-mail about the times and set up at the **Anacortes Waterfront Festival May 18, 19, 20, 2007. Sum and Substance follows:**

The two tents they set up for us come to \$600.00 and it is in prime real estate. I was told that they will not be moving the R/C display at this time ...but it may become necessary in the future.

Vic said he needs help with the set up on the 18th and will send out e-mail notification.

Larry & Wayne presented the program for the evening.

Larry works at Northern Marine in Anacortes, and on April 20, 2007 they moved the “**After Eight**”

(see picture)- a 151 foot private yacht (weighs 300 tons, draws 7 feet max, has four decks, an elevator, hot tub, and a bar just to mention some of the items that can be found on this twenty eight million dollar yacht). The program was photos and a DVD of the move from Northern Marine to Dakota Creek Shipyard for launching. What a great show!



We close this article in memory of **Keith's** brother **Jim Schermerhorn**.

Jim, age 37, passed away on May 1, 2007 after a long battle with brain tumors. He will be greatly missed by those of us that had the honor to know him.

Our thoughts and sympathy go to **Keith, Shawna,** and the **Schermerhorn** family.



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Local Owners Open New Hobby and Educational Toy Store

Everett, WA May 17, 2007 -- HobbyTown USA®, the nation's premier hobby retailer, is coming to *The Village at Everett Mall* this summer. Owners Richard and Stephanie Wiegand have scheduled a Grand Opening celebration for the weekend is June 30th - July 1st. The store will be located at 1130 SE Everett Mall Way, next to PetsMart and just doors from Best Buy.

HobbyTown USA will be open seven days a week. Store hours will be Monday through Friday, 10am-8pm; Saturday, 10am-7pm; and Sunday, 11am-6pm. For more information about HobbyTown USA®, call (425) 355-8086 or log onto <http://everettwa.hobbytown.com>.

ROGER FORLINES As of the 24th of March, Roger is our newest member succumbing to some arm twisting by Vic Lanza. However, he has been interested in joining for some time having participated in many club events winning awards and had a DNF at the last Foss cup because of battery failure. He has been building model boats since 1954 starting with the HMS Bounty. His first RC boat was a scratch built 1964 Owens cabin cruiser. Since then, he has built tugs, lobster boats, a barge with interchangeable tops, plus many static displays and owns up to 70 some models produced at the rate of two per year. He is currently working on the Tiger Sun Kit from Gary King.



He lives in Shelton and works as a maintenance Mill Wright for Simpson Timber Co. He has access to a variety of woods to use in his complete woodworking shop. He built a room above the shop which he calls the Dry Dock where he builds his models and uses some of the space for display. In his spare time he constructs cabinets and enjoys doing brick and tile work around his home.



He was born at the Fort Huynime Navel base and raised in Bakersfield, California. He moved to the Northwest in 1962. He has been married 29 years and has two sons, one of which is working on a PT boat. He has been a member of the Shelton club and has been its president for the past year. He actively participates in rcgroups.com which is a worldwide website for blogs to exchange info and ideas notices of club activities as well as modeling events and vendor info.

Welcome aboard.

Dr. Ron

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Seattle Yacht Club—Pre-opening day



Fun Float



Seattle Maritime Festival

