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UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 4 Skagit R/C Ship Modelers
7:00 pm PUD, Mt. Vernon
- 7 NWRCSM Meeting
7:00 pm, Galaxy Hobby
- 10 Fun Float
12:00 Bellevue Pond
- 30 Tidewater Cup
Spokane

From the Quarterdeck

By Allan Wing



Summer finally arrived and just in time for our Regatta. This is the second year in a row that we have had a big break in the weather for the Regatta. We had 21 Skippers and 42 boats. The regatta ran well and we finished up before 4 PM. As always with good weather we had wind and many times we had to chase registration forms and score sheets as they were blown away. I want to say thank you to all who helped. We will have a list and some pictures of the helpers later in this newsletter. The Regatta is our biggest event of the year and I am glad we had a good turnout and I hope everyone had a good time. Now we just have to put all the stuff back into storage.

Since our Vice-president and newsletter editor is riding his motorcycle around Europe, we have to go with our old format and bring Darlene out or retirement to edit this edition. I have got a few messages from Lee and he is having fun.

With the Regatta finished, we will start planning for our December diner meeting. We have been requested to explore a new venue that would provide a greater variety of menu and be less expensive. That will be on the top of our agenda in the near future.

The events coming up in the next 2 months are the Tidewater Cup in Spokane, the Crawdad Festival in Tualatin Oregon and the Foss Cup at Bellevue Pond. These represent the true warm weather events of the season



Northwest R/C Ship Modelers June, 2011 Meeting Minutes By Dr. Ron Bray



The meeting began at 1900 hours after our commodore called everyone to be seated after coming in from another rainy evening. One guest, **Alex Carlson**, was introduced. He has interest in scratch building a sailboat.

The details of the upcoming regatta were discussed. Only three boats will be allowed to enter the competition and it was emphasized that the colored and numbered stickers for judging should be placed on an area either fore or aft in a location that can be readily and easily visible. The sticker should be placed outward from the booth so that the judges won't have to invade the booth in order to locate it. The course was described with the aid of a large placard provided by

Earl Anderson. Packets including the judging sheet, registration, the course layout, glue and advertisement from Loyalhanna and a participation plate were put together in plastic bags by the Thursday morning coffee group. **Allan** went over the prizes obtained for the raffle. The group approved purchase of a Proboat, Arliegh Burke destroyer from **Mike Shaw** as he obtained several at a very reasonable price.

As **Lee Stewart** will be traveling through Europe, **Allan** and **Darlene** will be editing the next newsletter. **Mel Suelzle** reported on the tug boat races which he felt was one of the best ever with Kevin's pond located in front of Anthony's restaurant and an unobstructed view of the races since there was no cruise ship in port. The weather was stellar but club participation was disappointing. **Kevin Klocke** did a great job organizing the event and arranging for lunch and parking validation.

The Anacortes festival was discussed by Mel. He stated there were a number of boats on display which drew a lot of crowd interest. Following the Saturday event a bar B Q was provided by the Flodquists. Mel commented that this was another great event with lots of community and vendor participation. There were canoe building and racing events and a booth where boat building components were provided to enable children to construct a model boat and then float it in a nearby pond. Kids were seen pulling their projects all over the grounds. In addition there was a Chevrolet Corvett display, tours of the Preston and viewing of relics of the Wawona

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in the attached museum. **Tom Stevens** mentioned again a location to be considered for our December meeting.

Following announcement of upcoming events a break was taken prior to show and tell. **Stan Babcock** brought an inflatable cruise ship which was a replica of his recent cruise trip. **Phil Northrup** showed a transport box he recently constructed for his river boat which he brought to the last meeting. The model was constructed for a customer who canceled his order. **Mike Gullikson** described the builds of his Dumas Coast Guard 40 and 41 foot cutters. He plans to build a couple more and a



portable holder for them. Mel brought the last of the knife blades for distribution and announced that the hats may be ready for purchase, hopefully by Saturday or some time next week. The cost is \$10.



After the meeting concluded at 2010 hours a discussion with Mike Gullikson revealed that he has a vinyl cutting machine to produce letters and numbers. Details and pricing can be discussed with Mike. After lingering a while and further off menu discussions, everyone departed and disappeared into a rainy evening.

Skagit R/C Ship Modelers May Meeting Minutes

By Keith Schermerhorn

The Skagit group had a good gathering of members for the may meeting that also included 1 guest, Mr. Darrel West who normally flies airplanes, but is now working on a Model Slipways kit of the Yorkshire tug. First order of business was to thank all that participated in the April meeting/swap meet. By all accounts it was a good fun night with several projects finding new homes. Congrats to all those that picked up stuff and to those that cleaned out their shipyards. Look for us to do another one like this some time.

As we hope that the weather is going to get warmer, we started to look at the upcoming show schedule starting with the Tug Races in Seattle on the 14th. Kevin will have the pond there and will be showing and running model tugs and workboats for the day at this annual event on Pier 66. Set up will start at 8 am with setting up of the pond and display. Expect a lot of people to stop by and check things out after about 10:00am. Get there early for best parking and enjoy all the festivities. Great day to do some tug and maritime activities watching.

After the tug races of course is our groups biggest display with the Anacortes Waterfront Festival at Cape Santee Marina on may the 21 & 22. We will have the large tent and tables available for those that would like to bring their boats for this public display. There will also be open water in the harbor (salt water) for those that wish to get some practice/demo time in. You will be able to drive up to the booth if you get there before 9:00 am. After that, models will have to be hauled in from the parking areas. We will have tables, but also recommend those with their own to maybe bring them along just incase so that there is plenty of room for your models. After all the fun of the festival on Saturday, the Flodquist have volunteered to have a BBQ potluck at their place in Anacortes. They ask that those attending to please bring along your favorite dish to share as they will be providing the burgers & dogs. If you are attending and have a dish that needs to be kept refrigerated, you are welcomed to drop it off at their place before hand. Last years potluck on Saturday was a lot of fun and well attended by all that went and the food....well let's just say there were no empty stomachs!! The show runs from 10:00 am to 6:00pm on Saturday and 10:00am to 4:00 pm Sunday.

Reminder that the NW R/C Regatta will be 2 weeks later on June 4th and is always a great day to see models from all over the Pacific Northwest and Canada competing in the water and for static awards. This will be held at Downtown Park in Bellevue. Since this event is before our meeting on June the 6th, we should have a lot of great photos and coverage from it by those that are attending. Other wise get your models cleaned up, finished up, and ready to go!

The BIMM events for this year are now scheduled for June the 25 & 26th at the Bellingham International Maritime Museum. This event is a static show that also has the pond indoors (so weather not much of an issue unless there is an Artic freeze) for those that want to relax and just run their boats. Hours for this show are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and 11:00 am to 3pm Sunday. There is no charge for the modelers who bring a model for display, but a donation is requested from the general public that attends. For more information on the museum, go to www.bimm.us <<http://www.bimm.us>> for directions and mission statement.

For those that have check their calendars, they will notice that our group meeting in July just so happens to be on the 4th. Since that is a holiday and many are busy with family activities, we have moved our July meeting to JUNE 24th ,(a Friday night and a week n a half earlier) to Morris home. Morris lives up off the South Skagit Highway outside of Sedro Woolly and has a 7000 square foot

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museum that houses several antique tractors, steam engines, pharmacy (have to see it) work shop and other items of interest that several of us have seen in the past and encourage others to make the trek to see. He has opened up the place for us to visit and have a potluck dinner as well since there is a kitchen inside of his shop. Plan on gathering between 6 and 7:00 pm that evening there and enjoy a relaxed tour and friendship. Everyone is invited to this must see location. Directions to be sent out in June.

Show and tell was brief this evening but did feature Keith showing how to work with preformed fiberglass parts. This included: how to cut, drill and grind fiberglass pieces to make things fit, useful tools, and safety precautions to be used when working with them. Favorite tools included : Dremel, All Drill bit, sanding blocks, fine toothed files, sandpaper, and fine tip pens. A somewhat messy demo, but helpful for those that had not worked with them before.

One last order of business was to thank Kevin Klocke for hosting his 3rd annual movie night the Friday before (this was for the airplane guys) that several of the boat folks attended. There was a raffle for prizes that included a couple of electric park flyers that were won by---yep, the boat guys. All the proceeds (\$370.00) was donated to SPOT (animal shelter) and food was well appreciated by all. For the boat guys, we watched a video that reminded us why we like to do boats, as the video was all about disasters, crashes, and other miss hasps. By the time it was done, boat guys sat back, grinned, and mentioned that we never seem to have days go that bad with the boat models where they go home as sticks/trash in plastic bags!!!!

After a few good laughs and informative conversation, we all headed to our home ports until the next time.

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Seattle Maritime Festival & Tugboat Races

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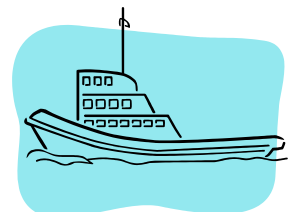
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2011 Regatta Results

Northwest R/C Ship Modelers Regatta

Our Regatta was held June 4 at the pond at Bellevue Park. It was a beautiful sunny spring day with a brisk north wind. We had 21 Skippers and over 40 boats. The day started with the usual setup followed by the Skippers meeting. The first boats were running a little after 10 AM. The course was the same as last year and with the wind presented plenty of challenges particularly on the second half of the course. We had a larger number of boats than normal that failed to finish most do to mechanical or electrical problems. By mid day the sun was out bright and I am sure more than a few people ended up with sunburns.

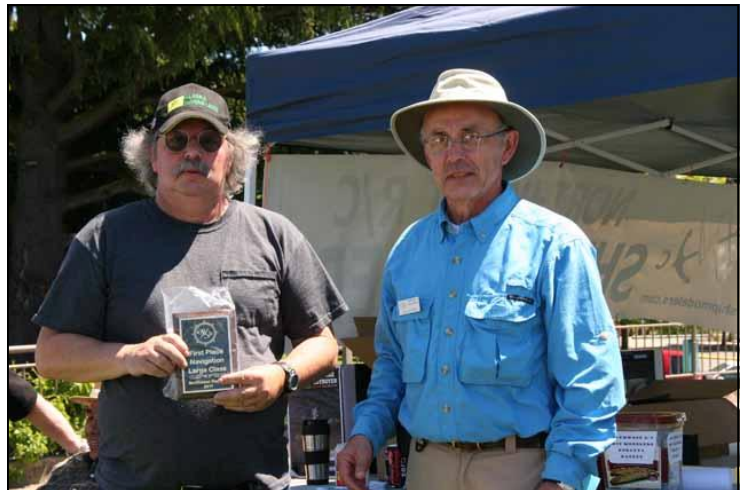


With everyone eager to run and encouraged to get their boats in the water quickly by our Harbor Master we finished early. This gave us plenty of time to hold the Raffle Drawing and make presentations to the winners. This year we had many tie scores despite very careful judging and some boats having problems with the wind. A good time was had by all and a lucky few have bragging rights till next year.

And the Winners are:

Navigation-Large Class over 40 inches in Length

1 st Alan Kinsman	Chris Craft
2 nd Dave Feray	Loyal Volunteer
3 rd Aimee Eng	Kaleetn Ferry



Navigation-Medium Class 26 to 40 inches in length

1 st Keith Schermerhorn	Kulshan
1 st Alan Kinsman	Ayta
3 rd Kevin Klocke	Dena Marie



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Navigation-Small Class less than 26 inches in length

1 st Kevin Klocke	Sea Imp X
2 nd Alan Kinsman	#2
3 rd Phil Northrup	Delila

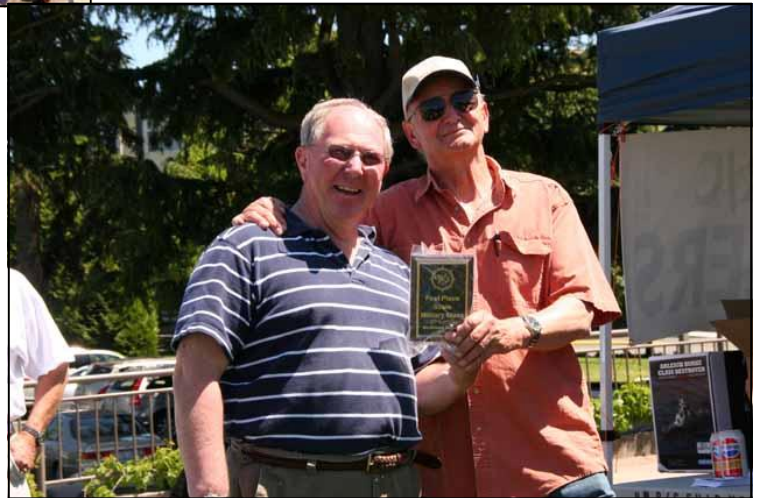


Best of Show Navigation-Tied

Alan Kinsman	Ayta
Keith Schermerhorn	Liberty

Scale Voting-Military Class

1 st Robert Wickham	320 Boat
1 st Mike Jones	Vosper MTB 346
2 nd Rod Bindon	Freedom
2 nd Dain Webster	CGC Chautauqua



Scale Voting-Novelty Class

1st Keith Schermerhorn Red Neck
⇒ *The only one in this class*

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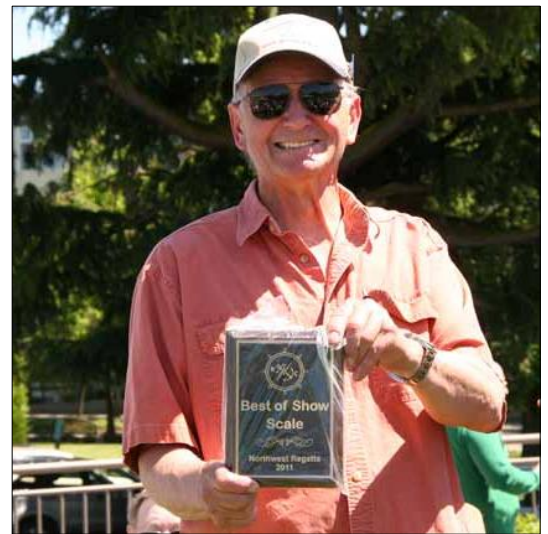
Scale Voting-Pleasure Class

1st Ron Bray Emma B
2nd Alan Kinsman Chris Craft



Scale Voting-Working Class-a Tie

Robert Wickham Lois-J
Mike Jones Laura Belle



Best of Show Scale

Robert Wickham Lois-J



Best of Show Combining Navigation and Scale-a Tie

Keith Schermerhorn Red Neck
Alan Kinsman Chris Craft

Finally, a Special Thank You to those who helped make the Regatta a success!



*Course Set up and making all the Buoys and Islands
Earl Anderson*



*Course Set up
Alan Kinsman*



*Harbor Master
Dave White*



*Mel Suelzle -Awards and
Registration*

*Ron Bray-Scale Judging
and Registration*



*Navigation Judges
Stan Stout and Scott Baumann*

Thank you continued

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*Data Entry and Score Keeping
Ed Maurer*

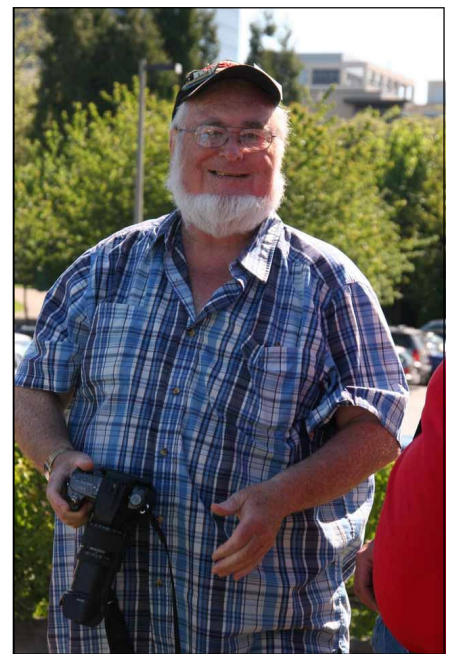


*Getting ALL the food, water & pop
Bob Wickham*



*Setting up the food for lunch
Linda Canney*

Darlene who took all the pictures of the Regatta in this Newsletter and never appeared in any of the pictures



*Pictures
Wayne Martin*

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