

# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers



March, 2012

## AUCTION BIG SUCCESS

### **DATES OF INTEREST**

#### April

2nd Skagit Meeting

5th Club Meeting

8th Float CWB Pond

#### May

3rd Club Meeting

6th Spring Springer Event - Bellevue

7th Skagit Meeting

12th Tug Boat Races

#### June

2nd Anacortes Festival

4th Skagit Meeting

7th Club Meeting

16th Regatta -

The March meeting was designated as the time for the auction of the Earl Anderson Treasures. The members received a 50 item, picture, catalog a number of weeks ago to help them decide which items they might have an interest in purchasing. Included in these items were a number of Earl's famous polo Springer boats, which had ruled the pool for a number of years. A finely detailed model of Model Slipway's **AZIZ**, was purchased by returning member Robert Osman, for the top price of the evening. The second highest priced purchase of the evening was the highly detailed, working, 48" crane barge.

Transmitters, hardware and parts were also available to the bidders. Although there were a number of successful bidders, many members enjoyed the show and kept their mouths closed. By any measure the evening was a success and we thank Earl for his very generous donation, which we would trade in a moment if he were able to join us at pond-side for a day of sailing. The evening generated \$2564.00 for our treasury. We are very fortunate we have members the quality of Earl Anderson.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE BRIDGE

We were fairly represented at the Model Expo in Monroe. **Kevin Klocke** had his pond set up for the duration and club members were encouraged to attend and bring a boat or two to show to the crowd and sail in the pond. We used this opportunity, as a club, to pitch our story and gain new members. (we were successful) There were color handouts available for visitors and a video slideshow running to show our activities and fun. I believe most members felt it did not have the pizzazz of past years, but it was what it was. Rumor has it there will be a show next year, who will be at the helm is still a guess.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank **Bob Wickham** for all his work on the auction, from providing the vehicle to pick up the items from Earl to hours of assisting me to organized the items into logical groupings to auction. His suggestions and hard working at the auction made the evening move along with alacrity. **Ron Bray** jumped into the mix, at the auction, and assisted Bob to keep the auctioneer supplied with the correct item for the next sale. **Ed Mauer** handled the finances with his normal aplomb. Your help, gentlemen, was greatly appreciated.

The club and several of its members has joined the **Scale Ship Modeling Association of North America**. This was done in order to purchase the insurance needed to reserve the Bellevue Pond this year. The city, and many others, are requiring insurance for activities to protect themselves from lawsuits and also to fight the "Occupy" movement which has beleaguered many cities across the country. This insurance gives each person who joined the **SSMANA**, \$1,000,000 of personal coverage. By the club joining, its official functions are covered for the same amount. In this day and age of suing for "any" reason, it might be smart for each of you to consider joining. It can be done online for \$30.00.

It has been announced several times but I am mentioning it again. The June Regatta will be held on the **16th** this year. The reason for the change was to not have two major activities on succeeding weekends in our general area. The Regatta will be held at the Bellevue Pond with the same general hours of operation as we have had in past years. We hope that this will be enough warning for plans to be made to attend.

**Mike Jones** is hosting a Pot Luck dinner at his home in Edmonds on the 9th of March. Please check the website for more information or give Mike a call.



## March Minutes by Dr. Ron

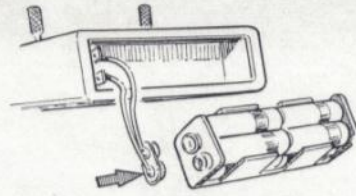
The meeting tonight was host to a special event devoted entirely to an auction of **Earl Anderson's** special polo boats, crane barge and elegant Model Slipway's **Aziz**, as well as other tug boats and an assortment of radios, batteries, servos, winches, motors, building materials, fittings, tools and numerous other items. Also up for bid were an antique sausage maker and brass plumb bob which had been in the family for a long time. Victims of downsizing and illness.

**Lee Stewart** and **Robert Wickham** elegantly orchestrated the event and the club owes them a debt of gratitude for all their efforts. Most of all, however, the club sincerely thanks Earl for his generous donations, allowing the club to fund future operations from the proceeds of the auction. The auction items were placed on Galaxy's counters in numerical order after the store was closed for business, to be viewed before bidding began. Bidding commenced around 1950 hours and all the items were sold by 2100 hours.

Lee announced that the fun float will be at the Bellevue pond on Sunday and the Spring Regatta will be on June 16th instead of the 9th. **Mike Jones** solicited items for the pot luck diner gathering at his condo's social center on Friday the 9th of March. Details and directions can be obtained from the web site. After stacking the chairs, all headed for home ports with lots of great items and leaner wallets.



# Tips & Tricks



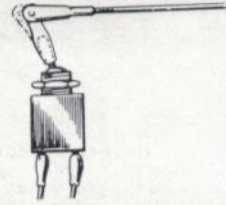
## INTERMITTENT TRANSMITTER

Sometimes, we have trouble with intermittent battery contacts at the tabs inside the transmitter. To solve this, buy a Radio Shack no. 270-325 9V battery snap and solder its leads to the tabs; then snap the connector to your battery pack. You'll have no more problems.



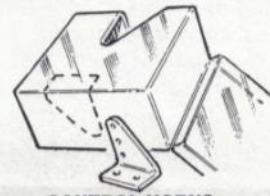
## Z-BEND ALTERNATIVE

Rather than using Z-bends on pushrods, you can buy cycle spokes, which already have a button formed on one end and a sharp 90-degree bend. You might have to search in motorcycle shops for larger spokes with 4-40 threads. Also note that some spokes will have metric threads instead of 2-56, so take a 2-56 threaded coupler with you when you shop.



## SERVO OVER-TRAVEL

If over-travel stalls your servo, try slipping a piece of silicone fuel tubing over the on/off switch toggle. This is a very effective override device, and adding a Du-Bro spring-loaded override to the servo wheel gives an additional safeguard.



## CONTROL HORNS

If you need a control horn, use a plastic box with molded-on hinges, and cut the horns as shown.

34 GREAT MARINE TIPS



## Let's Have Fun!



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