



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

DUES ARE DUE

March, 2014

A Quick Look

April

3rd Club Meeting
5th Fun Float
7th Skagit Meeting
17th Coffee Fun Float

May

1st Club Meeting
4th Springer Event
5th Skagit Meeting
15th Coffee Fun Float

June

2nd Skagit Meeting
5th Club Meeting
7th NWSM Regatta
19th Coffee Fun Float

Gordie Canney 1938-2014



It is with great sadness we report the passing of our long time member. His support of the club, with his wonderful wife, Linda, has been very strong on many fronts. He participated in most events, hosted a weekly gathering at their home and was always available with some good advice. His participation and support was recognized with his receiving the Cliff Shaw award in 2012. He will be sorely missed!

**Services are Thursday March 13, 2014 at 12 Noon
Seattle Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home, 11111
Aurora North, Seattle.**

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Gordy at a regatta with Linda, ever present at his side



Winning the Cliff Shaw Award



God Speed, Old Friend

From 2004 Newsletter by Dr. Ron Bray

GORDY CANNEY



After bringing back pieces of crashed RC airplanes, Gordy was driving by Scriber lake where he witnessed a couple of RC boaters practicing for the 1985 May Regatta which he attended and bought his Shelly Foss. He joined the club, which regularly met at Bob Jacobson's home, and has been an active and involved member ever since. He has built Lindberg Coast Guard vessels and diesel tugs (one still resides on the bottom of Scriber lake), cracker box boats, a Russian ice breaking port tug, a Mississippi delivery boat (sort of like a Springer), the Eula B. Devall towboat, the Titan (a modified Midwest harbor tug and the Odin (Springer, polo boat).

Despite his battle with a slowly progressive muscular dystrophy his zest and passion has sparked his many involvements in the club. He was vice president under the Northrup regime, developed our web page in 1997 and has served as web master. He also has been the keeper of the club database and with the help of his wife Linda arranges to get the Bilge Pump printed and distributed each month. Gordy has been involved in almost all of the events the club has offered and has won the Foss Cup once and the Tidewater cup twice. In addition he is involved in the Pacific Marine Expo.

Gordy was born and raised in Seattle attended Roosevelt High School, Everett Junior College and the U.Of W. He spent the following 6 years in the Coast Guard aboard the ice-breaker Northwind. After 33 and 1/2 years at Boeing as a lead numerical control programmer, he retired in 1994. In addition to his many club activities he is involved in his neighborhood Christmas display program to raise funds for the Mountlake Terrace food bank generating around 10K from donations gathered from the folks cruising by and enjoying their award winning displays. Another passion is his Ham radio activities which he done since 1975 taking every opportunity to advertise our club functions to the boating community.

Our club has been very fortunate to have such a stellar member over the years and hopefully for many more to come.

Dr. Ron

View From The Bridge



No Message This Month

Dues Are Due

March Minutes by Dr. Ron Bray

Our vice commodore, **Robert Wickham**, called the meeting to order at 1900 hours with 29 rain soaked members in attendance. It was great to see **Al Franklin**, **Mike King** and **Lonnie Butler**, who haven't been around for a while. **Mel Suelzle** gave a report on Gordy's condition, stating that he is making slow progress hoping to get home soon. **Dave White** gave a report on the **Springer** event at the fun float next month. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for this weekend's fun float. Other upcoming events were discussed and can be reviewed in our calendar found in the newsletter.

There being no other new or old business **Show and Tell** began with **Mike Jones** demonstrating the many uses for his new *Cricut Explore* machine, which he bought for his wife. Ha, Ha! The cutter is controlled by a computer and is quite versatile, able to create all sorts of designs, in many types of material. It is particularly useful in creating lettering from vinyl, for ship names, etc..



Allan Wing showed his current progress on his *Wawona*, which has been expertly planked and will undoubtedly be a work of art when finished. We can hardly wait to see her sailing on the pond.

Brian Morse brought in his build of a *Bluenose* kit, which has been in the closet for some time, hoping to make some progress.



Dr. Ron showed the progress he has made experimenting with a styrene build of the *Adventurous*, indicating that this would be the one and only such venture with this material.

Mike King brought in a submarine hull and a German NATO fast attack ship kit he picked up in Germany. He also offered to sell a vacuum forming device he bought from **Micro Mark**, since he ordered two by mistake,



Ron Knight showed progress on an enlarged Springer designed by *Tippecanoe Boats*. This one was designed to rescue sailboats, during their sailboat regattas. Using a six foot line attached to a tennis ball they can be wrapped around the keel or rudder to bring them back to shore, when caught in grass or disabled. He also envisions using this tug to pull a barge to drop off course markers for their

events. Ron is planning to join the club and surely will be welcome, with his knowledge of sailing and building.

Tom Stevens gave a very detailed discussion regarding methods of propulsion systems and was recorded for posterity by Allan Wing. (Why was never explained) He discussed all aspects of this topic including tubing connectors, dog bones, U-joints, direct drives, cog belts, chain drives, shafts, stuffing boxes, thrust bearings, props, Z-drives, Voight Schneider systems, motors and rudders with fish tail modifications.

After a very informative night we all headed for the barn at 2045.

NW RC Ship Modelers 2014 Schedule (As of March 9, 2014)

February 7 th – 9 th	Fun Float at NW Hobby Expo – Monroe Fairgrounds
March 6 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
March 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am
April 3 rd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
April 7th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
May 1 st	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club
May 1 st	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 3 rd	Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
May 4 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:00pm (Springer 1:00)
May 5th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
May 15th	Coffee Fun Float
May 31st & June 1	Anacortes Waterfront Festival
June 2nd	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
June 5 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 7 th	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
June 19th	Coffee Fun Float
July 3 rd	Club Meeting—Galaxy Hobby—7:00pm
July 6 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
July 7th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
July 26 th (?)	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
July 17th	<i>Coffee Fun Float</i>
August 4th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
August 7 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 9 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
August 9 th	<i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i>
August 16 th	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
August 17th	Burnaby Regatta
August 21st	Coffee Fun Float
September 4 th	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
September 6 th	<i>Fisherman’s Festival 11:00am – 6:00pm</i>
September 7th	Fun Float—Bellevue Pond—9:30 am
September 8th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
September 14 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin 10:00am – 4:00pm
September 18th	Coffee Fun Float
October 2 nd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am

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NW RC Ship Modelers 2014 Schedule continued.

October 6th	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
November 3rd	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
November 6th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 9th	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m
December 1st	Skagit Meeting—Mt. Vernon P.U.D.
December 4th	Annual Banquet - Site TBD

Possible Night Fun Float in October or November TBD



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