



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

November 2017

2017 Events Look Ahead

OCTOBER

- 5 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7pm
- 7 Fun Float 9am
Bellevue Downtown Park Pond

NOVEMBER

- 2 Meeting at Galaxy Hobby 7pm
- 4 Fun Float 9am
Seattle Yacht Club

DECEMBER

- 7 **Christmas Dinner** 6:30-9pm
Spaghetti Factory (Lynnwood)
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From the Wheel House

Mel Suelzle

2017 is fast drawing to a close. Thanksgiving is just around the corner so it is not a good time to be a turkey. Our boating season has ended for this year but in January we return to the Seattle

Yacht Club. Hopefully the current dock rebuilding project will be completed in time for our next fun float on January 8th. After surviving the Bellevue pond reconstruction this year, it seems we will be dealing with yet another major project at the Seattle Yacht Club. Hopefully we can avoid any major changes to our winter fun float schedule for 2018. We will keep an eye on this project and find an alternative site if necessary.

It's also time to get our winter projects lined up and Galaxy Hobby is again holding their Secret Santa Sale on November 18th from 7 – 9 pm. This is a great chance to stock up on your winter building supplies and even buy your own Christmas presents at a great price. Remember, Galaxy is one of the few remaining real hobby stores around these days. Drop by and show your support and appreciation for the support they give to our club all year long.



For me, it is time to turn my attention to the thousands of photos that our camera bugs have sent me during the year. This is my quest to seek out the well documented and interesting events during the year. Hopefully more than a few that some would like to forget about. Our December Dinner meeting is a perfect venue to share these highlights AND lowlights for everyone's enjoyment. It's one event each year that our friends and spouses can learn about what goes on at our model boating events.

For the 4th year, our dinner is again is at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood. Dinner cost is \$22/person and we encourage spouses and guests to attend as well. The reservation deadline is November 22nd, but space is limited and reservations are strong so don't delay in getting in a reservation.

Also, here is your chance to get even. If you have some photo gems that would be entertaining to the general group, please send me a copy so we can all enjoy them.

The “Election” is over! It was a landslide! (as usual) All current officers were voted in for another year. Many thanks to **Bryan Morse, Paul Williams** and **Amos Aarsvold** for agreeing to continue their roles as Vice President, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. We all owe them a great deal of thanks for their efforts. Please take the time to express your appreciation for their work on behalf of the club.



At the November meeting I presented a “Member of the Year Award” I wanted to award to the member that has done the most during the past year to help the club be successful. The award criteria are simple and will go to the member that has consistently supported and participated in club sponsored events. Helping others in the club with modeling efforts is also an important criterion for the award. The group approved the award and the first one being presented at the December Dinner



Here's wishing you and yours a
Happy Thanksgiving - Mel

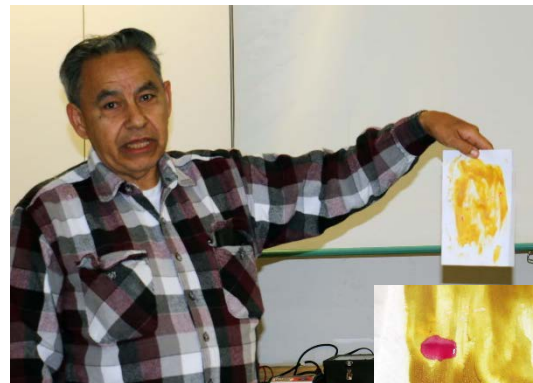


November 2nd Meeting Minutes

Ron Bray

Photos by Allan Wing

On a chilly moonlit night, 22 members were brought to attention by our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**. Show and tell began with **Tom Stevens** demonstrating how water leaks can be spotted using a special water indicating paste. He showed his glue thief, a small tool with a loop at the end to



trap a drop of glue, and a spiked pattern wheel to make



indentations in decks, etc. This wheel can be purchased from any fabric store as it is used

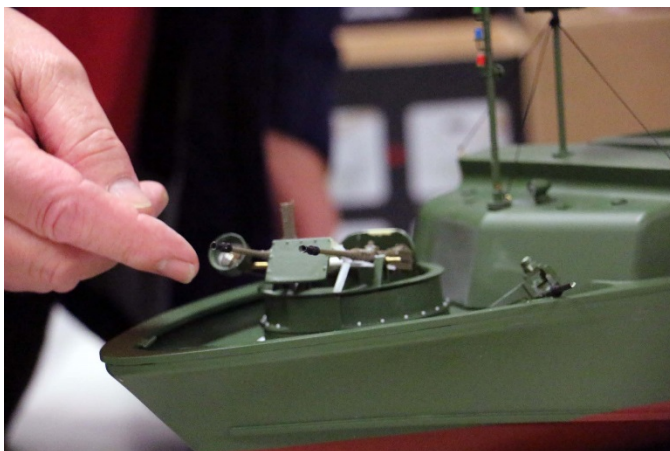
as a pattern marker. **Robert Wickham** brought in his ProBoat hull which he intends to lengthen and install jet drives as well as detailing the model, a feat which he has incredible talent. **John LeGate** showed progress he is making on his tug build. **Robert Osmond** had several items to show us. First was his strand beast which is a wind powered crawler. Apparently, several kits are made by a fellow in Denmark and can be purchased on E-Bay and can be seen on U-Tube. He offered some polyethylene sheeting to anyone who would like to use it to protect surfaces from glue droppings or to



cover models from dust during storage. He uses a slotted brass tube slightly larger than a drive or rudder shaft needed to be removed. He also uses post it notes to mix epoxy glues and then can dispose of them. He showed several scaling rulers which can be purchased to enable direct scale measurements. Several small tug kits were brought out of his archives for display. Progress on his PBR riverboat was addressed. Doc acquired many power and sail boat plans which can be copied by members in order to facilitate building a scratch build model.



Before the break, Mel demonstrated the attributes of the new projector recently acquired for the club. He showed pictures of the model display now being held at the Edmonds museum. He is hoping to have our January meeting there.



Mel is taking reservations and dinner choices for our December meeting to be held at the Spaghetti Factory on Tuesday, December 7 at 6 PM. He presented the treasurer's report, indicating that we are solvent and stated we have 71 members currently,

and looking for more. Dues for 2018 of \$30 are due by January 1. A ploy was made to attend the

Pacific Marine Expo at the Clink on the 16th-18th of this month. It's always nice to see the larger scale items and the commercial side of the industry and to have the opportunity to hob nob with the experts and industry leaders. Registration is free if done on line or by phone.



Nominations for the following year were mentioned and all approved of the slate of officers. All the current officers will continue their positions. Many thanks for their dedication and efforts. Mel will be presenting a special award at the December meeting to the member he feels has done the best job in promoting our club ideals. The fun float this weekend will be on Sunday as scheduled at 9 AM standard time at the Seattle Yacht club.



Drawings were won by **Doc, Robert Wickham** and **Robert Osmond**. The meeting concluded at 2010 and everyone headed out into a rather cold and wet evening to a warm port.



November 5th Fun Float

Mel Suelzle

It was a cold day to have a fun float. While the rain was light, the temperature was cold. Also, the dock rebuilding project was underway and our usual running area was only big enough for the smallest boats which no body brought.



The construction project had the dock power turned off so even our usual heated meeting room offered only protection from the cold wind. Most of our fun float was spent in this room discussing the proper use of hand warmers and the advantages of the different types.

However one brave soul ventured out on the more open waters and briefly withstood the cold wind and rougher water.



Fortunately Robert's surf board rider had on a wet suit and he was able to perform very well under in spite of the weather. .





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Consider spending a day to visit Pacific Marine Expo on **November 16, 17, 18** at the Quest Field and Center. This is a great location with plenty of nearby parking at reasonable rates... This is a great time to rub elbows with the pros, get info on modeling details and talk to local boat builders who support our efforts. Online registration is free but tickets at the gate are \$30. . Show times are 10AM to 5PM on Thursday and Friday and 9AM to 2PM on Saturday so you will have plenty of time to make it to the Secret Santa sale at Galaxy. A few of us plan to be there Friday morning and a nice lunch at the Pyramid Brewery. After lunch we will visit a few more exhibits and head home before the traffic builds.

For more information on the show, visit their web site at <http://www.pacificmarineexpo.com/>

Are you looking for great plans to start your winter building project? Ron Bray has received a huge inventory of great boat plans. He would like to make them available to club members for their building projects. The plans are labeled and separated for sailboats and power boats. They have excellent detail and usually have section drawings to make accurate hulls. Until Thanksgiving, they will be stored in two large boxes at Galaxy Hobby. If you are interested, stop by and pick out any you would like to keep. We ask only that you log out the name of the boat and your name so we can add them to our archives lists in case others are in need of a copy. By Thanksgiving, we need to make way for Mike's extra Christmas inventory and the plans will be donated the Historical Society.



For Sale

We have been contacted by a person that would like to donate his unfinished model to someone in our club. This model is a Latina model Marine II the hull and cabin are built but without detailing. Unfortunately, the hull suffered a fall and is damaged and needs repair. Below are some photos. If you are interested contact Denny O'Neil at dennyoneil@msn.com.



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