



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

November, 2013

Dates of interest

November

4th Skagit Meeting

7th Club Meeting

10th Fun Float
Location TBD

December

5th Annual Awards
Banquet
Marco's Restaurant

January

2nd Club Meeting

ROBERT OSMOND AND ROBERT WICKUM HEAD SOUTH TO THE TUALATIN PUMPKIN

The Tualatin Pumpkin Festival is put on the by City of Tualatin Oregon on the same lake as The Crawfish Festival Regatta.

Robert Wickum and I are also members of the Portland Model Power Boat Association. We read about this Pumpkin Festival last year and this year the weather was supposed sunny, the weather was perfect, sunny and warm not a cloud in the sky from Friday night until Saturday night, unlike the fog that covered the Puget sound area during the same period.

I ran my "Red Ryder" otherwise known as "Rocket Tug" which did a good job of pushing the pumpkins and avoided being swamped too many times by the other pushers as the slid around the pumpkins sides trying to guide the pumpkins on the desired course. My boat was pushed under water twice with



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just the superstructure above the water surface during these jostling matches.

Four members of the Portland club ran boats including one 9 1/2' Missouri that had some close encounters with pumpkins being pushed by some of the small tugs, no tug was larger than a "springer" size. Aimee was there with her finely detailed Springer, the fellow with the permanent Pumpkin head Springer, a cabin cruiser and the young fellow with the tiny RC pirate boat. This is not an organized model boat activity. The officials would not allow any boaters tents but they did cordon off the walkway and a small area for us to run our boats from. The boating activity consists of pushing the pumpkins around before they are carved and then pushing them to the boarding area and leaving them for the rowers to enter their respective pumpkins. The pumpkins weighed in from 500 to 1000 lbs. +/- . They are quite easy to push and were a lot of fun to try to keep them going in the desired direction, if there had been a strong breeze I am not sure any boat they could have pushed them against it. As it was it took almost full power to move them a very slow pace.

I was asked to pull a string of small pumpkins with yellow duck silhouettes around the shoreline for the children.

Everyone had a great day.

There were thousands of the public painting pumpkins, face painting and many other family actives as well as a 5k Run. Over half of the people there were children when delighted in the many activities and cheered the tugs pushing the pumpkins around. There were (5) pumpkin races with the same pumpkins, in several of the races they sank 2 of 3 pumpkins and the kayak equipped overseers came out and rescued the rowers and then pushed the pumpkins back to the start so they could be drained and used again in the next race.

I would recommend this to any members that want to come next year if the weather is going to be nice.

Robert O



View From The Bridge – Bob Jacobsen

Wow! This year has gone by in a flash! I have really enjoyed being president and want to thank everyone for all the help and support throughout the year. What a great club. Welcome to the new club President Robert Osmond and Vice President Robert Wickham. I know they will be a great team and we are looking forward to a fun 2014.

But I am not quite finished yet . I want to remind everyone to get in your reservation for the December banquet. The form is in the newsletter so grab that checkbook and send it to me. We have a lot of folks signed up so far - this will be a lot of fun.

Also I showed of a few items at the club meeting and a few people asked for links. The first was my new FPV (first person view) setup. With this you can mount a mini camera and transmitter on your boat which transmits directly to set of goggles you wear. Gives you a vie as if you are actually behind the wheel! Should be fun on a navigation course. The model I have is the Fat Shark V3 and the setup comes from Hobbyking. Look for it at hobbyking.com search for fat shark v3.

The next item was a nice watertight carry case from MCM Electronics. These are the Duratool brand and come in many sizes. Great quality and very reasonable prices. Look for them here: mcmelectronics.com

Also don't forget Galaxy Hobby has their annual Secret Santa Sale on Saturday November 23rd at 7:00pm
Great sale – See you there!

My e-mail is bobandlaurie@nwlinc.net and my cell phone is 206-790-2367.

Remember, there are two kinds of ships, submarines and targets!

Bob





NW R/C Ship Modelers

Christmas Banquet

December 5th @ 6:00pm

Location: Marco's Restaurant
 17525 Washington 99
 Lynnwood, WA 98037

Cost \$28.00 Per Person—Includes tax and tip. Dinner includes salad, main course, dessert and soft drinks, coffee, tea, etc. Mixed drinks, wine and beer available on site for extra cost.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Dinner Choice: Prime Rib Qty _____

1/2 Chicken Qty _____

Salmon Qty _____

Send form with payment to: Bob Jacobsen
 14609 W Lake Goodwin Rd
 Stanwood, WA 98292

Or e-mail to: jacobsenra@hotmail.com

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November, 2013 Meeting Minutes by Ron Bray

Our president, **Bob Jacobsen**, launched the meeting at 1905 with 25 in attendance. Jerry Hartman was introduced as our new member. There were no guests. Bob made several announcements: one must be present to claim a door prize at the end of the meeting, Galaxy will have the secret Santa sale on the 23rd of November starting at 7 PM, Galaxy Hobby has a new web site where we can sign up for e-mail announcements (Galaxy.com) and download coupons, the December 5th banquet will be at Marco's restaurant and must be paid for before the event (\$28 per person), and he passed out the 2014 schedule of events and meetings.

Of particular interest was **Bob's visit** to the Lynnwood city council meeting where plans for the Lynwood Commons were discussed. Bob presented a proposal to convert the planned fountain to a model boat pond. He has made contacts and will pursue this. Also, it may be possible to use the swimming pools for fun floats, probably on Sunday mornings or other times when the pools are not utilized. The possibility of providing boats to be run by the general public (kids and dads) was discussed.

Elections went without controversy with **Robert Osmond** elected president, **Robert Wickham** our vice president, **Ed Mauer** treasurer and **Gordy Canney** our communications officer. It was mentioned that dues can now be paid to Ed for the upcoming year.

There were only two submissions for **best build of the year** – Dr Ron's Lake Union Dream boat and Bill Horton's Seguin tug. Mike will make the judgment and present the results at our December banquet.



After the break **boat stands** were displayed and discussed. Those presenting stands were Robert Wickham, Dr. Ron, Roger Lyons, Tom Stevens, Bob Jacobsen and Robert Osmond.



Show and tell started with **Dr. Ron** showing progress on a static sailboat model he is building for the Edmonds Yacht Club commodore to be presented at his celebration ball in March. He discussed how he started with a very small picture of the top and side views which were enlarged six fold to obtain a model 2 feet long. The patterns were then used to outline the views on styrene. The side view was placed perpendicular to the top view at the centerline and foam pieces placed on either side which were then shaped to form the hull. Difficulties using epoxy resins were then discussed.



Jerry Hartman brought his Dumas Cobra which he built 15 years ago and then had to rebuild it after the hot weather down south almost destroyed it. He did a fabulous job and used leather to make the seat covers. **Allan Wing**, being inspired by the technology involved in this year's America Cup races, presented his concept for wing airfoils which he plans to incorporate in a skip jack, catamaran or trimaran. **Norm Hiatt** updated his Viking ship by

adding additional crew members and placing torches (lights) in the hands of a couple of crewmen both for and aft in anticipation of a future night float.



Mel reported on his visit to the National Archives Museum near Sand Point. He was able to obtain drawings of the cannery tugboat he is planning to build. He was warmly welcomed and was able to obtain an excel file which he hopes to convert to a pdf file and place on our website links.



Ed Mauer brought a Voith Schneider drive from Graupner to show how much more realistic the blades look when painted to look like the real ones.

Bob Jacobsen discussed his recent purchase of a Fat Shark PVG (personal view goggles) which he purchased from Hobby King for around \$200. The camera and transmitter can be mounted on a boat and the course visualized in the goggles as if you are in the wheelhouse. He also showed how his camera was mounted on his gyro gimble assembly for his quadcopter. He brought a semiautomatic cartridge screw driver he bought at Costco for \$36. He recently purchased a real cool water-tight plastic case for his quadcopter or radios from Mendelson electronics.

Following the door prize drawings the meeting closed at 2050. We owe **Bob** a very sincere and hardy thank you for a stellar, innovative and productive year as president. He has set the bar for this office. Surely, he will still be active and provide a lot of insight and direction for club. Thanks again Bob for a great job and for your dedication to the club.

ROBERT OSMOND

This month we are going to cover our [vice president's](#) (Robert Osmond's) biography. Robert started his life in Salt Lake City where he was raised from 1951 until he left at the age of 23 to get his master's degree in Social work at the University of Texas (1977-79). Since there were no jobs (because the Federal Government had just cut funding for all social welfare and mental health services and closed most mental health hospitals) in his field he began work in Dallas at a construction company as their comptroller. He then formed his own company in 1981.



While in Dallas he lived by White Rock Lake. After spotting a neighbor running a remote controlled boat he got the itch and purchased a Lindberg 1/32 PT 109. He was asked to join the North Texas Shipwrights' Club when a member saw him running his PT boat. He was an active member of this club and was its Commodore for several years during which the club put on displays during the only Dallas Grand Prix, many displays on the reflecting basin in the center of the Texas State Fair Grounds in Dallas Texas with 50-60,000 visitors walking by during these (2) day displays, and they even had a scale "Americas Cup" race with (8) 1 meter rc sailboats with (4) of the boats being run by skippers flown in from Australia for the races.

In 1987 he came to the Northwest and started a new construction company dealing with commercial interior finish outs, speculative residential construction, and then into his specialty of building and remodeling dental and medical offices. After doing this in this area for 25 years he retired in 2012 to help with his parents medical and health needs in Dallas and Denver.

When he arrived in town he started calling several hobby shops inquiring about RC boat clubs. He stumbled onto Bob Jacobsen and Cliff Shaw and joined our club in the fall of 1987. However, he took a leave of absence in 1996 to mentor his son through school and scouting through Eagle Scout. In addition, he also was quite busy building a new home in Newcastle from 1985-86. He returned to the club in 2012 with lots of enthusiasm and building knowledge and has been very helpful in sharing his knowledge and expertise when members become stymied and having problems constructing and running boats.

Other areas of interest include landscape gardening with his wife Donna, model cars, working with wood and metals, collecting vintage cars, glass fusing and working with Adobe Photoshop on photographs. He also enjoys boating and owned a 23 foot Sunrunner from 1988-98 and then purchased a 32 foot Bayliner which he kept at the Blaine marina and then Skyline marina in Anacortes. At the moment he is looking for another boat which he can trailer and store in his garage. Robert is just one of those guys who doesn't let the grass grow under his feet and hopefully we will have him in the club for many more years to come.

NW RC Ship Modelers – 2014 Schedule – Updated 11/7/2013

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| January 2 nd | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| January 5 th | Fun Float?? TBD |
| February 6 th | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| February 9 th | Fun Float?? TBD |
| March 6 th | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| March 8 th | Fun Float – Bellevue Pond |
| April 3 rd | Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| April 6 th | Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am |
| April 30 th | Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club – 9:00-3:00 |
| May 1 st | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| May 4 th | Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:000pm (Springer 1:00) |
| May 10 th | Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle |
| June ?? | Anacortes Waterfront Festival – Randy @ randyandlindaflodquist@gmail.com |
| June 5 th | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| June 7 th | NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am |
| July 3 rd | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| July 12 th | Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am |
| July ?? | <i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i> |
| August 7 th | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| August 9 th | <i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i> |
| August 16 th | <i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i> |
| September 4 th | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| September ?? | <i>Fishermans Festival 11:00am – 6:00pm</i> |
| September 14 th | Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin 10:00am – 4:00pm |
| October 2 nd | Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| October 5 th | Fun Float - TBD |
| November 6 th | Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm |
| November 9 th | Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m |
| December 4 th | Annual Banquet – Pre-registration required - 6:00pm |

For Sale

Matchbox Flower class corvette. Not yet complete, it's built like HMCS 'Shediac', after the 1944 refit in Vancouver. The hull and superstructure are mostly done and converted to the Canadian style. Comes with Sirmar weapons, two channel radio, I think the speed control is in there, rudder and linkage is set up. \$150 gets you what has been done so far, the radio and all the parts and instructions I can find. Call Eric Potter at 360-734-5888.





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Membership and Renewal Form

Dues are \$25.00 per year

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