



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

October 2017

2017 Events Look Ahead

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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| 7 | Christmas Dinner
Spaghetti Factory (Lynnwood) | 6:30-9pm |
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and registration info



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From the Wheel House

Mel Suelzle

As we are well into the last part of our most active schedule, we must all agree that it has been a most interesting and positive part of our year. Having most successful events at the Lake Goodwin barbeque, the Super Sisley Sale, Fisherman's festival were great events as we wrap up our model boating season.

Even the new Bellevue Park arrangement has been positive with a nice Twilight fun float and recent great weather and large local crowds made even the simple fun float most enjoyable. Our October fun float was the last of the season for Bellevue, next month we will return to the Seattle Yacht Club for our new found winter venue. A great place to run a boat with t offers nearby shelter and protected waterways. This location offers great parking and about as comfortable setting as one could ask for during the cooler and wetter months.

I think the club has weathered the Bellevue park situation well and came through this event in a most positive way. Our event participation and membership levels are also on a positive trend.

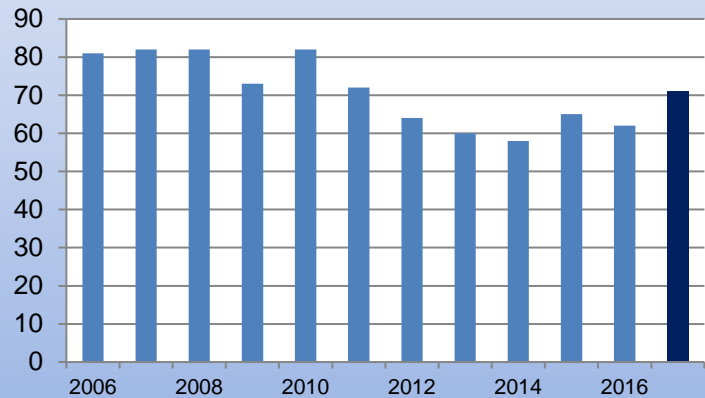
Last meeting we welcomed new members **Bill Langjhar** and **Jim Mays** to our club. We have had a steady stream of new members this year. New members are critical to our long term success and are a great indicator of our clubs success in meeting member expectations. Our current membership is now 71. After a low of 58 just a few years ago, it is nice to see a positive trend in membership that hopefully will continue and match or exceed the 80+ level of a decade ago. This should be a major goal for next year.

Growing membership, positive, well attended boating events and meetings are all a sign of a health and vitality of our club. While membership levels are important, active membership is even more important. Active participation spreads the workload and allows everyone to have a more enjoyable club experience. I believe our member activity is increasing and that bodes well for our club as well. We need to be vigilant in our effort to make these activities more interesting to all our members.

This year we have tried to strengthen our meetings with mini presentations on subjects of general member interest. I hope we can continue this activity to draw on member skills that can be shared and encourage everyone to try even more modeling projects.

Last meeting we approved the purchase of a video projector for the occasional external presentations and regular use at our meetings. Photos and videos will be a nice addition to our meeting agendas. The projector has been purchased and will be debuted at our November meeting.

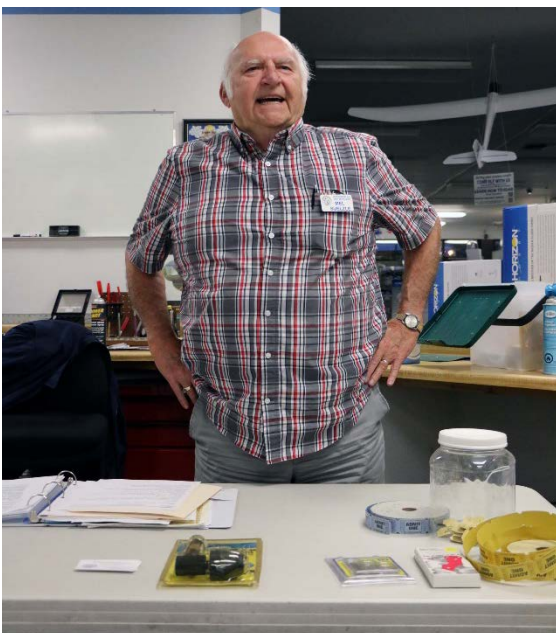
Membership Trend Level at Year End



October 5th Meeting Minutes

Ron Bray

Photos by Allan Wing



As daylight dwindles and the evenings get cooler, our commodore, **Mel Suelzle**, welcomed 21 members including two new members. **Jim Mays** came from Mount Vernon with **Bill Langjahr** from Anacortes. Both became acquainted with our group through events in Anacortes and Bellingham, and are interested in motorized vessels instead of aircraft and sailboats.

Show and tell began with **Roger Lyons** two- year build of his scratch built Coast Guard officer cadet training vessel from the 1920s era. **Robert Osmond** brought in six different steam engines hoping to enthuse some of us to pursue building steam launches, etc.. **Doc** showed one of his 17- year collection of Nautical Research Journals hoping to find a new home for them. **Robert Osmond** stepped up to the plate. **Rich Goodrich** demonstrated some micro lights which he connected to an electronic switch connected to his receiver. They can be purchased at Big Lots or



Hobby Lobby. **Paul Williams** brought in a number of magazines for the taking.

After the break, **Mel** gave out windshield stickers for those who wanted them, providing identification of our vehicles at our outings at the Bellevue pond. He recapped the Lake Bob auction and sale of Jim Sisley's collection which enriched our treasury by \$3454. Kudos were given to **Bob and Laurie** for their generosity in providing the space to display all the items and for fantastic



burgers and hot dogs. The weather held out for the fun float but it started raining at the conclusion of the auction.

Mel announced that the

Fishermans' festival was a huge success with lots of member participation and lots of boats for display. Our location this year was closer to the ramp, making it easier to launch our boats. The crowd was quite large and enthusiastic about our display. The Christmas dinner will again be at the Spaghetti house with a slight change in the menu. It was suggested we raise the fare to \$22 this year. Since Bob Jacobsen's projector is on its last legs Mel

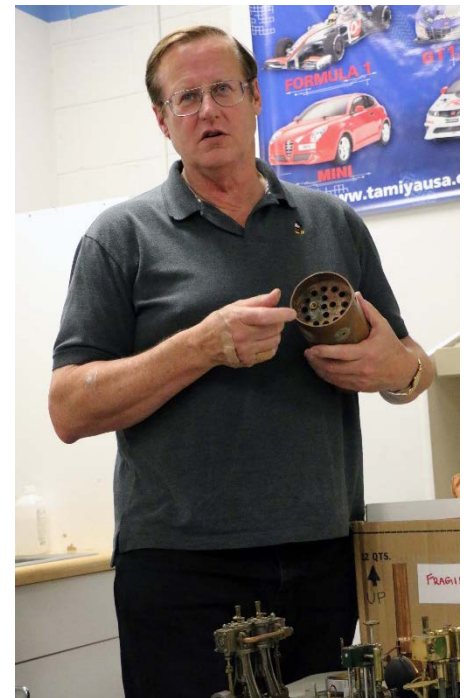
suggested the club purchase one. This was approved by the members with a limit of \$600. It was suggested that members obtain free passes to the upcoming Marine Expo in November. These can be obtained online or by phone. Officer



nominations will be at the November meeting. Incumbent officers will return except the presidential position. Announcements for fun floats times and locations appear elsewhere in the newsletter. In order to avoid traffic, the Thursday coffee floats will start at 11 AM instead of 10 AM.. Our brochures are being updated and will be available for next year. It seems we go through quite a few when provided at our outings.

Raffle items were won by **Robert Osmond, Norm Hiatt and Doug Wilson**. The

meeting concluded at 2010 and we headed for home ports facing some cooler evenings.



Lake Goodwin Fun Float Barbeque and “Sale of the Century”

Mel Suelzle



On Sunday, September 17th we held the 15th annual fun float/barbeque at **Bob & Laurie Jacobsen's** home on Lake Goodwin. As usual this great event with so many things going on it was hard to find time to run boats but many did. While the event is very popular every year, this year was a record setter. With the attendees almost double of previous years, Chef Bob had to work overtime cooking dogs and burger to satisfy the crowd. Rough headcount was about 50 with many spouses to keep the guys in line. As usual Bob and Laurie were wonderful hosts. We appreciate them make their available for this annual event. As they are



planning to eventually relocate to Idaho, this likely will be the last time we will be able to enjoy this event at their beautiful home on Lake Goodwin. Of course, the huge sale items donated to the club by the Sisley family attracted to the numbers as visitors came from afar. Ron Burchett and Sue and John came from Canada making it an international event for the first time. The sale was a huge



success. At the end of the day only a few items remained and the club had collected over \$3250. The threat of rain did not materialize until the very end of the affair. Everyone left with their bellies full and their shopping bag(s) full of treasures from the big sale.

We are most grateful those who came to this event and especially **Bob Jacobsen** giving up much of his garage to store the items for 4 months. Also to **Robert Osmond, Ron Bray and Allan Wing and Rich Goodrich** for giving up two full days to sorting

and cataloging the donated items. This extra effort contributed greatly to the success of the sale by making the items easy to display and transfer to all the eager treasure hunters!!



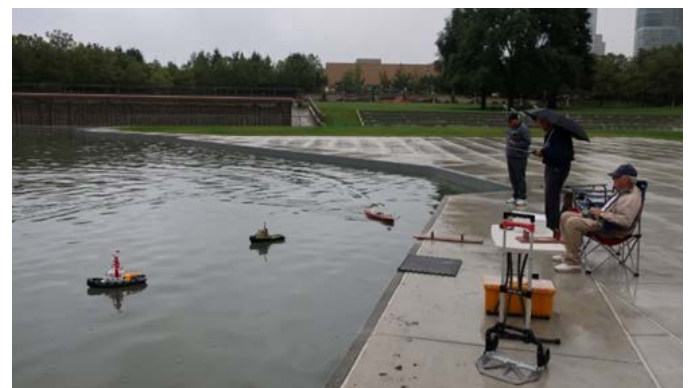
September 21st Coffee Fun Float



This was the first time we have held a "Thursday Coffee" fun float at the new Bellevue Park. The weather was not great and traffic delayed some so there were no parking spots in the lower area closest to the Pond. The rain moved the group to the shelter of the trees. Soon the rain stopped and the fun float continued from the west side of the pond. While not a total bust, several members



showed up and ran their boats. As the 405 traffic problems continue, attendance from the north may fall off. Hopefully those members living more local can continue to support these events next year.



October 7th Fun Float

Mel Suelzle

Photos by Allan Wing & Robert Osmond

The weather forecast notwithstanding, this fun float turned out to be a very good one. The rain held off and lots of periods of sunshine kept the temperature very pleasant. There were many park visitors that enjoyed the nice day as well. A gentle breeze kept the sail boats running well most of the time. Robert Osmond entertained the spectators and terrorized some fellow modelers with his high flying Puffer. Perhaps he was trying to emulate Everett Evan's Dolphin tug. The Puffer is fast, but fell a little short. (wait 'til next month). John



and built by Phil Northrup. Bill McGee stopped playing with his new tractor long enough to travel from Cle Elum and test the water with one of his proven designs. However, his new power tug stayed in dry dock waiting for the perfect time to demonstrate it and show off this new build.



Nygaard got lots of attention with his multi-monitor fire boat. It was a little too cool to spray any of the spectators even if though they wanted it done. Dave White and myself ran our riverboat tugs which are near twins as both were designed



2017 Fisherman's Festival

Mel Suelzle

Saturday, September 23rd, was our last major boating event of our 2017 season. The weather was perfect just like every other aspect of this year's event. We had a new location next to the ramp making it easy to get to the water for running boats. Unlike previous events, we had a location on level cement near the center of the Festival.



Unfortunately it was a little too close to the stage when the heavy metal music started late in the day.

The crowds were as enthusiastic as ever about our model boat display for good reason. We had a great collection of models on display as our member brought out some of their very best



models. **Robert Osmond** had his steam launches that attracted a crowd. **Bill McGee** unveiled his new power tug he built under a veil of secrecy. By all accounts it looks to be a real powerhouse tug. We would expect nothing else from Bill. But we



have to take Bill's word on that one as it never hit the water on this day anyway. Kudos for Bill were coming so often that he had to stay late in the day after his usual early start.

Phil Northrup had a nice array of boats and entertained the kid's dockside with his fire monitor. A nice breeze throughout the day worked well for **Rick Goodrich** and **Bryan Morse** to show off their sailboats. They performed well much to the chagrin of the tugs standing by hoping to get a chance to rescue them. **Jeff Parker** pleased the crowd with this nice running missile cruiser and Shelly Foss. As usual, **Dr. Ron** has his primo display of pleasure craft that were popular with the crowd. I displayed the Sally S and met a guy that actually served on the boat when it was owned by the Washington Tug & Barge. **Bob Wickham** and **Paul Williams** also had some nice boats to display. All in all it was one of the very best collections of models we have ever had.





Many thanks go to those members that came and participated the entire day, making this a very successful event. A special thank you goes to **Bob Wickham** for making the arrangements with the festival organizer.



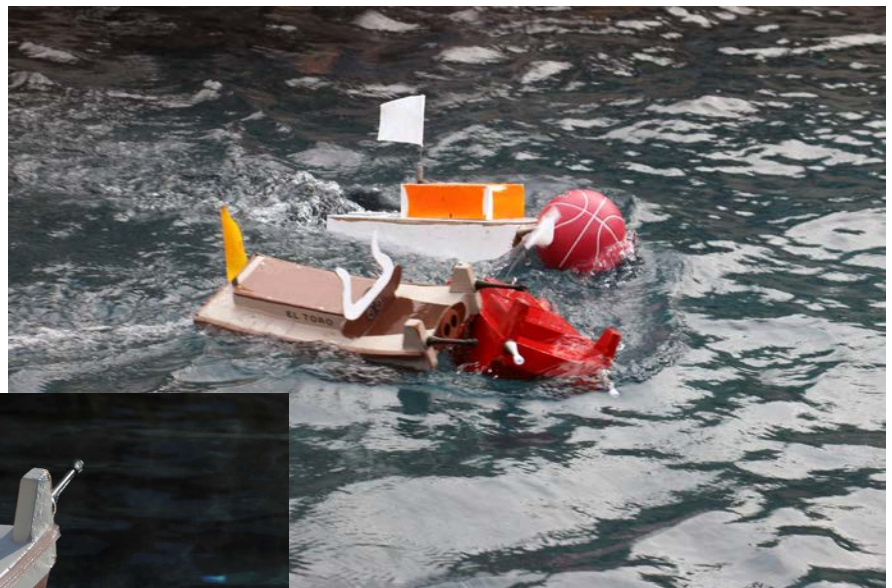
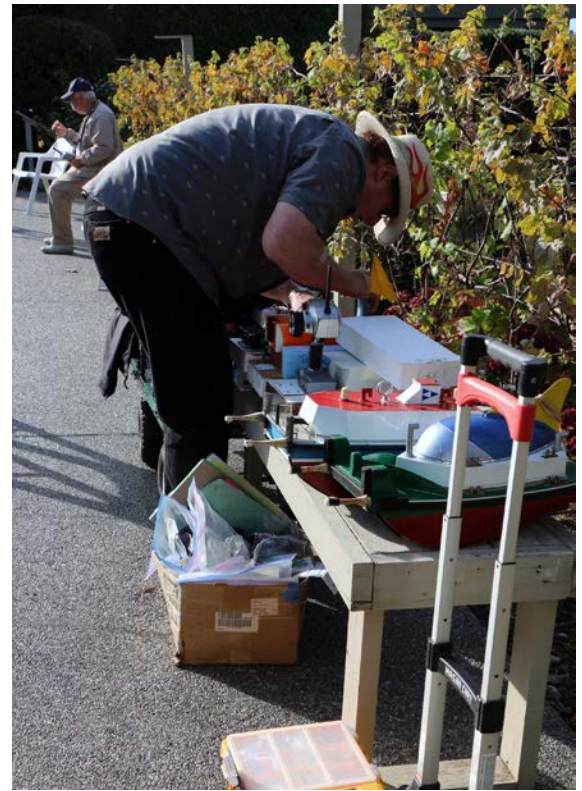
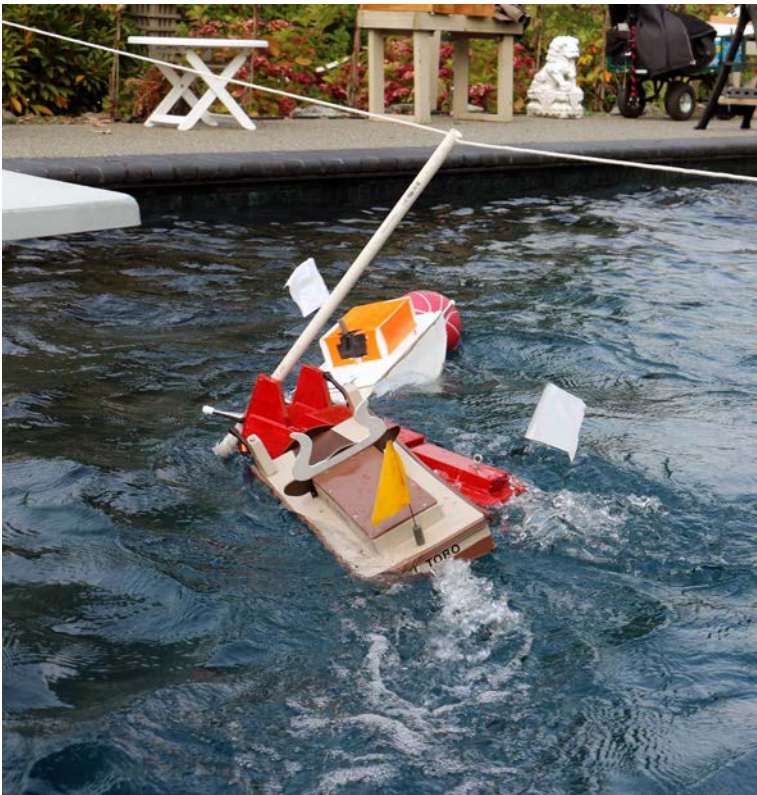
Polo Match

Allan Wing

It was a sunny and cool start and later it got warmer. Dennis was once again gracious to let us use his pool. We had 5 people so we played 3 on 2 for most of the time. We played till we had only 2 boats running and then had to retrieve several springs from the bottom of the pool. It was a good time but we could certainly use more people.







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NORTHWEST R/C SHIPMODELERS

2017 CHRISTMAS BANQUET



Arrangements have been and all is in order for another great December Dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood **on December 7th**.

This year we will have a similar menu that includes a nice variety of excellent Italian dishes that will satisfy the largest of appetites. Our meal will include appetizers, bread, soup or salad, the entre' of your choice and

Spumoni desert, soft drinks and coffee/tea. Wine and beer will be available for purchase separately.

ALL this food and a fun filled evening for the modest sum of **\$22/person**.

The Spaghetti Factory has lots of parking. Some may want to use the upper parking lot that is on the same level of the restaurant and avoid the entry way steps.

The location details are:

The Old Spaghetti Factory
2609 196th Street SW
Lynnwood, WA
425 672-7006

GALAXY HOBBY



Time:	Social Hour/Appetizers	6:30 PM
	Dinner	7:15 PM
	Program	8:00 PM
	Concludes	9:00 PM

The cost for the three course dinner is \$22/person. This includes tax and gratuity, appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks. Mixed drinks, wine and beer are available at extra cost.

Reservation & Meal Selection

Again this year we will and ask each person to pre-select the entree of your choice that will be served to your table. Seating is limited so get your reservations in early. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

Name: _____

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Lasagna

Qty _____

Spinach & Cheese Ravioli & Tortellini

Qty _____

Chicken Marsala

Qty _____

Send names & selection(s) with payment to: Mel Suelzle

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Make checks payable to **NW R/C Ship Modelers**. If you prefer to pay via PayPal Send payment to mel@suelzle.com, and email a copy of this form to mel@suelzle.com

Cancellations: Cancellation/changes can be made prior to 11/29. Afterwards any refunds will only be made if the restaurant does not charge the club for missed reservations.

Payment and menu selection must be received by 11-22-2017