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FALL CALENDAR

October

North end meeting	10/7
North end float	10/9
(Nite float starts 4:00)	
South end meeting	10/21
South end float	10/30

November

North end meeting	11/4
North end float	11/7
South end meeting	11/18
South end float	11/21

December

North end meeting	12/2
North end float	12/5
South end meeting	12/16
South end float	none

Presidents Note

Steve O'Connell

VANTEC SPEED CONTROLLERS

Many members have said they want to order speed controls, but I have received very few checks. In fairness to those who have responded, I will send in the order for the first 20 controllers I get checks for. Send a check for \$52 per speed control to Steve O'Connell. Make the check out to NW R/C SHIPMODELERS and be sure to specify your connector choice (Ace, Deans, Futaba G, Futaba J, or Airtronics).

FREQUENCY CONTROL

We have not said this in so many words before, but the club cannot be put in a position of bearing any responsibility for members operating a model on anything other than an FCC approved Surface Frequency. Contact *Anything R/C* in Spokane ASAP if you need to change a radio to a legal frequency.

OCTOBER "COPY" MEETING

DO NOT MISS THIS MEETING

Bob Jacobsen came up with this truly great idea a couple of months ago, and we are going to do it October 7th at the Innis Arden Clubhouse.

The way it works is; everybody brings old model magazines, books of interest to modelers (*Anatomy of a Ship*, for example), catalogs, plans, schematics, etc. Bob will supply the copy machine and we will charge a nickel per copy to cover Bob's expenses, and a 3 cent profit going to the club. This will be your chance to get a copy of that long out of print article, drawing, or the differences in the Fletcher Class 5 inch gun mounts.

In addition, Innis Arden has asked us to make some repairs to a few of the tables at the clubhouse. Bob will provide the hardware, but several screwdrivers are needed, "power" and manual. This should only take about 20 minutes and is a small price to pay for the discount we get on the monthly rental. Bring the usual show and tells, and I promise to keep the business

portion short to devote maximum time to a massive B.S. session. Make sure everything you bring for others to look at has your name on it.

NIGHT FLOAT

The October (North End) Fun Float will be a night float starting at 4:00 PM. There will be daylight at the beginning for those who do not have lights. **Note:** this float is scheduled for **Saturday** and not Sunday. This is always a lot of fun and the Bellevue Pond is ideal for this type of event.

From the Editor

Mike Moor

As you have heard, or read in the newsletter Bill Michaels left Seattle for a career opportunity on the East Coast. Bill has been the Editor and writer of our newsletter for the past three and a half years. His informative and entertaining articles will be missed. You can still catch his writings in the "Scale Ship Model" section of *Flying Models* magazine. Good luck Bill, and NO, I don't want to buy your house.

To keep the presses rolling, I volunteered to help Steve and Lou with publication of the newsletter. As you saw in the masthead of the last newsletter, my offer was accepted.

GUEST COLUMNISTS

In addition to the regular columns and articles in our newsletter, I would like to have one article per newsletter from another club member. This will provide a variety of viewpoints and interests for the newsletter, which making the Editors job easier.

If you are interested in submitting an article, contact me.

BOAT OF THE MONTH

A different boat will be featured in a short article each month. The article may describe construction techniques, hardware installation, or helpful hints gained from the

project, etc. Along with the boat details, information about the builder/skipper will be included. This article will share the wealth of expertise within the club, as well as help us to get to know each other.

EVENTS

September 2

Foss Shipyard Tour

reported by Andy Paris

The September 2nd meeting was held at the Foss Shipyard. This entertaining and informative field trip was set up by Gordy Canney, good job Gordy.

We all met early at the yard and were able to examine tugboats, workboats and floating dry-docks. There were several well built models of past and proposed tugs, as well as dozens of pictures of Foss's more unusual towing jobs.

At 8 PM we were escorted to the main conference room where Steve O'Connell completed some club business.

After numerous nominations, Bob Jacobsen walked away with the coveted *Bent Propeller Award*. Bob earned the award for stepping through his living room ceiling in an effort to store a ten foot submarine in his attic. Attendance was taken, 37 members and a couple of visitors.

Mike Skalley, Manager of Customer Services in Seattle and Historian for Foss presented a slide show on the history of Foss Maritime. The show began in the 1890s with Mrs. Foss painting rowboats with green paint, Foss Maritimes participation in two world wars and concluded with Foss's modern high tech tugboats.

Mike Skalley is a veritable storehouse of Foss history, he was able to answer every question posed to him.

After the presentation, we were escorted through the Machine Shop by the Afternoon Shift Foreman, Mr. Bill Thompson. A propeller shaft was being turned on a lathe.

The shaft may have been for a tug hauled up on dry-dock after being damaged below the waterline.

The tour continued aboard a tug tied at the dock. Beginning in the engine room, including a look inside one of the large diesel engines. Continuing up through the decks to the bridge where Dave Basden demonstrated searchlight etiquette by frying the retinas out of the eyes of a couple of rag boat drivers.

The tour concluded in the company store where shirts, cups and hats bearing the Foss logo were purchased.

This was a very successful field trip. Many thanks to Gordy, Mike Skalley and Foss Maritime of Seattle.

If you are interested in knowing more about Foss, read Michael Skalley's book, "FOSS Ninety Years of Tow Boating". This book is on loan through the King County Library System.

September 4 & 5
Harbor Days Tugboat / Workboat Float
Saturday

This years tugboat event held in conjunction with Olympia's Harbor Days Festival was a real success. Tugboat and workboat skippers from Portland, Spokane, and British Columbia joined local skippers for a day of boat driving, conversation and relaxing. The cool and overcast of the morning burned off quickly and sweatshirts and jackets were replaced with shorts and sunscreen. A total of 48 boats paid a registration fee of \$1 each to enter the festivities. The proceeds were used to purchase soft drinks for the skippers and crew. After the receipts were totaled, there was \$18 left.....profit, one lesson learned from last year. The \$18 will pay for the materials used to construct the PVC channel which replaces the old locks.

Unlike last years event, this years float was informal. Buoys were placed in the pond, however no formal course was laid out. The PVC channel, along with the many docks,

and barges were effective in testing the skills of the helmsman.

The frequency board was used on a self-service basis, and transmitters were not impounded.

Ron Burchett was unable to attend with his popular log barge show, as he was driving his full scale tugboat from Vancouver to the Powell River.

The Harbor Days Committee provided six plaques which were given out based upon skippers choice.

The results are as follows:

WORKBOATS:

1st place:

"Moonshadow"

Keith Schermerhorn, Bellingham

TUGBOATS:

1st place:

"Marion E" Ron Hinton, Spokane

2nd place (Tie)

"Truman Floyd" Dennis Johnson, Spokane

"Shelley Foss" Vic Lanza, Olympia

3rd place:

"Westminster" Brian Dean, Surry, B.C.

"Isabel" Wayne Martin, Mt. Vernon

A few grumblings were heard about the lack of judged events and awards, however most skippers were happy with the ample stick time and loose format. Format for next years event has yet to be developed. Anyone wishing to participate can contact Jerry Julian.

Harbor Days cont'd
Sunday, September 5

Sunday the full scale tugs were racing on Puget Sound. Jerry Julian was able to secure passage for attending club members aboard the 188 foot supply tug, Recovery Bay. The excursion lasted from 10 AM until 4 PM. During this time the Recovery Bay was positioned to watch the parade of tugs

leave the wharf for the race course. Later that day the Recovery Bay entered and won both races she was in.

Jerry took photos which he plans to include in a thank you letter from the club to the commander of the vessel. Grease the skids for next year Jerry.

A big "thanks" to Jerry Julian, Jim Elder, and the rest of the Olympia fleet who made the float a success. Also, thanks to the skippers who brought docks, buoys and great looking models to Olympia. See you next year!

Loggers Congress 94 Snoqualmie, WA

Located in the center of an exhibition of new, old and very old logging equipment somewhere North of Snoqualmie Washington, a 20 X 40 foot manmade pond was dug and filled with water by the Weyerhaeuser Company. This small pond was to be the site of Ron Burchette's log barge demonstration, sponsored by the Seaspan Company of British Columbia.

The show is a scale demonstration of Seaspan's self unloading log barge, used on the West coast of British Columbia. The demonstration for the Loggers Congress lasted from Thursday, September 23rd thru Sunday, September 26th, with audiences of school kids, loggers and corporate executives from Oregon to Alaska and Canada.

Due to the size of the pond, an abbreviated show was arranged without the usual towing of the log barge to site prior to dumping, but everything else remained. The barge mounted R/C cranes loaded a couple stray log bundles, then pumps in the hull of the barge flooded the starboard side until the entire load of scale logs slid into the water. On hand to assist Ron was Loren Scott and Brian Dean from Canada and Steve O'Connell, Jerry Julian, Ray Nelson and Mike Moor.

WANT ADS

Wanted:

The following past issues of "MARINE MODELING MAGAZINE"

1986, Feb - Mar

1987, Aug - Sept

1991, all issues

1992, Jan - July

Contact Jerry Julian (206) 943-7009

For Sale : Contact

Steve Conradi @ (206) 259-3826

- Ready to Run, Dumas USCG 41' Utility Boat, no radio -\$140
- New in box, Dumas USCG 44' Lifeboat - \$75.
- New in box, Glencoe USS Oregon - \$18.
- New in box, Glencoe Sub chaser -\$13.
- New in box, Dumas Mr. Darby tug, with running hardware -\$325.
- Two (2) New "Astro 25" geared motors, with water cooled mounts. \$160. for the pair, or \$85. each.

If you are buying or selling scale boat stuff, place an ad in the news letter. Call or write me with the information.

Mike Moor (206) 838-3651

BENT PROP AWARD

And the winner is.....Bob Jacobsen for damage done to his living room ceiling following a misstep while attempting to dock a very large fleet submarine in his attic.

If that isn't enough, Bob is contemplating relandscaping his property to add a new workshop, and the possible purchase of a new, larger vehicle. Both changes to accommodate said submarine.

Cool!

BOAT OF THE MONTH

This month's boat of the month won't be a boat at all, but a small enterprise. Mr. Dennis Lunde of Bremerton is a member of our club, but it's a safe bet if you don't know, or have ever met Dennis. Although he has been in the club for almost a year, he has been unable to make a meeting. I have had several interesting phone conversations with Dennis and I thought you would be interested in Dennis, his hobby and his enterprise.

Dennis lives and works in Bremerton and has been building static ship models for 30 years. I know we could all look back and make similar claims, but Dennis makes museum quality stuff. He started with sailing warships including the Constitution and Bon Homme Richard. One day, Dennis was introduced to modern (W.W. I I) warships, and he hasn't built a sailing ship since. He has built numerous models for retired Navy types and several ships for the Naval museum in Bremerton.

Recently Dennis has been looking for a change of pace..... *tugboats*, of course. He is also steaming into the uncharted waters of R/C. Despite the many models Dennis has built, none are operational. Dennis expressed his interest in the technology of an R/C boat building and is looking forward to talking with other members of the club.

That's a quick profile of the modeler and his hobby, now the enterprise.

PEARL MODEL SHIP COMPANY
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The same as the one advertised in *Scale Ship Modeler*. Pearl Model Ship Company is a supplier of W.W. I I warship deck hardware in 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, & 3/32 scales. I have a catalog from Pearl, it is 11 typed pages of every thing from gun barrels to motor whaleboats, and an OSU2 Kingfisher to boot. If you are considering outfitting a warship,

(Andy, Phil, Dick) Dennis says he will give a 25% discount to club members.

A DIFFERENT MEETING

Based on the great turnout for the meeting held at the Foss yard, (I know, ..It was a great meeting and I should have been there) it appears club members are looking for a little variety in the meetings.

How does this sound; Holding a fall or early winter meeting in the Officers Wardroom aboard DD951, the Turner Joy.....I thought you would like that.

The Turner Joy was the last of the Forrest Sherman class of destroyers, and one of only two of the class built here in Seattle. The T.J. was built in the 1950s and has been saved as a museum ship in Bremerton.

DD951 is less than 2 blocks from the ferry terminal in Bremerton, and with some creative ride-sharing and walk-on rates on the ferry, this meeting is doable.

If you are interested, please let us know at the meeting or by phone. This will take some time to set up, so as soon as we can get a group, (the ward room holds about 40) we will make plans.

Other outside meetings may include a return to Elliot Bay Design, and the Coast Guard Museum.

If you have an interesting idea for an outside meeting, contact one of the club officers and share the thought.

I hope you enjoyed my first attempt as News letter Editor.

If you like "fat" news letters, send me articles, building tips, etc. My address and phone number are on the first page.

Thanks, Mike Moor

