



# The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

October, 2013

## Dates of interest

### October

- 3rd Club Meeting
- 5th Fun Float
- 7th Skagit Meeting

### November

- 4th Skagit Meeting
- 7th Club Meeting
- 10th Fun Float

### December

- 2nd Skagit Meeting
- 5th Club Meeting
- 8th Fun Float

## A TIME FOR REFLECTION

We have had another great season of participation in our sport and we are looking ahead to some time to do some repairs or remodeling, to some of our craft. There may even be a box, with a new build, waiting to be attacked. Our activities will slow down rapidly for the rest of the year. There will still be meetings and fun floats, for the hardy ones, but for most, it will be an opportunity to catch up on things which have taken a back seat to the important ones of summer.

Our leadership has been outstanding, making the meetings interesting and the events challenging. In November we will elect our leadership for 2014. Do we keep the current administration or replace one or two. It is time to start thinking. Let our President know if you are interested in any of the positions.

Our December meeting is planned and you will find a flyer in this news letter about it. If you plan to go, you must let our President know, and pay, before the event. **NO** last minute drop ins.

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## View From The Bridge – Bob Jacobsen

As I sit here writing this, what is probably the last fun float of the year will take place tomorrow. That makes me reflect back over a really fun year. Lots of fun at events like the Monroe Hobby Show, Opening Day at Seattle Yacht Club, The Tugboat Races in Seattle, The Anacortes Waterfront Festival, The big NW Regatta, The Tidewater Cup in Spokane, The Crawfish Festival in Oregon, The NW R/C Tug Championship, The Fisherman's Festival and of course all the fun floats. I don't know

about you guys, but I had a pretty darn good time this year. My boats ran well, I finished my crane barge, nothing sank all year and the club meetings were great.

Now I am looking forward to the Annual Banquet (always a good time). You will find the flyer in this newsletter. I tried to keep the quality up and the price down and hopefully succeeded. You will want to check it out and sign up before November 29<sup>th</sup> – yes you have lots of time. In the meantime, as we move into building season, dig out the projects, dust off the tools and have some fun building too!

My e-mail is [bobandlaurie@nwlink.net](mailto:bobandlaurie@nwlink.net) and my cell phone is 206-790-2367.

Remember, the worst day model boating is better than the best day working – or maybe not!

Bob



## Upcoming November Club Meeting

The November meeting will have a lot going on, so here are some reminders as you get ready for it.

1. Mike will be judging for the best new build of the year award. This means bring any new boat you built over this last year to the meeting so you can do a show and tell, get it judged, and keep the rest of us jacked up to get out boats built.
2. Election of club officers happens. If you are interested in serving, have comments or suggestions, contact Bob soon. We will vote on officers at the meeting.
3. A special show and tell on your boat display stands. Bring any stands you consider unique, really cool, extra solid etc. Sometimes the stand helps make the model and we want to see them.

This should be a big meeting so get it on the MUST DO calendar now. November 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at Galaxy Hobby.

Be there or be talked about



## October, 2013 Meeting Minutes by **Ron Bray**

Nineteen members ushered in our October meeting at 1905 under direction of our skipper, **Bob Jacobsen**. No guests or new members were present. Bob announced that our fun float will be this Saturday, probably a good move considering the prospect of rainy weather on Sunday. **Mike Shaw** will judge the *best build* for the year at the November meeting. So bring your new boats to be considered. There will also be a special show and tell for boat stands. Election of officers will take place at our November meeting and Bob said he would not be president next year, but might consider the vice presidency.

Our President has arranged to have our December dinner meeting at the Marcos restaurant on Hwy 99, at 6 PM, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Flyers were provided explaining the location, menu and cost, with further details elsewhere in this newsletter. We must pay Bob in advance of the event, as there will be no last minute decision availability.

**Gordy Caney** gave a report on the fisherman's festival, noting rather poor participation by our members. There were two tents, six tables and good access to the dock. **Dave Green's** coast guard trawler, the *Tom's*, drew lots of attention and interest.

The outlook for our participation at the Marine Expo and Hobby Expo appears bleak this year. So, there will be lots of time for building and little opportunity for running.

**Tom Stevens** gave a report on the springer event at Lake Bob. Despite a wet start the weather cleared and we were able to start the Springer event, which was won by **Mel Suelzle**, however, he deferred to **Dave White**, who desired to orchestrate the spring Springer event. **Mike Gullikson** thrilled the crowd flying his 1/3 scale float plane. The food and hospitality were great and the ladies enjoyed a good indoor visit. After the silent auction, everyone packed up and left to beat the next incoming rain storm. .

Before the break Bob showed the latest AquaCraft rescue fire boat, which just arrived at Galaxy. This RTR boat has a fiberglass hull, 600 motor, a 2.4 GHz radio, operating fire monitor, lights and lots of detailing, selling for \$400. Mike ordered another but it won't arrive until late December.

After the break, Dave Green started show and tell, demonstrating progress he has made with his scratch built 1:48 coast guard cutter made from plans he has had for many years. After WW2 the coast guard acquired 18 of these Navy seaplane tenders and Dave served on the **Casco**, which is the ship he is modeling. His ship was built



by the Puget Sound Navy Shipyard. The model has twin geared motors and the hull is made of two layers of ¼ inch basswood for the bottom and 1/16 inch balsa for the sides reinforced with fiberglass matt on the inside and polyester resin on the outside. **Noel Holly** described the history of the “Laker” class of WW1 freighters. The model he is building was built in 1918 by Toledo Shipbuilding and was acquired by a Tacoma firm to serve as a lumber transporter. His port holes are unique in that they are made from clear plastic rods and buffed to a very smooth finish.

**Dr. Ron Bray** gave a progress report on the Lake Union Dream Boat, discussing how the rattle can paint and primer were removed and the hull then painted with his favorite automotive primer and Duracryl acrylic lacquer. He discussed steps in refinishing the cabin parts before gluing them together. Details regarding stanchion construction were discussed. **Bryan Morse** showed progress on his Dumas *Dauntless* model, describing how he laminated the chines to prevent breaking the ¼ inch strips provided in the kit. He also described how he steamed the plywood sheets, in order to conform to the forward bends in the hull.

Bob showed the mounting of his waterproof GoPro camera in the nose of his submarine and then discussed the many cool features of the new quad copter, just released by Horizon Hobbies. The sophistication of the toys available is amazing.

Following the drawing for prizes, the meeting concluded at 2010. However, many stayed after the meeting to watch the flying characteristics of the quad copter in the parking lot of Galaxy Hobbies.

(The editor's apology, I accidentally erased the photos taken at the meeting)



## **Club activities at the Fisherman's Fall Festival** by Mel Suelzle

The heroes of the club's efforts were Tom and Sandy, Gordy and Linda, and Dave Green. They were all there early, well before it all started, and they stayed late. The most admired models were Tom's four fishing boats and Dave's Coast Guard buoy tender. Those five models were placed on tables right up front, and well deserved the spotlight. They were constantly being admired. Tom's fishing boats because of the vast quantity of realistic details visible and the tender because of Dave's operation of the working boom.

Our booth was placed right where the bulk of fairgoers walked, between the main parking areas and the rest of the festival grounds. It was a great spot to attract attention. The organizers set us up with a well-protected shelter right on the waterfront edge, next to the water-level low dock. We could run our boats right from the shelter, if we needed to.

The fair organizers came by at 10:30, before it started, and asked us whether our set-up was all right, and could they make it better for us. At ten o'clock, when I arrived, there was still plenty of parking near the booth (100' away). The staff had stretched a buoy line across from docks 8 and 9, restricting the waters near the booth to our models only. This really helped, since it eliminated visiting boats from encroaching into our operating water.

The fair staff had set up a double-sized canopy for us, with clear plastic sides in case of rain. They set up chairs and tables for us. They really seemed to appreciate our presence, particularly when we would run boats. I spent a lot of time running the PT, egged on by the sounds of appreciative comments coming from the dock behind me. Dave and I both allowed boys to run our boats, to their undying gratitude.

There was a young man named Paul, about twelve or thirteen years old, whom I had met two years ago. He was running an unusual tug model similar to the Carol Moran Lindberg tug, only about 5 inches longer. He ran it in a very responsible manner, just like a club member. I encouraged him to attend other club functions.

I only wished that we had many more club members attending. We needed more models on display, besides the appropriate fishing boats and tender. I particularly wanted more models in operation, especially tugs and barges. The crowd would have appreciated seeing boats filling our water the whole seven hours. They didn't have to be limited to fishing craft. Standing on the lower dock running my boat, with a crowd of appreciative observers on the shore behind me was a real kick! I will definitely be back next year, and I highly recommend it for other club members.

## September Thursday Morning Fun Float by Robert Osmond

The September 3rd Thursday Fun Float was attended by 12 members. There was some sparring by the 6 sailboats present, one of which was a Santa Barbara class sailboat, which Robert Osmond bought at Bob Jacobsen's Fall Open House. The Santa Barbara has a six foot mast and the hull is five foot nine inches long. This particular boat is almost 40 years old. The weather was beautiful and temperature was perfect. All there had a good time and ran for several hours.





## Lake Goodwin Fall Gathering

The weather did not cooperate immediately as it rained right after we arrived for an hour or so then cleared with a low fog layer, but the lake was perfectly smooth. Bob and Laurie Jacobsen graciously opened their home and property for the event.

The Springer competition was planned by Tom Stevens, as he was last Spring's winner. Each skipper was given a plastic champagne glass with a piece of yarn to tie to the Springer. Some had trouble finding a flat spot on their decks, others just kept knocking the glasses off and having to refill them. After trying to get all of the boats to line up with full glasses on their deck and not succeeding, Tom decided to start when a large group was in the proper area. With the crack of the gun, they were off racing and jostling their way from one dock to the next dock and back again, two times. There were many bumps and tips, but in the end Mel Suelzle was victorious and Dave White came in second. Mel said he will let Dave come up with the Springer event in the spring as a "present".

One of Bob's friends, in his model airplane club, flew a 1/6 scale float plane and landed successfully on the glassy water. Very impressive!

There was a silent auction held inside on tables, with motors, Ron Bray's cruiser, Bob Jacobson's Santa Barbara sail boat, Spektrum DX6 radios. with several configurations and several Raboesch bow thrusters. Most of the items changed hands, some went home with the person that brought them.

Bob did his regular excellent job of cooking hot dogs and hamburgers and supplying sodas, the rest of the fare was pot luck with pies, chips and salads. A truly Grand Feast.





## October Fun Float Report by Robert Osmond

The October fun float was attended by 19 members (all are in the group photo), there were times where there were 17 running boats in the water. The new interest in bringing out sailboats resulted in 6 sailboats vying for the sporadic puffs of wind. What we needed was the type of wind that always seems to come up during the, June Regatta or the NW R/C Tugboat competition.

The weather was perfect, warm and sunny, neither cool or hot, jackets were shed and the Fun Float began.

There was a little excitement when Mel Suelzle was running his new Chris Craft and came to shore with puffs of smoke coming out of the open windows, fortunately it was just some melted wires from a few speed runs. His boat ran very well and had a nice bow wave and good turn of speed, perhaps scale 40 MPH.

Noel ran his new "Laker" freighter for the first time and it ran flawlessly. It could move very quickly when in danger from a larger boat.







## NW RC Ship Modelers – 2013 Schedule – Updated 10/3/2013

February 8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Float at NW Hobby Expo – Monroe
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am
April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:00pm (Springer 1:00)
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Anacortes Waterfront Festival
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i>
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
September 7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Fisherman’s Festival 11:00am – 6:00pm</i>
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin 10:00am – 4:00pm
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Banquet – Marco’s Restaurant – Pre-registration required - 6:00pm



## For Sale


I have a Dumas Coast Guard 44 foot motor boat kit that I would like to sell.

The hull is built up and sealed, otherwise unfinished. I have all the hardware including a pair of 6 volt Dumas Pittman motors. I've had the kit for 40 years and realize I'll never get back to it. Would any of your members have an interest? I live south of Olympia and could meet a buyer half way.

I would like \$250. I didn't get it in the photos but the deck hardware is in the original bag. As far as I can tell the kit is complete, less radio and batteries. I bought it about 40 years ago and set it aside while raising a family. Maybe 20 years ago I started work on it and found my interests had changed. Thanks for any consideration.

Dave Doern Home phone is 360 978 4660





# **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  
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