

The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers



September, 2012

DATES OF INTEREST

September

- 6th Club Meeting
- 9th Fun Float
- 10th Skagit Meeting
- 16th Springer Event
- 22nd Fisherman's Festival

October

- 1st Skagit Meeting
- 6th Club Meeting
- 14th Fun Float

Wow, we wait all year for the activities of our club and now suddenly they are over? Time passes much too rapidly when you are having fun. This issue contains reviews of two of the major regattas which we attend, Tualatin and The Foss Cup, which are in addition to our own Regatta. Unfortunately, the Tidewater Cup of Spokane had to be postponed this year. In this Olde Scribe's eyes both events were well attended, people had fun and our hobby was demonstrated to hundreds of possible new participants. We never know whether all the work pays off in new members, but I remember one significant event which occurred, when I was much, much younger, which lit the flame in me. We just have to keep exposing those who have not been "bitten" yet.

All is not over for the year. We have the Fall (?) Springer Event on the 16th of this month. This will be held at Bob Jacobson's home. Robert Osmond is in charge of creating the course and challenge for this event. So, get those Springers dusted off and charged up. It might not hurt to put them in the water to make sure everything is operational, before you get to the event. On September 22nd will be the Fisherman's Festival.

In November we attend the Pacific Maritime Expo at the old Quest Convention Center and then in December we have our dinner meeting. We have a committee working on the suggested arrangements for that event.

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Foss Cup by Keith Schermerhorn

Well, Foss Cup 2012 is now in the books after a long weekend of model boating. The weather was comfortable with temps in the low 70's and no rain! There were 35 boats registered to go through the challenge of the day and more than 85 models on display! Modelers from all over the west coast arrived early to set up their camps and enjoy the fellowship of the model boat community as well as the competition. The orders for the day: take a barge through the course, salvage a derelict vessel, join in team tow (optional), and above all--HAVE FUN! Boats were divided into categories based (Small, Medium, Large, Vintage, Masters) on weight with the exception being Vintage and Masters, which had their own criteria. Many of the captains completed the events, a few had technical difficulties, but all at least tried. The judges for this year's event were 2 young men who started out in the hobby and now work full time in the maritime trades. Capt. Russ Shrewsbury from Western Towboat was our Navigation judge (also a past winner of the event at 14 years of age) and Ben Flodquist of the WA State Ferry Crew was the salvage judge. These gentlemen did a great job of scoring and watching the events up close. Along with the competition, there was the raffle that had a lot of great items donated by several supporters that included the following:

[Western Towboat](#), [Fremont Tug \(Mark and Margie Freeman\)](#), [Foss Maritime](#), [Loyalhanna Dockyard](#), [RAM](#), [Dumas](#), [Gary King/Ron Burchett](#), [Rubber Tug Bumpers \(Aimee\)](#), [Vantec](#), [Troy Waters](#) and [Tower hobbies](#).

And one of the more favorite items of the day was our ever diligent galley chef. Linda Flodquist and crew (Randy and Jessica) fixed a breakfast and lunch for all attending so that the crews stayed fueled up all day. Thanks to all that helped through out the day from registration (Shawna and Jessica), raffle ticket sales, running salvage vessels back to their holding area, and clean up. With out all the extra help by all attending, this event would be more difficult to do. Special thanks also to Dr. Ron and Tom Stevens for getting all the gear to and from storage as this is a big portion of what is needed to make this event happen!!

Some of the highlights included: Foss family photo/parade, 2 Crowley Invader class, 2 Lindsey Foss, 2 Tiger Sun (big Tiger and little Tiger), 1 near sinking, many good runs, team towing of a large 300 pound Liberty Ship, and all sorts of photo opportunities. By the end of the day and after all scoring was added up, Troy Waters of California was the new champion. Many others gave chase and challenged for the day which makes for a great completion over all. Thanks again to all those that attended as that is the reason for the event-- be it a competitor or spectator.

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Foss Cup Final Results:

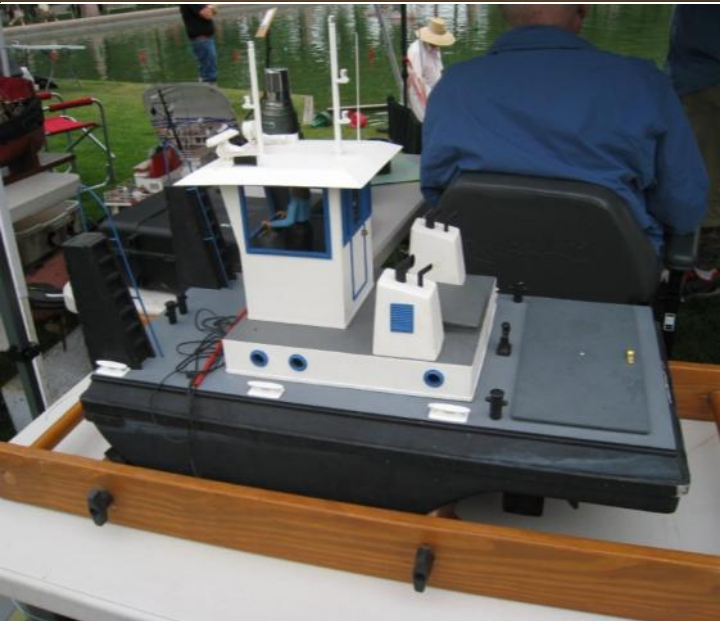
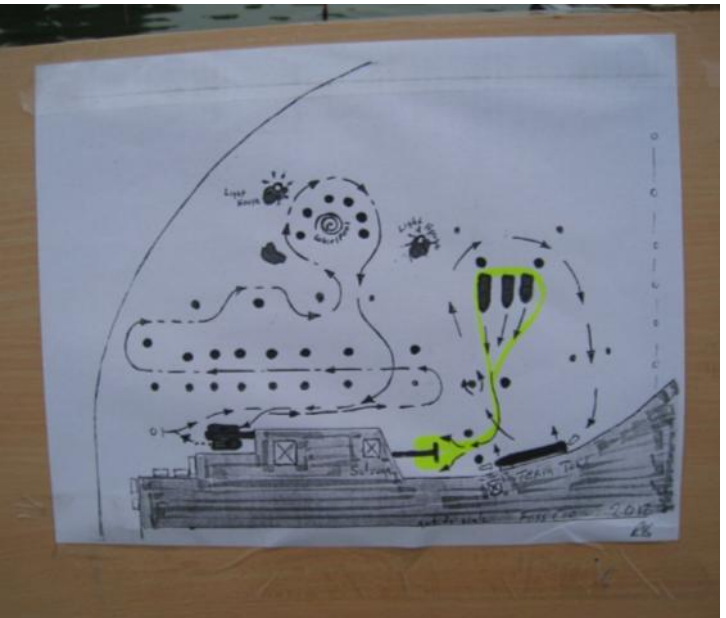
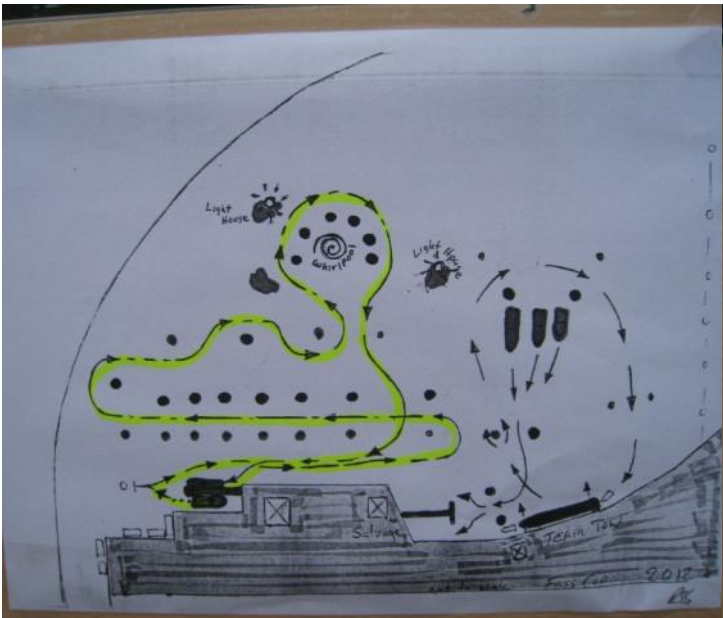
Small Class:	1. Troy Waters 2. Aimee Eng 3. Robert Osmond	log tug <i>Ryoko</i> small red boat
Medium Class:	1. Ulrick Briner 2. Mike Claxton 3. Gordon Canney	<i>Lindsey Foss</i> <i>Hilbre X</i> <i>Denny T</i>
Large Class:	1. Gary King 2. Al Kinsman 3. Ron Bray	<i>Tiger Sun</i> <i>Western Titan</i> <i>Elly B</i>
Vintage:	1. Brad Young 2. Allan Wing 3. Vic Schisler	<i>Fearless</i> <i>Henry Foss</i> <i>Sea Robin</i>
Masters:	Sue Newmyer	
Team Tow:	Sue Newmyer/ Vic Schisler	
Judges Choice:	Vic Schisler	<i>Sea Robin</i>
Sponsors Award:	Ron Bray	<i>Lindsey Foss</i>

FOSS CUP CHAMPION 2012



Troy Waters





September Minutes by Dr. Ron

The meeting was called to order at 1905 by vice commodore Robert Wickham. No guests or new members were in attendance. Robert passed out a registration form, which he obtained online, for the upcoming Workboat Expo (11/27-29) and encouraged us to do so as well. The Fisherman's Festival will be on 9/22 and according to **Diane Parker** we will have the same location with two tents, six tables and ten chairs. Even though it is a fisherman's event we can display and run whatever models we are willing to bring.

Dane Webster announced that buoys are due at the October meeting and will be set out at the following fun float in preparation for the following night float. **Bob Jacobsen** mentioned the fun float at his home on **Lake Goodwin** on Saturday September 16. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish, salad or desert. Bob will bar-b-q hamburgers and hot dogs as usual. There will be auction tables set up for silent or fixed price options. **Robert Osmond** will host a fascinating Springer competition and all are encouraged to get their Springers tuned up for this event.

Dave Green reported that the City of Bellevue Parks Department has informed him that we are not compliant with fire department regulations. In the future no more than four canopies can be close together and must be separated by a 12 foot break between these groups of four. According to Dave's measurements we will not be able to have more than ten canopies in this format. However, there may be room for some innovative placements to accommodate those wishing to erect a canopy. Dave queried why the pond was so dirty and was told that this was due to decreased circulation and pond sweeping down to once every two weeks instead of every morning and this is a result of budget restrictions. To be compliant with park rules all events and dates must be registered early in the season.

Dane Webster provided the Christmas dinner committee report indicating their choice for the location of this event. After considerable discussion it was moved, second and passed unanimously that we hold it at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood. Those coming from afar or wishing to overly imbibe have the option of staying at the hotel at a special holiday rate. We will need a minimum of 30 people to get a free room and no host bar and 27 were accounted for from the members attending the meeting. Hopefully more members who were unable to attend will join the festivities so that it will be a memorable and special function for not only the members, but also for wives, guests and significant others. It was moved, second and passed that the club contribute \$250 toward defraying the expenses of the event.

Dane Webster called for some military boats for display over the Veterans' day weekend (11/9-11) at the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett. Robert Wickham announced that there would be a fun float this Sunday at the pond and that the Skagit meeting will be held in Mount Vernon Monday night. **Dave White** mentioned that a large number of Garden Railway (G scale) items will be available as one of their member passed on and his widow would like to distribute these items to interested parties.

After a short recess several projects, some completed and some still in progress, as well as some new RTR tugs were displayed and discussed. **Dr. Ron** led off with his recently purchased incredibly detailed Vietnamese runabout which he and **Cliff Elowson** purchased from the distributor in Fife. They brought back three different models which they hope to fit with RC gear.

Mike Jones brought his WT Preston build for all to ogle and ah over. He has it temporarily powered with an electric motor and a realistic drive mechanism. The five rudders are ganged and operational as are the lights (remotely controlled by a 12 channel transmitter) and the crane, operated by a continuous servo. He plans to have the steam engine installed before too long as well as a sound system recreating the sounds of an operating steam engine, bells, whistles, etc.. Small items are being photo etched by a photo etching kit from Micro Mark.

Bob Jacobsen had several items for discussion. The first was his design for a small sail boat. He brought 12 kits to the Edmonds Yacht Club Labor Day cruise and the kids went nuts building and sailing them. Hopefully this will entice them to continue improving their building skills. Secondly he showed his recent acquisition of an RTR Southampton tug which he purchased from Arctic Hobbies on E-Bay for \$163. It came with a radio and receiver, two geared motors, a charger and numerous tires. Thirdly, he brought his unpainted buoy to show he was not waiting until the last minute to get one built.

Next, Robert Wickham showed his year-long modification of his Pro Boat 47 Coast Guard boat. He cut it in half and then added six inches, replaced the motors, added a third, replaced the drive trains and repositioned the rudders to improve maneuverability when turning. His RIB was constructed from cardboard rocket tubing with the aid of a balloon inserted to maintain the correct alignment while gluing and is attached to the deck with magnets. His model has impeccable detail and finish. This model along with the Preston are outstanding models demonstrating, skills beyond belief.

Phil Northrup, though eclipsed by Bob , showed his modifications of the Southampton RTR tug which he bought from WalMart on line for \$142 but without a radio. He put in two Viper Marine ESCs, a Spektrum receiver and added a 3000 Mah 7.2 volt battery. Bob Jacobsen stated that the ESCs in the unmodified tug would not work with the Spektrum system. Both Phil and Bob seem enthralled with this very nice detailed RTR. Next, Phil showed his buoy build made atop a lid and jar from Tap Plastics, but stated that a peanut butter jar or such would work just as well. Phil is a very clever fellow and always adds a lot to our modeling discipline. **Tom Stevens** showed how he made buoys from chop sticks and hot melt glue taking only about an hour to complete the project.

The meeting concluded at 2108 after a lot of discussions, displays and good times.



Tualatin again provided our club with a marvelous outing. Our hosts Aimee and Phil put on an event which was laid-back but had enough competition to make it interesting for those who needed the challenge. Many of the attendees were happy to have the free float time. Friday and Saturday night dinners were on the agenda. Friday night turned into a horror story as we were waiting over two hours for our food to be served. New plans for next year's location will be discussed. Saturday night was very well organized by Aimee and Phil and the restaurant and a fun time was had by our crew. The weather was hot but not as bad as it has been in the past. The evening float on Saturday was great fun, but not as well attended as last year. Steam boats were well represented among the electric powered as Greg Moore of the Portland club joined our President in demonstrating the virtues of the older power system. As is always the case we were sorry when it was over and look forward to next year.







Lake Goodwin

Fun Float & Springer Event

September 16th 2012

10:00am—4:00pm

Join us for a fun day on Lake Goodwin at the home of Bob & Laurie Jacobsen. This is a great event with boating, visiting and of course lots of great food.! Hamburgers will be provided, please bring a dessert or salad to share and drinks for you and your guests. Wives and guests are very welcome – this is a fun event to just sit back and relax at.

There is electricity available and lots of room for tables and awnings. Also, there is plenty of room indoors if the weather is less than stellar. Come and plan to spend the day.

Fall Springer Finale!!

Bring your Springer tug's for the end of year finale!! Robert Osmond has promised loads of fun and a little bit of a challenge for this event. All new course and you know in the lake anything can happen. Would be great to have a record turnout—so bring your Springer and come prepared!!

SPECIAL EVENT—Silent Auction Style Sale & Swap!!

As an extra bonus bring all your old cool model stuff to sell silent auction style. It's easy!! Just bring your stuff, put it on the sale tables with the silent auction form we provide, and then attendees can "bid" on your items until the 3:00pm closing time. You can start your items at zero or any price you like. At 3:00 when the whistle blows the high bidder will pay you the bid amount and you walk with the cash. It's very fun to bid and you know there will be great deals on boat kits, hulls, motors, drive parts, props, radio gear, tools and so much more so bring along cash because you will not want to miss out.

Location:

Bob & Laurie Jacobsen
14609 W Lake Goodwin Road
Stanwood, WA 98292
206-790-2367

Directions:

North or South I-5 Take exit 202
At top of exit head West on 116th Ave go .3 mi and turn right at the first turn.
Follow 34th for 1.2 mi (through roundabout) then turn left at light on 136th
136th becomes 140th—stay on this for 5.2 mi then turn right on 46th
Go .2 mi on 46th and at intersection go left onto W Lake Goodwin Road
The house is on the right about 5 houses up from the intersection



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