



The Bilge Pump

The Official Log of the Northwest R/C Ship Modelers

September, 2013

Dates of interest

September

- 5th** Club Meeting
7:00pm
- 7th** *Fishermen's Festival*
- 15th** Springer Event
Lake Goodwin

October

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

SUELZLE DOES IT AGAIN!

The renamed Foss Cup, NW R/C Tug Regatta, did not deter our champion skippers. The familiar venue and the perfect sailing weather, brought out the best in the men and boats, who came to take home some of the gold. The course was challenging, but the individuals and the teams met the challenge, having fun through out the day. There were a number of categories, in which to compete, so there were many opportunities for different winners. The results are listed later in the newsletter, with an excellent article by Keith Schermerhorn. Congratulations to Mel Suelzle for taking the first "champion" title of the newly named regatta. A new plaque for a man who has accumulated as many trophies as Ron Bray has boats.

The next major event will be the Fall Springer outing at President Bob' home on Lake Goodwin. Additional information will be provided on that by separate flyer. This is always a fun event, with a Bar-B-Que, swap meet and competition. Be sure to save the 15th of September!

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View From The Bridge – Bob Jacobsen

Summer is winding down and what a summer it has been, with glorious weather much of the time, but a final big “hurrah” is the fun float an springer even held at my house on September 15th. Check out the flyer in this newsletter for further information, but it is a great time and I hope everyone can make it. This is also a particularly good event for wives to accompany you and we have lots of room.



During the fun float we also have a “swap” auction event. Bring along your old kits, hulls, boats, tools, parts etc. to sell and if you are looking for something cool you just might find it here.

Also this past month we had a great turnout at both the Tualatin Crawfish Festival event and the NW R/C Tug Championships. I counted about 70 boats of all types in Tualatin and 50+ tugs in Bellevue at the Tug Championships. Great reports from everyone about both.

Our scheduled night float was postponed due to thunderstorms and we will try again the first Thursday of October. The club meeting will take place at the pond with a night float after (weather permitting). Keep you eye on your email for further updates.

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

Remember, transmitters neither float or are waterproof!

Bob



September, 2013 Meeting Minutes by **Ron Bray**

In lieu of the planned night float at the Bellevue pond the meeting was moved back to Galaxy due to lightning and rain. The meeting was called to order under the baton of our fearless leader, **Bob Jacobsen**. There were no new members present but an old time member, **Steve Mc'Connell**, showed up with a boat load of model boat magazines - even the 1987 issue of Scale Boat Modeler featuring Bob (lots of hair) Jacobsen on RC submarines.

Bob recapped the cool event at Tualatin where he won first place in navigation. This event has become a premier outing and has become more popular every year primarily because of the efforts of **Amie and Phil** and the marvelous facilities. He gave kudos to **Mel** for winning a long awaited NWRC Tug Regatta held the following weekend. This was a great event with a report by **Keith Schermerhorn** later on in this newsletter.

Bob suggested we donate \$100 to the people responsible for keeping the Bellevue pond clean and a letter indicating our many thanks for their efforts. Perhaps another \$100 next spring will help remind them of our gratitude and keep them interested in keeping the pond clean before our scheduled events. Upcoming events were discussed and can be found in another area of this newsletter. Bob will also include details of the fall springer event to be held at his home on Lake Goodwin in two weeks. Bob is constructing a new launch platform to facilitate getting our boats in the water.

Prior to the break **Bryan Morse** described the workings of his 3 D printer which he constructed from a Mendel Max 2 kit. He started printing a Kort nozzle which ran for the remainder of the evening. This was very exciting for the group with hopes for the ability to print numerous boat parts in the future. Since the patent has expired, this technology has become more competitive and affordable.

Bob Jacobsen displayed a Pro Boat 40 amp esc which Mike is now carrying and lauded its reliability and functionality with equal responses in forward and reverse.

After the break **Dave White** passed around a couple of steam engines he built from Graham kits as well as the construction booklets. **Norm Hiatt** added torch lights held by



crew members on his Viking boat. He also installed darken ship(red) lights in the bridge of his USS Constellation. **Dr. Ron** discussed his frustration with rattle can pain as the finish coat on his Lake Union Dreamboat hull was pulled loose with masking tape. The deck is now finished, glassed and polyestered – awaiting sanding and a clear lacquer finish. **Tom Stevens** discussed details of the upcoming fall springer contest which indeed will present a challenge. He also encouraged participation in the Fisherman's Festival this weekend. In concluding show and tell **Bob Jacobsen** showed his newly acquired Thunder Tiger sub and two kits of German submarines he plans to RC, one by Bronko products and the other by Robbe. He then ran a video of the Mac Gyver episode featuring the submarine model he had to build in three days, He related an incredible experience while being aboard the USS Alabama submarine during maneuvers.

Following the drawing for prizes the meeting concluded at 2035. The grand prize was drawn for **Dain Webster** – a \$25 gift certificate at Galaxy Hobby.



Tualatin Regatta

Tualatin was again a wonderful venue and the skippers were kept busy with the activities Aimee Eng and Phil McKinney had devised. The early morning hours were well attended, as there were many spectators for the 5k race, which started and ended near us. There were approximately 20 members from our club in attendance, competing with skippers from California, British Columbia, Australia and England. Many wives and family members were also in attendance, which made for a very pleasant, family atmosphere.

Two main challenges were planned for the tugs, cargo loading and maneuvering. The cargo handling required a very steady hand by the skipper, while containers were loaded onto and unloaded from their barge. The process certainly favored those with a dual propped boat. The maneuvering course was very tight and again the dual props did better. Evidently, the activities were so popular that time ran out before all skippers could be accommodated.

The winners were:

Cargo Handling

1st. Robert Osmond

2nd. Troy Waters (So. Cal.)

3rd. Bob Jacobsen

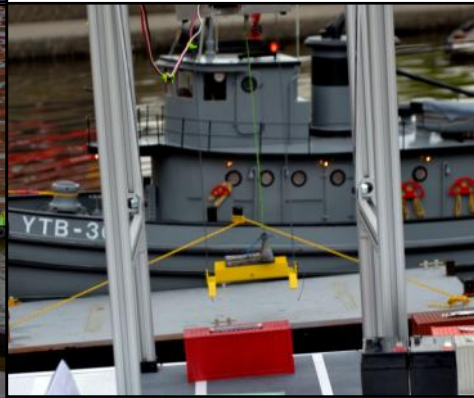
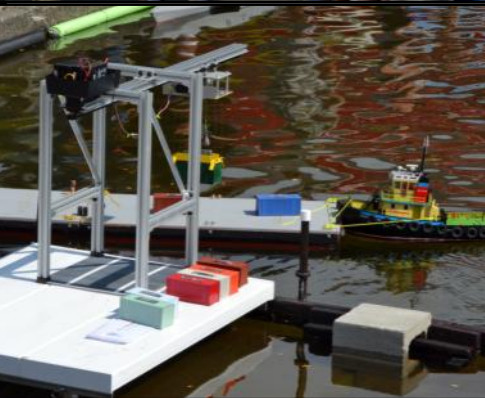
Maneuvering

1st. Ron Burchett

2nd. Robert Osmond

3rd. Ray Malone (England) and two others whose names I missed.

A buffet dinner followed the Saturday's events, which was very well attended. Aimee and Phil had garnered many raffle prizes from some great companies, so the goodies won were highly prized.









Northwest R/C Tug Regatta by Keith Schermerhorn

Saturday the 17th of August started with a little threatening weather that was cool and breezy. But for the 24 skippers and their tugs that gathered at Bellevue's Downtown Park that day, it was great tug boating weather. Skippers from the Pacific NW and Canada were joined by skippers from Australia and England for the events of the day. They were all here to be the first winner under the new name of Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta (formerly Foss Cup). The orders for the day were to have fun doing tugboat work, that included barge handling and salvage. All this work was watched by our judges, Russ Shrewsbury from Western Towboat and Ron Burchett, who are tug captains. Both judges not only scored, but would at times offer advice on how to do it better. Many did well to complete the job without too many issues. A few did use the underwater winches at the most inopportune time. The good news was that no one sunk this year!! For some extra fun, skippers could enter into the team tow where they were randomly paired with another skipper. The objective here was to move the 8 foot water ballasted liberty ship, together, through a simple course, using the boats of their choice. Along with all the boat activities, there was a large number of models on display, raffle prizes galore, lunch, people watching the events, and lots of tug talk.

So when all was said and done, scores tallied, we had winners in each class of tug, team tow, and a grand champion. Congratulations to Mel Suelzle for beating Ray Malone, of England, by 1 point over all to be crowned this year's champion.

As with any event, I have to say thanks to all the supporters of this event that include hobby and maritime businesses.

Tug company support: Western Towboat, Fremont Tug, and Foss Maritime.

Hobby support: Rabosch, Ami Eng, RAM, Loyalhanna Dockyard, Tower Hobbies, Gary King of West Coast Model Tugs, Ron Burchett, Interstate Batteries, and Vantec.

Last but not least, many thanks to all that helped out behind the scenes and in front of the event all day long. Without the help of volunteers, these events just don't happen. Dave White, in the water and as Pond Master, Tom Stevens for all the logistical help, Shawna for the registration and paperwork, Randy Flodquist for manning the boards and updating them, Linda for registration and help with the food, Ron Bray for keeping the budget in check for us, Robert Osmond for bringing the big freighter, and all the other members of NW R/C Ship Modelers, who attended and pitched in where needed. Thank you all and we will be back next year for more of the same fun!

NW R/C TUG REGATTA WINNERS

Small Class

- 1. Robert Osmond
- 2. Robert Osmond
- 3. Ulrich Brinner



Medium Class

- 1. Mel Suelzle
- 2. Ray Malone
- 3. Gordon Canney



Large Class

- 1. Rodger Lyons
- 2. Al Kinsman
- 3. Ron Bray

Vintage Class

- 1. Bob Jacobson
- 2. Sam Stout



Masters

Phil Northrup

Team Tow

Ulrich Brinner/Ray Malone

Judges Choice

Ulrich Brinner with his Micro Foss (mini Voith drive)

Champion of Pacific NW R/C Tug Regatta

Mel Suelzle



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.





Lake Goodwin

Fun Float & Springer Event

September 15th 2013

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 for the end of year finale!! Tom Stevens 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

NW RC Ship Modelers – 2013 Schedule – Updated 8/5/2013

February 8 th – 10 th	Fun Float at NW Hobby Expo – Monroe
March 7 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
March 10 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 11:00am
April 4 th	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
April 6 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
May 1 st	Opening Day of Boating – Seattle Yacht Club
May 2 nd	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
May 5 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 12:000pm (Springer 1:00)
May 11 th	Tugboat Races – Kevin’s Pond – Pier 66 Seattle
June 1 st	Anacortes Waterfront Festival – Randy randyandlindaflodquist@gmail.com
June 6 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
June 8 th	NW REGATTA – Bellevue Pond – 8:00am
July 13 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
<i>July 27th</i>	<i>Tidewater Cup – Spokane WA</i>
August 1 st	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
August 3 rd	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
<i>August 10th</i>	<i>Crawfish Festival – Tualatin Oregon</i>
<i>August 17th</i>	<i>NW R/C Tug Championship – Bellevue Pond</i>
September 5th	Club Meeting & Night Float– Bellevue Pond – 7:00pm
<i>September 7th</i>	<i>Fishermen's Festival</i>
September 15 th	Springer Event & Fun Float – Lake Goodwin
October 3 rd	Club Meeting - Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
October 5 th	Fun Float – Bellevue Pond – 9:30am
November 7 th	Club Meeting – Galaxy Hobby – 7:00pm
November 10 th	Fun Float – Location? – 11:00m
December 5 th	Annual Awards Banquet – TBD – 6:30



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