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## Newton RC Boat Show draws attention

There may not have been as many boats, modelers or clubs in attendance at the fourth annual Roger Newton Memorial RC Boat Show as there have been in previous years, but there were indeed more visitors.

A troop of Cub Scouts, families, father & son pairings and lots of hydroplane racing fans were among the numerous visitors who came to the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum on Saturday, Feb. 11.

The show, sponsored by Unlimiteds Unanimous for the fourth consecutive year, was another success with more than 50 boats on display, mostly from ERCU and Electric

Scale Unlimiteds, but the displays also included boats and members from Classic Thunder and the Pacific Northwest Thunderboat Association.

Additionally, members of RC Unlimiteds, Unlimiteds Northwest, Rose City Model Yacht Club and Puget Sound Fast Electric Model Boat Club were spotted in the crowd throughout the day.

And if that wasn't enough, there were volunteers working on the Blue Blaster, the 1982 Atlas Van Lines and the Miss Bardahl restoration all working in the restoration shop at different times throughout the day.

Some of the museum's biggest

volunteers also took time out of their busy days to visit with the modelers who assembled in the museum's main exhibit area for a good majority of the day.

Kirk Pagel and Chick Bartsch drew a lot of attention throughout the day, displaying Kirk's brand new 1971 Atlas Van Lines, which captured lots of visitors who remembered the Muncey-driven hull.

Another display that garnered a lot of attention was John Earnest's new 1982 Oh Boy! Oberto that made the show fresh out of the mold, and with a white basecoat, but not quite painted but nearly ready for it.

**upNEXT:** member meeting & trailer cleanup [march 10 | @red dot] ... triple crown spring regional [march 18 | @marysville]

**statGEEK tidBit:** nelson holmberg enters the 2012 season just 2,403 points out of third place in modern career points.

**insideTEASE:** visiting west coast custom boats ... update on website changes ... big boat update ... and more

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## West Coast Custom Boats is booming

### bigBoatSTUFF

The big boats are back in the country now, and have been offloaded at the Port of Baltimore. Now its time for everyone to start getting ready for the 2012 season.

**The U-9 Jones Racing Team** has a head start on everyone, because their boat didn't make the trip to Doha. The crew has been shepherding a project to update the U-9 and get it ready for the 2012 season. ([www.u9racing.com](http://www.u9racing.com)).

**The U-11 Miss Peters & May** recently completed the overhaul and rebuild of engine number 2. ([www.u11racing.com](http://www.u11racing.com)).

**In the U-22 Webster Racing** boat shop, there's loads of work to do this spring — including a new "Bud style" cockpit, new motors, a new gearbox, and new paint ([www.websterracing.com](http://www.websterracing.com)).

With the 4th Annual Roger Newton Memorial RC Boat Show quickly approaching, the lights were humming at the West Coast Custom Boats shop in SeaTac.

Owner and Master Boat Builder Craig Bradshaw has been hard at work preparing hulls, parts, drivers and dummy motors to have for sale at the show, not to mention the custom hulls he's building for customers, as well.

Craig recently finished off the offseason repairs to Kirk Pagel's Miss Smirnoff and

handed it off to the owner, a few days ahead of the boat show. He's also working on another model of the Rebel Suh, and others.

At the Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum, Bradshaw displayed six different boats that were in varying stages of completion and placed a number of them up for sale.

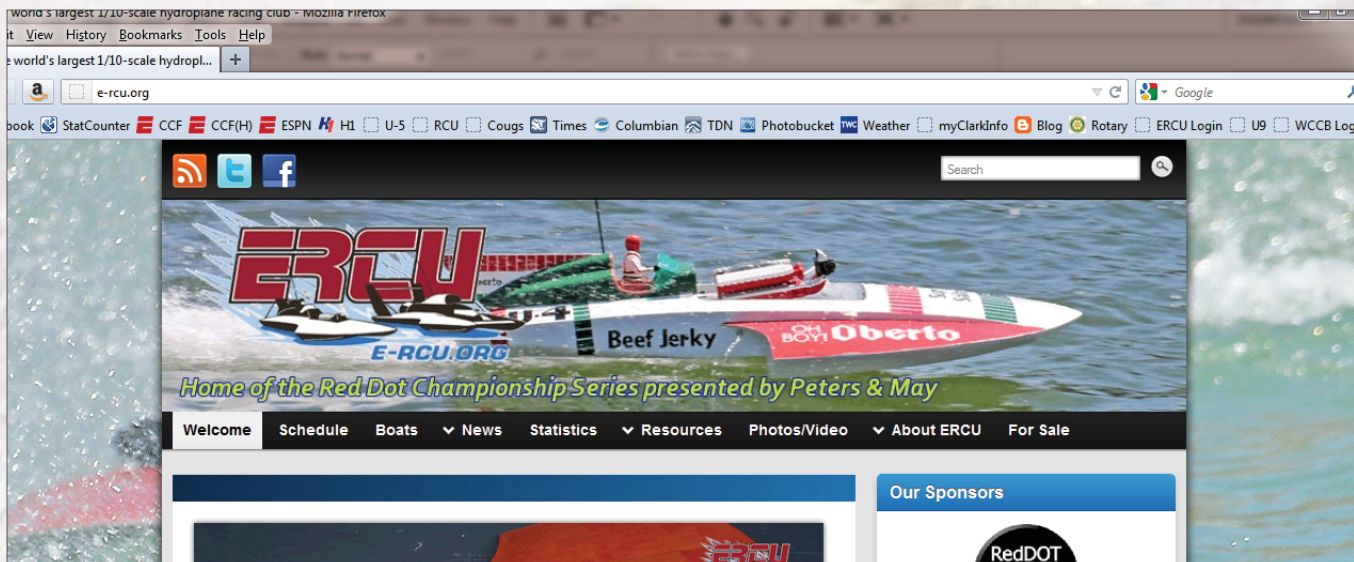
Those that didn't sell at the show, and some additional boats, are still for sale and can be found on the ERCU website ([www.e-rcu.com/for-sale](http://www.e-rcu.com/for-sale)).

Also keeping things busy at West Coast Custom Boats include work in the repair shop with the 1957 Miss Wahoo having its nose fixed after smacking the wall in Bellevue during an entertaining vintage connie during the Apple Cup.

Amidst all of that other work, Bradshaw continues to work on his own boats, preparing a new Oh Boy! Oberto and Winston Eagle for the season, as well as a new Coral Reef to run in the 2012 ERCU schedule and the NAMBA Triple Crown.







## Finally! www.e-rcu.org is in use again

After a year of using a weird web address for the ERCU website because of some challenges with our past web host and the advancements we wanted to make with the site, our old domain is back in use.

You now can again type in [www.e-rcu.org](http://www.e-rcu.org), and get to the club's website. You can also use [www.e-rcu.com](http://www.e-rcu.com) to get to the same site.

With deep thanks to AllRisk Auto Insurance in Vancouver, Wash., ERCU will be saving roughly \$80 a year on web

hosting, too.

AllRisk provided space on its website hosting package for our club to host the site at no cost.

### Legendary Legg Lake to host NAMBA FE Nats

Legg Lake in South El Monte, Calif., will be the site of the 2012 NAMBA Fast Electric Nationals, June 19-23.

Legg Lake is a dedicated model boat pond, complete with a concrete drivers stand that's covered. The site also

includes a nice launch area and a permanent course.

1/10-scale hydros are a part of the racing schedule and a number of racers are already registering. Ron Daum's Great Lakes Boat Shop is even sponsoring the modern class racing.

More information can be found on the Offshore Electrics forums ([forums.offshoreelectrics.com](http://forums.offshoreelectrics.com)).

The deadline for entries and payment of entry fees is May 19, 2012.

### rumorMILL

**Kirk Pagel** is excited to get the season started: His 1971 Atlas Van Lines is ready to run, and he's paid visits to the shop at West Coast Custom Boats and to Juanita Beach Park to check everything out ... **Shawn McEvoy** is getting the bug. He'll be back as driver of Pagel's boats in 2012, and he's helping **Craig Bradshaw** by creating a new driver model ... **Ben Keller** has his drivers lined up for 2012 ... **Mick Shutt** admits to missing his "boat time", but not enough to leave Hawaii early ... **Kerry Kjos** is rightfully proud of his Miss Thriftway, which is ready to run for 2012 ... A proud **Gary Hansen** was handing out Miss Red Dot buttons at the **Roger Newton Memorial RC Boat Show**.

### onTheWEB

1962-65 Miss Bardahl  
[www.missbardahl.com](http://www.missbardahl.com)  
 NAMBA International  
[www.namba.com](http://www.namba.com)





## 2011 MODERN BOAT STANDINGS

#	Boat	High Points
1.	1986 The Boat	14,169
2.	1982 Executone	14,163
3.	1978 Miss Circus Circus	10,344
4.	2010 Formula Boats	10,021
5.	2010 Oh Boy! Oberto	8,094
6.	1972 Lincoln Thrift	7,178
7.	2009 Buffalo Federal	4,944
8.	2003 Llummar Window Film	3,846
9.	1977 Charlie's Girl	3,269
10.	1976 Miss Vernor's	2,700

## 2011 MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Mike Campbell	14,169
2.	Mike Gossler	10,344
3.	Nelson Holmberg	10,021
4.	Craig Bradshaw	8,094
5.	Nels Enquist	7,178
6.	Ron Daum	5,366
7.	Ryan Opfer	4,944
8.	Mick Shutt	4,594
9.	Bill Smiley	3,296
10.	Jesse Shehan	3,125

## VINTAGE CAREER STANDINGS

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Jeff Campbell	93,361
2.	Mike Campbell	80,975
3.	Bob Vanden Akker	69,338
4.	Bill Smiley	55,541
5.	David Newton	49,360
6.	Ron Daum	49,103
7.	Rick Lentz	47,193
8.	Gerry Bordon	37,922
9.	Craig Bradshaw	35,718
10.	Craig Mullen	34,814
11.	Gary Hansen	34,325
12.	Roger Newton	31,413
13.	Ryan Opfer	28,028
14.	Jason Hartley	28,018
15.	Henry Marvin	27,907

## MODERN DRIVER STANDINGS

#	Driver	Career Points
1.	Mike Campbell	107,281
2.	Mike Gossler	74,015
3.	Jeff Campbell	51,655
4.	Nelson Holmberg	49,252
5.	Rick Lentz	40,762
6.	Gary Hansen	37,046
7.	Steve Twardus	27,766
8.	Bill Smiley	27,604
9.	Mark Hansen	26,502
10.	Craig Bradshaw	25,525
11.	Henry Marvin	25,125
12.	Craig Mullen	23,641
13.	Jerry Johnston	21,349
14.	John Williams	18,929
15.	Brian Gilmore	18,927

## 2011 VINTAGE BOAT STANDINGS

#	Driver	High Points
1.	1957 Hawaii Ka'i III	14,119
2.	1970 Parco's O-Ring Miss	12,133
3.	1975 Miss Vernor's	9,259
4.	1960 Miss Burien	8,995
5.	1958 Coral Reef	8,314
6.	1962 Thunderbolt	8,172
7.	1964 Miss Smirnoff	7,463
8.	1957 Miss Wahoo	7,213
9.	1959 Maverick	6,812
10.	1971 Hallmark Homes	6,394

## 2011 VINTAGE DRIVER STANDINGS

#	Driver	High Points
1.	Mike Campbell	12,525
2.	Gerry Bordon	12,133
3.	Ryan Opfer	9,259
4.	Robbie Roberts	8,995
5.	Nelson Holmberg	8,513
6.	Craig Bradshaw	8,314
7.	Steve Dumanis	8,172
8.	Bill Smiley	8,019
9.	Nels Enquist	6,812
10.	Scott Fetterly	5,929

## RACE WIN STANDINGS — VINTAGE

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Jeff Campbell	34
2.	David Newton	18
3.	Mike Campbell	14
4.	Jesse Robertson	5
	Bill Smiley	5
6.	Roger Newton	4
	Bob Vanden Akker	4
8.	Jason Hartley	3
	Craig Mullen	3
	Nigel Steere	3
11.	Gerry Bordon	2
	Nelson Holmberg	2
	Ryan Opfer	2

## RACE WIN STANDINGS — MODERN

#	Driver	Race Wins
1.	Mike Campbell	39
2.	Jeff Campbell	19
3.	Mike Gossler	9
4.	David Newton	4
5.	Bill Smiley	4
6.	Nelson Holmberg	3
	John Williams	3
8.	Gary Hansen	2
	Rick Lentz	2

## APRIL

- 14 **Champion Spark Plug Regatta**  
Centralia, Fort Borst Park  
CD: Nelson Holmberg
- 28 **Apple Cup**  
Lakewood, Waughop Lake  
CD: Ben Keller

## MAY

- 5 **Atomic Cup**  
Elma, Vance Creek Park  
CD: Ron Daum

## JUNE

- 2 **Seafair Trophy Race**  
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park  
CD: Nels Enquist, Scott Fetterly
- 10 **Maple Valley Days/President's Cup**  
Maple Valley, Lake Wilderness  
CD: Scott Fetterly
- 30 **Oregon Emerald Cup**  
Tualatin, Lake of Tualatin Commons  
CD: Nelson Holmberg

## JULY

- 7 **Stan Sayres Memorial**  
Bellevue, Bellevue Downtown Park  
CD: Monte Steere

- 21 **Columbia Cup**  
Longview, Lake Sacajawea Park  
CD: Mick Shutt

## AUGUST

- 11 **Bernie Little Memorial**  
Marysville, Twin Lakes Park  
CD: TBA
- 19 **Roger Newton Memorial**  
Maple Valley, Cherokee Bay Club  
CD: David Newton

## SEPTEMBER

- 15 **Gold Cup**  
Kirkland, Juanita Bay Park  
CD: ERCU Contest Board

- 22 **Governor's Cup**  
Adna, Silverado Ski Pond  
CD: Craig Bradshaw

## OCTOBER

- 6 **Oryx Cup**  
Woodland, Horseshoe Lake Park  
CD: Nelson Holmberg

## TRIPLE CROWN SERIES

March 18 — Hosted by Classic Thunder  
Twin Lakes Park, Marysville

August 26 — Hosted by ERCU  
Cottage Lake, Woodinville

Oct. 14 — Hosted by Classic Thunder  
Woodland Creek Park, Lacey