

Sorry about having to cancel the Feb. meeting, but Mother Nature dealt us A BLOW. So, here are some random items that we were going to cover. I'll try to get some of the items at a later date.

At the Jan. meeting, we discussed the possibility of creating a Coulter Creek Hobby Park. The idea behind this concept is to make a bigger "footprint" in the park so that when the hearing process for the development of the park takes place in 2012, we will be in a better position to keep what we already have. To this end, we have already scheduled a meeting with the Parks Dept. to further discuss our plan. During the recent Monroe Hobby Expo, I spoke with several South Sound boat clubs about the use of the pond that lies just east of our pit area. They were all interested in varying degrees and we agreed to meet sometime later this winter/spring to further investigate the possibilities of the plan. One thing I did stipulate was no "noisy" boats.Stay Tuned!

Jim and Denise McEdward and Lorin Miller have been doing the club float in local parades for many years and the club is forever grateful ! THANKS, for your efforts and dedication. They have decided to go into retirement from the float detail and now it's time for someone else to pony up and take over. So, Bud Arnold has volunteered to take over. So, let's all get behind Bud when he calls for assistance so we can continue to keep a presence at the local festivities.

Bryan Campbell won the trip to Mazatlan, Mexico for the 2008 attendance drawing. I had also promised to do another Mazatlan trip drawing for the 2009 drawing. However, I goofed! The trip is costing far more than I had anticipated so I'm sorry to say that Mazatlan is off the program for '09. I'll think of something else for that drawing. No fear for Bryan and Pat. I've already covered the cost of that trip, (Take lots of tanning lotion)

We were supposed to do the already twice delayed drawing for the ARCK of the year at the Feb. meeting. How about at the March Meeting. We'll sure as hell get it done then.

I saw many of our club members at the Monroe Model Expo. Boots Keith and Ron Hollabaugh also had a booth there. I can't speak for Boots and Keith, but I felt that attendance was down and the purchase of the higher ticket items was way off from past years. That goes for both the swap meet and the vendors. There were also fewer vendors this year. Personally, I sold a lot of nifty junk plus five planes. However, I bought eight planes, so I guess I'm upside down. No, not really. These will be there next year in a much improved condition.

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