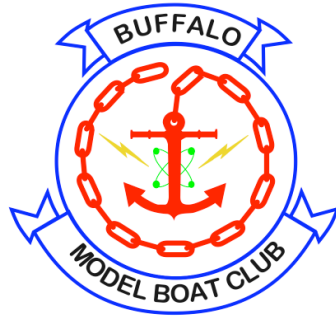


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March 2025

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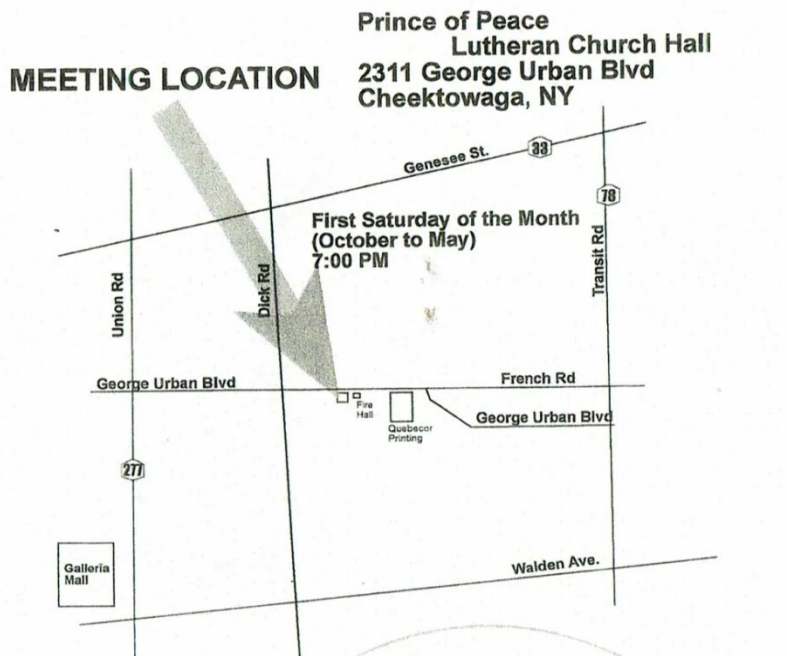
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Name tags see back of newsletter for ordering details. \$15 each



Upcoming Events

Membership Meeting Saturday March 1, 2025, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Hall 2311 George Urban Boulevard Cheektowaga NY. Mark Cultrara will be doing a presentation on the Footy Sailboat

Membership Meeting April 5, 2025, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Hall 2311 George Urban Boulevard Cheektowaga NY.

April 6, 2025, BUFFCON 40 Knights of Columbus Event Center 2735 Union Road Cheektowaga NY for more information see advertisement in back of newsletter.



BUFFCON **40**
Scale Model Show

1940's Theme Award

Sunday April 6,
2025

The Knights Event Center
2735 Union Rd, Cheektowaga, NY

 **Special People's Choice Award: Cut the Herd!**
See category page for details

Doors Open at 9:00am

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Commodore Don Spielberger called the meeting to order at 7 pm. There were 16 members and 3 guests present. Scott, Paul (former member) and RJ Bertini (grandson)

Recording Secretary's Report was read a motion made by Paul Spielberger seconded by Mike Carroll. The motion was approved.

Corresponding Secretary was not at the meeting. Motion to approve by Paul Spielberger seconded by Ron Redlinski. The motion was approved

Treasurer's Report

Motion to accept made by Mike Carroll Seconded by Carl Berg.

Motion carried

Fleet Captain's Reports

Sail, Brian not here

Scale mostly drydocks. Several boats got wet at the Aquatic Center.

Fast Electric in drydock. Several were at the Aquatic center. Fleet Captain Kurt Hansen offered to make videos for the website.

Publicity: Good turnout for the Aquatic Center event. We even had submarines and fans for the sailboats.

Fast Electric Fleet captain Kurt Hansen would like to get us into a pool at one of the local schools.

Publicity: Tonawanda Aquatic Center: We were able to use 2/3 of the pool and we are invited back next year.. The event was advertised on the Town Parks Website. If you have pictures send them to Dan so he can put them on the website. Ron Redlinski suggested the visitor center on Grand Island as a possible alternate meeting site.

Pond: frozen

Education on how to spend money. Go out and buy stuff at the garage sale

Banquet N/A

Picnic N/A

Old Business

Train Show set up Friday 10am to 7 pm

Saturday 8 am -9:30 am setup. The show runs from 10-5 Saturday. We are confirmed for 7 tables. The longtime show director died the weekend before the meeting. Last year we were in an alcove

don't hold back on boats bringing boats and good shoes. Sail fleet members are encouraged to bring their boats too.

Sunday April 6 is BUFFCON at the Fr Justin Knights of Columbus 9 am -3or 4 pm. Please bring boats. This is the second year the club will be attending.

New Business N/A

Announcements

David E McDonald former member who was also a lock tender on the Erie Canal passed away January 27, 2025.

Adjournment

Time 7:30 am

Motion to adjourn made by George Specht seconded by Mike Carrol. The motion was approved



Galaxy A15 5G
February 01, 2025



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Boat and transmitter brought in by Scott Bertini offered for sale



Ron Redlinski shows off the progress he's made on his Balloon Buster Boat



Commodore Don Spielberg gives an update on his speedboat



Galaxy A15 5G
February 01, 2025

Garage Sale items



Kurt discusses updates on his hydroplane

From Sail fleet captain Brian Mau

Buffalo Model Boat Club 2025 Tentative Sail Schedule

Apr 27 DF 95/65

May 11 All 1 Meter boats

May 18 Santa Barbara and Marblehead

June 8 Footy at Fairmount Park*

June 22 Soling Team*

July 13 Footy Team at Fairmount Park

July 27 All Sail* *

Aug 3 Footy Regional at Fairmount Park

Aug 24 Soling

Sept 14 DF 95/65

Sept 28 All 1 Meter boats

Oct 5 Santa Barbara and Marblehead

Why do I recommend Fairmount Park as a sailing venue? There are two reasons: first it is a very pleasant pond with a shelter and a bathroom. Just as important sailing at a community park showcases what our hobby is all about. With all the people watching the regatta perhaps we can generate some interest in joining the club. After the race is finished, I'm inclined to ask if anyone wants to try RC Sailing. I never know who our next new member might be if I don't ask. Who doesn't like watching sailboat skimming along in a beautiful setting.

*Team event is a 4-lap race and a great opportunity to share these races and provide 1 on 1 mentoring or provide someone the sailing experience that doesn't have that class boat. The race starts with skipper #1 at the helm. That skipper runs 1 lap and turns the controller to skipper #2 when the vessel crosses the starting gate. At the end of lap 2 as the vessel crosses the starting gate, the controller is passed back to skipper #1. At the end of lap 3 as the vessel crosses the starting gate, the controller is passed back to skipper #2 who finishes the race. This is a great opportunity for mentoring.

After a 10-minute break for sail trim adjustments or a quick coffee break the event is repeated for a total of 8 laps with two skippers.

**All Sail

All sail boats are welcome to enjoy the fun. All vessels will start at the same time and will have 1 lap. Footy's and DF65's will have a ½ lap start. All other vessels will start at the same time. Individual classes will be scored. The event will last as long at the participants wish.

These 2 events are an experiment to generate more interest in racing. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work.

Racing rules:

A Small Pond Racing Rules, applicable at Fairmount Park

1, No boat shall touch either mark at the starting line, violators must complete a 360 degree turn and re-enter the race through the starting gate.

2, Boats may touch any racing mark on the course assuming they pass on the designated side.

3, Touching or bumping another boat causing a loss of position the offending boat must take an immediate 360 turn. In the event of no loss of position no action is required.

B, US sailing rules appendix E including Standard Submission 201-11 of Sailing.org rules are applicable at Muir Lake.

Scoring:

The Race Director (RD) is responsible for scoring the race. The RD can appoint any member or observer to record the finishing sequence.

In the event the RD has not been established the first skipper to finish should record the finishing sequence.

It would be most beneficial if all race results could be published. Race results can be sent to bdmau@msn.com with race results in the subject line. The purpose of this request is to establish the actual number of races and participants. Race results will be distributed to all club members. Hopefully this will generate some interest in joining in either the casual or competitive fleets. This data can also be used to recognize shippers that are improving as the season develops.

How many races are conducted in one season? There are 12 "formal" races scheduled. There are approximately 16 Sunday DF races and approximately 16 Thursday night Soling races. That's 44 opportunities to join in the fun. As Gary Player, golf extraordinaire, said "the more I work and practice the luckier I seem to get". If you want to gain confidence and increase, your sailing enjoyment comes out and sail. You will not find a friendlier group of competitive sailors. If it seems overwhelming just come out and try it a couple of times.

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BUFFCON CONTEST CATEGORIES (Entries may be made from any material)

BANTAM & JUNIOR Categories All Scales

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| 1. BANTAM (AGES 10 & UNDER) - ALL ENTRIES
1A. BANTAM (AGES 10 & UNDER) - LEGO, ALL SETS AND MOC'S My Own Creation
2. JUNIOR (AGES 11 TO 17) - ALL AIRCRAFT | 3. JUNIORS (AGES 11 - 17) - ALL MILITARY VEHICLES
4. JUNIORS (AGES 11 - 17) - ALL AUTOMOTIVE
5. JUNIORS (AGES 11 - 17) - ALL OTHER SUBJECTS
5A. JUNIOR (AGES 11 TO 17) - LEGO, ALL SETS AND MOC'S My Own Creation |
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AIRCRAFT

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| 6. BIPLANES & RIGGED TYPES 1/72 & SMALLER
7. BIPLANES & RIGGED TYPES 1/48 & LARGER
8. SINGLE ENGINE PROP 1/72
9. SINGLE ENGINE PROP 1/48, ALLIED
10. SINGLE ENGINE PROP 1/48, AXIS
11. MULTI ENGINE PROP 1/72
12. MULTI ENGINE PROP 1/48 | 13. JET 1/72
14. JET 1/48
15A. ALL EXCEPT CIVIL, 1/32 & LARGER
15B. JET ALL EXCEPT CIVIL 1/32 & LARGER
16. PROP & JET 1/144 & SMALLER
17. ALL CIVIL & CIVIL MARKINGS ALL SCALES
18. ROTARY WING, 1/48 & SMALLER
19. ROTARY WING, 1/32 & LARGER |
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MILITARY VEHICLES – 1/48 & Larger Except as Noted

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| 20. FULLY TRACKED, 1/72 & SMALLER
21. SOFTSKINS, ALL EXCEPT FULLY TRACKED 1/72 & SMALLER
22. FULLY TRACKED, CLOSED TOP AFV's, ALLIED, PRE 1946
23. FULLY TRACKED, CLOSED TOP AFV's, AXIS, PRE 1946
24. FULLY TRACKED, CLOSED TOP AFV's MODERN, POST 1945 | 25. FULLY TRACKED, VISIBLE INTERIOR/OPEN TOP AFV's ALLIED, PRE 1946
26. FULLY TRACKED, VISIBLE INTERIOR/OPEN TOP AXIS - PRE 1946
27. FULLY TRACKED, VISIBLE INTERIOR/OPEN TOP AFV's - POST 1945
28. SOFTSKIN, HALFTRACKS & ARMORED WHEELED VEHICLES - ALL PERIODS
29. ORDNANCE INCL. PRIME MOVERS UNDER TOW ALL PERIODS |
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AUTOMOTIVE - 1/20 to 1/25th Except as Noted

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| 30. FACTORY STOCK
31. CUSTOM & SHOW CARS
32. STREET RODS & HOT RODS, 1949 & OLDER
33. HOT RODS & STREET MACHINES, 1950 & LATER
34. COMPETITION, OPEN WHEEL
35. COMPETITION, CLOSED WHEEL | 36. DRAGSTERS INCLUDING FUNNY CARS & PRO STOCK
37. LIGHT TRUCKS, PICKUPS, SUVs, CAR BASED POLICE & EMERGENCY VEHICLES
38. HEAVY TRUCKS, COMMERCIAL; HEAVY FIRE, RESCUE & EMERGENCY VEHICLES
39. ALL 1/32 & SMALLER
40. ALL LARGER THAN 1/20
41. MOTORCYCLES, ALL SCALES |
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HANDLING OF MODELS

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| 1. It may become necessary for contest personnel to adjust placement of models on the display tables due to the varying amount of entries received in the contest categories. | 2. During judging, some judges may find it necessary to pick up a model to inspect its underside. If a modeler does not want the entry to be handled by the judges, note this on the entry form. | 3. Although not required, it is strongly recommended that models be firmly attached to a base. | 4. Handling of models by contest personnel will be kept to an absolute minimum. |
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For the second year running, a special People's Choice Award will be presented for Cut the Herd. Models must be based on a Buffalo lawn ornament purchased from <https://gopinkbuffalo.com/> and finished in any style. Use your imagination and be creative. The award is chosen by a popular vote - no judging is done. Have fun! If you need more information, contact Tom Brown, Sr. at 716-604-8482.

SHIPS

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| 42. OARS, SAILS, ALL SCALES
43. POWERED, SMALLER THAN 1/400 | 44. POWERED, 1/400 & LARGER
45. SUBMARINES, ALL SCALES |
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FIGURES

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| 46. FOOT, 30MM TO 90MM
47. MOUNTED, 30MM TO 90MM
48. FOOT LARGER THAN 90MM
49. MOUNTED, LARGER THAN 90MM
50. BUSTS, ALL SCALES | 51. SCI-FI / FANTASY, MOVIES & COMICS, 8-1/2" HIGH OR LESS INCLUDING BASE.
52. SCI-FI / FANTASY, MOVIES & COMICS, OVER 8-1/2" HIGH INCLUDING BASE.
53. VIGNETTES, FIGURES ONLY, NO VEHICLES, ALL SCALES |
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FANTASY AND SCI-FI GAMING UP to 40mm Scale

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| 54. FANTASY GAMING SINGLE MODEL, ALTERNATE HISTORY/STEAM PUNK/PURE FANTASY UP to 90mm TALL
55. FANTASY GAMING, SINGLE MODEL, ALTERNATE HISTORY/PURE FANTASY, OVER 90mm TALL
56. FANTASY GAMING, 2 - 10 MODELS 40mm SCALE, ALTERNATE HISTORY/PURE FANTASY. | 57. SCI-FI GAMING, SINGLE MODEL, WEIRD WW2 / NEAR FUTURE / SCI-FI / FAR FUTURE, UP to 90mm TALL
58. SCI-FI GAMING, SINGLE MODEL, WEIRD WW2 / NEAR FUTURE / SCI-FI / FAR FUTURE, OVER 90mm TALL
59. SCI-FI GAMING, 2-10 MODELS WEIRD WW2 / NEAR FUTURE / SCI-FI / FAR FUTURE |
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GUNDAM & GUNPLA

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| 60. STRAIGHT BUILD, 1/144 or SMALLER
61. CUSTOM BUILD, 1/144 or SMALLER | 62. STRAIGHT BUILD, 1/100 or LARGER THAN 1/144
63. CUSTOM BUILD, 1/100 or LARGER THAN 1/144 |
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REAL SPACE & SCIENCE FICTION - All Scales

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| 64. REAL SPACE, REAL SPACECRAFT, VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT. | 65. SCIENCE FICTION, FICTIONAL SPACECRAFT
66. SCIENCE FICTION, FICTIONAL SUBJECTS, ALL OTHERS INCL. STEAMPUNK |
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DIORAMAS – All Scales

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| 67. MILITARY VEHICLE DIORAMAS
68. AIRCRAFT DIORAMAS | 69. SHIP DIORAMAS
70. ALL OTHER DIORAMAS |
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OTHER CATEGORIES All Scales

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| 71. COLLECTIONS, FIVE RELATED SUBJECTS
72. MISCELLANEOUS, ALL OTHER ENTRIES
73. HUMOR IN MODELING | 74. MODIFIED / CUSTOMIZED DIE CASTS, AND OTHER SUBJECTS
75. SCRATCH BUILT, ALL KINDS |
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Order Form for Name Tag

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Mail payment with this form to:

Buffalo Model Boat Club
7527 Gilbert Road
Bergen, NY 14416

OR

Give it to the treasurer at the next meeting

Name		Phone
Address		
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Email	Spouse Name	

AREAS OF INTEREST	YES	NO
Sail		
Scale		
Fast Electric		
Steam		

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE MARITIME MODELS ?

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- 2.
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MEMBER SIGNATURE:	DATE
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PLEASE WRITE ANY COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ON BACK OF THIS FORM

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