

FLIGHT LINE

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Dues: it's not too late

Bill is still taking dues. Here is his address if you can't make it to a meeting. Bill Ely 7891 S.E. Jefferson Ct., Milwaukie, OR 97267. Adult dues are \$55.00, half price for youth (under 18 yrs old), except free if still attending school. Free youth must reapply each year so that we know you are still interested in belonging to the club.

May Meeting Highlights

President Chuck Adams called the meeting to order, with 55 in attendance; including guest Al Zion from Gresham.

Steve Martin is working on getting the list of club tape library on the website.

Dale McDonald solicited for any input from members about events or information of interest to the club, for inclusion in the news letter.

Mike Whitney says there have been no safety concerns lately. He reminds all of us to use the sound meter to check our internal combustion engine powered aircraft with. Please check all new aircraft, engines, and new combinations, such as old engine on a new plane, or just a different propeller.

Chuck Adams brought up the issue of youth flying at the field alone. Especially regarding who might be required to also be on site for any legal / emergency responsibility; and brought up the possibility of a future bylaw revision.

Chuck also asked for more people to volunteer to train to judge at the Evergreen Scale Rally. He then thanked Jim Weaver and Dale McDonald for their efforts in putting on the Spring Opener.

Gary Cosmer says that soon the website will be moved to a faster connection.

There was a lot of discussion about the possibility of bringing the Puyallup NW Model Expo to Portland. In regards to this, Dick Hansen moved with a second form Bob Raser, to repay any members who loan the club money for the purpose of financing the EXPO, 5% more than they loaned us if we make enough money in the venture. The motion passed with a majority of the members present.

Craig Cook has a glider to give away to anyone who wants one.

OMSI Aviation Science Academy will be visiting our field on Aug 13th & 20th between ten and noon, for our annual days of introducing youth to our sport (this means that we are all athletes--- right?).

For show and tell; Bob Raser had a magic that replaces the aircraft he lost at the spring opener. He then warned us about how his A/C was lost. His Futaba 8UAP radio frequency module had a cracked printed circuit board, probably from many removal / installation cycles changing channels.

Gary Cosmer presented his Raptor helicopter with an O.S. 91FX; Glen Thornton had his GWS Tiger Moth electric

speed 400 size; and; Glen Bone showed his Rearwin Speedster.

For the raffle Craig Cook won a Great Planes electric hinge slotter. Damon Cervantes received an Accupoint incidence meter; Andy Tidwell has a new Himax 2015 4100 brushless motor; Roy Wilber a new tote box; Jim Lunan got an Accuthrow deflection meter; and ----Fred Riech and Trevor Howell both took the glue.

Club Picnic Sat May 15th

Saturday broke dark and gloomy. By the time the festivities began, not much had improved. The rain showers were minimal during the day, but it didn't seem to bother many a whole lot. Attendance was pretty good, and quite a few modelers, guests and neighbors were present. Many thanks to Mike Whitney for organizing this event, and also to all the other helpers that he had. We got a lot of good flying and socializing in, and it wasn't too hot.

Volcano Fun Fly, Zillah WA

Jim Weaver reports that this year's Volcano Fun Fly went pretty well, but the weather was not great, with wind and rain showers. Jim Weaver and Ron Caspell represented our club, with support from other local personalities that some of you will recognize from Portland area events. In expert fun fly, Jeremy Fursman took first place with Mark Findley a close second, Mark tells me this was quite a feat as he was a bit lower in the standings until the last round, when the wind picked up just before he was to fly. But with his usual skill plus a little luck he moved up to second place. After that, Randy Weaver came in 6th and Jim Weaver (no relation) made it to 8th.

Dick Weaver pulled in 9th in sportsman. In the fun scale category; Jeremy Fursman again got 1st place, and Dick Weaver came in 6th. There were about twenty five entries

Oregon Aviation Hall of Honour

The Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville has been designated as the State of Oregon's official site for the Aviation Hall of Honour.

On October 26, 2003, the first nine honour award recipients were inducted. Among the honourees was Ken Jernstedt, the keynote speaker for the United States Scale Masters Championships hosted by the SkyKnights in 2001. Ken, a native Oregonian, joined the Marine Corps in 1939, receiving his Navy Wings in 1940. He soon joined the American Volunteer Group (AVG) to fly with Claire Chenault's famed Flying Tigers. He was a flight leader for his "Hells Angels" squadron that saw some of the first action against the Japanese in China. He was the fifth-ranking ace, downing over 10 Japanese aircraft. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his efforts.

Ken returned to Hood River and began a political career ranging from city councilman to a five-term Oregon senator. Due to glaucoma, Ken is nearly blind. Ken's faithful companion is Driscoll, his seeing eye guide dog. Many of you may have met Driscoll at the USSMA Championships award banquet when Ken spoke.

In June of 2001, the Port of Hood River changed the name of the Hood River Airport to Ken Jernstedt Airport in his honour.

Other inductees were Col. Rex Barber, the P-38 pilot who shot down Admiral Yamamoto; Major General Marion Carl, USMC Ace, test pilot and former Corps Commander; Major General Gordon Doolittle, former Chief of Staff, Oregon Air National Guard; Lt David Kingsley, posthumous recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honour; General Merrill McPeak, Retired Air Force Chief of Staff; Melvin Jack Murdock, co-founder of Tektronics; John G. "Tex" Rankin. Founder of the Ranking School of Flight and barnstormer; and Jack G. Real, personal advisor to Howard Hughes.

For more information on these honourees, visit the Evergreen Aviation Museum near McMinnville.

Training

Tuesday night training resumed April 6th, if you need help any other time, give one of the instructors a call to make other arrangements.

Current instructors are:

Don Curry	503-761-9321
John Fox	503-657-4354
Dale McDonald	503-761-3109
Pete Shull	503-668-2886
Jim Kist	503-669-8208
Mike Whitney	503-668-6405
Steve Martin	503-663-7883

*****CALENDAR*****

July meeting at Camp Withycombe on the 12th, starting at 7:00 P.M.

June 18,19& 20

Plat I Float Fly, Sutherlin OR

Dave Olsen (541) 679-5795

dolson3265@msn.com

June 27th

Bigger Bird Fun fly

Canby Duster Field, Don Steigman
(503)678-1234

July 10th & 11th

Northwest Seaplane Championship

Pinehollow Resort. CD Dale McDonald

Aug 6th, 7th & 8th

Evergreen Scale Rally at Molalla RC
Association field. CD Dale McDonald

August 21st & 22nd

Dawn Patrol & Classic Aeroplane Race
Molalla R/C Assn Field

*****Exec board meetings*****

July 5th Dick Hansen (503)653-2578

Aug 5th we need a volunteer

Sept 7th (Tuesday) we need a volunteer

Club Jackets

Chuck Adams will take orders for club jackets; they are available in sizes of large (L), extra large (XL) and extra-extra large (XXL). These come in Wolf Grey with club logos. Prices range from \$33.25 to \$34.25. Contact Chuck at (503) 658-2955 to order.

Hansen Scale Aviation enters the Twenty First Century

I've just had the chance to review the new videos from our resident amateur videographer. Dick is now producing his videos on DVD. The first two are compilations from his earlier videos. Here is a chance to see some of our revered club members in their glory days. The videos have transferred well, with good picture quality. Some classic aircraft are highlighted along with some classy club members. Hi-Lites vol II showcases some vintage and replica WWI aircraft.

Cub Fly in etc.

Bob Daly sent me some correspondence inviting anyone interested in going to Prineville OR, on the 18th of July, for a cub fly in. also, on the 12th of Sept a fun fly with free hot dogs, hamburgers, and sodas. Contact Bob at 541-416-0878. Also he has sent me some directions. No noise restrictions at this field near the airport.

1903 Wright Flyer replica

Independence Day weekend down in Central Point, OR (near Medford) ; a replica of the 1903 flyer will be on display. This event is sponsored by the Southern Oregon Historical Society, and the Rogue Eagles R/C Club. It will be held at the Hanley Farm at 1053 Hanley Rd, Hwy 238, Central Point, OR. The entrance fees are \$7.50 adults, \$5.00; children 6 - 12 and seniors, \$5.00.

Northwest Model Expo

Your club officers have informed me that we are on hold for now since the Hobby Group has placed a deposit on the Puyallup Fairgrounds for next year's Expo. For now we will have a small committee continue to plan for an Expo event here in Portland, but in 2006. All monetary donations that were accepted are being returned, and all vendors that we have contacted concerning the possibility of our taking over will be informed. Chuck Adams and Bob Tinsley wish to thank all of you who donated money, and offered to support the effort with money and/or time, etc.

Classifieds

Classified ads will be published for 90 days. Ads may be re-published by contacting the Editor. Deadline is the Tuesday before the regular Monday night meeting.

Orville Brooks Estate Sale

Der Jager 1/3 scale, new \$225
Stinger 84" wingspan, kit, new \$115
Dick Hansen, 503-653-2578

Wanted: Used R/C Gear

Looking for any kind of R/C gear that you are not using. It will be used to recycle equipment to younger members of the club.
Bob Tinsley 503-257-3057

Free engine

Dave Higgs has a Royal 45 to donate to a deserving student pilot. Phone 503-777-2413

For Sale

Top Flight Corsair	\$100
Ace 4-120	\$100
Stream Parakeet 42"	\$35
GP Cherokee 40	\$60
Hanger9 Cessna 182 ARF	\$175

Inquire or make offers to:
Ralph Johnson at (503) 656-7375

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Club Picnic photos

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Bonnie and Sophia Kist



Andy and Dale

"look up in the sky, it's---an R/C aircraft"

