

# FLIGHT LINE

The Communication Forum for the  
SkyKnights R/C Club

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## **Have you paid your dues?**

If you haven't paid dues by now, you don't have the current field gate combination. Contact Bob Raser at 503-698-6459 for info.

## **April Meeting Highlights**

With 43 human beings in the building, the meeting was called to order. New member Pat Aikens, who used to be a Canby Duster, was introduced.

The minutes of the April Executive Board Meeting were read by Secretary Guy, and Treasurer Bill gave the financial status of the club.

**Department reports:** Bob Tinsley summarized the happenings at the indoor flying venue.

Dale McDonald covered the newsletter.

**Safety Dept:** John Fox, the new Safety Officer; reminded us to pull the transmitter all the way out (I think someone had a personal experience). Also wants everyone to remember to not fly when there are workers in the field.

Bob Raser was busy renewing memberships.

Roy Wilber reported that only seven souls showed up for the field work party. And he wanted to pass on a **Big Thanks** for those that did pitch in to work.

Chuck and Dale mentioned that week one of flight instruction resulted in a score of: instructors 6, students 0, due to iffy weather.

Tom Ries relayed that he and Pete Shall are ready for the Spring Opener.

Gary Cosmer said the website is going well.

**Old Business:** Tom Ries needs some graphics for the Pinehollow flyer.

The field gate combination will change on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Guy Foreman is still collecting Aluminum can tabs for dialysis, snap them off and bring them in for him and Bill Ely.

Remember to have your Skyknight card at the field to show that you have paid dues for this year.

**New Business:** Dick Hansen is willing to give a ride to anyone thinking about going to the ScaleMasters Qualifier at Woodland, CA on May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> (too late by the time you read this).

Bob Tinsley reported on an over flight of a neighbour's property, he is working on contacting the offending flier. He is a non member who has been flying at our field, so even if you recognise someone, check their card to make sure they are a member in good standing. **Don't be afraid to ask, and if asked please show your card.**

Mike Whitney will be the point man again for the club picnic on May 14<sup>th</sup>. He asked for members to show up early to help set up the field.

**Show and Tell:** Doug Corcoran brought his RV6A ARF and his electric conversion "Twist", it has an AXI 4120 motor. Fred

Dixon is very proud of his Sig Something Extra with O.S. 0.46 FX engine. Glen Thornton brought a Belair by N.E. Aeromodel, and brought back his J.K. Aerotech MIG 3, now covered with Mylar. P.J. Markovich showed us his Top Flight F4U Corsair wing center section and the installation of the retracts. He plans to put an RCV 1.20 engine in it.

**Prize Raffle:** Vern Ahlberg got the fuel; Joe Short took the O.S. 65 LA; Jim Lunan has a Top Flight magnetic Prop Balancer; Bill Ely picked up a Field Buddy Box; and batteries went to: Scott Pelkey; Pat Aiken; Larry Jensen; Alan Kisser; and Bob Hoppman.

After that the meeting was adjourned.

### **Spring Opener Fun Float Fly**

It was a grey and dreary morning. Nine pilots signed in and paid to fly. A rough count estimate of approximately twenty or so spectators came and went throughout the morning. At first we watched the fishermen from under the pop-up canopies; but, gradually miniature R/C float planes emerged from vehicles. The rain slowly eased up to occasional showers that hardly bothered the dedicated model aviators.



the center of the action

Four rounds were flown under the supervision of Tom Ries and Pete Shull, with some executive guidance from Jim Weaver, and others.

Near the end, the wind picked up to hamper the last round and drive off all but the hardiest of competitors and observers.

In the end, all that matters was that Pete Shull (coincidentally one of the organisers, hmmm.) flew off with the shark (an oblique plagiarism of the Rubber Ducky); for first place.



The winner- Pete Shull

After all the score sheets had been rescued from the bottom of the pile, the final standings went as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Pete Shull	757pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Hoover	699pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Weaver	608pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Raser	575pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dale McDonald	570pts
6 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Oeck	484pts
7 <sup>th</sup>	Luis Munoz	446pts
8 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Hansen	380pts
9 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Ries	57pts

Everyone seemed to have a good day. There were no major casualties. Dick Hansen did have his aircraft flipped over on the water by the wind, sorry Dick.

### **Field Reminder**

**Be sure to use your Skyknight card at Orient field & AMA card for guests. So everyone knows that you are current. Keep it in your flight box so you don't leave it at home.**

**\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***

2005 Club meetings at Camp Withycombe  
Start time is 7:00 P.M.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Jun 13<sup>th</sup> Jul 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 8<sup>th</sup>

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**Jun 17,18,&19** Plat I Float Fly Sutherlin, OR.

CD Dave Olson [dolson3265@msn.com](mailto:dolson3265@msn.com)

**Jun 17,18,&19** SW Idaho ScaleMasters  
Qualifier. CD Chet Carpenter [crchet@msn.com](mailto:crchet@msn.com)

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup>** Bigger Bird Fun Fly Canby  
Duster field. Terry Criswell 503 378 0473

**Jul 9<sup>th</sup> & 10th** Northwest Seaplane  
Champs at Pinehollow Resort, Wamic,  
OR. CD Dale McDonald 503-761-3109

**Jul 28<sup>th</sup> thru 31<sup>st</sup>** IMAC at Molalla R/C  
association Field, Molalla, OR

**Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>** Evergreen Scale Rally  
ScaleMasters Qualifier at Molalla R.C  
Assn, Molalla, OR. CD Dale McDonald

**Aug 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** Dawn Patrol & Classic  
Airplane race (with Proctor Antic Race)  
Molalla R/C Assn Molalla, OR

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

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Dale McDonald 503-761-3109

Jun 6<sup>th</sup> Dick Hansen 503-653-2578

Jul 5<sup>th</sup> Vern Ahlberg 503-786-1356

**Training**

If you want help, give one of the  
instructors a call to make arrangements.

Current instructors are:

- Don Curry (temp ph) 503-667-6453
- 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

**More Indoor Flying**

There are only two sessions left this season.  
Many thanks to Bob Tinsley and Terry  
Schultz for organising these many evenings.  
May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**Classifieds**

**Wanted:** Plans for a C.G. Senior Falcon. If  
anyone would let him copy them; contact  
Jim Alderson at ph # 503 653 7208.

**For Sale:** Top Flight Gold Edition P51D  
65” wingspan. NIB \$120.00  
Contact John Fox, at ph # 503 657 4354

**For Sale:** ex SkyKnight Stan Ransom would  
like to sell two aircraft: **1)** Goldberg Eagle2,  
O.S. 46FX, Futaba RX ch12, 4 servos &  
battery pack, and Futaba pilot assist. Asking  
\$250; **2)** Goldberg Eaglet 50, O.S. 25FX  
(new), Futaba RX ch27, 4 servos, battery,  
asking \$175. Call Stan at 503 654 5860 (he  
might bring them to the May meeting)

**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). Other sizes may be available. These  
come in Wolf Grey with club logo on the  
back. Prices are changing. Contact Chuck at  
(503) 658-2955 to order.

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