

FLIGHT LINE

The SkyKnights R/C Club Communication Forum

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Which Flying Field? Both? Raise Dues?

Final vote at March 9 club meeting Be there

The club will make the final decision on flying fields March 9th at the club meeting. The back and forth debate has been going on since last summer.

The rental agreement at Orient Field expires in May. We would have to raise club annual dues to about \$100 -\$110 per year to keep renting both fields.

Some of the pros and cons for each field are:

Orient Field Pros

- More convenient (closer for many fliers)
- Slightly less expensive than Sandy
- Runway in place

Orient Field Cons

- Iron rods
- Not very big, constrained north – south
- Crabby to belligerent neighbour to the north
- No club house

Sandy Airport Pros

- More flying space
- Nice club house for meetings etc

Sandy Airport Cons

- Twice as far away for most flyers
- Spotter required for general aviation aircraft
- No runway, pilot stands, work benches, etc. yet
- Somewhat more expensive than Orient Field

Coming Events

Spring Opener:

Saturday, April 25 at OMAS pond / field near Banks, OR.

Get a map at www.omas-rc.org

Celebration of Silent Flight

Saturday, May 2

Fern Prairie Field, Washougal, WA

All electric event

18th year

Map and info at www.fpmc.org

Golden Age Air Races

Sunday, May 3

Pylon racing and open flying

Open to models of airplanes that raced in the 1930's. There are 52 on the list that the Fern Prairie club has. Go to www.fpmc.org or call Jim Riggle on 503-655-3243.

Scalemasters

July 31 to August 2

Executive Board Meeting Info

Exec Board meetings are held the first Monday of the month. The meal starts about 6:30 and the meeting starts about 7:00. All members are invited to attend. The schedule is:

March	Corey Parsons
April	Chuck Adams
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Club Meetings

All further club general meetings will be held at the Sandy Airport clubhouse.

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Classifieds

R.C. Modeler N.W. January Specials
(503) 649-0633

Must present club membership card.
Thank you for your support
Management

Editor's note:

My screwed up schedule requires that I get this issue out before R.C. Modeler could get their monthly special to me. I'm sure they'll have one so check in with them.

Miscellaneous

2009 Great Planes E-Fest Indoor Electric Festival

Go to

http://www.rcuniverse.com/magazine/article_display.cfm?article_id=1090 for very well done coverage of a huge indoor fly-in. Huge is the right word for the facility in which it was held and for the number of attendees. In particular, take a look at what they did for the kids.

Monroe Model Expo

This is the replacement for the Model Expo that used to be held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. It was interesting but it has a quite a bit of growing and maturing to do before it's up to the level of the old show. Probably the most entertaining thing there were the "Battlebot" matches. This is RC's version of figure eight car racing or maybe demolition derbies. Featured were sparks, pieces flying, and fire.

January Club Banquet

The 52 club members and guests that attended the club banquet last January 10th heard an interesting presentation on the uses of unmanned air vehicles. They can be used to take the human risk out of many situations. The banquet was held in the club house at Sandy River Airport. The facility worked out well. The very tasty prime rib, roast chicken, salads, veggies, and deserts were prepared and served by the airport people with the aid of a volunteer cook who handled the meat items.

Bill Ely, who has retired as club treasurer after thirty two years, was awarded a special achievement plaque in honour of his long service to the club. Marshall Smith was awarded the Bob Balsh award for service to the club for '08.



Bill Ely receives his award from Dale McDonald



Marshall Smith receives the Bob Balsh award from Dale McDonald

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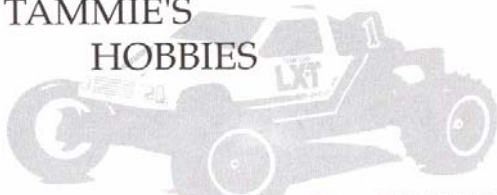
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