



SKY KNIGHTS -- "FLIGHT LINE"

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Opening Day at OMAC

The weather forecast for snow Saturday April 19 turned out to be a little off, but not by much. There was snow in the hills above OMAS pond and not very far above. It turned out to be an Oregon Spring day. We got mild breezes and warm sun, howling cold winds, rain squalls, and other meteorological entertainment at about 15 minute intervals. As the pictures here show, when the wind hit, it was pretty hard on whomever happened to be in the air. The really hard rain didn't hit until about 15 minutes after the prizes were awarded, for which we were grateful.

Tom Reis was the contest director. He did his usual great job, including more miles in that little nearly uncontrollable paddle boat than any one man should have had to endure.

There were ten contestants with four still flying at the end. It was sort of like Pearl Harbour Days with floats. Bob Hoover and Jerry Holcomb finished in a tie for first. Corey Parsons was third and Gil Soyster was fourth. Since Bob had won the shark the last two years running, it was awarded to Jerry by executive decision (Tom said so.).

See page 3 and the web site for more pictures.

New Lawnmower

The person who donated to the purchase of the new lawn mower and whose name I didn't get written down right was Gerry Helfrich. My apologies Gerry.



Nelson Scott “Retires”

Nelson is retiring as the food czar at Scale Masters. We need a replacement.

Event Calendar

May 10: Scale Masters “Boot Camp” training in flying and judging 8 am to 5 pm.

June 7 -8: Rogue Eagles Warbird Fly-In
Pilots’ Meeting 9:00 Scale judging Sat.
Racing / open fly Sunday.
John Gaines 541-951-1947
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June 14 – 15: Warbirds Over Washougal
Fern Prairie Modeler’s Field
Washougal, WA
<http://www.fpmc.org/index.html> for map

June 19-22: Plat 1 Float Fly Sutherlin OR
4 days of open flying Contact Dave Olson
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July 12-13 Pine Hollow float fly Wamic OR
Detail info will be in June newsletter

August 1, 2, 3 Evergreen Scale Rally
Detail info will be in July newsletter

Executive Board Meeting Info

Exec Board meeting are held the first Monday of the month, except the September meeting will be held on the 2nd. The meal starts about 6:30 and the meeting starts about 7:00. All members are invited to attend.

Exec Board meeting hosts are:

May	Dale McDonald
June	Vern Ahlberg
July	Dick Hansen
August	Marshall Smith
September	Open
October	Andy Waterman
November	Open
December	Open

Membership Renewal

Annual membership dues were **due by April 30**. The fee is \$65 for regular members. The gate lock combination at Orient Field will be changed May 13th.

If you renew in person at the monthly meeting, you will need to show your ’08 AMA card. If you renew by mail, enclose a photocopy of your ’08 AMA card.

Revision to Club Bylaws

See page 5 for a proposed revision to the club bylaws and a motion to be presented for membership approval. The intent is to impose a late fee for dues, to define when a member is dropped from the club roster, and to define the requirements for rejoining after being dropped.

Both the proposed revision and the motion will be presented and discussed at the May general meeting. The votes on both items will be held at the June general meeting.

General News

Good Shepherd Sports Night

The club received a thank you card for the good work that Paul LaPlant, Greg Powell, and Brian Watts did in showing off our hobby.

Club Picnic

The club picnic will be held in June this year with the date to be announced at the May meeting.

A team led by Dale McDonald and Chuck Adams will try to arrange with the Sandy Airfield management so we can have the picnic there. As has been mentioned, we are looking at moving our flying field to the Sandy Airfield and so far things are looking promising.

Orient Field Flying Hours

Superseding the motion approved at the February exec board meeting, the rental agreement with the land owner states that flying hours for glow and gas airplanes are:

Weekdays: 10 a.m. to sunset

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Electric powered airplanes may fly dawn to dark.

See page 6 for a map of Orient Field showing the flight boundaries and the flight rules.

Velvet Wing Fund

This is an emergency fund begun many years ago to help the survivors of a SkyKnight who has passed away bridge the gap between a last payday, and any insurance payments. Subscriptions to the fund cost \$5. When a participant goes to the “great flying field in the sky”, the fund administrator delivers the fund money (currently \$198) to the designated survivor,

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 at Camp Withycombe (Oregon National Guard) 10101 SE Clackamas Rd, Clackamas, OR 97015

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It's really water, not sand!

Classifieds

R.C. Modeler N.W.

R.C. Modeler N.W. Month of May 2008
10% off Hanger 9 Planes, Parkzone Planes,
E-Flite Planes

With gas prices increasing, our glow fuel prices have remained low

\$10.95 gal 10%

\$11.95 gal 15%

\$11.95 gal 4-cycle

\$19.95 gal 30% heli

Must present club membership card.

Look for June 2008 special next month.

(503) 649-0633

Thank you for your support
Management

Coyote Hobby

Get 5% off any airplane in stock during the month of April.

Just show your current Sky Knights membership card and receive the discount.

Club Jackets

Chuck Adams will take orders for club jackets; they are available in (L), (XL) and (XXL). These come in Wolf Grey with club logo on the back. Contact Chuck at (503) 658-2955 to order.



Loyal supporters enjoying the weather

Hobby Shop Business Cards

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Proposed revision to the club bylaws

ARTICLES IV - DUES

- 4.1 Club dues shall be paid at a rate established by the general membership. The rate as approved by the general membership may include late payment fees or dues increases.
- 4.2 New members shall pay an initiation fee; which shall be established by the general membership.
- 4.3 Dues shall not be refundable.
- 4.4 Junior members (18 and under) shall pay ~~one-half the regular fees.~~ such dues as approved by the general membership.
- 4.5 All new members, upon payment of dues, shall be entered on the membership roster and shall be presented with a membership card, name tag, and a copy of these Bylaws.
- 4.6 Members in arrears shall be ~~automatically dropped from the active roster after six months, unless otherwise directed by a vote of the membership.~~ assessed such penalties and be suspended from the club roster and club activities in accordance with a plan approved by the general membership.
- 4.7 ~~To be reinstated to active status, prior members shall pay all dues in arrears (maximum one year).~~ Reinstatement of prior members to active status shall be in accordance with a plan approved by the general membership.

Motion to be presented to the general membership for approval

Skyknights dues structure shall be as follows:

1. Annual dues of \$65 shall be paid by April 30 of each year.
2. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed for late payment of dues between May 1 and July 30,.
3. If dues are not paid by August 1 the member shall be dropped from the roster.
4. Gate lock combinations and other similar items shall be changed each May 15.
5. Junior members are not assessed dues.
6. New members, excepting new junior members, will pay dues of \$65 prior to commencing their second training session.
7. Returning members, anyone not on the current roster, must pay \$65 dues and must repeat flight training to demonstrate safe flying capability.