

FLIGHT LINE

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Flash Message: Urgent

Bob Tinsley will not be able to coordinate indoor flying this year. If no one steps forward to take over; we may not have an indoor season. Bob does have all the information one would need to have to assume the revered position of coordinator.

September Meeting Highlights

Another beautiful evening at the Withycomb field, where several members brought aircraft to fly until the meeting was called to order.

Bill gave us the bottom line in the treasurer's report. Minutes from the last Executive Board Meeting were read.

Items brought up included: the elections in November, and the need for a change in the officer ranks, nominations open at the October meeting.

There was some talk of having some kind of program more regularly at the meetings.

It was mentioned that the subject of a dues increase was talked about at the Exec Board meeting. At the end of some discussion, Jim Lunan made a motion to raise dues to \$65.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Mike Whitney, and passed with a great majority.

Tom Ries asked for Some Equipment to finish up repair of the club trainer aircraft. Mike Whitney, Dale McDonald, Norm Smith, and Jim Lunan all offered to donate.

Vice President Bob Tinsley asked for someone to step up and organise a monthly fun fly type event at the Orient Field. Corey Parsons, Mike Whitney, and Glen Thornton each indicated that they would be interested in helping to put something together. We'll see what they can come up with, and I'm sure they wouldn't mind some more help.

It was announced that the club Banquet will be held on Jan 21st at 6:30 P.M. at North's Grand Buffet on N.E. Halsey Street.

The big event of the night was the return of Frank Thornton, who with help from his nephew Peter and the club P.A. system talked again about his life experiences in designing aircraft. Specifically flying boats and how they fly and float. He brought an overhead projector to share many transparencies from his career. quite a few of the XF2Y Sea Dart U.S. Navy jet fighter.

Evergreen Scale Rally: Final results for Evergreen were briefly gone over. Many great thanks go out to the few who showed up to help make a fun contest for the many.

Prize Raffle: I forgot to take notes, about the raffle. I showed my current project, a Proctor VK Sopwith 1 ½ Strutter WWI biplane, without any clothing.

Annual Club Picture

The annual club picture is now available from Dale McDonald. Prices are \$2 for 5X7, or \$3 for 8X10. The 5X7 looks better.

Rubber Ducky Fun Fly

What a beautiful day to hold a fun fly contest. Sunny and warm after the initial cool early morning, with a slight breeze that was more off than on. Twelve fliers showed up to test their float flying skills against each other. There was only one serious mishap this year, when Matt Findlay's Magic contacted the water sooner than he wanted it to. Quite a few spectators were also present as interested modellers, and some general public came and went during the day. When the pontoon wakes had settled, and the scores tallied; the results were announced by the organizer of this fine competition, Tom Ries. The standings are as follows:

Flier	Place
Dale McDonald	5 th
Bob Raser	4 th
Jerry Holcomb	3 rd
Jim Weaver	2 nd
Mark Findlay	1st

Big thanks to Tom and all of you who stepped up to assist him in scoring and putting this on. In addition to the rubber Duck for Mark's first place finish; Tom awarded Jim Weaver with a lifetime achievement Rubber Ducky for all of the years he has devoted in the past to this cause.

*****CALENDAR*****

2005 Club meetings at Camp Withycombe

Start time is 7:00 P.M.

Nov 14th Dec 12th Jan 9th Feb 13th

Dec 4th Pearl Harbour Days

Canby Duster Field, Woodburn, OR

Jan 21st club Banquet 6:30 pm

North's Grand Buffet

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

Nov 7th Dennis Meyer 503-661-2461

Dec 5th Ardis Hood 503-654-0173

Training

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

Current instructors are:

John Fox 503-657-4354

Dale McDonald 503-761-3109

Mike Whitney 503-668-6405

Steve Martin 503-663-7883

Field Reminder

It has been noticed that the incidence of club field card use has gone up considerably. Good work and keep it up. Remember to clean up your table and pick up the trash when you leave also.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1: Gym-E indoor/park flyer, with 2 HS55 servos-\$35.00. 2: PT19 built and flown, no radio. With O.S. 40 FS-\$150.00, without engine \$100.00. 3. Kestrel 4000 pocket sized weather Station: measures wind speed, temperature, atmospheric pressure, humidity, density altitude; all for \$175.00 (Quiet Flyer Magazine price is \$329.00). Call Scott Pelkey at 503-663-0274.

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Rubber Ducky Float Fly



Unidentified helper launching the plane that eventually won, Mark's Skunk Swatter



Brian and Mike watching the competition



Gary Norton retrieving his own What's it



Jim Weaver sows us his honorary Ducky



CD Tom and Luis Munoz



Andy Jacobs one of our new solo pilots volunteers to judge one of the pylons