

FLIGHT LINE

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Mariah Wins at Pine Hollow

As the old song goes: They call the wind Mariah and did Mariah blow! All week long the weather was great (except hot) with very little wind and only the water skiers to contend with and then came Saturday. After only 11 contestants getting in the first round the wind started to blow so hard that it was impossible to do any kind of taxi maneuver on the water. As a result the first round was postponed at 10:00 am until the wind died down. Two hours later, the event was postponed until after lunch. Two hours later the event was postponed until after the bar-b-cue. Two hours later the judges tent was destroyed by the wind and two hours after that the event was postponed until Sunday! As Dick Hansen said: "Looks like this is going to be the first annual seaplane limbo contest." And Dick was right.

There were thirty-four contestants this year to vie for the title of seaplane champion. Five entries were in the scale category; four were electrics; and the rest, fun fly type aircraft. Pilots came from Washington, Idaho, California and Oregon to compete.

There were early casualties on Thursday and Friday by Mike Whitney, Dennis Meyer and Roger Weeks. Mike managed to crash into the top of a tree near the boat landing. Fortunately for him a young man climbed

the tree and recovered what was left of the plane.

With the flying activities on hold Saturday, Nelson Scott and company put on a great bar-b-cue for those in attendance. Hot dogs and hamburgers along with salads, chips and Barbara Anderson's famous baked beans rounded out the fare. And yes, Barbara did show up to make sure all was in order. Nelson was assisted by Jennifer and Amy along with Nick and Carol Bowling making sure everyone was well fed.

With the wind still howling and dust blowing everywhere, we retired to the safety of our lodgings and waited out the storm.

Sunday morning did not have much improvement in the weather. The wind was still blowing pretty hard but not the 30-mile per hour stuff from the day before. As Dick Hansen had predicted, this was to be the first annual seaplane limbo contest. Dale McDonald, CD for the event had decided that only the electric planes scores would count from Saturday and everyone else would fly the limbos as their only score. Anyone who did not want to fly in the wind was allowed to scrub. Eighteen of the thirty-four decided to go for it and take on the dreaded limbo poles. Of course it did not take long to get 18 planes through the course and about half of them crashed before

before completing the round anyway so we were done by 11:00 am. After tallying up the scores, our scorekeeper, Bob Raser, announced a tie for the fun fly group between Mark Findlay and Tom Wenzel. To break the tie, each pilot was give 30 seconds from lift off to perform as many rolls as possible. Would you believe that Mark did 20 rolls while Tom aced him out by doing 21; just one more roll for the win! The winners were as follows:

Electric:

- First Arron Shell
- Second Jerry Holcomb
- Third Dale McDonald

Scale Static:

- First Jim Weaver - Maul M5
- Second Bill Bachman - Beaver
- Third Larry Shepard – HM II
- Fourth Dick Hansen – J3 Cub
- Fifth Steve Martin – J3 Cub

Scale Flying:

- First Jim Weaver
- Second Larry Shepard
- Third Dick Hansen
- Fourth Bill Bachman

Fun Fly:

- First Tom Wenzel
- Second Mark Findlay
- Third Randy Weaver
- Fourth Mike Angermeier
- Fifth Bill Bachman

For the finale, Bill Ely conducted the traditional pilot drawing. The prizes this year were first class including many kits, engines and, of course, the final prize, the radio. Donna Bachman was the grand prizewinner for the ladies with her selection of the envelope containing \$50!

The personnel that helped out that I have not already mentioned were Dennis Meyer, sales; Bill Ely, radio impound; Jim Weaver,

judging; Jason Tait, judging; Roger Weeks, judging; Bob Tinsley and Steve Martin, everything.

Our fine sponsors were Proctor Enterprises, Nelson Scott, Terry McGill, Tammies Hobbies, Hobbies Unlimited, Aero Sports, R/C Modeler Northwest, Fourmost Products, Pine Hollow Lakeside Resort, Hansen Scale Aviation Videos and, as always, Airtronics.

Hope to see you next year with calmer winds. *Ed.*

OSMI Aviation Science Academy

Twenty five boys and girls, ages 9 to 10, came to the Orient Field on Friday, July 18th to get a chance to expand their interest in aviation. These youngsters were a part of the OSMI Aviation Science Academy class and were ready to fly.

To start things off, the students were given a short ground school in the use of a transmitter and how the controls affected the pitch, roll and yaw of an aircraft. Then, using three trainers with buddy boxes and two instructors on each box each student was allowed at least one 5 minute flight.

During the lunch break, Gary Cosmer treated the kids to an awesome helicopter demonstration.

The youngsters were very well behaved and genuinely interested in aviation of all types. There surely will be more than one full size and/or RC pilot come from this group.

Helping out with the days events were Steve Martin (who coordinated the event), Nick Bowling, Greg Papattori, Jim Kist, Gary Cosmer, Andy Tidwell, Larry Jensen, Bob Tinsley and yours truly. This is the third year of helping the kids and continues to be a very successful endeavor.

Dues

It's over! Kaput! The time to pay dues has run out! However, Bill Ely will allow one itsy bitsy more time to pay up. And that is final. The new membership roster will be published next month. Better make sure you are on it. The price is still \$55 per year. Send payment payable to the SkyKnights to:

Bill Ely
7891 SE Jefferson Court
Milwaukie, OR 97267

July Meeting Highlights

Roger Weeks announced that the new club forming at the Evergreen Museum in McMinnville would have annual dues of \$25.

Gary Cosmer noted that he has a new feature on the website. If you provide your name and email address Gary will set up an auto link that will notify you when the Newsletter is posted each month.

Craig Cook reminded everyone to send pictures to him for the website. The pictures can be of your latest creation or from club events. He can handle just about any format.

There has been some litter left at Orient Field lately and on two occasions the gate has been left unlocked. Be sure to clean up after yourself and pack it out. And the last one to leave the field is to lock all the facilities including the front gate.

There was no raffle this month or any door prize or anything so we quit and went flying.

Training

Things are really picking up at Tuesday night training. We are flying constantly now from 3:30 to 7:00 or so. One of our instructors, Don Curry, has lost his job due to the company he worked for moving to a foreign country. If anyone knows of any job

opportunities in the purchasing field, give Don a call.

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
Gary Norton	503-698-6449

Club Jackets

Bob Tinsley has a complete inventory of jackets for sale with sizes of large (L), extra large (XL) and extra-extra large (XXL). These are ready-to-wear and come in Wolf Grey with appropriate club logos. Prices are in the \$35 range. Contact Bob at (503) 257-3057 to order.

*****CALENDAR*****

September meeting at Camp Withycombe on the 8th, starting at 7:00 P.M.

Aug 23rd & 24th

Dawn Patrol – Grant Sharp Field

John Radebaugh

channel.talk@verizon.net

Sep 21st

Rubber Ducky – Roslyn Lake

Jim Weaver

Dec 7th

Pearl Harbor Days – Estacada Airport

Jim Weaver/Gary Norton

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

Sep 3rd Gary Cosmer (503) 761-2606

Oct 6th Chuck Adams (503) 658-2955

Nov 3rd Open

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.

Nothing for sale this month

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Final Word

Remember: Gravity is the only component in aviation that never fails.

Amy Laboda

How log will a cow float?

—oo00oo—

Pics from Pine Hollow



The “crew” trying to keep the canopy from blowing away.



All that is left of the judging tent on Saturday.



The remains of Gary Worthington’s shelter.



Chief cook, Nelson Scott.



CD, Dale McDonald working on the limbos.



Tom Wenzel rolling through. Look at that aileron deflection.



Fighting the wind – note Bob Oeck's boat in the background. He had to anchor off shore because of the high winds.



Judges Weaver and Weeks.



Trying desperately to keep in the air and under the limbo poles.



The way a lot of airplanes ended up on Sunday.