

FLIGHT LINE

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Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday evening, the 24th of January; 44 Skyknights, spouses and honoured guests, gathered at North's Chuck Wagon Buffet for the annual banquet. Incoming president Chuck Adams greeted all in attendance and introduced the primary club officers. The next order of business was to hunt and forage for food and other sustenance. After the meal, president Chuck introduced the supporting club officers that were not mentioned at the introduction; and thanked all of the club officers and other members who help make the Skyknights a great club to be a part of. Next, Gary Norton showed off his Proctor Antic that is now finished and ready to fly as soon as he has good enough weather. Johnnie Mansfield then entertained us with a poem concerning teenage independence versus parental authority. The president again took the podium, and asked for any suggestions to be forwarded to him on the format of the banquet; he is wants to hear if any of us have suggestions to make it better. He then thanked Bob Tinsley for his service as president; and Bob then took the podium. Bob thanked all of the members who came back, again and again to come forward and volunteer to make things happen for the club, he wouldn't mention any by name, for fear of forgetting anyone. Bob then

introduced the **Bob Balch Sportsmanship Award** trophy, and after sufficient build up, announced the recipient for 2003--- (drummm rollllll) it is Dale McDonald. Not having prepared a speech (since the award is secret except for the few who make the decision), yours truly went up front and thanked the club and, oh heck I don't remember what I said; I just sat back down before I embarrassed myself. Chuck must have thought that this was the highpoint of the evening because he then adjourned the official portion of the night, and everyone was free to mill about smartly, go get more dessert, or leave; as they wished. I think most everyone there had a very nice evening; I know I did

Scale Aircraft Show

Watch the Scale Aircraft Show on community TV. For a schedule in your area call:

Portland Channels 23 & 11

503-650-0275

McMinnville Channel 11

503-434-1234, Ext 22

Canby Channel 5

503-263-6287

These shows feature the fine work of Dick Hansen's Scale Aviation Videos. Of course if you want the real thing, give Dick a call at

503-653-2578 or you can reach him at www.aero-sports.com/hansen. All videos are 2 hours and cost \$19.95 each (\$15 to SkyKnight members)

Neat Aviation Web Site

Ken Solomon also noted a new website that Grant Sharp put him on to. It is www.avitop.com. Check it out the next time you are surfing around the web.

January Meeting Highlights

New president Chuck Adams, opened the meeting, and asked for guests. A twelve year old named Kyi and Andrew Jacobs ere present. No new members were announced. The minutes were read by the secretary and accepted; then the treasurer gave the financial report. The new prez outlined his vision (agenda) for the coming year. The Contest Director announced the dates for Pinehollow (Jul 9&10), and the Evergreen Scale Rally (Aug 6,7,&8). No further business brought on show and tell. Johnnie Mansfield had his Texan T6 IIA (a turboprop version); Pete Shull showed us his Fokker DR1; Jim Kist is just as proud of his Lancair, Bob Tinsley his Ultimate Biplane, and Andrew Jacobs showed off his LT40. There being no further business, Chuck adjourned the meeting.

Training

Tuesday night training will resume next April 6th, the first Tuesday after daylight savings time begins. If you need help during the winter give one of the instructors 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

Club Jackets

Chuck Adams has taken over the jacket orders from Bob Tinsley. Jackets are available in 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 range from \$33.25 to \$34.25. Contact Chuck at (503) 658-2955 to order.

*******CALENDAR*******

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

Jan 24th

Annual Awards Banquet – JJ North’s Restaurant, Portland

Bob Tinsley (503) 257-3057

Jan 31st & Feb 1st

NW Model Expo – Western Washington Fairgrounds, Puyallup, WA

Don Sweasy (253) 445-4763

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

Feb 2nd Pete Shull (503) 668-2886

Mar 1st Dale McDonald (503) 761-3109

Apr 5th Dave Higgs (503) 777-2413

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.

Estate Sale

Quick Learner EMS Helicopter; engine is an OS .32SX-H; fibreglass main rotor blades; composite tail blades; some upgrades to aluminium parts; complete with JR 8103 8 channel radio. This machine is fully assembled and has only been hovered. **\$950.00 OBO.**

Three drawers of RC parts including various engines, starters, \$70 worth of special

screws, gyros, wood main rotor blades, etc. Will sell individually or as a package. Make offer.

Brent Strange, 503-805-5127

Orville Brooks Estate Sale

OS 5 cylinder radial FR5-300, nib \$850

OS 4 cylinder flat Pegasus 320, nib \$850

Kavan FK 50 MKI Twin wet sump, like new \$750

Super Tigre 56, like new \$50

Super Tigre 71, used \$20

Ross 60 Twin, factory rebuilt like new \$150

Fox 120 Twin, used \$100

Astro Flight 035 cobalt with battery pack, new \$50

Proctor Fokker D-VII, fuselage framed \$395

Der Jager 1/3 scale, new \$225

Stinger 84" wingspan, kit, new \$115

Dick Hansen, 503-653-2578

Wanted: F4F Wildcat

1/5th scale F4F Wildcat with scale retracts and fibreglass fuselage sold about 1998-99 possibly. Would like to buy back or would entertain the purchase of any 1/5th or larger scale Wildcat.

John Desllets 503-666-4606

Wanted: OS 40 SF

I need an OS 40 SF case to rebuild an engine for club use.

Bob Tinsley 503-257-3057

Wanted: Used R/C Gear

Looking for any kind of R/C gear that you are not using. It will be used to recycle equipment to younger members of the club.

Bob Tinsley 503-257-3057

This is it!

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Flight Line is published monthly by SkyKnights for its members. Articles, letters and ideas for publication should be sent to the editor at 3925 S.E. 136th, Portland, OR 97236 no later than the first Monday of the month of publication. Feel

free to call in information at 503-761-3109 or email to dalemcdonald@comcast.net

Final Word

Hello, my name is Dale McDonald, and I'm going to take over the newsletter editing; most of you know who I am. I will appreciate any help I can get from you the club members, in the form of contest and activity reports; pictures; and any other information that the rest of the club might find interesting or useful. Thank you and I'll be seeing you at many of the club functions.

Picture from the Banquet



Bob congratulating Dale on the award



From The President

It looks as if we are off to a great start for the new year. Several members brought their latest projects to the last meeting for “show and tell”. If you missed the club meeting you missed seeing some nice aircraft. Apparently folks know how to make good use of time when they are snowed in.

The club’s winter banquet was held at JJ North’s January 24. Forty-four members and guests attended. John Olson, Bob Tinsley, and Gary Norton provided samples of some of their aircraft and Gary gave a short example of the use of a jig for building wing ribs for his Jenny. The awarding of the Bob Balch trophy was handled by Bob Tinsley, outgoing president. The recipient for 2003 was Dale McDonald. Dale has been very active in the club as an officer, leader, contest director, flight instructor, raffle entrepreneur, and all-around good guy. Congratulations Dale!

I received a report from our Field Marshall that a party or parties unknown forced the lock on the end of the shed at the field sometime during the week of January 19-23. The lock and hasp are broken but apparently nothing was taken. Keep your eyes open when leaving the flying field to make sure the shed and frequency board cabinet are locked up and the gate is secured. If you see anything suspicious notify Jim or one of the club officers.

As most of you know by now Gary Norton has resigned as editor of the Flight Line. Gary and family will be moving out of the immediate area but he promises to keep in touch. The new editor is Dale McDonald. Dale has stepped up to take on this

responsibility and we all need to support Dale in the effort. When you have any information or ideas that the club needs to hear about type them up and get them to Dale. The editor cannot be expected to create all of the information by himself. We all need to be a part of that process and to support Dale.

Don Curry has agreed to take the lead in the flight instruction program due to Gary’s move. Don is now our chief flight instructor. He will be looking for others to be involved in instructing and will be contacting folks. As of the time this is being written instruction is planned to start in April and will continue to be offered on Tuesday late afternoon & evenings. More information on that will be coming.

Lastly consider where you can make a contribution to the club. There are many upcoming events, activities, etc. and all will need some level of commitment from members. Look for opportunities to become involved. Thank you Dale and Don for taking on these new responsibilities

Your ideas, comments, or questions are welcome.

Chuck Adams
President

