

# FLIGHT LINE

The Communication Forum for the  
SkyKnights R/C Club

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## **Safety Alert**

I've heard recently of two modellers who have suffered rather serious injuries from propellers. From the information I've received, both seem to have reached past the rotating propeller, and then had the prop catch them several times in the arm, receiving several cuts each and requiring many stitches.

To review proper safety protocols, have another person, or a mechanical fixture hold your plane while you start the engine. Then perform any needle valve or other adjustments from behind the aircraft. You could even leave the glow driver on until you are behind the plane or it is on the ground before taxi out. When performing run up to check needle valve setting or for other purposes, point the prop away from any person, it could come off and fly who knows where. Try to use logic, common sense, and think of the worst that could happen; then do what you can to eliminate as many dangers to people as you can.

## **Aug Meeting Highlights**

The meeting was held outside. The weather was very hot, and most who could, sat in some shade. Guests were: Dan Piluso; Kevin Brown; Gary Hilsenoff; and Pat Bailey.

**Pinehollow NW Seaplane Champ's:** Chuck Adams reported on Pinehollow. Bob Tinsley wants all of us to thank Bill Ely for

his extra efforts in making two extra trips so that the trailer with all of the clubs' contest equipment could be present.

**New Flying Site:** Guy Foreman informed us of the possible new flying site south of Oregon City, on Leland Road. It may be developed by the Beaver Creek Phone Co. if there is enough interest. Guy was passing around a petition of interest, which he will return to Coyote Hobbies; where the effort is being coordinated from.

**Evergreen Scale Rally:** Chuck Adams and Dale McDonald reported about the qualifier. They both want to thank all of the volunteers who showed up to help out, and made it possible to hold the event. Joe Topper wants the club to make a thank you gesture to Grant Sharp for letting us hold the event at the Molalla RC Assn Field; the general consensus of those present was in the affirmative. Larry Sutherland, a contestant at Evergreen lost his transmitter when it was stolen from his vehicle at night when staying at his motel. A motion was made and approved to refund his entrance fee since he left and did not fly.

**Other Business:** Bob Tinsley reminded us that he has flight equipment if anyone breaks or loses something and can't afford to replace it.

Ken Strohmeier thanked all of the flight instructors for their hard work this summer.

Bob Raser was announced as the Membership Chairman, a new club position

that is intended to relieve Bill Ely of some of his work load.

Nelson Scott informed the club that Frank at Pinehollow; will hold a weekend of free camping with a \$5.00 Bar-B-Que on the weekend after Labor Day. This is a thank you for all who helped him have a good year.

Gil Soyster informed us of a float fly he attended at Amity, courtesy of the Salem RC Assn.

Bob Tinsley wants some help hosting the indoor flying this winter at the Armory.

### **Evergreen Scale Rally**

This year, the weather was pretty nice. The contestant field was down a little in numbers, but, not in quality. There were some very great aircraft and pilots in attendance. There were a few “unfortunate ground contacts” including Vern Ahlberg’s latest Waco. At least Vern got to fly in three rounds before the Waco went in. Again there was only one entry in Sportsman class (ARFs are now allowed, but you still need to provide documentation) this could be an easy trophy for someone.

Skyknights did pretty well in the standings: in Expert; Joe Topper came in 2nd; Dick Hansen got 4<sup>th</sup>; Bob Raser showed up in 7<sup>th</sup>; Vern Ahlberg in 14<sup>th</sup> and Gary Parker 17<sup>th</sup>. In Team: Gary Parker/ Dick Heining took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Great job to all of you.

And huge thanks to everyone who volunteered and made this a success.

### **OMSI Aviation Science Academy**

Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>, the kids from OMSI showed up and after a week learning about aircraft and aviation; they got a chance to fly a model airplane. Each child got at least two five minute flights, and a few flew a third time. They all seemed to have a wonderful time. And the modellers that helped out had a good time also. Many thanks to: Steve Martin for taking the point, and Bob Tinsley; Johnny Mansfield; Jim Kist; Tom Ries; Nick Bowling; and Dale McDonald, for helping out

### **Dawn Patrol**

Last year I stopped by to visit the Dawn Patrol at the Molalla R/C Association field. This year I literally scrambled to finish the Proctor Enterprises Antic Mini Monoplane kit that I had, so that I could enter the Antic Race. Well I finished the plane and test flew it the day before the event, and it went smoothly. I had a great day at the Dawn Patrol, the Antic felt like it was on rails. At the end of the event, I took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, right on the heels of Joe Topper who had some great flights with his secret weapon; the Antic Parasol three engine modification, which sounds awesome. Several other Skyknights attended both as participants, and spectators.

### **Hansen Videos on Television**

Dicks’ videos have been shown on cable TV for some time, on Tuesday nights. The TV viewing schedule is available at the Willamette Falls TV website [www.wftvaccess.com](http://www.wftvaccess.com)

### **Training: Solo Qualifications**

The latest student to qualify as a Solo Pilot is Brandon Burlingame, Congratulations.

### **Training**

Tuesday night training resumed April 6<sup>th</sup>, if you need help any other time, give one of the instructors a call to make other arrangements.

Current instructors are:

Don Curry (temp ph)	503-667-6453
John Fox	503-657-4354
Dale McDonald	503-761-3109
Pete Shull	503-668-2886
Jim Kist	503-669-8208
Mike Whitney	503-668-6405
Steve Martin	503-663-7883

### **\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\***

Oct meeting at Camp Withycombe on the 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 P.M.

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**Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Rubber Ducky at Roslyn Lake**

**Starts between 8 and 9 AM**

**Dec 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Pearl Harbour Days @ Estacada Valley  
View Airport**

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Club Banquet at North's Chuckwagon  
6:30 PM for info: Bob Tinsley**

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

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Anderson 503-665-6400**

**Nov 1<sup>st</sup> Vern Ahlberg 503-786-1356**

**Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Ardis Hood 503-654-0173**

### **October Meeting**

Bring your unwanted R/C gear to the meeting for a swap/ recycle session before the meeting.

Nominations for Club officers commence in October continue and close in November. Elections will be held in November.

Get your small electrics ready, indoor flying will start late in October.

### **Club Jackets**

Chuck Adams will take orders for club jackets; they are available in sizes of large (L), extra large (XL) and extra-extra large (XXL). These come in Wolf Grey with club logos. Prices range from \$33.25 to \$34.25. Contact Chuck at (503) 658-2955 to order.

### **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.*

### **Wanted: Used R/C Gear**

Bob is 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

### **For Sale**

Big "T" trainer: ready to fly, with flight box and everything you need; \$275

Contact Steve at 503 667 4516

1. Stinson Reliant:1/4 scale; 80% framed. \$275
2. Ikon N'West Beaver:1/4 scale, complete kit with fibreglass cowl. \$300
3. Sig ARF Cap 231 EX1/4 scale with 1.80 eng. Flies great. \$300
4. Pilot brand Bellanca Decathlon1/4 scale, ready to cover. Red, white, and blue covering included. With fibreglass cowl and wheel pants.

For interest in any of the above items, contact: Pete Shull at 503 668 2886.

Mike Clancy has some R/C aircraft gear that he wishes to sell. If you might be interested, email him at [m.clancy@verizon.net](mailto:m.clancy@verizon.net).

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