



# SKY KNIGHTS

RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB



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### Executive Board Meeting Locations

May-Dale McDonald  
June-Gregg Marshal

**---Meeting Reminder---**

**The next monthly meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, April 10th at the Mountainview church gymnasium. See you there!**

### CLUB DUES MUST BE PAID BY END OF APRIL!

Our club is considered by many pilots throughout the state as one of the nicest around with our solar panels, nice runway and beautiful surroundings. The field and other assets we enjoy, including being able to pay for special events, repair of the runway, rent for the area and many more benefits is sustained primarily from your dues. Without your timely payment we can maintain our excellent reputation of paying for these amenities.

All dues must be paid no later than the end of April.

We don't have the ability to accept credit cards so we need your payment either by cash or (if you can remember what these are) by check. You can either send your payment to the membership chairman (Ken Manske) or the treasurer (Gregg Marshall). Be sure to check you currency of your AMA membership as well because you can't be a member and fly at our field without a current AMA card. Just so you know, we get an updated list from AMA that verifies all AMA memberships.



This year we celebrate the Curtiss P-40 Warhawk/Kittyhawk/Tomahawk and its role in World War II with the famous "Flying Tigers" and other engagements in the war by having a picture of the famous fighter on our 2017 Membership card. You can have your very own card by simply joining the SkyKnight RC Club! And, as an extra bonus you can fly your aircraft at the field FREE OF CHARGE, including all the solar energy you can squeeze out of our panels. Quite a deal, huh? And all for just \$90 in most cases.

### Field Cleanup Scheduled for Saturday April 8th

We need to do some normal maintenance to the field and facility before our Spring Opener and need your help. There will be some repairs to the landing strip, eliminate a growth of weeds on the strip and in the grass area, trim our shrubs, perhaps repair some runup stations and check out our tables. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!** The cleanup usually only takes a few hours (from 9am-noon) if we get enough people to come and help. Rumor is that coffee and donuts may be waiting for you. Weather might be a little dicey but with the right number of workers is shouldn't take us long at all to get the field and surrounding area looking fantastic.

Monthly SkyKnight meetings are held the second Monday of each month through May at the Mountainview Christian Church and at the field from June through September.

Indoor flying now each Thursday evening at the Mountainview Christian Church.

## **New Signs Will Soon Be Going Up to Remind Members of Field Rules**

For a long time we have had rules published regarding field etiquette and responsibilities. Some people evidently have not had an opportunity (although this is required to become a member (see website and click on the "Membership Handbook" ) maybe some people have forgotten them. In response to requests, we will be putting up a set or two of each sign stating:

**1. DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH-** We have had a few instances where dogs have run out onto the field, distracted flyers when piloting their aircraft and (forbid!) have left a few of their alimentary canal prizes on the field and runway. Another problem has been dogs running onto the runway when people are flying. This is dangerous for the dog and for pilots. So as of right now please keep your dog on a leash. And if they should defecate anywhere on our field (including parking areas!) please clean it up!!

**2. PILOTS FLYING AIRCRAFT MUST BE IN PILOT "BOX"**- This is a no brainer. When pilots fly away from each other outside the pilot area it makes it very difficult to communicate intentions and/or dangerous situations. Therefore just go to the flying area as soon as practicable after launching your plane and stay there until you land it.

**3. PILOTS AND CREW ONLY BEYOND THE HEDGES-** If you are not flying or helping prepare an aircraft for flight, stay in back (south side) of the hedges. This is especially true if children are present. Fortunately we have had few incidents reported that could be construed as "dangerous" but it is a safety requirement that almost all pilots adhere to. This is mainly focused at guests on the field.

Anyway, these rules are NOT a result of any single person in the club but rather a program we have discussed for several years and have elected to put into signage so everybody knows the rules. There will be no excuses if you accidentally violate these requirements. Likewise, if any club member simply requests you conform to any of these rules, don't feel offended but rather thank them for reminding you and make it right.

**WE ARE ALL FLYING TO HAVE FUN AND WATCH OTHERS HAVING FUN. RULES MAKES EVERYTHING RUN SMOOTHER!**

## **A Letter to All Members from Andrew Gale, President, SkyKnights RC Club**

*The main objective of the Sky Knights RC club is to promote the love of flight and camaraderie between pilots. Unfortunately, the executive committee has received a few complaints requiring the attention of all our pilots and would like to ensure members are both mindful of AMA safety requirements and neighboring property owners when it comes to our flying operations. Indeed, the ability to keep and enjoy our flying field in the years ahead depends on each member observing the application of our By-laws and to remain courteous toward our fellow pilots. For years Sky Knights has entrusted each pilot to be his/her own safety officer in order for each member to enjoy the primary objective of the club to fly in a safe environment designated for that specific purpose. The executive committee encourages all members to enjoy your time at the field flying; however, please remember flight operations at the field are governed by our By-Laws and through their application you will continue to support enjoyment of our hobby for all our current and future members.*

## **Pine Hollow Update!!**

The date is set for June 24-25 for the 2017 Northwest Seaplane Championships to be held at Pine Hollow Resort near Wamic. For those of you who have never attended this event we promise calm water, great weather and plenty of sun. For those who have attended in previous years you know that what I just said is probably a lie but we can all be hopeful! But seriously, by moving the event up in the calendar we should see fewer boats in the water and maybe a bit less wind. But hey, the camaraderie and BBQ is definitely worth the attendance.

Dale McDonald recently spoke to the resort manager who thought we should remind anyone who reserved a hook-up space last year to change their dates to the new ones. He said that he shouldn't be too busy, but if they show up two weeks late, they lose because everyone will be back home. Gregg Marshall has been able to acquire over \$1000 worth of prizes for this event including aircraft kits and accessories, donated by RC Hobbies, Mad Dogz, Hobby Town and Proctor Enterprises as well as several individuals. The new logo and apparel will be ready soon and we have some surprises for you.

## Spring Opener is Just Around the Corner

Be sure you have marked your calendar for our special Spring Opener scheduled for Sunday, April 23rd beginning at 9am. We will have several events to enable you to brush up on your flying techniques as well as just fun fly for many hours. We will also have our traditional lunch with hot dogs and beverages for a \$5 or more donation which barely covers the cost of the food. Of course the highlight of the day is the G.M.W.B.M.F.E. (Gregg Marshall Winter Build Maiden Flight Event) where an estimate dozen or so brave pilots have labored all winter on kit planes and are brave enough to never see if they will fly until the event. Last year was a hoot and (most) of the planes flew flawlessly. Manske's ended up in a short bush just north of the runway). One or more of the pilots will win another kit for simply participating by being entered in a special raffle. Prizes are donated from several sources including member Nelson Scott. This is always a terrific event which is fun for the entire family. Be sure to come early because parking is still limited. Weather is going to be just perfect. I promise!

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## SkyKnights Have Acquired Some Donations of Nitro Airplanes, Some Kits and Building Accessories.

Our reputation is getting around and we have enjoyed donations of planes from estates of flyers who have either decided they have too many planes already and want to pass them along or from pilots who have passed on to that big hangar in the sky and the families donate their "stuff" to us. Sam Bacon and Ken Manske have acquired quite a bit of these items and will be bringing some to the swap meet and/or finding a suitable home for them. Stay tuned.

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## Model Aircraft Magazines Needed!

We are considering collecting older AMA and other RC magazines that members no longer need and are looking for a place to take them and locating them in various waiting rooms throughout our area. They will have a sticker on them encouraging anyone interested to take them **FREE** and letting them know that if they are interested in flying RC and/or have friends or relatives who might be interested to contact us via our website. Perhaps we can get a few people to come out to the field and join us. So, let Ken Manske know if you have a collection you might want to send out.

## Meeting Attendance Showing a Nice Increase

Being a member of the SkyKnights does not just mean you have a place to enjoy flying your aircraft in a convenient, safe and well maintained field, it also means responsibility to other members of the club. That type of responsibility not only includes helping out with maintenance of the field once in a while, adhering to the rules of the field but also in participating in the decisions that are made for the welfare of the club. One of the most important part of this is the attendance of each monthly meeting.

By coming to the monthly meetings your board of directors can get valuable input as to any issues that might arise and possibly get your ideas for solutions.

In an effort to entice more members to attend we are now holding fun raffles for neat stuff including aircraft kits, supplies, books, coffee mugs and a wide range of other items. Tickets are only a buck apiece or 6 for \$5. The attendance for last month's meeting was almost twice what it normally is but there is definitely room for more people. One suggestion from a member was that we should also have a time of Q&A where people can bring questions on building, electrical, care of batteries, painting aircraft including foams and kit planes as well as other topics. Bring your questions or let us know what topic you would like to discuss.

So treat yourself to an inspiring evening once a month and come to the meetings. We will have the meetings at the field from April through September.



## SkyKnight General Meeting Minutes 13 Mar 2017

At 7:07 P.M. the meeting was called to order by President Andy Gale.

Andy reviewed the March Executive Board Meeting minutes. The treasury report according to Gregg was checking \$1601.25 & savings \$ 4201.86.

Old Business: Bob Raser said that he has not received any ideas for new Pine Hollow events. We extended the deadline until the April general meeting. Ken mentioned that Russ has set Cub Nuts for July 22-23, if the field at Molalla is still available (not sold).

Gregg mentioned that he might have another field for Cub Nuts. As far as Pine Hollow gear, Ken said he could get embroidered hats for as low as \$10. Dale has spoken to Frank on the phone, about Pine Hollow dates and other issues such as driving on the dike road.

New Business: The Civil Air Patrol is interested in having a training session at the field this spring if it can be arranged.

One member reported that he crashed a plane due to being distracted by a dog running loose and chasing an R/C car driving on the field during his flight. Andy & Marc will get out a safety notice concerning safety rules. A motion was made to purchase field signs “pilots only” & “no spectators”, it was seconded, voted and approved, for up to \$100.

Sam will have Scott check with Mark Eisenberg about fixing the road. A non SkyKnight modeler died; and Ken & Sam brought back a cache of gear etc. and will offer it up to the membership soon, maybe by raffle or auction.

The meeting was adjourned by Andy @ 7:51.



*Sam Bacon's entry for the Spring Opener.*

## SkyKnight Executive Board Meeting Minutes 3 April 2017

At 7:16 P.M. the meeting was called to order by President Andy Gale.

Dale McDonald read the minutes. Greg gave the treasury report; checking \$2067.24 & savings \$4201.86.

Andy asked if anyone had any new events for Pine Hollow. Greg mentioned that Russ is confident that Molalla will be okay for Cubnuts, and the other potential field is near Colton.

Andy had some sign examples to pass around for the safety signs at the field. There ensued a discussion covering the signs, bylaws, and an email reminder.

Old Business: The field cleanup is this Saturday, April 8th. Sam will follow up with the field owner about the state of the road. He also said that the raffle is still going well. It was noted that the picture of the raffle winners on the Facebook posting has been viewed 82 times. We were reminded of the BBQ on April 23, 2017; with the winter build challenge.

We talked about the prizes and awards for Pine Hollow. Greg will finalize the award plaques. Brian showed off the work he has done for the image design. Ken has interviewed the member implicated in the dog event previously reported, and gave us a synopsis, the individual was apologetic with an explanation of his side of the story.

New Business: Marc mentioned that the Stafford Primary School has inquired about some kind of event for their STEM program, probably aimed at UAS, but open to whatever can be arranged, for May 25th about 6 to 730 pm. Also the Civil Air Patrol is interested in getting together some time. The board discussed whether Tuesday nights or another day might work best. Andy reviewed the upcoming schedule of meetings & events. Ken mentioned dropping off old magazines at doctor/dentist offices, or other waiting rooms like Les Schwab stores, with SkyKnight info stickers on them, for some visibility and recruitment options.

Andy adjourned the meeting at 8:37 P.M.