

FLIGHT LINE

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Field Alert

Roy Wilber will soon be applying Lime to the grass at the field. This is to help keep it green through a possible long dry summer. If you arrive to fly and find the grass covered in a white powder; you should reconsider your options. Lime could ruin your auto or home carpet if tracked in on your shoes. Any rain will quickly wash this into the ground and put it where it will help instead of harm. A day or two of inconvenience now will make our field more pleasant this summer.

January Meeting Highlights

Twenty Nine Model Aircraft Enthusiasts packed their way into the usual room at Camp Withycomb on the evening of January tenth, for our regular general meeting. This included Phil and Jeff Cochran, as guests and new member Jim Ott.

Bob Tinsley called the meeting to order in the absence of prez Chuck. Then Guy read the minutes and Bill offered the financial report.

It was reported that Roy Wilber has agreed to take on the Field Marshall duties when Jim Kist relinquishes them this April.

Bill Ely read the thank you letter from the Children's Cancer Association for our donation of \$300 which was the proceeds from the Rubber Ducky and Pearl Harbour

Daze. Dale McDonald read a humorous email letter from Dave Burton.

Guy Foreman got on a large soapbox and proceeded to clear up several housekeeping items for us. The subjects included Pearl Harbour Daze, the Velvet Wing Fund, and that he and Bill Ely are collecting pop and beer can tabs for kidney dialysis (some other types other of aluminium are also welcome).

Bob Tinsley mentioned that Jim Kist has moved end that anyone wishing to go to the February E board meeting can call him, Chuck, Dale, or Jim (he has been able to keep his old phone number).

Bob also talked about Pearl Harbour Daze 2005. The Canby Dusters were happy with the event, and have invited us back next year. The E board has discussed sanctioning this with the AMA. Bob said he will contact AMA on the insurance angle, and Dale will look into the competition regulations side of this issue.

Dick Hansen mentioned that the Camp Withycomb field will be rolled on Thursday January 13th, and asked if anyone would come to help (watch).

Mike Whitney agreed to fix the broken toilet seat in the club field porta-potty. Thank You Mike.

Show and Tell: Johnny Mansfield brought in his Thunder Tiger low wing ARF with T.T. .46 engine, he likes it sooooo much that this is his third one.

Alan Kisser showed off the electric flight box that he built for the battery that he picked up in last month's raffle, nice box, and quick work Alan.

Dale McDonald had the partially built fuselage form the Sopwith 1½ Strutter that he is building. This kit is from the Proctor VK line by Joe Topper and Gary Parker.

Raffle: Joe Topper got a micro torch; Ron Caspell picked the Electric fuel pump; Corey Parsons has a Great Planes Accu Throw deflection gauge; Bob Wood snagged the 12 volt starter; Vern Ahlberg got fuel; and the biggest winners took the glue; Jim Weaver the 15 minute epoxy; and Glen Thornton the CA.

Club Dues

Club dues will be payable soon. They are due in April, but you can usually start paying in March. Don't wait until April 15th, just in case you have a larger bill to pay about that time.

Skyknight Banquet Jan 22nd 2005

Forty one members and guests showed for the feast at JJ's Grand Buffet in the Gateway district. Nelson Scott and Jennifer Larson put up a slide show of SkyKnights and their aircraft from days of yore.

Northwest Hobby Expo 2005

Saturday February 5th 2005 at 0530; I and four other individuals met at the Home and business address of Dick Hansen. Our objective was to attend the (new?) show colloquially known as Puyallup. We met our objective just moments before the doors opened. The show was definitely less attended by the manufacturers and other vendors. The crowd wasn't too big; not as much as it has been in the past. I was told that the attendance on Friday was actually pretty good.

The Proctor Booth was not in its usual spot, they were more in the middle of the main floor than previous years. The times I walked by, it looked like they were kept busy by interested potential customers.

The static displays had to share the upstairs with a couple of hobby shops, several clubs, and an area set aside for some indoor flying demonstrations.

And so; after many rounds through the exhibits and at the pre appointed time; the intrepid travellers; all met for departure. The journey back to Portland allowed us all to share the items that we purchased, and saw, and the other modellers that we met and talked with. Thanks to all for a good day.

Hansen Scale Aviation Video

Dick gave me a DVD to review and pass on to the club library.

The title is "Down Memory Lane". This is a compilation of his 8mm movies from 1958 through 1972. Some of the highlights include current Skyknights Wally Tift, Nelson Scott, Bob Oeck, Bob Raser and many others such as Bill Raser and Don Anderson. Quite a few wives and families are featured also.

Flying sites shown include Delta Park, Clackamas High, Happy Valley, Columbia River at Lemon Island, Roslyn Lake, Prineville Reservoir, Haystack Res., a scaled down aircraft carrier on the lake at NAS Sand Point with models taking off from the deck, and the last AMA Nats at a naval base-1972 in Chicago.

Aircraft included several of Don's multi engine planes, quite a few of Dick's including his venerable "Jenny".

I recommend this video, the quality is not great by today's standards, and this is old film. But you do get to see some old time flying like single channel and reed systems, with lots of crashes and noseovers.

More Field Alert

Please clean up after yourself and your guests. Others have found trash pop cans, and cigarette butts.

More Indoor Flying

Thanks to Bob and Terry, the indoor flying is from 5 pm to 9pm, and the dates are:

February 16th
March 2nd and 16th
April 13th and 27th
May 11th and 25th

Training

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

2005 Club meetings at Camp Withycombe

Start time is 7:00 P.M.

Mar 14th Apr 11th May 9th

Apr 17th

Spring Opener Float Fly, Roslyn Lake

Apr 30th & May 1st

Celebration of Silent Flight, Fern Prairie Modeller's field. Contact Jerry Holcomb

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

Mar 7th Chuck Adams 503-658-2955

Apr 4th Bob Raser 503-698-6459

May 2nd Dale McDonald 503-761-3109

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). Other sizes may be available. These come in Wolf Grey with club logo on the back. Prices are changing. 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.

For Sale:

1988 Chevrolet Aircraft Carrier. Holds four fully assembled Proctor Aircraft. Runs like a sewing machine. Always hangared.

Contact: Dick Hansen ph 503-653-2578.

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Roy Wilber accepting the 2004 Bob Balch Award from club president Chuck Adams



Dick Hansen, Bob Raser, Bob Oeck, and an unidentified guest enjoying the banquet

