

FLIGHT LINE

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Do YOU want to lose our field?

You could lose your flying privileges at the Orient Field or even lose your SkyKnights membership!

Your club field has hours of operation, noise levels, flying boundaries, frequency controls and other very strict regulations. Let there be no question – **it is your responsibility to know these rules and abide by them. No excuse will be accepted!**

If you have any questions, ask me or any other club member that has the information. I repeat – **it is your responsibility as a club member.**

Mike MacPherson is the latest suspension; 30 days beginning March 28th for overfly violations. A second incident could cause loss of membership.

Bob Tinsley, President

Camp Withycombe Field

Contrary to some popular opinion, the flying field at Camp Withycombe is **not** a SkyKnight flying site and, therefore, is not open to SkyKnight members. The Camp Withycombe Club, aka Kelly Point Flying Club, is open for membership to anyone interested in flying radio control aircraft. The annual dues are only \$35. If you wish to use the facilities simply pay the dues.

Send a check to Dennis Meyer at 20445 NE Interlachen, Fairview, OR 97024 and he will set you up with a membership card and all privileges.

Awards Dinner March 24th



2002 Bob Balch Award winner – Lorreta Holcomb

Lorreta Holcomb was honored at the annual awards banquet for her many years of service to the club when she became the 12th recipient of the coveted Bob Balch Trophy. This award is the highest honor the members can bestow for service to the club. Since inception of the Evergreen Scale Rally

Lorreta has organized and run the Winsock Café, the familiar watering hole of each year's rally. Her attention to detail and skills in getting everything "just right" are unsurpassed. In addition, Lorreta has hosted Executive Board meetings and aided in many of other club functions throughout the years. Congratulations, Lorreta and thanks for a job well done.

The evening saw 40+ SkyKnights and their spouses enjoy good food and good company. Chuck Adams emceed the evening sprinkling his comments with many humorous antidotes that kept the crowd in laughter. Guy Foreman gave a brief history of the clubs origin and noted that four of the original charter members were still members, two of which were in attendance. They were Dick Hansen and Guy. The other two are Bob Raser and Dave Anderson.

Bob Tinsley presented "appreciation awards" for special service to the club during 2002. The first set of awards went to the ladies that help out at Pine Hollow and Evergreen. They were: Lorreta Holcomb, Jennifer Larsen, Gloria Norton, Carol Bowling, Gale Schultz, Ellie St. Cyr, Ardis Hood, Barbara Robertson and Barbara Anderson. Roy Wilber and Dennis Abernathy, although not present, were recognized for their work on Orient Field grounds. Norm Smith, who does just about everything from building tables, pilot stations to hauling runway mats received a special plaque for his efforts. Steve Martin, also not present, was honored for his running the field operations. Jim Kist was given special mention for his field maintenance work.

Dale McDonald conducted a drawing for those in attendance for gift certificates; three for the ladies and three for the guys. Winners were: Nelson Scott, Ellen Smith, Fred Dixon, Jim Kist (Jim chose a ladies gift

for his better half, Bonnie), Ann Adams and Barbara Anderson.

Barbara Anderson concluded the awards with her special "Air Academy Rewards" spoof. Before her presentation she noted that there were still two of the original SkyKnights wives on hand, Pat Williams and Barbara herself. Her awards went to Bill Ely (a toy bank for the club money); Ron Caspell (an airplane plaque that wouldn't crash); AirJer/BearJer and Lorreta Holcomb (a Teddy Bear on a rocket ship); Bob Raser (a medal for allowing an airplane to crash into the company truck); Guy Foreman and Chuck Adams (Snoopy pads to keep track of things); Gary Norton (an official Oregonian reporters note pad and a press pass for "Ace Snoop"); Dick Hansen (a plaque of a Curtis airplane for the loss of his Jenny); Jim Kist and Pete Shull (airplane plaques for good guys); and, finally Pat Williams (a Teddy Bear on a rocket ship for being there). Throughout Barbara's presentation she plugged the Hallmark shop where she works. Drop in and see her. It is on SE 122nd and Sunnyside Road, next to Safeways.

All in all a good show; thanks Bob and Chuck. See you there next year.

Evergreen Volunteers

Dale McDonald needs seven (7) good folks to step up to the plate for the Evergreen Scale Rally. He needs an Air Boss, Frequency Controller, Parking Boss, Registration Coordinator, Scorekeeper and Sales Booth Coordinator. See anything there that tickles your fancy? This is the club's money-maker and provides much needed funds to keep the club in operation. So if you want to keep a place to fly, let's get behind Dale and help him out. Volunteering is easy and rewarding and you will be helping to keep a flying site. Dale's number is 503-761-3109.

Erratum

I made an error in last month's newsletter in the number of rivets in Dean Roundy's new Ryan. Instead of 1,200 rivets I have been informed that there are 1,250. I guess I should have counted them.

Spring Opener

Get those seaplanes ready the Spring Opener is about upon us. Sunday, April 27 is the date and around 9:00 am is the time at Roslyn Lake. Landing fees are \$5 so come on out and have some real low-key competition. If you can get the engine started you can compete! See you there.

Dues

Dues are due. The price is holding solid at \$55 per year. Can't beat that with a stick! Save those refunds on your beer bottles and get the cash to:

Bill Ely
7891 SE Jefferson Court
Milwaukie, OR 97267

If you are going to write a check and play the old bank float game, make it payable to SkyKnights. Thanks for listening.

Hansen Scale Aviation Videos

The TV schedule for Dick Hansen's *Scale Aircraft Show* is available at several places.

For those of you with web access the schedule can be found at:

www.wftvaccess.com

Also, you can get information from Dick's web site at:

www.aero-sports.com/hansen

And, if you can't get to any of those sites, call 503-650-0275 and ask for the schedule. Or for Channel 5 in Canby call 503-263-6287. Or for Channel 11 in McMinnville call 503-434-1234. Whew! Abeeya, abeeya, that's all folks.

High Flight

By Ken Solomon

I am at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California and the activity level is very high because of the Iraqi war. On March 6, they launched a Peace Keeper missile. It was an awesome launch as the missile fired off at 1:29 A.M. on Wednesday, 12 March and boomed south on the range. It went 4,200 miles across the Pacific to Kwajalien Atoll. It carried 8 dummy warheads that were deployed at different times to strike 8 different targets. The mission went very well and, although I did not see the final results, it looked very impressive.

Our base is under siege from the anti-war demonstrators. It is hard to believe for an old veteran that some of our people would try to sabotage the very effort that could save them from terrorists.

There is a new computer system being used now by the military called the Falcon View. It is fantastic and reminds me of Buck Rogers (to you old enough to recall). Each commander is given a hand held computer like a Palm Pilot. It tells him where the enemy is located, their strength and where every friendly unit is. This is updated on a minute-by-minute basis and constantly plots your unit position by GPS technology. If you need help, you program on your hand held and you get air support, artillery or troops as you request.

They also have hand launched models airplanes that have tiny video cameras. The unit is flown towards the front lines and you watch the video display picture as it tells you what the enemy facing you has and where they are located. The model is about the size of a boomerang and is not retrieved after the mission. Until next time keep them flying.

Orient Field in Distress

Just when we thought things were settling down, here comes another problem with flying models. It seems the county commissioners have revised the sound level rules to a maximum of 85db's for any type of sound source for any longer than momentary occurrences. In other words, a motorcycle going by on the highway is OK but not parked and idling for any length of time. What does this mean to the club? In an interview with Prez Bob, he has concluded that only electrics and some low noise four stroke engines will be able to meet the new restrictions thereby making Orient Field essentially an electric only flying site.

The good news is, however, that Bob has found a flying site just off of I-5 near Lebanon where the Portland Area Sailplane Society flies. The site covers nearly 650 acres, has ample parking and no noise restrictions. Admittedly it is a bit of a trip but, like many sites in California, it is only a little under a two hour drive. So, pack your lunch.

Now for more good news, remember that this is the April issue and for all you guys that are ready to give away your glow engines for electric, give me a call, I will be happy to take them off your hands. April F. Doakes and I will see you at the field. *Ed.*

March Meeting Highlights

Dennis Meyer and Leonard Mei are prospecting the possibility of using the Mulino Airport as a flying site for major contests. Leonard has prepared a site map showing different scenarios that would work. Dennis has made contact with Port authorities and is working out details. This may be a viable site for the 2004 Evergreen Scale Rally.

The club has purchased a new mower. It is a Snapper riding mower with a grass

catcher. No more grass clippings in your carburetors. The old mower was becoming a high maintenance item and a good deal came up on the Snapper so the E-board approved the purchase.

Steve Martin is taking orders for videos from the club library. If you want to check out a video, call Steve at 503-663-7883 and tell him what you would like. He will deliver the video at the next meeting. You can then have it for a month and return it to Steve at the subsequent meeting. Easy, huh? A list of videos is included in this newsletter.

Bob Tinsley announced that club jackets will have to be ordered in quantity (6 – 8) and will take a bit longer to get. So if you don't have your club jacket yet, give Bob a shout to get in the order cycle.

Indoor flying is for real at Camp Withycombe now. The flying is on Wednesdays from 5:00pm to 10:00pm and costs \$5 per head landing fee. Contact Bob Tinsley for dates.

Orient Field will have a final grading and completion of the main runway as soon as the ground dries enough to be worked. Should be in late spring. We will then have an active runway approximately 400' long.

For show and tell Johnnie Mansfield had his new Tiger II all ready to go. The kit was built for Johnnie by Don Curry, covered in yellow Monokote and powered with an OS .46 FX.

Jim Kist has assembled the Super Emourad 60 (?) and stuck an OS LA .65 in the nose. Not yet flown; still working out the engine details.

Bob Tinsley had a Stevens Akro that he had framed up some 10 years ago and finally got around to covering her. A fine job I might

add. Power comes from a Super Tiger .90 pulling the 8 lb 13oz beauty around. Bob says it is a smooth and steady flyer.

Duane Foley, back from the trenches of OSU in a new attempt to retire, downloaded plans from the net for a scratch built "Tiny". The entire airplane complete with battery pack weighs a mere 6 ½ ounces! Reynolds Cling Film for covering put on with glue sticks and a lot of luck. Flies on a 9-volt NiMH for about 6 minutes.

And the winner of a Foremost Bomb Drop was Jim Kist.

Raffle winners for the evening were: Matt Findlay (Ultra Stick); Bill Smith (GP Dead Center punch); and Pete Shull (Ball driver hex head set).

Door prize winners were: Joe Topper and Nick Smith – Crying towel; Craig Cook, Fred McCaig and Matt Findlay – Shirt; Dennis Meyer – Hat; and Fred Dixon took the glue!

Training

Tuesday night training resumed on April 8 with some returning students and some new faces. There may be some delays in take off and landing training until things dry out and the full runway is restored.

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*****

May meeting at Camp Withycombe on the 12th, starting at 7:00 P.M.

April 27th

Spring Opener – Roslyn Lake

Jim Weaver

May 3rd & 4th

13th Annual Celebration of Silent Flight

FPM Field, Washougal, WA

Jerry Holcomb (360) 892-7732

May 17th & 18th

Zillah – Ben's Strip

Yakima, WA

May 24th & 25th

Central Oregon Jet & Scale Fly-in

Madras, OR

Dave Kephart, CD (541) 388-0168

Jun 7th

Warbirds Over Washougal – FPM Field

USSMA judges tune-up

Jerry Holcomb (360) 892-7732

Jun 27th, 28th & 29th

Platt I

Sutherlin, OR

Jul 12th & 13th

Northwest Seaplane Championships –

Pine Hollow Resort

Dale McDonald, CD (503) 761-3109

Aug 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Evergreen Scale Rally – USSMA

Qualifier

Grant Sharp Field

Dale McDonald, CD (503) 761-3109

Aug 23rd & 24th

Dawn Patrol – Grant Sharp Field

John Radebaugh

channel.talk@verizon.net

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

May 5th Dale McDonald (503) 761-3109

Jun 2nd Dick Hansen (503) 653-2578

Jul 7th Gary Norton (503) 698-6449

More shots from Point Mague Air Show

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.

Super Sportster

Great Planes Super Sportster complete and ready to fly. Brand new OS .46 FX, Futaba FP-T6F6/K Tx w/FP-R127DF Rx, S-148 servos. Just charge her up and fly.

\$300 obo

Thomas Fischer (503) 668-5035

Quasar Slope Glider

Quasar Slope Glider kit #1007 – 99” to 123” wingspan.

\$25.00

Guy Foreman (503) 257-8841

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Final Word

Remember: Never, never, ever drink from a slip stream and for gosh sakes don't ever eat any green wing nuts. Both will really cramp your stomach!!!!

“We are fools for those who'd have us.”
Edgar P. Mint in the book *The Miracle Life of Edgar Mint* by Brady Udall.

God Bless our men and women in the Armed Forces in harms way; where do we find such brave people? *Ed*



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