

FLIGHT LINE

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Swim Suit Issue

February being a slow month and the month of love check out the centerfold swimsuits for your viewing pleasure.

Awards Banquet

Apparently due to very low interest the awards banquet has been placed on hold until further notice. Prez Bob and a select committee are working on the problem. There will be an awards banquet but probably not until March. Stay tuned.

Dennis Meyer Procures an Electric Flying Site

Dennis Meyer has done it again! He has single handedly talked the Army into letting the club use the armory at Camp Withycombe for flying indoor electrics. Well, maybe. Dennis made connections and has turned the details over to Bob Tinsley to work out. Bob had spotted the site during last months meeting and asked Dennis to see what he could do. Dennis took the ball and scored. According to Bob, there is a very good possibility to fly on a weeknight. At this point he is setting up meetings with all concerned to hammer out the particulars.

Puyallup

The Northwest Model Expo at the Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup is now history. After

waiting out the torrential downpour Thursday and Friday to see if the Cowlitz would flood over I-5 and then being slammed Saturday morning with the news of the loss of the Shuttle Columbia and all its crewmembers, we headed north feeling pretty bummed.

The good news was that this year had more vendors than last year and showed signs of some recovery in our lousy economy. As always, Proctor Enterprises was front and center leading the charge headed up by Joe Topper and Gary Parker with assistance from Gus Stutzman and Dick Hansen. Also back from prior years was "Bubba" and Lanier Models all the way from Georgia. They have been missing for the last couple of years, I think, and it was good to see them back.

The crowds were pretty thick by 11 o'clock and the parking lot was nearly full. They weren't disappointed as it looked like a lot of the vendors were making some good show deals for those tire kickers willing to part with their hard earned cash. Over in the swap meet area things were a bit lighter than in the past. The best part of that sector was that the building had fans and ventilation going to carry away the smell of the chemicals the car guys' use on their tires for traction. Made it a whole lot better to breathe than in the past.

The static show upstairs was pretty well represented with boats, trains and planes although the boats were a little light and there was no HO gauge display in the train section. The trains did range from tiny TT gauge that could run in an aquarium to a mammoth live steamer that you could ride on. The planes included Scale Masters quality to ARFs and R/C gas power to Peanut Scale rubber band power. Of particular note was Buz Hampton's F4U-N Corsair night fighter with one wing folded. That drew a lot of attention from the crowd.

New on the scene this year was a tool importer from Tacoma that had some super buys on modelling tools. What really caught my eye were vernier callipers both with dial indicators or digital read-outs. Joe Topper really lobbied me to get the digital but I lost my nerve when I thought about repairs if something went wrong. So I ended up with the dial set for a mere \$17.

Other items of interest were micro servos from HiTech for only \$16.95. These little hummers had a whopping 36 ounces of torque! Henry Bartel was selling different diameter carbon fiber pushrods for two bucks a piece. As near as I could see, just about everyone in the building had a couple of these rods sticking out of their sacks.

Surprisingly, there were not many small electrics or backyard flyers being pushed nor were the jet guys very well represented. Electronics, kits and ARFs seemed to be the big-ticket items.

All in all the show was good and there were good deals to be had. The weather also eased up to keep you dry from building to building and allowed the control line bunch to get in a few demonstrations. My only complaint: The county won't let you stay overnight in the parking lot anymore; bummer!

SR-71

Parts of the SR-71 are beginning to arrive at the museum in McMinnville and assembly will soon begin to put the huge craft on display. According to Roger Weeks, the museum now has 45 aircraft on hand.

Northwest Pylon Racing Postponed

According to Jerry Holcomb, the Northwest Pylon Racing is still on hold. Apparently the new site must be "accepted" by Clark County before the club can have access. To quote Jerry: "...that sounds like bureaucracy at work to me." Hope we have at least one race. Stay tuned for the latest news.

January Meeting Highlights

Vice Prez Chuck Adams is looking for a few good men. He is the judge coordinator for USSMA and he is looking for new recruits for judges. Let Chuck know if you are interested in learning how to be a scale judge. There may be some workshops later in the year where pilot wantabe's can bring their plane for practice static judging to see what the judges look for.

Roger Weeks reported that there is \$100,000 in the bank to fund a new field at the McMinnville museum for model aircraft. There is planned both a 25 X 500 foot paved and grass runways. Completion date is mid to the end of 2003. There will be no club operation. It will be for anyone with an AMA card.

Steve Martin has volunteered to take on the duties of Librarian. We will be publishing the list of tapes in the very near future for your perusal. If you see something you would like to check out, give Steve a call and he will bring it to the next meeting. You keep it for a month and return it the next meeting. Pretty simple, huh?

Thanks for volunteering, Steve.

Dale McDonald asked for volunteers for Evergreen. He is the CD for the event coming up in August. If you would like to be a part of a real premiere scale contest, this is it. Give Dale a call and he will give you a task. The more volunteers, the easier it is for all.

The raffle winners for January were:

Jim Kist	Super Emeraude 60 kit
Guy Foreman	Sirrius Smart Charger
Don Wright	Hangar 9 Cessna
Ron Caspell	Scat Kat
Fred McCaig	Cessna ARF
Joe Short	Original Lanier kit

For Show & Tell, Pete Shull had his brand new RCV four stroke that he is still trying to start. The engine has a connection on the back of the frame to hook a socket that spins the engine for starting. So far, Pete hasn't been able to spin it properly. Still at the drawing board. Pretty neat looking engine anyhow.

Dennis Meyer had a simple little extension cord devise that cost a whole 45 cents for charging. See Dennis for the details. I didn't quite figure out what it did.

Dale McDonald had his new Wattage Decathlon. Weighs in at 14 ¼ ounces and is powered by an 010 brushless Astroflight running on a 7 cell NiMH.

Dale also had a "Frog" built up from Internet plans with some Weaver modifications. Cost was a mere \$1.50 for supplies. All up weight is 8 ounces. Dale built it in one day and flew it the next.

Dale won a Great Planes Wing Jig for the Show & Tell prize.

Door prizes for the evening went to Roy Wilber, Matt Findlay and Vern Ahlberg (hats), Ed Hamilton and Jim Kist (crying towels) and John Fox, Steve Martin and Dennis Meyer (shirts).

Training

Tuesday night training will resume on April 8th, the beginning of daylight savings time. If you need help during the winter (and the field is flyable) 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
Bob Tinsley	503-257-3057
Pete Shull	503-668-2886
Jim Kist	503-669-8208
Gary Norton	503-698-6449

Swimsuits!!!!!!!!!!



I'll bet you were thinking something else!

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 range from \$33.25 to \$34.25. Contact Bob at (503) 257-3057 to order.

*****CALENDAR*****

March meeting at Camp Withycombe on the 10th, starting at 7:30 P.M.

Mar 9th

Northwest Pylon Racing – CCRCS Field

Jerry Holcomb (360) 892-7732

Ralph Suter (360) 573-2602

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

Dawn Patrol – Grant Sharp Field

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

Mar 3rd Pete Shull (503) 668-2886

Apr 7th Gary Cosmer (503) 761-2606

May 5th Dale McDonald (503) 761-3109

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.

Quasar Slope Glider

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

\$25.00

Guy Foreman (503) 257-8841

Night Hawk Slope Glider

Night Hawk Slope Glider kit – sheeted wing and glass fuse.

\$25.00

Guy Foreman (503) 257-8841

Aerofly Electric Glider

Aerofly Glider kit from Germany –2,550 mm wingspan – includes electric motor.

\$50.00

Guy Foreman (503) 257-8841

Proctor Antic Bipe

Antic Bipe with Enya 90 4S – new rings, bearing and valve train. Includes floats and wheels, Futaba 6 ch PCM ready to charge and fly.

\$350.00 firm

John DesIlets (503) 666-4606

Taylorcraft

Hangar’ 9 Clipped wing Taylorcraft. All servos installed, switch harness & battery. YS 140 FZ with header & all the bells.

\$400.00 without engine

\$1,000 with engine

John DesIlets (503) 666-4606

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Final Word

In an article I read it said: “The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you’ve started.”

So. Today I have finished one bottle of vodka, an ARF, a bottle of red wine, a bottle of Jack Daniels, my Prozac, a small box of chocolates, and a quart of Rocky Road. You have no idea how good I feel. Peace be with you!

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“I believe that memories are the only real treasure any human can hope to hold always.”

Uttered by the Eagle Warrior, Chicome-Xochitl Tlilectic-Mixtli in the book *Aztec* by Gary Jennings.

Northwest Model Expo Pics



