

FLIGHT LINE

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SkyKnights R/C Club

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Urgent: Dues are now due

I must apologize; I haven't previously mentioned in the newsletter, that dues were due for renewal in April. Most club members in attendance at the meeting remembered, because Bill Ely was very busy collecting cash and checks; and handing out new club ID cards.

May Meeting Highlights

President Chuck Adams called the meeting to order; again I counted fifty aviation modeling enthusiasts in the building. New members introduced included: Cory Parsons; and P.J. Markovich. Guests included Harry Haust; Ken Stromeyer, and his son Jason; Buck Elliot; and Curt, Jason, and Daniel (sorry, I didn't get your last names). Secretary Guy read the minutes from the last meeting.

Chuck called on all of the club officers present to give a report on their respective departments: Mike Whitney- Safety; Steve Martin- Library; Dale McDonald- Newsletter and Contests; Jim Kist- Field Marshall.

Mike Whitney also updated the club on the picnic, it is on Sat May 15, not the date previously noted in this newsletter.

Chuck mentioned that he would like to have published in the newsletter, a short biography of each new member, if possible. He then reported that it doesn't seem to make much sense for us to consider

certifying our club as a 501C3 non profit organization. He also mentioned that he researched our field lease, and announced that our current term will expire on May 1 2006.

Most of the meeting was then consumed by the discussion of possibly taking over the Northwest Model Exposition (Puyallup). Many pros and cons were discussed several times. In the end, a survey was handed out to the membership present asking us how much time and/or money each of might be willing to contribute to the effort. No final decision was made, pending evaluation of many factors including the survey. Any decision to go ahead with this will be made at a general meeting with a vote of the members present.

For Show and Tell; Jim Kist showed his Great Planes Lancair with a .91 four stroke, which he flew last Saturday. Dale McDonald brought his GWS electric F4U Corsair, with a Himax brushless motor and four bladed prop, with retracts. Glen Thornton presented his Wattage Livewire with Himax Brushless motor. Phil Wells had his Wing Warrior flying wing motivated by an Astro 05 FAI electric motor.

After the raffle, which I neglected to record the winners and prizes; the meeting was adjourned.

Spring Opener Float Fly

April 28, 2004 began with Jim Weaver, Bob Tinsley, and Dale McDonald all meeting at 0700 at the Pig'n Pancake for breakfast. Upon arrival at Roslyn Lake, we were met by some earlier birds than us. After set up and test flying, the contest started a little late. The weather was very good until late in the fourth round, the cloud cover thickened and it started to sprinkle. This cleared out most of the spectators and some of the contestants. Although the rain squall was pretty short, when it ended, it left a wind in its place. The rest of us got to finish the last round in a breeze. When I left, Jerry Holcomb and his son David were going to stay and fly some more (later they told me that they stayed just a little too long and got a bit wet before they could pack everything and leave).

The winners were:

5th Place Jerry Holcomb flying an electric scale model Rogarzski SKH

4th Place Mark Findlay flying his Skunk Swatter

3rd Place Bob Hoover flying a Weaver's What's it

2nd Place Dick Hansen flying a scale Heinkel I

1st Place was John Cox sporting a Magic Extra

Congratulations to all who won; I hope all participated had fun, and thank you to all who assisted with the officiating.

Special thanks to Jim Weaver for organizing and running the event.

49er Scale Masters Qualifier

Skyknights bring home all first place awards from Woodland Ca. Dick Hansen took 1st in Expert with his Sopwith 1 1/2 Strutter; Gary Parker flew Dick Heining's Fleet Biplane to 1st in Team; and Gary Norton brought back 1st in Fun Scale with his Super Cub, he tells me that Joe Topper gave him a lot of help. **Great job** to all of you.

Orient Field Housekeeping

Please remember to clean your pit tables off before you leave, no one I know of likes to have to clean up when they arrive, and before they fly.

Also when unlocking the gate, frequency board, and the shed; remember to clear the combination form the lock so that no unauthorized people can just look at the lock to find out how to get in.

Jason Maxfield

Welcome new member Jason Maxfield who started R/C in 1992. He started out with gliders, and now owns a CG Eagle, GP super Sportster 40, and a CG Gentle Lady. He is a past member of other clubs including locally the Canby Dusters, and Fern Prairie Modelers. He is also interested in Pattern, IMAC, and a scale biplane.

Orville Brooks Estate Sale

Those of you who have been to the last few meetings may remember that Dick Hansen has been selling some of the late Orville Brook's R/C gear. Now, on May 15 2004 we are invited to inspect and have the chance to purchase the rest of Orville's inventory. The address is 16616 N.E. Hassalo in Portland. Directions are as follows: from N.E. 162nd Ave turn east on Holladay St., stay on Holladay for three blocks to Hassalo.

Training

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

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
Mike Whitney	503-668-6405
Steve Martin	503-663-7883

*****CALENDAR*****

June meeting at Camp Withycombe on the 14th, starting at 7:00 P.M.

May 15&16

**Volcano Fun Fly, Ben's strip Zillah, WA
Mike Hanratty (206?)453-8238**

May 15

**Skyknight Picnic, Orient Field
Event coordinator, Mike Whitney**

June 27th

**Bigger Bird Fun fly
Canby Duster Field, Don Steigman
(503)678-1234**

July 10th & 11th

**Northwest Seaplane Championship
Pinehollow Resort. CD Dale McDonald**

Aug 6th, 7th & 8th

**Evergreen Scale Rally at Molalla RC
Association field. CD Dale McDonald**

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

May 3rd Chuck Adams (503)698-2955

June 1st Dick Hansen (503)653-2578

Event Changes

As noted above, the Skyknight picnic is really on Sat the 15th at the Orient Field.

A new event added at the last minute, is the Canby Dusters Bigger Bird Fun Fly. It will include a swap table area, and no entry fee to attend or fly. No judging, no competition (except for people's choice awards for best plane and best pilot). This is a nice field that they say is in great shape. Head on down to Woodburn to check out some large aircraft.

Club Jackets

Chuck Adams has taken over the jacket orders from Bob Tinsley. Jackets are available in 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 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.

Orville Brooks Estate Sale

Der Jager 1/3 scale, new \$225
Stinger 84" wingspan, kit, new \$115
Dick Hansen, 503-653-2578

Wanted: F4F Wildcat

1/5th scale F4F Wildcat with scale retracts and fibreglass fuselage sold about 1998-99 possibly. Would like to buy back or would entertain the purchase of any 1/5th or larger scale Wildcat.

John Desllets 503-666-4606

Wanted: OS 40 SF

I need an OS 40 SF case to rebuild an engine for club use.

Bob Tinsley 503-257-3057

Wanted: Used R/C Gear

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

Free engine

Dave Higgs has a Royal 45 to donate to a deserving student pilot.

For Sale

Top Flight Corsair	\$100
Ace 4-120	\$100
Stream Parakeet 42"	\$35
GP Cherokee 40	\$60
Hanger9 Cessna 182 ARF	\$175

Inquire or make offers to:

Ralph Johnson at (503) 656-7375

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**Spring opener 2004
Roslyn Lake**



Jim Kist and his Big T



Jerry Holcomb's Klemm L25d



Dick Hansen retrieving Bob Raser's Midwest Hots



Jerry's B-17



Eric took this shot of my What's it
With my own camera for me



Unknown pilot and plane
Performing 3D manoeuvres

All Pictures by Editor except as noted

Celebraton of Silent Flight 2004
Fern Prairie Modeler Field