



NEWS OF NORTHWEST CONTROL-LINE MODEL AVIATION

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COCKPIT CHATTER, BY MIKE HAZEL

Spring-Time greetings to you all. You will notice the format of this issue has been slightly revised. The folded copy saves some postage on the smaller issues. The next one in May will be back to the "magazine" type format.

There are a few changes in the contest line-up. John Thompson notes a couple of them in his column, and the contest calendar has been revised to reflect this. Bruce Duncan wrote to inform the readers of the changes that the V.G.M.C. has made in their plans. The speed contest was moved to the Labor Day weekend, and the VGMC Internats has been cancelled for this year. Bruce notes that the V.G.M.C. will observe their 60th anniversary next year, and that they wish to tie in the 1995 Internats to help commemorate this.

Other contest doin's: If you might be interested in attending any W.A.M. (Western Associated Modelers) meets, you should contact Mike McCarthy. The W.A.M. organization has meets scheduled on April 24, May 15, Aug 7, Sept 11, Sept 25, and Oct 1 & 2. These are all in Northern California. Mike's address is P.O. Box 788, Glen Ellen, CA 95442.

The Pacific Aeromodelers Club have a number of unsanctioned club events, which I believe are open to all comers. For info on this contact Chris Cox, 604-596-7635.

The M.E.C.A. (model engine collectors assoc) will hold the region 3 collecto on April 16 in Lacey, Washington. Contact Bill Tucker at (509) 5027 for information.

FL HQ recently received the latest Fox Manufacturing Company newsletter. It was noted that they have discontinued all their .19 size engines, the .40 size Quickee Race engines, and the 15X---which has been around since they early 60's.

Have you filled out the demographics survey in MODEL AVIATION magazine? You should. This is an opportunity for control line flyers to show our increasing numbers, as well as give whatever other input as desired. Besides that, they are giving away some nice prizes to some randomly selected survey contributions.

NORTHWEST CL CONTEST CALENDAR

THE FOLLOWING LISTING IS A SUMMARY OF ALL KNOWN A.M.A. AND M.A.A.C. SANTIONED EVENTS AS OF 4-1-94. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE INDIVIDUAL LISTED. CONTEST DIRECTORS AND CLUB LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT FLYING LINES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THEIR PLANS, INCLUDING ANY REVISIONS.

APRIL 9, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

EVENTS: NORTHWEST SPORT RACE, NORTHWEST SUPER SPORT RACE, MOUSE RACE CLASS I. SITE: HORN RAPIDS ATHLETIC COMPLEX. CONTACT: PAUL RICE (509) 627-3142, OR RICK MAGNUSON (509) 946-5724. SPONSOR: COLUMBIA BASIN BALSAS BASHERS.

APRIL 16, PORTLAND, OREGON

EVENT: FORMULA GX T SITE: DELTA PARK CANCELLED JIM CAMERON, 4023 N PORTLAND, OR 97212 (503) 285-520 SPONSOR: NW FIREBALLS

MAY 7 & 8, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

EVENTS: MOUSE RACE CLASS I, FLYING CLOWN RACE, NW GOODYEAR, NORTHWEST SUPER SPORT RACE, PROFILE CARRIER, .15 CARRIER, CLASS I & II CARRIER, RECORD RATIO SPEED. SITE: COLUMBIA POINT MARINA PARK. CONTACT: PAUL RICE (509) 627-3142, OR RICK MAGNUSON (509) 946-5724. SPONSOR: C.B.B.B.

MAY 27-29, EUGENE, OREGON

NORTHWEST REGIONALS

CONTACT: MIKE HAZEL, 1073 WINDEMERE DR NW, SALEM, OR 97304 (503) 364-8593 SPONSOR: EUGENE PROPSPINNERS.

JUNE 11 & 12, KENT, WASHINGTON

JIM PARSONS MEMORIAL STUNTATHON

EVENTS: OLD TIME STUNT, CLASSIC STUNT, PRECISION AEROBATICS IN FOUR PAMPA CLASSES. SITE: BOEING SPACE CENTER. CONTACT: RICH MCCONNELL, 14828 MILITARY ROAD S. #208, SEATTLE, WA 98168 (206) 242-7372 SPONSOR: SEATTLE SKYRAIDERS

JUNE 18, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

EVENTS: OLD TIME STUNT, FORMULA GX COMBAT. SITE: BURBANK SCHOOL. CONTACT: PAUL RICE (509) 627-3142, OR RICK MAGNUSON (509) 946-5724 SPONSOR: COLUMBIA BASIN BALSAS BASHERS.

JUNE 25 & 26, RICHMOND, B.C.

NORTHWEST SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENTS: 1/2 A SPEED, 1/2 A PROFILE PROTO SPEED, A SPEED, B SPEED, D SPEED, JET SPEED, FAI SPEED, FORMULA 40, .21 SPORT SPEED, .21 PROTO SPEED. SITE: RICE MILL ROAD. CONTACT: CHRIS SACKETT, PO BOX 82294, BURNABY, B.C., CANADA V5C 5P7 (604) 299-4500 SPONSOR: B.C. ACES.

JUNE 25 & 26, SNOHOMISH, WASH.

1994 BLADDER GRABBER

EVENT: AMA FAST T SITE: HARVEY FIELD CANCELLED HOWARD RUSH, 14321 STREET, BELLEVUE, WASH. 98006

JULY 8 - 14, BRANDON, MANITOBA

1994 M.A.A.C. NATIONALS

JULY 16 - 24, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

1994 A.M.A. NATIONALS

JULY 30 & 31, BURNABY, B.C.

P.A.C. INVITATIONAL

EVENTS: OLD TIME STUNT, PRECISION AEROBATICS, .15 SPORT RACE, NW SPORT RACE. SITE: ? CONTACT: CHRIS COX (604) 596-7635

AUGUST 20, RICHLAND, WASH.

EVENTS: 1/2 A COMBAT, FORMULA GX COMBAT. SITE: BURBANK SCHOOL. CONTACT: PAUL RICE (509) 627-3142, OR RICK MAGNUSON (509) 946-5724. SPONSOR: COLUMBIA BASIN Balsa BASHERS.

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, RICHMOND, B.C.

CAN-AM SPEED CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENTS: 1/2A SPEED, A SPEED, B SPEED, D SPEED, JET SPEED, FORMULA 40 SPEED, FAI SPEED, 21 SPEED, 1/2 A PROFILE PROTO SPEED, 21 PROTO SPEED. ALL EVENTS RUN RECORD RATIO AGAINST NORTHWEST RECORDS. SITE: RICE MILL ROAD MODEL PARK. CONTACT: BRUCE DUNCAN, PO BOX 58037, STN L., VANCOUVER, BC V6P 6C5, (604) 855-7295, FAX (604) 855-7285 SPONSOR: VANCOUVER GAS MODEL CLUB.

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, KENT, WASH.

1994 RAIDER ROUNDUP

EVENTS: PRECISION AEROBATICS, OLD TIME STUNT, CLASSIC STUNT, SPORT RACING, CARRIER, COMBAT, SCALE, SPEED (RECORD RATIO), BALLOON BUST. (SPECIFIC EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED). SITE: BOEING SPACE CENTER. SPONSOR: SEATTLE SKYRAIDERS.

OCTOBER 1, PORTLAND, OREGON

EVENTS: PRECISION AEROBATICS, CARRIER (CLASSES TO BE ANNOUNCED) SITE: DELTA PARK. CONTACT: JIM CAMERON, 4023 NE BRYCE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97212 (503) 287-9620 SPONSOR: NORTHWEST FIREBALLS

OCTOBER 8 & 9 (?), RICHLAND, WASH

EVENTS: PROFILE CARRIER, .15 CARRIER, CLASS I & II CARRIER, OLD TIME STUNT, PLUS YET TO BE DETERMINED RACING EVENTS. SITE: HORN RAPIDS ATHLETIC COMPLEX. CONTACT: PAUL RICE (509) 627-3142, OR RICK MAGNUSON (509) 946-5724. SPONSOR: COLUMBIA BASIN Balsa BASHERS.

OCTOBER ?????, EUGENE, OREGON

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EVENTS: PRECISION AEROBATICS, OTHER STUNT EVENTS TO BE DETERMINED, PLUS MOST ALL AMA AND NW RACING EVENTS. SITE: EUGENE AIRPORT. CONTACT: ????? SPONSOR: EUGENE PROSPINNERS.



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SKYRAIDER CARRIER TUNE-UP KENT, WASH., MARCH 26

| 1/2 A CARRIER (2 ENTRIES) | | | CARRIER I & II (2 ENTRIES) | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1) | JOHN HALL | 52.4 | 1) | TERRY MITCHELL | 207.7 |
| 2) | TERRY MITCHELL | 46.7 | 2) | JOHN HALL | 206.8 |
| .15 CARRIER (5 ENTRIES) | | | PROFILE CARRIER (4 ENTRIES) | | |
| 1) | LLOYD MAROHL | 198.4 | 1) | JOHN HALL | 229.0 |
| 2) | RICH McCONNELL | 92.6 | 2) | TERRY MITCHELL | 210.6 |
| 3) | TERRY MITCHELL | 70.6 | 3) | RICH McCONNELL | 203.0 |
| 4) | SHAWN PARKER | 53.6 | 4) | SHAWN PARKER | 126.6 |

C.B.B.B. TUNE-UP, RICHLAND, WASH., MARCH 26

| NW FLYING CLOWN RACE (5 ENTRIES) | | | NW SPORT RACE | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1) | JULIE RICE | 223 LAPS | 1) | TODD RYAN | 9:59 |
| 2) | TODD RYAN | 165 | 2) | EVAN EDMONDS | 21:54 |
| 3) | JOE CAMPBELL | 153 | 3) | RICH MAGNUSON | 6:21 HEAT |
| 4) | RICH MAGNUSON | 148 | 4) | JULIE RICE | 6:58 HEAT |

NORTHWEST FLYING CLOWN RACE

1) THIS EVENT IS INTENDED FOR ALL FLYERS AND PITMEN INTERESTED IN A SIMPLE, "LAID-BACK" RACING EVENT WHICH USES A COMMON AIRCRAFT, EMPHASIZES BOTH SPEED AND ECONOMY, AND ENCOURAGES THE USE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF ENGINES.

2) ALL PERTINENT AMA RULES FROM THE AMA CONTROL-LINE RACING UNIFIED RULES APPLY, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS.

2.1) PULL TEST IS 25 POUNDS. LINES ARE .015 STRANDED STEEL. LENGTH IS 52 FEET, PLUS OR MINUS 6 INCHES, MEASURED FROM THE CENTER OF THE HANDLE TO THE FUSELAGE.

3) ENGINE: ANY DESIGN OR MAKE OF PISTON ENGINE IS ALLOWED, EXCEPT THAT MAXIMUM ENGINE DISPLACEMENT IS LIMITED TO .19 CUBIC INCHES. MODIFICATIONS ARE NOT RESTRICTED WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE AMA SAFETY CODE.

4) FUEL TANK: ANY DESIGN OF FUEL TANK IS ALLOWED, INCLUDING PRESSURE SYSTEMS, EXCEPT THAT FUEL CAPACITY IS RESTRICTED TO 1 OUNCE. THE FUEL TANK SHALL BE FULLY EXTERNAL OF THE PLANE, ON THE OUTBOARD SIDE OF THE BODY, AND ALL IN FRONT OF THE LEADING EDGE.

5) FUEL: FUEL USED SHALL CONTAIN A MAXIMUM OF 10% NITROMETHANE WITH 20% LUBRICANT AND THE REST METHANOL. FUEL MAY BE OBTAINED FROM CONTEST MANAGEMENT. DIESEL ENGINES MAY USE DIESEL FUEL.

6) AIRCRAFT: THE ONLY AIRCRAFT ALLOWED IS THE PDQ FLYING CLOWN OR FAITHFUL REPLICA. CHANGES TO THE PLANFORM, PROFILE, OR WING THICKNESS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. WHEELS MUST BE AT LEAST 1 INCH IN DIAMETER, AND BE SPACED LATERALLY ABOUT 7 INCHES.

7) NO HOT GLOVES, FAST FILL, OR "TRICK" PITTING EQUIPMENT IS ALLOWED.

8) RACES: ALL PRELIMINARY HEATS AND THE FINAL RACE WILL BE TIMED FOR 15 MINUTES FROM START TO FINISH. THE CONTESTANT WITH THE MOST LAPS WINS.



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- SCALE — AMA Precision, AMA Sport Scale and Profile Scale!
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The Paul Agerter Northwest Control-Line Regionals

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| <u>FRIDAY</u> | <u>SATURDAY</u> | <u>SUNDAY</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Prof./Sport Scale 8:30 a.m. | Prec. Aerobatics 8:30-4:30 |
| | Precision Scale 8:30 a.m. | Speed (all classes) 8:30-4:30 |
| | Rat Race 9 a.m. | 1/2-A Combat finals * 8:30 a.m. |
| | Old-Time Stunt 9 a.m. | Dive Bomb./Strafing 9-4:40 |
| | 80-mph Combat 9 a.m. | NW Goodyear (Jr.) 9 a.m. |
| | Carrier (all classes) 9-5 | NW Goodyear (S-O) 9:30 a.m. |
| | Speed (all classes) 10-5 | |
| | Mouse Race I (Jr.) 10 a.m. | AMA Combat 10:30 a.m. |
| | Mouse Race I (S-O) 10:30 a.m. | NW Sport Race (Jr) 11 a.m. |
| Speed (all classes) Noon-5 | Slow Combat Noon | |
| | Mouse Race II 12:30 p.m. | NW Sport Race (S-O) Noon |
| Carrier (all classes) Noon-5 | Classic Stunt 12:30 p.m. | |
| | Goodyear Race 2 p.m. | NW Super Sport Race 2:30 p.m. |
| | 1/2-A Combat 3 p.m. * | |
| | Slow Rat Race 4 p.m. | |

* 1/2-A Combat will start on Saturday afternoon and finish on Sunday morning, if necessary.

SCHEDULE NOTES

- * Registration is open Friday from noon-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m.-noon. Early entry encouraged.
- * Precision, Old-Time and Classic aerobatics entrants check at registration for meeting info.
- * Awards will be presented on Sunday immediately after 5 p.m.

RULES INFORMATION

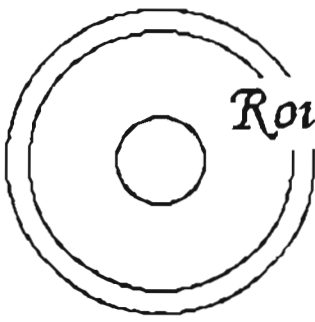
- * AMA events, including Dive Bombing and Stunting, are per 1994-95 rule book. **Know the rules!**
- * *NW Sport Race*: Stock Fox .35 stunt, stock profile kits or accurate copy of kits, 1-wheel (2") landing gear OK, no shutoff, no fastfill, suction feed, no hot glove. *NW Super Sport Race*: Single-bypass front-intake .40 with .315" venturi, AMA Slow Rat plane specs with outboard suction tank. Lines for both events are .018x60 braided. *NW Goodyear*: Restricted to specific engines. Write contest director for full rules.
- * **COMBAT** _ All events flown double-elimination. **AMA COMBAT — FLYAWAY SHUTOFFS REQUIRED**...Shutoffs subject to ground test; any flyaway in which shutoff fails to work will result in disqualification. *80-mph Combat* — Any plane/fuel system, two planes max per contestant, .018"x60" lines, AMA fast scoring.
- * *Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, .15 carrier* _ Write contest director for rules.
- * All events over asphalt except Combat, Balloon Bust, carrier, beginner-intermediate stunt and Old-Time Stunt.
- * Navy carrier — Mufflers mandatory in .15 class, optional in Profile/I/II. No tuned pipes, Magic mufflers OK.
- * **Safety things** required in all events.

OTHER INFORMATION

- * AMA or MAAC membership required for all participants, including mechanics. AMA membership available at registration.
- * Only participants and officials allowed in flying areas. Others must stay outside roped-off or restricted areas.
- * Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on flying field during meet hours.
- * Awards _ Trophies and merchandise through third place in each event and age grouping, and first- through third-place grand championship trophies. **Approximate value of awards: \$2,500.**
- * Overnight camping is available on or near site. Rest rooms, restaurant, etc., are nearby. A concession truck and hobby shop truck will be on site most of each day. (See note below!)
- * Advance registration by mail requested for Saturday night banquet. Forms available from C.D.

FOR INFORMATION AND SPECIAL RULES, CONTACT:

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Round and Round

The Control-Line
modeler at large

By John Thompson

“Let’s fly more in ‘94”

I don’t know if there’s any official modeling agency in charge of this matter, so I’ll just declare it: The flying season is here.

I just returned from the flying field. It was 75 degrees in bright sunshine, with a light breeze blowing steadily in one direction: the same direction as the wind sock, for a change!! (You have to see it to believe it: Often at the Prop Spinners’ field in Eugene, the wind on the north stunt circle is blowing 180 degrees the opposite way from the windsock alongside the racing circle 25 yards to the south!)

There were, at one time, 10 paid-up Prop Spinners on the field, along with assorted guests, visitors, spectators and hangers-on. Multiple planes in the air, and at least two dozen spread (not counting my stack of combat planes) out on the ground. Now that’s what they mean by “Sunday flying.”

And to top it off, the new stunter flies *great!* I’ve totally run out of excuses. Now I have *two* stunt planes to practice with (gonna fly *low* now!). Last weekend I limbered up one of the combat engines and hit the needle setting on the nose the first flight. All the signs point to a great year for control-line modeling in the Pacific Northwest!

The contest schedule has had its ups and downs but is getting dialed in. The Regionals were off for a while, but now they’re back on, possibly bigger than ever. The Bladder Grabber is, at this writing, off. Due to field problems in Portland — city government there has become very bizarre — the GX contest is off. But everything else appears to be go: Multifarious activities in Richland, Stuntathon and the Roundup in Seattle, the Fall Follies, lots of activity in B.C. See the contest schedule in this issue. Here’s a slogan: “Let’s fly more in ‘94.”

Now I have to set the record straight on a remark made in a previous column. I said that allowing .40 size engines in the new provisional 80mph combat rules, to be used at this year’s Regionals, was the suggestion of Rich McConnell. Well, it wasn’t.

It was his idea, sort of, but not a suggestion!

Rich asked if .40 engines would be allowed, which caused me to consider the question for the first time. The first draft of the rules made no reference to engine size. Rich’s question made me ponder the pros and cons of larger displacements as I polished the final draft of the rules. I decided that, since there is a speed limit, the .40 displacement should have no advantage over any smaller size; however, I felt that it should be limited to .40 so that we don’t encounter someone running .60 or larger engines, resulting in huge, heavy, possibly dangerous airplanes. I figured that allowing .40 engines would open the event to more engines, which usually is considered advantageous. Several people remarked after the rules were published that they were glad to see the .40s allowed.

The point, however, is that Rich McConnell did not suggest the .40s, and in fact is generally in principle opposed to the use of .40 engines in combat. He asked that this be made clear. There may be others opposed to .40s as well. I’ve opposed going up in size for fast combat, for example.

The 80mph rules are experimental, and can be adjusted after we get some experience. Another flier questioned the two-plane limit. He suggested three. Maybe there should be no limit. (The idea of the limit is to discourage the kind of flying that leads to collisions, etc., without removing the kill, which shortens matches and potentially saves airplanes.)

I’d like to hear feedback on the rules as written, particularly after we’ve used them at a contest. We can adjust as needed. If there’s a disparity of opinion, we’ll run them through the *FL* rules voting procedure and settle on a permanent set.

Also, see elsewhere in this issue the rules for Northwest Flying Clown Race, as provided by Paul Rice. These were not included in our recent rules package.

Got something to contribute to Round & Round? Write to me at 295 W. 38th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405, or use electronic mail at 73473.1407@compuserve.com.

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