

November 2023 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held November 14, 2023, 6:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

18 members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Kris Millard – Vice President
- Steven Holt – Secretary / Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Steve Ashmore
- Rodney Claus
- Bob Einhaus
- Addis Elmore
- Steve Helmick
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- Randy Ling
- John Lunz
- Trent Marvin
- Jim McCartney
- Jim Schneider
- Steve Tilden
- Bob Welch

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Old Business:

- Mike Potter and Jim McCartney provided status of the flying field at Thun Field. The site is approximately 2-1/2 acres, allowing room for 2 grass circles with paved centers. Jim McCartney reported that his son's company is ready to proceed once the Pierce County approval has been finalized. The AMA insurance has been provided to Pierce County. The plan is to move out briskly once the paperwork is signed to finish clearing the field and plant grass as soon as Pierce County approves of the paperwork. This month, a statement of work for improvements to the site were prepared jointly with Thun Field Management and submitted for review and approval. The details of the progress on the site preparation will be provided at the next monthly NWSR Meeting on December 12th. Due to slower than expected approvals from Pierce County, it appears we will initiate work at the site in the Spring for use in 2024.

New Business:

- Steve Holt gave a Secretary and Treasury report noting our current membership and financial activity for the past month. Steve is accepting membership renewals and new memberships through the end of the year. Dues for AMA members are \$25.00 once again this year.
- Randy Ling proposed last month that we help John Thompson support "Flying Lines" since it is so critical to the health of Control Line flying in the Northwest. The club approved sending a check to John Thompson in the amount of \$100.00 to help defray expenses for sustaining the site. Steve Holt sent a check to John Thompson and received a thank you from John confirming he received it.
- The Northwest Skyraiders Winter Swap Meet is approved for December 2, 2023, at Denny's in Kent from 9:00-Noon. Table setup can start between 8 and 9AM. See you there on December 2nd.
- The annual requirement to elect a slate of officers for AMA Club #330, the Northwest Skyraiders was fulfilled. And, once again, Mike Potter was elected as President, Kris Millard Vice President, Steve Holt Secretary and Treasurer, and Dave Gardner the Safety Officer.
- A discussion was held on whether there was any significant interest in holding an Annual Northwest Banquet in January. Very little interest was expressed and the club decided to forego a banquet this year.
- Dave Gardner provided samples of calendars for people to buy as a financial support to the club. There are two styles...one of old covers from model airplane magazine covers and the other was

humorous cartoons from our industry. Contact Dave Gardner to reserve one or more for your wall.

- Jim McCartney held a conversation with the club about his original construction of a GB airplane built around a wing he purchased from the Gary Letsinger Estate Sale and some fiberglass fuselage parts he owned. There were lots of comments and suggestions on the Show and Tell presentation providing lots of opportunities for everyone to voice opinions and even a few helpful comments. Thanks Jim for bring this beauty for everyone to see and appreciate.
- **The list of future events from Flying Lines include the following:**
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

The next NWSR Monthly meeting will be held at the Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA. On December 12th at 6:00 PM.

As submitted by Steven Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer

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