

## **April 2018 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)**

**Meeting held April 10, 2017, 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.**

Eleven members and one guest were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Mike Haverly – Vice President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Bill Darkow
- Bob Einhaus
- Ray Grigsby - Guest
- Ben Jones
- John Lunz
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Doug Oertli

### **Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.**

The financial report was presented by Steve Holt. The checking and savings balances were shared along with the income from 2018 Membership Renewals to date. The current paid membership stands at 28 members.

### **Old Business:**

#### **2018 Washington Aviation Expo at Puyallup:**

- A table was staffed at the Show Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> (9-5:30) and Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> (10-4). The show was well attended and we made contact with a lot of prospective flyers and club members. We hope to attract a few new members from this activity. We will see in the next couple of months, if new members show up at events or meetings.

#### **201Contact with Tacoma Parks and Recreation to Secure a Flying Field:**

- Mike Potter made contact with Marina Becker, the Director of the Tacoma Parks and Recreation Department and a response asking for more information about our club and requirements was requested by her. Steve gathered some of the material Dave Gardner had prepared for presentations to the Renton and Newcastle City Councils last year and wrote a letter of response including the material. We are waiting for a response as Marina is currently out of the office. More information at the next meeting is expected. Steve will take the action to contact Marina and follow up to pursue next steps identifying a prospective flying site in Tacoma.

#### **Informal Fun Fly Events have started for 2018:**

- Ben Jones and numerous other club members have flown at the North Green River Park location this month and found the field in very good condition. This may be the preferred flying site due to

ground conditions and good availability for the near future. We can fly there any time it is unoccupied, which is most of the time. There is a lot of room for many groups to be accommodated simultaneously at the park.

### **Schedule for Contests for 2018 for NWSR:**

- The club will hold two contests this year, both at the Centralia – Chehalis Airport Flying Site. The Stunt-A-Thon will be held June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Mike Haverly is finalizing his Contest Director credentials with AMA National to run this event. The Raider Roundup will be held September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> with Howard Rush as CD. Thank you both for offering to run these events.
- In preparation for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Stunt-A-Thon, the club decided to use Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> to clean up the Centralia – Chehalis Airport Flying Site and then hold the Fun Fly the same day. This will prepare the field for the flying season for everyone who wants to practice before the contests. We will meet at the Flying Field at 9:00 AM and weed-eat, sweep and clear the circles for flying. Then we will break out airplanes and use the circles as long as anyone want to stay. It should be a fun day. See you there!
- There are two important dates for upcoming Contests in the Northwest. They include:
  - The 2018 Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Spring Tune-Up! At East Delta Park, Portland, Oregon on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a big contest with many categories of competition.
  - The Northwest Control-Line Regionals will be held in Roseburg, Oregon on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This contest has 44 Events, so you won't want to miss it. Mike Hazel has informed Mike Potter that the Hampton Inn is the preferred hotel for your stay. A food truck has been contracted to provide great food at the flying site all three days, so help the hosts pay for the food truck by eating right at the field.

### **Schedule for Swap meets for 2018:**

- The NWSR Summer swap meet will be held July 7th at the Denny's in Kent due to easy accessibility.

### **Search for a long term flying site:**

- The club continues to search for a more permanent flying site and is making contacts with AMA National as well as local officials. The Tacoma contact is currently the most promising, but we will continue to investigate some other options.
- One interesting thing is that the RAMS club has apparently negotiated a lease with the new owners of the Auburn Golf course that had been closed. We will see if we can identify information on whom to contact about securing a flying site for the NWSR Club in the same way they did at that location.

### **New Business:**

#### **Ray Grigsby donation of planes, engines and other assorted gear:**

- Ray Grigsby contacted the club offering to provide Control Line kits, engines, airplanes and other gear to current flyers. He has a pickup truck of great gear and wants to pass it along to other flyers so it will be used. He spoke with Mike Potter and attended the April NWSR meeting and donated it all to the club. After a discussion, it was decided to have Mike Haverly hold all of it in the short term and inventory it for auctioning off at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Stunt-A-Thon contest in Centralia – Chehalis. The proceeds will support the club and all of the flight gear will go to current flyers to be used. Many thanks to Ray Grigsby for his contribution and thoughtful sharing of his Control Line planes, kits and engines.

### **Preparation for Stunt-A-Thon:**

- Mike Haverly is the Contest Director for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Stunt-A-Thon Contest. We will meet to prepare the field on May 12<sup>th</sup> and to hold a fun fly as noted above. Steve Holt will contact John Thompson at Flying Lines to ensure a notice about the Fun Fly and Cleanup event on May 12<sup>th</sup> is advertised for all to see.

Mike Potter asked for any other new business and adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on May 8<sup>edrrrrr</sup><sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

**By Steve Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer**

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