

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

Meeting held July 11, 2023, 6:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

19 members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Kris Millard – Vice President
- Steven Holt – Secretary / Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Rodney Claus
- Dennis Clinton
- Bob Einhaus
- Addis Elmore
- Al Fernandez
- Steve Helmick
- Ben Jones
- Randy Ling
- John Lunz
- Trent Marvin
- Jim McCartney
- Bob Parker
- Jim Schneider
- Wayne Terry
- Bob Welch

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Old Business:

- The status of the new potential flying field at Thun Field was discussed. Authorization for use of the field is proceeding, with Thun Field management. The site has expanded to 2-1/2 acres, allowing room for 2 possible grass circles with paved centers. Jim McCartney reported that he continues communications, and that progress has been made with airport management. It looks like we may be able to move forward with getting Insurance and starting improvements to the ground this fall. Randy, Jim and Mike will continue to maintain contact in support of the development of this plan.

New Business:

- Steve Holt gave a Secretary and Treasury report noting our current Checking and Savings balances and our current membership of 27 paid members. Howard Rush contacted Steve and will provide a final financial accounting for the Stunt-A-Thon contest when he returns from the NATS.
- Steve reported he received an offer for the use of some private property across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge near Lake Bay, Washington for a flying site or fun flys. The letter was discussed and will be looked into further for possible opportunities.
- Mike Potter reported on the results of the Northwest Skyraiders Summer Swap Meet held on July 8th. He received some historic Northwest Skyraider planes and gear from Wes Mullins. Included was an R.F. Stevenson football helmet with an attachment for flying lines for when he used to fly three airplanes at a time. It was fun to see this nostalgic hardware in the club. Discussion on whether to try to donate these items to the AMA museum or other options were held. No final decision was reached and Mike will retain the items for the club in the meantime.
- Mike Potter and Randy Ling provided information on the next Northwest Skyraiders Contest, the R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup contest is scheduled for September 16-18 at the Auburn Municipal Airport. Randy will be reaching out to members for assistance in running the contest.
- **The list of future events from Flying Lines include the following:**
- July 14-16.: AMA Northwest Jamboree, Sanderson Field, Shelton, Wash. RC and CL flying
- August 18-20: Bladder Grabber, Snohomish Field, John Knoppi, CD

- September 16-18: R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup, Auburn Municipal Airport, Auburn, Wash., for Aerobatics and Carrier.
- October 7-8: Ringmaster Flyathon, Auburn Airport, Dave Gardner, CD.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

As submitted by Steven Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer

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