

## August 2017 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Fourteen members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Mike Haverly – Vice President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Bob Einhaus
- Fred Gordon
- Steve Helmick
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- Gary Letsinger
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Howard Rush

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00. Mike asked for the Secretary / Treasurer's report. Steve Holt noted the balances in the savings and checking accounts for the club. He noted that he wrote two checks this month, including one to Dave Gardner refunding him for expenses for the contest and one to Bill Darkow for the contest porta-potty and paint supplies. One deposit for dues was deposited this month. Steve noted that 30 members have now paid their dues as of the July meeting.

Relative to the topic of identifying and securing a new flying site for next year's flying season, Mike Potter led a discussion.

### **These two sites are under consideration for use.**

**Muckleshoot Bingo Hall parking lot** – Dave Gardner discussed the consideration of the Muckleshoot Bingo Hall South Parking Lot. He has visited the site and finds it to be flat, clean and clear of obstacles with room for a couple of circles. He offered to get with Ron Canaan and go speak to them about using the space before the next meeting. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.2884227,-122.2005988,645m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Newcastle May creek Park Site along SE 95<sup>th</sup> Way** – Rob Wyman, the City Manager is coordinating with Puget Sound Energy to determine whether PSE will use the site for staging of power poles and equipment during the "Energize Eastside" project. PSE is conducting soil density testing and may not use the whole site. They may be willing to share the site with our needs per Rob Wyman. Rob owes us a response to determine next steps on the site. Steve makes contact regularly, but PSE is not moving very quickly on this project, so we remain in limbo for this site. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.518593,-122.1711003,413m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

### **The following locations continue to be ones members use for informal flying.**

**North Green River Park in Kent** – Ben Jones provided the location of another potential informal flying site for fun flying use. The location is roughly 26400 Green River Road in Kent. There is a Pea Patch on the south end of the property by the parking lot, with soccer fields and open space north of the parking lot. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/North+Green+River+Park/@47.36232,-122.2190381,714m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x5490594571a5e789:0x56a6002153242cf!8m2!3d47.3700887!4d-122.2317521?hl=en>

**Riverwalk Park in Kent** – Mike Potter has inquired about this site with the Kent Parks and Recreation folks and has not received a response to his requests. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.3745969,-122.2441255,1105m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Pacific City Park along the White River** – This site was suggested by Kris Millard and Mike Potter and others have walked the park and flown at it. It does not appear to have very much usage and may prove to be a good location to fly. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.263615,-122.2366115,470m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Roegner Park Ballfields along the White River** – Several members fly at this site while school is out. The ballfield outfields are grass and parking is along the road adjacent to the field. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.2694602,-122.2197062,711m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Ron Regis Park in Renton** – Although the Renton Parks department outlaws flying of model airplanes at any of its parks (along with a long list of normal activities that are normally conducted at city parks) the local police and city parks employees have been very accommodating to club members who have flown at this site on many occasions over the years and have not complained or ticketed anyone who flies at this site.

The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.4682415,-122.1482561,341m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

The club is encouraged to keep looking for a site to pursue for this year and we must identify a centrally located flying site soon.

Mike Potter discussed the results from the 2017 Northwest Regional Contest held in Eugene, Oregon. He received a Shareholders' report from Mike Hazel noting that the contest costs exceeded the income. Mike Potter proposed after some discussion that the club send a check for \$500.00 to Mike Hazel to help them cover their shortfall for the event. The vote carried and Steve Holt (Treasurer) will write a check and send it to Mike Hazel.

Dave talked about the Ringmaster Event provisionally planned for the weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. A location needs to be firmed up.

A short discussion about the Fall Swap Meet scheduling and whether we want to revise the time of year we hold each swap meet. Dave Gardner noted that Flying Lines has a placeholder for us for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Clover Park Aviation Paint Hangar. Mike Potter will not be able to secure the site for our use this year, so a new location flyer needs to be prepared and posted.

Howard Rush spoke about the R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup 2017 Contest and discussed which events will be held. He has prepared sanctioning documentation and our insurance is paid up for the year. The Contest is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Chehalis – Centralia, WA Airport flying site.

The group held a discussion about fun flying locations and Steve Holt offered to update and send out the list of contact information once again for the club to be able to get in touch with each other to go flying.

Mike Potter asked for any new business.

Mike adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month). As Steve will be out of town next month, Mike Potter and Dave Gardner will keep notes for minutes next month.

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