

September 2024 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held Friday, September 13, 2024, Noon, at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

13 members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Steven Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Rodney Claus
- Al Fernandez
- Steve Helmick
- Randy Ling
- John Lunz
- Trent Marvin
- Jim McCartney
- Bob Parker
- Howard Rush
- Bob Welch

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM.

Old Business:

- Mike Potter and Jim McCartney provided status of the flying field at Thun Field. Conversations continue to be held with Pierce County officials and updates will be provided at club meetings.

New Business:

- Steve Holt's gave an overview of the club status, noting our current membership of 28 paid members and financial status and activity for the past month.
- Mike Potter remains in contact with Auburn Airport Management to firm up the possibility to once again in 2025 hold our contests at the Auburn Airport. Conversations are being held and the question remains open as to the availability for next year. Mike will provide ongoing updates in the coming months.
- Randy Ling and Howard Rush provided a run down for the results of the R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup Contest held on September 6, 7 and 8. The contest was well run, although there was a bit lighter numbers of competitors than hoped for. Those who attended and participated demonstrated a lot of enthusiasm for the events. Bob Welch won the overall Crockpot award with a good showing in numerous events. Carrier, Precision Aerobatics Stunt and Scale Events all drew a lot of interest and the flying was excellent. Thanks were provided to Gem Glover for financially supporting the R.F. Stevenson Memorial Contest for many years as well as Thanks to Matt McCartney for providing the porta potty for the events. Also, thanks to Mike Potter for ordering and picking up the lunches from Subway for the contest. And it was great to see Paul Walker attend and Judge Stunt Events with Steve Helmick.
- Dave Gardner discussed the plan for Ringmaster Days to be held on October 5/6. After a group discussion amongst the members, it was decided to hold the event at Roegner Park on those days. Dave will prepare a Flyer and provide it to John Thompson at Flying Lines.
- Since Randy Ling suggested we hold talks/demos on selected subjects for a meeting agenda item, the group has addressed the topics of Nobler Airplanes and Ringmaster airplanes. At this meeting, several persons brought planes, large selections of Ringmaster Vintage Kits, Drawings and information about Ringmasters. The discussion was lively with a lot of member participation. It seemed well received and the topic of "Fuel Tanks" was selected for discussion at the October Meeting.
- ***The December 7th Swap Meet is scheduled to be held at the Kent Denny's. Although Steve secured approval from the General Manager during the meeting, he later received a call back stating that after reviewing the schedule for the room, it is already booked for December***

7th from 8AM until 10AM. We have been offered and, after a discussion with Mike Potter, accepted the time of 11AM until 2PM that day. The decision was made to hold the event on December 7th because it was better than delaying until the 14th or 21st that would be too close to the Christmas Holidays when fewer members would be available to attend. We hope this will work for you.

- After three meetings at the new day and time, the club has continued to evaluate the benefits and disadvantages of holding meetings on the second Friday of the month at Noon. Some attendees are experiencing difficulties with long commutes during high traffic times that the evening meetings avoided for the most part. For now, we plan on continuing to hold the meetings on the second Friday of the month, with a Noon until 2PM lunch schedule and meeting. Your feedback on this topic is encouraged to help us accommodate the club membership the best we can.
- The members of the club enquired as to the status of several club members who we have not seen lately. Other members provided updates as to their status and health and we would like to wish them all well. Specifically, Ben Jones, Bob Einhaus and Wayne Terry were people noted for their absence and we would like to pass along our best wishes for good health.
- Important dates for Northwest Skyriders flyers are as follows:
 - Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon, (RMFAT), or 'Ringathon' October 5-6
 - Northwest Skyriders Winter Swap Meet, Saturday, ***December 7th 11:00AM until 2:00PM***
- The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

The next NWSR Monthly meeting will be held at the Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA. On Friday, October 11th, 2024 at noon.

As submitted by Steven Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer

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