

Fireball Flyer

Monthly Newsletter for the Northwest Fireballs
February 2012

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DON CURRY

Barbara has been doing a lot of work with the Rose Festival's History and Roses Tour with information on our Spring Tune Up event. It is an ongoing set of contacts, with links to other sites that should benefit both our club and the other sites and hopefully generate more interest in modeling and flying. Barbara will give a recap at our March meeting.

In the past we have started to hold our meetings at Delta park in April. If we continue that, the March meeting will be the last indoor meeting until fall. I give a big thank you to Doug and Kathy for allowing us to use their home for the winter meetings.

It has been reported to me that the trophy sponsorship for beginner p/a has already been issued; we moved up a class and will now sponsor intermediate p/a at the Regionals in Eugene.

With the weather being so unpredictable, the usual Monday-Wednesday-Friday flying has not been happening. Instead, it has been changed to any flyable day available. Anyone who wants to fly contact any of our club members and I'm sure we can generate enough people to go out and fly on any given day.

Until the next meeting, keep building, flying and having fun.

Don

2012 Officers

President	Don Curry
Vice-President	Jim Harper
Secretary	Jerry Olson
Treasurer	Barbara White
Member-at-Large	Geoff Christianson

2012 Committee Chairman

Banquet	Doug Powers
Contest Director	Leo Mehl
Newsletter Editor	Barbara White
Plan Curator	Bill Lee
Safety Officer	Richard Entwistle

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Thirteen members attended the meeting. The agenda was approved with one modification, the previous meeting's minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report for the previous month was read and approved.

Doug Powers reported on the annual Banquet. The event was very successful. It was held at Jubitz's and they were very accommodating and cooperative to our needs. The event was well attended and all present appeared to have had a pleasant evening.

Contest planning continued, with discussion about staffing needs and projects to be completed before the contest. All is on schedule.

Circle repairs: the circle is deteriorating and in need of repairs. We will continue to investigate repair options.

There was a brief discussion of sponsoring trophies for the PA Beginner event at the Northwest Regionals contest. A motion was made to sponsor the trophies, \$30 cost, and it passed.

A representative from The Portland Rose Festival has contacted the club. This year's festival will have an aviation theme. Festival organizers have expressed in interest in including model aviation in its 2012 History and Roses Tour guide.

CALENDAR

03/03	Fun Fly #3, Salem
03/11	March Meeting
04/07	Fun Fly #4, Eugene
04/08?	April Meeting/Easter
04/20-22	Jim Walker Contest
05/13?	May Meeting/Mother's Day
05/25-27	Regionals Contest
06/10	June Meeting

Gary Harris introduced a discussion on our participating in this year's Hillsboro Air Show. In order to conduct a proper demonstration, we will have to have sufficient members available to staff the demonstration on all three days. Gary will find out the dates for the air show and report to the club.

The March meeting was scheduled and the meeting was adjourned.



February 2012 Club Meeting. Clockwise, from far left: Jerry Olson, Jim Harper, Geoff Christianson, Don Curry, Doug Powers, Mark Hansen, Gary Harris, Alice Cotton-Royer, Dave Royer, Bill Lee, Leo Mehl, Richard Entwistle. *Barbara White photo*

CONTEST REMINDERS

Area-wide flying competitions and informal flying events continue. Flying Fun #3 (Salem, March 3rd) and #4 (Eugene, April 7th) are next in line, followed by our contest on the third weekend in April and the Northwest Regionals in Eugene over the Memorial Day weekend. For details, including posters and entry forms, check out "Where the Action Is" at FlyingLines.org.

Entry packets for Regionals should be going in the mail around March 1st; if you competed there in the past, keep an eye out for your very own invitation and advance entry form.



Present
The 2012 Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up!
East Delta Park, Portland, Oregon
April 20th, 21st and 22nd

Friday, April 20

RECORD RATIO SPEED: 9:00am - 11:00am, resumes at end of Northwest Clown Racing until done, all speed classes. At the conclusion of the speed event, the paved circle will be made available for Stunt practice. Also on Friday, the grassy areas adjacent to the paved circle will be open all day for practice flying of all types.

NORTHWEST CLOWN RACING: 11:00am until completed (no later than 2:30pm, earlier if fewer entries)

Saturday, April 21

HIGH PERFORMANCE 1/2A COMBAT: 10:00am, to be flown over grass circle #3, double-elimination. AMA "Kill" rules in effect.

NORTHWEST PROFILE STUNT: 9:00am - Noon, to be flown over the paved circle.

CLASSIC-NOSTALGIA STUNT: 1:00pm - until completed, to be flown over the paved circle.

OLD TIME STUNT: 10:00am - until completed, to be flown over grass circle #2.

Sunday, April 22

NORTHWEST 80mph COMBAT: 10:00am, to be flown over grass circle #2, double-elimination. AMA "Kill" rules in effect.

RECORD RATIO CARRIER: 9:00am - 3:00pm, all AMA and Northwest classes.

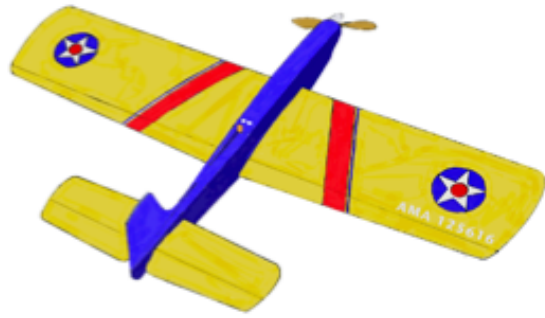
SKILL CLASS PRECISION AEROBATICS: 9:00am - until completed, to be flown over the paved circle.

General Information

CONTEST DIRECTOR: Leo Mehl, keomehl80@hotmail.com, 503-257-5005

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT: Current AMA membership is required of all entrants. Flyers can join or renew their membership at the event. Stunt BOM appearance points will be calculated: if you build the plane, you will receive up to 20 appearance points, if you finished an ARC, up to 10 appearance points, and if the plane was an ARF or built or finished by others, zero appearance points.

ENTRY FEE: \$20 for the first event and \$5 for each additional event, up to a maximum of \$30 for the entire contest.



Control-Line Northwest Regionals

May 25-26-27, 2012

Dear Control-Line Fliers:

Pacific Northwest control-line model aviation clubs would like to invite you to attend the 42nd annual Northwest Control-Line Regionals on Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-26-27, 2012.

The Regionals this year offers 40 separate competition events. Trophies and/or merchandise prizes are offered in all events, along with special category grand championship trophies.

The contest will be held at Eugene Airport in Eugene, Oregon. Camping, rest rooms and food concessions will be available on site. Motels, restaurants and RV camping are within a short driving distance.

This AMA AA-sanctioned contest features four PAMPA classes of Precision Aerobatics, Old-Time Stunt, Classic/Nostalgia 30 Stunt, sportsman and expert classes of Profile Stunt; AMA Fast, High-Performance 1/2-A, 80-mph and Vintage Diesel Combat; Profile, Class I, Class II, .15, Sport 40 and Nostalgia (profile and Class I/II) Navy Carrier; Mouse I, Northwest Sport, Northwest Super Sport, and Northwest Flying Clown Racing; Precision, Sport and Profile Scale; and 1/2-A, 1/2-A Proto, A, B, C, D, FAI, Jet, Sport .21, .21 Proto, Formula 40, F2D Proto and Northwest Sport Jet Speed.

Information about the contest and copies of the contest flyer, advance entry forms and a link to information on local accommodations can be downloaded from the flyinglines.org website. Rules for Northwest competition events also can be found at flyinglines.org.

Further information on the Regionals can be obtained from the contest director, John Thompson, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR 97404, e-mail JohnT4051@aol.com, or phone (541) 689-5553.

Sincerely,

John Thompson

Contest Director

Northwest Regionals Management Association

The 42nd annual Northwest Control-Line Regionals

Contest Director: John Thompson, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR 97404 — johnt4051@aol.com

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WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO THIS WINTER??

A little background on last month's photos:

Dave and Alice, retired musicians who met on the bandstand, devote the majority of their home basement to a workshop. In this space they and their grandchildren build model airplanes and Christmas toys, work on school projects and build and paint various wooden models and toys from craft stores. They believe that you don't have to be rich to have a lot of creative fun and to share in the abundance of life!

With two large work tables in the Royer Basement Workshop, they are often found working at the same time. Alice has a section of her table devoted to her airplane projects and another portion devoted to facilitating the projects of her grandchildren.



Alice's Sterling Mustang project is started but she plans to move into building a couple of whip-powered control line planes, made by Black Hawk Models in California, for student projects and for fun. She teaches math artistry, flight and technological engineering projects for kids at Village Home Education Resource Center. She develops many of these projects in the workshop, such as the rubber-powered tissue model called a Squirrel, designed by Canadian teacher Darcy Whyte, and other hand gliders and rubber-powered planes by American teacher Slater Harrison from New Jersey. They can both be found on the web.



This winter, Dave has been working on two models. Pictured in January was the Warrior, which is scratch built from Dixon plans. He hopes to have it finished and flying by spring. He just finished painting the white base coat and will paint the orange trim next. After that, he'll use a Stan Tyler low-tack mask to paint the black striping and lettering, removing and discarding the mask after the paint has dried. He says the process is a bit old fashioned, but that's how he likes it.

Dave has also been working on a Brodak ARC Vector, which will be white with yellow and black trim, to be finished with the same masking process. The yellow construction paper and numbers in the photo are patterns used to help lay out the trim ... he's hoping for simple elegance.



And a picture of Don McClave's Winter Workshop Classic:



From Flying Lines: Don McClave's Classic Stunt winter project for 2012 was this Blackbird, designed by Gene Schaffer. It weighs 47.5 oz. with an Aero Tiger .36 for power. Don is trimming the plane but says it performs well on 62-foot lines in early flights. *Chris McClave photo*