

Fireball Flyer

Monthly Newsletter for the Northwest Fireballs

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(this public copy does not contain meeting minutes or financial report)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RICHARD ENTWHISTLE

Halloween, or "summer's end", has definitely arrived. We flew our last contests this month, at the Fall Follies in Salem earlier in the month and at our intra-club clown competition on the 23rd. Reports on both of these may be found later in this newsletter. In addition to the clown competition, we held our last monthly club meeting for the summer at Delta Park on the 23rd; thanks go to Robert Ladd for the hot-dog barbecue!

Even though competition flying is over for the year, the club had lots to discuss at the meeting. Jerry Olson's coverage is included later in this newsletter, as well as proposals for two by-laws amendments (to be presented at the November meeting). We had our first round of nominations for the 2012 club officers, elections for whom will be held at our November meeting. Nominations will be opened for one more time before the elections, so think about a member you would like to nominate for next year's service.



Our November meeting is scheduled at a new time, Saturday evening, 7:00 p.m., November 12th, back at Doug and Kathy Powers' home, our meeting location from last winter. Meetings there are always fun; I hope to see the regulars and a few more there.

Looking forward, our next events are the traditional New Year's Day Fun Fly #1 at Delta Park and the Winter Banquet, this year to be organized by Doug Powers.

As always and weather permitting, we will continue to fly every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Delta Park.

2011 Officers

President	Richard Entwhistle
Vice-President	Don Curry
Secretary	Jerry Olson
Treasurer	Barbara White
Member-at-Large	Jim Cameron

2011 Committee Chairmen

Auditor	Doug Powers
Banquet	Jim Harper
Jim Walker Contest	Don Curry
Plan Curator	Bill Lee
Program	Jim Cameron
Publicity	Bill Lee
Ring-a-Thon	Don Curry
Safety Officer	Doug Powers
Web Coordinator	Barbara White

The long-awaited, oft-delayed clown competition was held at Delta Park before our regular monthly meeting, October 23rd. Seven members competed in appearance (nicest looking plane, if flyer built), speed (fastest time for 10 laps), and high-low (the greatest time difference between the fastest and the slowest time (again, 10 laps) for the same plane).

Of the six flyer-built clowns, Dave Royer's was everyone's favorite and he scored top points for that segment.

Richard Entwhistle's clown scooped the speed competition with an elapsed time of 26.61 seconds (a speed of 83.64 mph) but it chose not to lift off the ground during the low-speed segment, which was won by Geoff Christianson with a difference of 49.23 seconds between his speed time (32.95 seconds, or 67.54 mph) and his slow time (an amazing 82.18 seconds, or 27.08 mph).

In addition to our contestants, Bill Lee assisted with timing and everything else, and Barbara White tabulated. Thanks to both!

We didn't fly racing or stunt competitions after the meeting ... the day was getting long and the old people were getting tired (me, included). Perhaps we can complete those two events at a later date? As the competition stands now, however, we have:

1st: Jerry Olson and Dave Royer, tied

3rd: Jim Harper

4th: Geoff Christianson and Richard Entwhistle, tied

6th: Alice Cotton-Royer

7th: Doug Powers

*the first five flyers,
Geoff Christianson*



Our

photo
timers were *RIGHT* on, even *IDENTICAL* on two



FALL FOLLIES, SALEM, 8-9 OCTOBER 2011

BARBARA WHITE

Despite the dismal weather forecast, six club members made the trip to Salem for the Fall Follies and put up several flights. The event was halted for rain for less than 10 minutes, but there was a lot of very heavy mist in the air for most of the weekend. In addition to flying and visiting, everyone attending was treated to a get-together at Bruce Hunt's house Saturday night and a barbecue lunch during Sunday's flying sessions.

Flying at the contest were Dave Royer (2nd place in Old Time Stunt, 3rd in Expert Profile and 6th in Advanced P.A.), Alice Cotton-Royer (4th place in Old Time Stunt), Tim Wescott (5th place in Sportsman Profile) and Richard Entwistle (4th place in Expert Profile and 5th in Advanced P.A.).

Also present from the club were Don McClave, who judged for the majority of the events and also awarded a Vintage Stunt Trophy (to Pete Peterson), and Barbara White (registration and tabulation).

Complete details and lots of photos are at FlyingLines.org/Follies.11.html