

Fireball Flyer

Monthly Newsletter for the Northwest Fireballs
December 2011

(this public copy does not contain full meeting minutes, financial information, or bylaws)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RICHARD ENTWHISTLE

To all my fellow Northwest Fireballs, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With Don Curry taking the helm at our next meeting, this will be my last President's Message. I've enjoyed being President for the past three years, as well as my continuing association with a cohesive control-line flying group. I believe our club has made some real progress during this time; our treasury is substantial and our membership is active. In particular, the Monday-Wednesday-Friday group I fly with has maintained a strong presence at Delta Park and I look forward to many more days of the same.

Our December meeting, again at Doug and Kathy Powers' house, was our sole official gathering for the month. Please see Jerry Olson's minutes, later in this newsletter, for details.

At the meeting, we finished planning for the January 1st Fun Fly and are looking forward to good food and, for the first time in several years, raffle prizes. The poster for this and the other Fun Fly events is later in this newsletter.

Also at the meeting, we started planning for the Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, the club-sponsored event that kicks off the 2012 competition year. I do have a couple of updates from later in the month: Mike Hazel has agreed to again act as the director for speed events (he'd like to split "speed" into two record-ratio categories this year, AMA-rule and Northwest-rule). Also, Joe Just thanks everyone for offering him the opportunity to again be event director for navy carrier, but he has promised himself he'd take the year off (from directing); Mark Hansen will be director for that event. Thanks to all who volunteered to get this contest rolling.

Included with this newsletter is a current copy of the club's roster. As a reminder, we agreed, several months back, not to distribute private club information (rosters, financial reports, minutes, etc.) outside the club. In support of this, we are preparing a "for the public" copy of the

2011 Officers

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

2011 Committee Chairmen

Plan Curator	Bill Lee
Program	Jim Cameron
Publicity	Bill Lee
Safety Officer	Doug Powers
Web Coordinator	Barbara White

2012 Officers

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

2012 Committee Chairmen

Banquet	Doug Powers
Plan Curator	Bill Lee
Safety Officer	Richard Entwistle

newsletter, available (thanks to John Thompson) on our club page at FlyingLines.org. If you have a request for a copy of our newsletter, please direct people to the published copy online.

Our next club event will be the Fun Fly at Delta Park on January 1st, followed by the regular monthly meeting on January 8th and the winter banquet later in January (or early February). A calendar listing events for the next several months is included in this newsletter (all to be confirmed at future meetings, of course).

I urge all members to throw their support behind the new club officers and to continue control-line flying at Delta Park. Weather permitting, as always, I'll be there Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays!



DUES NOTICE

**\$20 membership dues to The Northwest Fireballs
for flying-year 2012 are now payable.**

Thanks to all who have already paid.

**For those who have yet to pay, a check made to The Northwest Fireballs
can be mailed to Barbara White, Treasurer
33094 SW Callahan Rd, Scappoose OR 97056**

or hand delivered at club events or to Richard Entwhistle at Delta Park.

We have an event-filled year planned. Don't let it happen without you!

(this public copy contains only a summary, not the full meeting minutes)

Fourteen members attended the meeting; the agenda was accepted and the meeting minutes and treasurer's report for the previous month were read and approved.

Continuing and New Business

Discussion continued on our mid-winter banquet. The majority of members prefer a menu-based rather than a buffet-based venue for this year's event, with a late January or early February date. Door prizes will again be offered.

The amendment proposed last month, to consolidate in November the review of next year's club dues with the budget review for the next year, passed. Various other membership-related bylaw amendments were proposed, to be voted at the January meeting.

Planning continued for the January 1st Fun Fly, to be sponsored by the Northwest Fireballs at Delta Park. Food and raffle prizes will be offered for those attending (food for all, one raffle ticket awarded for each flight).

Planning started on the Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up Contest. The contest will be held the third weekend in April (April 20th, 21st and 22nd). Leo Mehl volunteered to act as Contest Director.

Event Director	Stunt	Richard Entwhistle
volunteers	Combat	Gary Harris
	Speed	Mike Hazel (tentative)
	Clown Racing	Doug Powers
	Navy Carrier	Joe Just (tentative), Mark Hansen (if Joe is unable)

Other contest items were discussed, including equipment and awards.

Circle repair at East Delta Park was discussed.

The January meeting was scheduled and the meeting was adjourned.

Fireballs Calendar

01/01	Fun Fly #1, Portland
01/08	January Meeting
02/11	Fun Fly #2, Roseburg
02/12	February Meeting
03/03	Fun Fly #3, Salem
03/11	March Meeting
04/07	Fun Fly #4, Eugene
04/08	April Meeting
04/20-22	Jim Walker Contest
05/13	May Meeting/Mother's Day
05/25-27	Regionals Contest
06/10	June Meeting

Northwest Fireballs, Eugene Prop Spinners
Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Roseburg area CL fliers present ...

Oregon flying fun!

A quartet of control-line fun-fly events

Everyone invited — No entry fee!

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

If the weather is bad, go to the alternate site listed for “hangar flying” socialization!

Sunday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Bad weather meeting site: Delta Park Elmer’s; cell 503-995-1158

Info: Fireballs: Mark Hansen, fastcombat@comcast.net, 503-234-1971

Saturday, Feb. 11 at Sunshine Park, Roseburg

Bad weather: Elmer’s restaurant at I-5 Exit 125; cell 541-537-0061

Info: Dave Shrum, 541-672-8893, dnpsrum@charter.net

Saturday, March 3 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Bad weather: Flight Deck restaurant, 1 block south of the flying field; cell 503-871-1057

Info: WOLF: Bruce Hunt, bhunt@swbell.net, 503-361-7491

Saturday, April 7 at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Bad weather: Wings Restaurant at the airport terminal

Info: Prop Spinners: J. Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, 541-689-5553; cell 541-554-8848

Bring any and all airplanes ... do any kind of flying!

Every flight is an entry in the “flying raffle.”

Flying raffle prizes will be awarded after a drawing

Come to *all four* fun-flies and support *four*
great Oregon CL flying groups!

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required