

**THE WOLF CALL**  
**APRIL/MAY 2026**  
**WESTERN OREGON CONTROL LINE FLYERS**

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Greetings All, and a happy springtime to you. Some strange weird weather recently, but hopefully things have settled back into a more or less average routine.

First piece of business is to welcome Mr Niels Madsen to the pack. Niels is an active Portland area Fireballs member but also likes to come and fly with us. Welcome!

**NORTHWEST CONTROL LINE CALENDAR**

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| May 5       | WOLF first Tuesdsy flying session. (hey, it's cinco de mayo, fly a taco!) |
| May 16      | Portland Barnstormers Swap Meet, Aurora at Barnstormers field (see flyer) |
| May 22-24   | Northwest CL Regionals, Roseburg.                                         |
| June 2      | WOLF first Tuesday flying session.                                        |
| June 20     | WOLF Lucky Hand Fun Fly                                                   |
| July 7      | WOLF first Tuesday flying session.                                        |
| July 5 - 12 | A.M.A. Control Line Nationals, Muncie, Indiana                            |
| July 18     | Northwest Skyraiders Summer Swap Meet, Kent, Washington                   |
| August 4    | WOLF first Tuesday flying session                                         |
| August ??   | Zoot Ranch Fun Fly & Picnic (tentative)                                   |
| Sept 1      | WOLF first Tuesday flying session                                         |
| Sept 26&27  | Fall Follies contest in Salem                                             |
| Oct 3&4     | Worldwide Ringmaster Fly-a-thon                                           |

As always, check on the Flying Lines website for updates and more information

### *And here's a little piece for your amusement.....*

A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon further and shouts: "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised my friend I would meet him half an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The man below says: "Yes. You are in a hot air balloon, hovering approximately 30 feet above this field. You are between 38.85 and 38.89 degrees N. latitude, and between 77.02 and 77.03 degrees W. longitude."

"You must be an engineer," says the balloonist. "I am," replies the man. "How did you know?" "Well," says the balloonist, "everything you have told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost. "The man below says, "You must be a manager." "I am," replies the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," says the man, "you don't know where you are, or where you are going. You have made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is you are in the exact same position you were in before we met, but now it is somehow my fault."

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### **Wolf Doin's**

**February 28th:** The Eugene RC Aeronauts club held a swap meet down in Eugene. Mark attended and sez there was a pretty good crowd there but nary a control line item to be seen. Jim was also there but in the capacity of front door ticket man for that club.

**March 2nd First Tuesday:** Only attendees were Mark and Mike. Mike didn't like the wind so it turned into a gabfest. One odd thing happened while we were there. The landscape contractors that do the FedEx lot came over with their blowers and moved some of the goose product off of the circle. Guess they were just being nice or were bored (?)

**March 21st:** The annual McMinnville swap meet was held in a new venue this year. Reports from Craig and Mark indicate that it was jam-packed, and they did find some stuff they wanted. Some folks from the Fireballs club were also spotted there.

**March 28th:** This was the date of the #3 Oregon Fun Fly series which we co-hosted with the Eugene Prop Spinners at the Salem field. Weather was great and we had a good turnout with most WOLF members there. Plenty of flying was done on three circles. After we took a hot

dog lunch break there were plenty of door prizes offered. Then it was back to more flying. Go to the Flying Lines website to see plenty of photos taken at the event.

**April 7th First Tuesday:** This was a great day with excellent weather. Attendees were Mark, Mike, Jerry, Gary W. Niels Madsen from Portland also joined us. Plenty flights were put up.

**April 18th & 19th:** This weekend kicked off the Northwest contest season with the Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up meet up in Portland at Delta Park. The meet was put on by the Northwest Fireballs club who always do a good job. They also did a good job on ordering up perfect weather. Too bad for the modelers who decided not to attend. Several WOLF members (some of which are also Fireballs members) were competing and also officiating.

**April 20th:** Fred was able to make it out to the field. He took care of some weed control and also noted that there did not appear to be any fresh goose product. Yay! Maybe they are gone for the year?

Club members: Please feel free to report on flying and modeling activities to be shared with everybody. Let's expand this section of the newsletter!