



**WESTERN
OREGON
CONTROL
LINE
FLYERS**

THE WOLF CALL

June / July 2020

**ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS
CHARTER CLUB #3464**

Upcoming Area Events

Lucky Hand Fun Fly

July 25

The "WOLF CALL" is the newsletter for the Western Oregon Control Line Flyers. WOLF members fly at the Bill Riegel Model Airpark facility at the Salem Airport.

WOLF membership is not required to utilize the facility, but fliers should be A.M.A. members. If you are not a WOLF club member, please consider joining us to help support control line model aviation activity in our area.

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For the latest Northwest Control Line news go to:
flyinglines.org

Miscellaneous Ramblings from Ye Olde Editor

Greetings All! It sure has been crazy these last few weeks, hope everyone has been OK and staying safe. It's been very interesting checking in on the Stunthangar forum to see what other folks are up to. Lots of conversation about the current pandemic and political climate. Oh, and of course plenty of stuff about model airplane building and flying.

It seems there have been more events cancelled everytime we look at a schedule. In this issue we have an updated Northwest calendar. Events are looking pretty thin what with the Canadians cancelling everything, and the Northwest Skyraiders club have dropped their events off of the schedule. On the national scene, the control line nats is a go. But some other disciplines have pulled back. All of the scale activity and oddly enough, outdoor free flight are a no-go.

Our first local event will be our Lucky Hand Fun Fly. With the relatively limited numbers that normally attend, I believe we can all feel fairly safe so long as reasonable sanitation procedures are followed. If anyone does not feel confident about being safe, we will understand and respect their decision to not attend.

Our sister club to the south, the Eugene Propspinners, have been fairly active flying the last couple of months. They have adapted to the health concerns using the usual protocols with distancing and sanitation. Plus for the most part they stooge launch their planes to minimize any chance of passing on germs with contacting each others equipment.

That's it for now!

WOLF / Northwest Control Line Calendar 2020

- July 25 WOLF Lucky Hand Fun Fly
- July 13-18 AMA Control Line Nationals, Muncie, Indiana
- August 1 NW Skyraiders Summer Swap Meet
- August 22 Zoot Ranch Fun Fly (tentative)
- Sept 18-20 Northwest CL Regionals, Roseburg
- Oct 3 & 4 Worldwide Ringmaster Fun Fly (local details tentative)
- Oct 10 & 11 Fall Follies, Salem (details tentative)
- Nov 28 Northwest Fireballs Racing Contest (Portland)
- Dec 5 NW Skyraiders Winter Swap Meet

For details and confirmations go to flyinglines.org "where the action is" section



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Please notify the editor of any changes!

R.I.P.

As most of you know, we have lost a few members of the NW control line community this year. We are hoping that nobody has been missed in the following list. This list is already too long.

- WOLF member Ron Bennett (see article following)
- Joe Just from Washington. (see article on flyinglines.org)
- Ted Gritzmacher, a longtime NW modeler.
- Dave Crabtree, one of the Roseburg area guys.
- Don McKay, Seattle area combat flier.
- John Brodak, a name known everywhere.

editor's note, the following is from the Flying Lines website

Speed enthusiast Ron Bennett dies

By Ken Burdick

Ron Bennett of Monmouth, Ore., passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020. Ron had suffered from complications to his weight and has been in poor health off and on since 2018.

His wife, Judy, said he was peaceful and fell asleep while holding her hand and then finally stopped breathing. In today's world, that is the most one could hope for.

Ron was born on March 30, 1948, in Burbank, Calif. He was an avid modeler until an engine scared his daughter. After that, modeling was put aside for a number of years. Ron flew free flight with Bob Hunter of Satellite City fame, and would build airplanes in their living room. In his younger years he was smitten with control-line Speed.

He must have lived a colorful life. He started and ran an advertising agency/photography business in Los Angeles in the early

1970s. A couple of his more famous clients were Big Brother and the Holding Company (the band that featured Janis Joplin) and Firesign Theater. Anybody who listened to underground radio in the mid 1960s and rolled their own knew of these famous groups.

The advertising business is plastered with deadlines. Ron was making a mess of one and enlisted the help of his printer to correct many things and take the text to its final form. The printer, Judy, it turns out, later became his wife. Ron and Judy retired in the 1980s at some point and moved to Monmouth.

Ron returned to flying models in Monmouth and pursued his youthful dream of flying control-line Speed models, which had garnered his attention as a boy but he had never had the opportunity to pursue, only watch. So, in the early 2000s he returned to his old hobby with a new twist of helping other modelers with equipment. Well known and liked by many modelers and Speed flyers in the Northwest, Ron was active in flying Speed models with Scott Newkirk and other friends up until 2018 when health issues made it difficult for him to attend contests.

I first met Ron at the swap meet in Monroe, Wash. He knew of me but not the other way around. He was an avid supporter of the new events that I and others were developing. He bought the first two F2D Proto Speed planes I built. While I had no idea the size of his model collection until I visited him and Judy at their home, I was overwhelmed by the scale of the collection. It was like seeing an Italian museum, literally crammed with priceless works of art. Models and engines from every major name in control line Speed were there, and I was speechless.

Among several other minor passions, Ron at one point was a bee keeper! This tickled my funny-bone as did his moniker "Oofy" that he used for email.

Ron was a very kind individual and I will miss his presence.

-- Kennyb

Thanks to Judy Bennett and Scott Newkirk for much of the information above.

the WESTERN OREGON CONTROL LINE FLYERS present...

LUCKY HAND

JULY
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SALEM,
OREGON

FUN FLY

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If you fly Control Line Model Planes, you already have a lucky hand!  
Now try your hand at our fun fly with a flying poker draw!

Site is the Bill Riegel Model Airpark at the Salem Airport

### The Details:

The cost to participate is ten dollars. You are dealt one card for each flight, for a maximum of five cards. Cards will be displayed face up by your name at the dealers table. Best hand at closing wins half of the pot. Second and third best hands will be awarded merchandise prizes.

There will be two circles to fly on, one paved and one grass surface.  
Bring any kind of CL plane, stunt, scale, trainer, combat, etc.

Fun Fly hours are 10 AM to 3 PM (you do not have to be present for your hand to win)

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