

## June 2017 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Thirteen members and one guest were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Mike Haverly – Vice-President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Rod Claus
- Bob Einhaus
- Fred Gordon
- Steve Helmick
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Mike Havenick (Guest and Past Member)

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00. Mike asked for the Secretary / Treasurer's report. Since there was such a large turnout and new members present everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. Steve Holt noted the balances in the savings and checking accounts for the club. Steve noted that 28 members have now paid their dues as of the June meeting. One past member attended the meeting, Mike Havenick. Welcome back to the club, Mike.

Relative to the topic of identifying and securing a new flying site for next year's flying season, Mike Potter led a discussion.

**Auburn Buddhist Temple at 37<sup>th</sup> and Auburn Way** - Mike Potter received a letter of response and decline from the council relative to our request to fly at this site. Mike may make one last appeal to the council if he can arrange to meet with them.

**Newcastle May creek Park Site along SE 95<sup>th</sup> Way** –Rob Wyman, the City Manager is coordinating with Puget Sound Energy to determine whether PSE will use the site for staging of power poles and equipment during the "Energize Eastside "project. PSE is conducting soil density testing and may not use the whole site. They may be willing to share the site with our needs per Rob Wyman. Rob owes us a response this month to determine next steps on the site. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.518593,-122.1711003,413m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Riverwalk Park in Kent** – Mike Potter has inquired about this site with the Kent Parks and Recreation folks and has not received a response to his requests. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.3745969,-122.2441255,1105m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Pacific City Park along the White River** – This site was suggested by Kris Millard and Mike Potter and others have walked the park. It does not appear to have very much usage and may prove to be a good location to fly. The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.263615,-122.2366115,470m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Roegner Park Ballfields along the White River** – Ben Jones and I flew at this site last summer while school was out. The ballfield outfields are grass and parking is along the road adjacent to the field. The Google

Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.2694602,-122.2197062,711m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

**Ron Regis Park in Renton** – Although the Renton Parks department outlaws flying of model airplanes at any of its parks (along with a long list of normal activities that are normally conducted at city parks) the local police and city parks employees have been very accommodating to club members who have flown at this site on many occasions over the years and have not complained or ticketed anyone who flies at this site.

The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.4682415,-122.1482561,341m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

The club is encouraged to keep looking for a site to pursue for this year and to get in contact with the club officers for follow-up right away since the flying months are upon us and we must identify a centrally located flying site soon. Don't wait until the next meeting. Please call right away.

Mike Potter notified us that the Fall Swap Meet sponsored by the NWSR club will not be able to use the Clover Park Technical College Paint Hangar this fall. Rod Claus has agreed to allow us to once again use his hangar at Crest Air Park on July 8th.

Dave Gardner will be the Contest Director for the Stunt-A-Thon Contest to be held June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Centralia-Chehalis Airport. It was rescheduled due to adverse weather predictions for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. He thanked everyone who participated in the contest site cleanup and preparation on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We approved the purchase of a new canopy to shade the folks watching and running the contest. Dave will purchase the canopy and include the expense in his final settle up for the contest.

Relative to the club trailer that is used to store and transport the Carrier Deck to contests, it will need to be moved from its current location at the Clover Park Technical College. Three options were proposed by members, including Rod Claus, John Knoppi and Bob Parker. Mike will discuss the options with them and make a decision this month.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Northwest Control Line Regionals at Roseburg, OR were held May 26-28<sup>th</sup> with lighter than normal turnout. There was good weather, jets set some records, good participation in Scale and Mike Potter did well in Carrier.

Mike Potter asked for any new business.

Mike adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

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