

March 2016 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held March 8, 2016 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Sixteen members were present including:

- Mike Potter – president
- Mike Haverly – Vice President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Dennis Clinton
- Bill Darkow
- Bob Einhaus
- Addis Elmore
- Steve Helmick
- Joe Hough
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Howard Rush

Mike Potter called the meeting to order and reviewed several topics of interest with a few requiring action.

First on the agenda was recognition of the fact that 16 members were present at the March meeting and the group was very active and engaged in Northwest Skyraider discussions and business as well as other aviation topics of discussion. It was a really well supported meeting.

Steve Holt was asked to contact John Thompson at Flying Lines to post our meeting notices and minutes for everyone to have access to the information.

Steve will contact AMA National about two issues for our club charter certificate and insurance for the Auburn flying site. The Charter certificate mistakenly lists the Northwest Skyraiders as in "Florida", not Washington State, so it needs to be corrected. Also, an insurance certificate needs to be provided to the Auburn airport confirming our coverage. Steve will contact AMA and resolve the issues this month.

Mike Potter talked to the FAA representatives at the Northwest Aviation Convention and Trade Show and was informed that Control Line (tethered) airplanes require FAA licensing.

Nick Stratis got two free booths for the club at the Northwest Aviation Convention and Trade Show at the Puyallup fairgrounds. And, there was a roped off asphalt area to fly demos. More information is available at www.washington-aviation.org/NACoverview.html . Thanks to Bill Darkow, Dave Gardner, Mike Potter, Addis Elmore and others for manning the booth and flying demonstration flights.

It was announced that the McMinnville swap meet will be held March 12th at 8AM. Setup is Friday.

Bill Darkow discussed the use of the Centralia-Chehalis Airport for continued Control Line flying including Carrier flying. There is a new manager at the airport and they are requesting insurance coverage for

continued fling at the site. Bill Darkow and a few others use the site and offered to pay the cost for insurance. A motion was made and passed to have the club pay the fee. Steve took the action to submit the insurance form and write the \$80.00 check to cover it with club assets. During the discussion it was noted that mufflers are required at the site, two carrier decks are available for use and that NWSR members can sponsor a guest as long as they are AMA members in good standing. The other issue of note relative to the Centralia-Chehalis airport was that a contest hosted there was proposed.

A discussion was held about identification of Contest Directors for the three main contests that will be sanctioned and hosted by NWSR #330 this year including the "Stunt-A-Thon '16", "Dick Scobee Memorial Contest" and the "Stevenson Memorial Contest". Dave Gardner volunteered to be the Contest Director (CD) for the Stunt-A-Thon '16 and Howard Rush offered to be the CD the Stevenson Memorial Contest. A CD for the Dick Scobee Memorial Contest will be identified at a later time.

Howard Rush discussed with the group the possibility of adding some additional small markings identifying the center of the flying circle for pilots and whether we should approach the airport about whether such markings would be acceptable to them. Much discussion was held resulting in the determination that forgiveness is easier to gain than permission and that conversations with airport management should be kept to a minimum and few permanent marks would be applied. Howard was suggesting a white circle of 5 or 6 foot diameter being applied at circle center for pilots.

Steve Helmick brought a large photograph of the 1962 members of the Northwest Skyriders and asked for assistance identifying persons in the photograph. It was suggested the photo be taken by Dave Gardner to the SAM 8 meeting to ask Homer Smith if he recognized any additional persons.

Dave Gardner brought a banner to the meeting asking whether a replacement should be ordered or made. Others noted that another banner is available at the Auburn airport flying site for hanging on the fence during contests and fun fly events. Dave was going to take a look at the existing banners before a new banner is made.

One new member was identified and welcomed into the group. Dennis Clinton joined the Northwest Skyriders and paid dues.

Steve Holt noted the balances in the savings and checking accounts for the club and noted that with the checks and cash brought to the meeting there are now 25 paid members in the club for 2016 with expectations a few more would be paid in the next couple of months.

Mike Potter adjourned the meeting until next month.

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