

March 2018 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Control Line Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held March 13, 2017, 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Fifteen members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Mike Haverly – Vice President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Rod Claus
- Dennis Clinton
- Bob Einhaus
- Addis Elmore
- Al Fernandez
- Fred Gordon
- Steve Helmick
- Ben Jones
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Howard Rush

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

The financial report was presented by Steve Holt. The checking and savings balances were shared along with the income from 2018 Membership Renewals to date. One renewal was received before the meeting. The current paid membership stands at 28 members. Steve has renewed the license tabs for the club trailer and provided the tabs to Rod Claus to put on the trailer along with the updated registration paperwork. He provided a check to Dave Gardner to reimburse him for the cost of the flyers for the 2018 Washington Aviation Expo.

Old Business:

2018 Washington Aviation Expo at Puyallup:

- A table was staffed at the Show Saturday, February 24th (9-5:30) and Sunday, February 25th (10-4). The show was well attended and we made contact with a lot of prospective flyers and club members. We hope to attract a few new members from this activity. We will see in the next couple of months, if new members show up at events or meetings.

New Business:

2018 Contact with Tacoma Parks and Recreation to Secure a Flying Field:

- Mike Potter made contact with Marina Becker, the Director of the Tacoma Parks and Recreation Department and a response asking for more information about our club and requirements was requested by her. Steve gathered some of the material Dave Gardner had prepared for presentations to the Renton and Newcastle City Councils last year and wrote a letter of response including the material. We are waiting for a response as Marina is currently out of the office. More information at the next meeting is expected.

Informal Fun Fly Events have started for 2018:

- Members of the club have started flying at two of our city park flying sites this last week. Seven members met at Roegner Park on Sunday, March 11th and knocked some rust off of their flying skills. The Roegner Park field was still quite wet and soft, causing some difficulty for footing in the center of the circle. It may be a bit soon for weekend flying at this location. Note- we do not have permission for weekday flying at Roegner Park due to the school activities scheduled there. Weekends and summer flying only. It was a fun event and several airplane maiden flights were completed.
- Ben Jones flew at the North Green River Park location Monday the 12th of March and found the field in very good condition. That may be the preferred flying site due to ground conditions and good availability for the near future. We can fly there any time it is unoccupied, which is most of the time. There is a lot of room for many groups to be accommodated simultaneously at the park.

Schedule for Contests for 2018 for NWSR:

- The club will hold two contests this year, both at the Centralia – Chehalis Airport Flying Site. The Stunt-A-Thon will be held June 23rd and 24th. Mike Haverly is finalizing his Contest Director credentials with AMA National to run this event. The Raider Roundup will be held September 8th and 9th with Howard Rush as CD. Thank you both for offering to run these events.
- In preparation for the June 23rd and 24th Stunt-A-Thon, the club decided to use Saturday, May 12th to clean up the Centralia – Chehalis Airport Flying Site and then hold the Fun Fly the same day. This will prepare the field for the flying season for everyone who wants to practice there ahead of the contests. We will meet at the Flying Field at 9:00 AM and weed-eat, sweep and clear the circles for flying. Then we will break out airplanes and use the circles as long as anyone want to stay. It should be a fun day. See you there!
- There are two important dates for upcoming Contests in the Northwest. They include:
 - The 2018 Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Spring Tune-Up! At East Delta Park, Portland, Oregon on April 20th, 21st and 22nd. This is a big contest with many categories of competition.
 - The Northwest Control-Line Regionals will be held in Roseburg, Oregon on May 25th, 26th and 27th. This contest has 44 Events, so you won't want to miss it. Mike Hazel has informed Mike Potter that the Hampton Inn is the preferred hotel for your stay. A food truck has been contracted to provide great food at the flying site all three days, so help the hosts pay for the food truck by eating right at the field.

Schedule for Swap meets for 2018:

- The McMinnville, Oregon meet last weekend was well attended and successful according to Bob Einhaus.
- The next swap meet will be held March 31st in Grants Pass, Oregon.
- The NWSR Summer swap meet will be held July 7th at the Denny's in Kent due to easy accessibility.

Search for a long term flying site:

- The club continues to search for a more permanent flying site and is making contacts with AMA National as well as local officials. The Tacoma contact is currently the most promising, but we will continue to investigate some other options.

- One interesting thing is that the RAMS club has apparently negotiated a lease with the new owners of the Auburn Golf course that had been closed. We will see if we can identify information on whom to contact about securing a flying site for the NWSR Club in the same way they did at that location.

Mike Potter asked for any other new business and adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on April 10th (2nd Tuesday of the month).

By Steve Holt, Northwest Skyriders Secretary/Treasurer

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