

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

Meeting held June 14, 2016 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Eleven members and two guests were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Mike Haverly – Vice President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Mike Moreland (new member)
- Bob Einhaus
- Steve Helmick
- Ben Jones
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Scot Kruize (guest from Northwest Scale Modelers)
- Dick Lee (long time flyer and guest)

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00. Mike asked for the Secretary / Treasurer's report.

Steve Holt noted the balances in the savings and checking accounts for the club. Mike Moreland became a new member at the meeting bringing our total members to 32

Dave Gardner provided a summary of the Stunt-A-Thon 2016 contest held at the Auburn Airport Flying Field on June 11th and 12th. Dave noted that the weather was not optimal Saturday with a bit of rain, but Sunday was good weather. Participation was down a bit from some of the recent past contests. This is the 35th year Dave has run the contest and he does a great job with a very organized and fun event. The caliber of competition for the Expert Class of Stunt flyers Sunday was evident in the high scores earned by all participants.

Mike Potter brought some much unexpected news in the form of a letter from the Auburn Airport Manager notifying the Northwest Skyraiders that our MOU was expired and our lease was being terminated as of June 14th. This is due to a significant monthly increase in General Aviation airplanes being tied down on the airport property along with a construction project for a new business or hangar at the north end of the airport. Airplanes that are currently being tied down near the north end construction project will be moved into our flying site area and we have been asked to remove our small shed and return all seven of the airport passes. The airport has offered us the return of our prepaid rent and will provide a letter of recommendation for us to use in securing a new flying site.

This has an immediate impact on the folks who are doing final practice flying in preparation for the National competition in Muncie Indiana in July. The use of the Chehalis flying field has been proposed for them in the interim until we can find another place to fly.

Many possible flying sites were discussed and proposed for members to investigate as possible sites to secure for our use. Some discussed include the following:

- Thun Field
- Riverside Park
- A site in Covington
- The White River Buddhist Temple
- The Auburn Supermall
- Dennis Clinton's property in Graham
- Emerald Downs
- The Olympia Airport
- Municipal Parks locations in local cities
- Sanderson Field in Shelton

Although many locations were suggested, and this list is not totally inclusive of all mentioned during the discussion, all will need to be evaluated for the possibility that we can secure one for our use.

Everyone was asked to continue to canvas the local areas for a possible flying site we can initiate action to lease or gain privileges for use. Please send in any ideas to myself, Dave Gardner, Mike Potter and Mike Haverly for review and consideration by the club.

Mike Potter adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on July 12th (2nd Tuesday of the month).

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