

July 2017 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held July 11th, 2017 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Eight members were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Rod Claus
- Bob Einhaus
- Mike Havenick (Returning Member)
- Joseph Hough
- Ben Jones

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. Steve noted that 30 members have now paid their dues as of the July meeting. Mike Havenick, a past member re-joined. 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.

These two sites are under consideration for use.

Muckleshoot Bingo Hall parking lot – Dave Gardner discussed the consideration of the Muckleshoot Bingo Hall South Parking Lot. He offered to get with Ron Canaan and go speak to them about using the space. The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.2884227,-122.2005988,645m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Newcastle May creek Park Site along SE 95th 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 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>

The following locations continue to be ones members use for informal flying.

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 we must identify a centrally located flying site soon.

Mike Potter noted that there was a light turnout for the summer swap meet held at Rod Claus's Hangar. He 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. A discussion on whether a more centrally located location may help increase attendance and participation. Joseph Hough inquired about the cost of renting the Des Moines Senior center near his home and found it to cost \$175.00 per hour with a three hour minimum. Dave Gardner will inquire as to the cost for the Renton Senior Center. Other members took action to look at other options for consideration.

Dave Gardner, the Contest Director for the Stunt-A-Thon Contest held June 24th and 25th at the Centralia-Chehalis Airport provided a summary of the contest. He noted there were only three competitors on Saturday and five on Sunday. He expressed concern over the low turnout and the amount of work required to prepare for and run a contest. A discussion was held considering the impact of the change of date due to weather concerns and the overall declining level of participation in the sport.

Dave talked about the Ringmaster Event provisionally planned for the weekend of September 30th and October 1st. A location needs to be firmed up and insurance purchased for the event.

Relative to the club trailer that is used to store and transport the Carrier Deck to contests, the club agreed to store the trailer for the time being at Rod Claus's property adjacent to his hangar. Thank you Rod for the use of your property for the trailer storage.

Mike Potter asked for any new business.

Mike adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on August 8th (2nd Tuesday of the month).

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