

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

Meeting held August 9, 2016 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Fifteen members and one guest were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Rod Claus
- Bill Darkow
- Bob Einhaus
- Steve Helmick
- Joe Hough
- Robby Hunt
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Howard Rush
- Bob Foster - guest

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00. Mike provided information on the situation with the Auburn Airport. He noted that we are good through the end of September including the planned Ringmaster event. He noted that the final decision on the hangar construction is still not finalized, but could be made suddenly warranting our lease for next year to not be allowed. There are seven members who have possession of the magnetic card gate passes. When our Auburn Airport Flying Site lease expires at the end of September, they can be returned to the Auburn airport by mail or in person if they are in good condition and half of the original \$30.00 fee can be claimed (\$15.00). Steve will send out a note to those seven persons reminding them they can return the passes and get back a few bucks.

Relative to the topic of identifying and securing a new flying site for next year's flying season, Mike led a discussion. Rod Claus brought up the fact that a group was using the Hobart Landfill Site (now closed and a superfund site) for RC flying. Randy is their leader and Rod was going to provide more information as it became available.

Mike noted no new progress with the Auburn contacts. We may need to follow up with the Auburn contacts to identify other options to track down. A question was raised about the unsubstantiated statement from a prior meeting that the Auburn City Council had voted to allow model airplane flying in Auburn City Parks. Steve Holt took the action to follow up on this question to verify it. Steve will also make contact with Renton City Park officials about the legality of flying in Renton City Park properties. Since John Knoppi has been flying in Renton Parks (Ron Regis Park on the Maple Valley Highway), we want to find out about whether this could become an authorized location for future flying or events by talking to Renton Parks officials.

Howard Rush noted that there is a site on the west side of the Arlington Airport that he had flown at. Some consensus was that like some other options, the distance may prove to not be practical for many of the club members.

Mike asked for the Secretary / Treasurer's report. Steve Holt noted the balances in the savings and checking accounts for the club. Steve asked whether the "Let's go Flying List" he prepared and sent out to club members met their needs and if there were any corrections or improvements necessary.

Relative to upcoming contests and events schedule for the year, Rod Claus is ready to host the Swap Meet at his hangar at Crest Airpark on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Dave Gardner has provided and distributed the flyer with all of the information. Rod asked for everyone to avoid driving on the active runway on the way to his hangar.

Howard Rush determined that September 17-18 are the dates for the Chehalis contest. Bill Darkow and Doug Oertli continue to make good progress in the preparation of the Chehalis Flying Site for the contest. They need some help the week before the contest and are asking for support. Rod Claus, Howard Rush and others offered to participate in the work party on September 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> to finish the preparation for the contest. Please contact Howard or Bill Darkow to volunteer for this work party and to coordinate a date and time for it.

Bill Darkow noted that the big primary fight circle 75 foot radius was 95% ready and the circle perimeter and center were painted. Further work will be needed to weed whack the grass that grows in the cracks between the ten by ten foot square concrete sections.

The 65 foot radius circle for the carrier deck still needs some work done to prepare it for the contest. Bill is preparing all of the carrier deck cross-deck pendant attachments and painting the deck area. The circle needs more work to weed whack the grass in the grooves between concrete block sections as well.

And, Bill is talking to the airport personnel to see if they will mow the grass in the combat circle for the contest. Bill also is checking into the possibility of renting a porta-potty for the contest. The cost is expected to be about \$75.00. Bill also noted that there is no electricity at the contest site for people to recharge Li-Po batteries or to run computers for the event. If someone has a generator, that will help provide power.

A Ringmaster event has been suggested for September. Dave Gardner is coordinating the location and date for that event. It is tentatively scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> even though the National event is scheduled for the following weekend, October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. He has cleared that date with the National Ringmaster coordinators just in case we use the Auburn Airport Flying Site, since our lease runs out September 30<sup>th</sup>. He is also investigating other options for a site to hold the event.

And, the NWSR winter swap meet was discussed. Mike Potter noted that the hangars at Thun Field will not be cleared and available until the New Year. Rod Claus offered the use of his hangar once again. Members thanked him for it and accepted his offer.

The final event discussed briefly was the Monroe Modeling Expo and Swap meet held in January 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Many members attended the 2016 event and noted how successful it was.

Mike Potter adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month).

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