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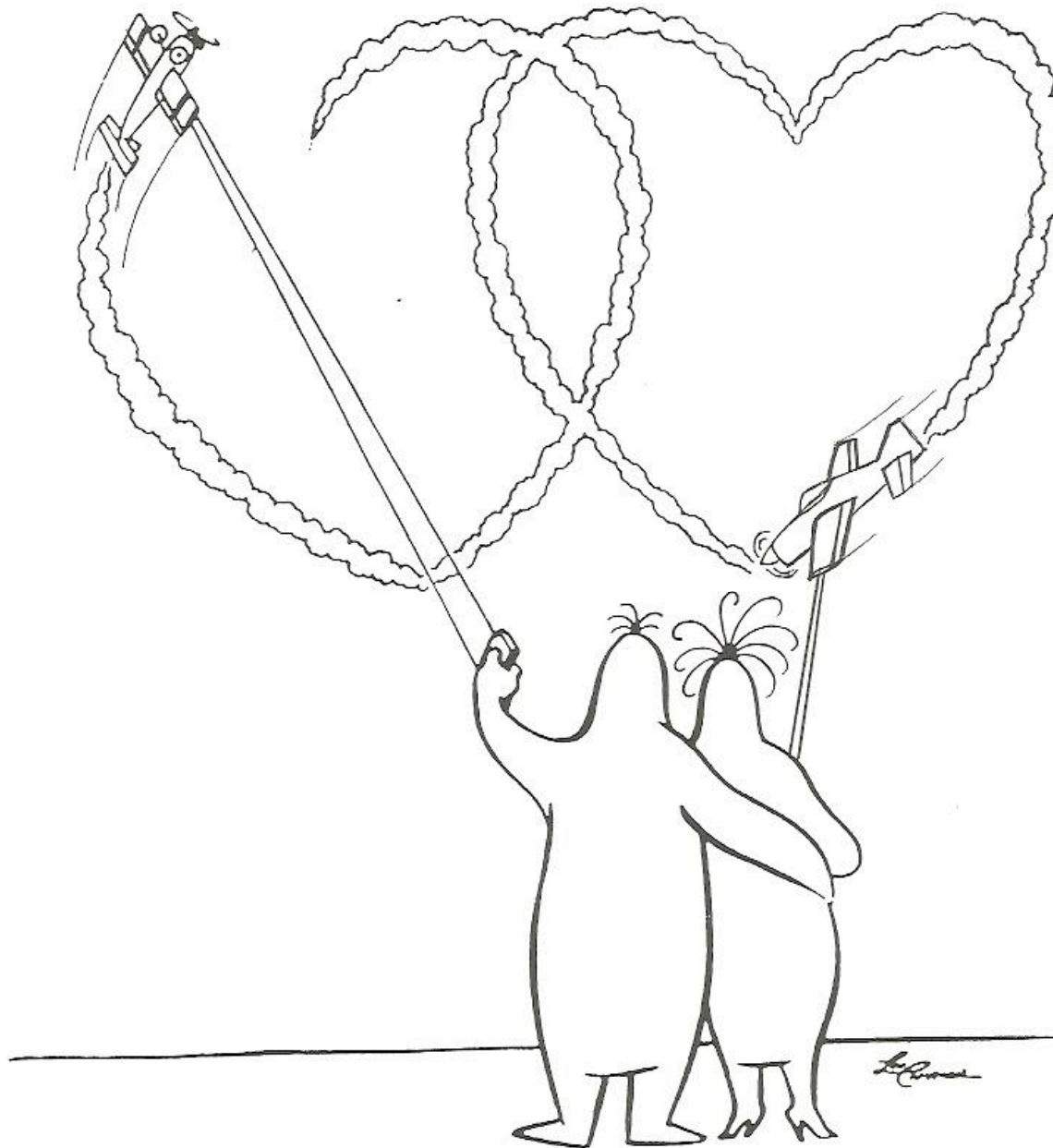
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Happy Valentine's Day

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Mike Potter and Pete Ferguson have been elected club President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively. They will serve out the remaining one-year terms of Rod Claus and Thad Fausett. Thanks guys for your efforts on behalf of the NW Skyraiders.

Mike's e-mail address is:

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BANQUET SUCCESSFUL

Walt Russell organized our annual club banquet at the Longhorn restaurant in Auburn on Saturday evening, January 19.

We met the 30 diners minimum for the banquet room where there was much good food and drinks, interesting conversation and pleasant companionship.

NEW STORAGE SPOT FOR SKYRAIDER EQUIPMENT

All club equipment is now stored at the fenced, vacant lot next to Walt Russell's home in Auburn. Walt stores his own truck and travel trailer there so the site is secure.

Since he also owns the lot, storage is free which results in a \$400-\$500 savings compared to our previous commercial storage.

FLYING SITE UPDATES

Riverview Park - Kent - Available for at least another year.

Roegner Park - Auburn - Available indefinitely. See October SKYWRITER.

Centralia - Chehalis Airport - Available

indefinitely. See September SKYWRITER.

Flaming Geyser State Park - Auburn -

Not available for development until 2010.

SKYRAIDER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR 2008

Feb. 9-10 - NW Model Hobby Expo

Evergreen State Fairgrounds
Monroe, Washington

April 18-20 - Jim Walker Memorial

Delta Park, Portland, Oregon
All details tentative.

May 10-11 - Skyraider Fun Fly

Riverview Park, Kent, Washington
All details tentative.

May 23-25 - NW Control Line Regionals

Eugene Airport, Eugene, Oregon
See Contest Flyer, Pages 4-5

June 21-22 - Skyraider Stuntathon

Thun Field, Puyallup, Wash.
All details tentative.

July 26-27 - Western Canada Stunt

Championships, Rice Mill Model
Park, Richmond, B.C.

Aug. 2-3 - Centralia-Chehalis Air Fair

Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash.
C/L Flying Show Team Demo

Aug. 9-10 - Auburn Good Old Days

Auburn, Washington
C/L Flying Show Team Demo

Sept. 13-14 - Raider Round-up

Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash.
All details tentative.

Information may be added or changed as new information becomes available. For additional details, see "Where the Action Is" at John Thompson's "Flying Lines" website:

<http://flyinglines.org/Action.html>

NEXT CLUB MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURS.

FEB. 14th FROM 7pm – 9pm
in the upstairs hall at the
AUBURN MASONIC LODGE

(Yes, that's Valentine's Day. Do something special for your sweetheart **before** the meeting.)

HOW OUR CLUB WORKS

(A series on the inner workings of our club taken from our bylaws)

PART 3 – Objectives - What we should be trying to do.

The following objectives are the primary purposes of our club:

1. **Promote** interest and activity in the hobby of control line model aviation.
2. **Promote** and improve the image of control line model aviation.
3. **Assist** the AMA in the advancement of control line model aviation and fly in accordance with AMA safety rules.
4. **Encourage** club members technical and skill advancement.
5. **Promote** and **encourage** control line model building and flying within the club and in outside events.

(Editor's note: These objectives are statements of good intentions, not laws. Nevertheless, we should be working toward their accomplishment in everything that we do as a club and as individual members.)

This concludes the series. For Part 1 – Club Officers and their Duties – see the Oct. 2007 edition of the SKYWRITER. For Part 2 – Executive Committee and Meeting Procedure – see the Sept. 2007 edition of the SKYWRITER.

CARRIER, ANYONE?

This once-popular event has fallen victim to declining participation. Our new

president, Mike Potter, would like to have your suggestions as to what we can do to restore it to its former glory.

These would be “brainstorm”-type suggestions with all ideas accepted and considered equally.

Here's one to “prime the pump.” How about awarding extra points for realistic maneuvers that the aircraft modeled was intended to do?

MAKING MEETINGS MORE INTERESTING

Attendance at club meetings has fallen from a high of 19 in November to only 13 and 12 in December and January respectively. Maybe these numbers are only seasonal, but February shows no promise of any sign of improvement.

It's vital to the Skyraiders' health that as many of us as possible meet monthly to discuss issues, get acquainted and share ideas.

If you have an idea about improving meetings that you'd be willing to share, please let one of the Executive Committee know about it. That would be Mike Potter, Steve Helmick, Pete Ferguson or Dave Gardner.

Here are some “pump primers.”

How about an agenda – including a program topic or demo - that could be published in the SKYWRITER and on our website before each meeting?

Could we set aside a regularly scheduled time for Show & Tell?

A raffle or an occasional auction of members' surplus modeling goodies might help. Did someone say “Swap Meet?”

Finally, if all else fails, let's try bribery with coffee and goodies.

THE BUCK STOPS HERE

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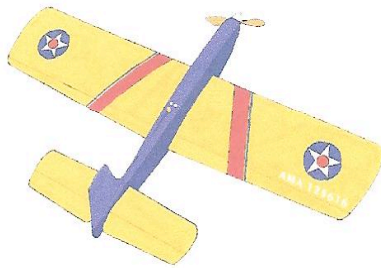
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The 37th annual...



Control-Line Northwest Regionals

Eugene, Oregon

May 23-24-25, 2008

Championship Control-Line flying competition

With 42 events, the Northwest Regionals provides the largest selection of CL competition events and awards available in a single contest in North America.

You can compete in these great championship events:

- AEROBATICS — 4 PAMPA classes, Old-Time Stunt, Classic stunt and two classes of Profile Stunt!
- COMBAT — 1/2-A (high-performance), 80-mph and Vintage Diesel!
- NAVY CARRIER — Profile, Class I, Class II, .15 and Nostalgia (Profile and Class I-II)!
- RACING — Mouse I, .15 Rat, NW Sport, NW Super Sport, NW Clown, B-Team Race, NCLRA Super Slow Rat and Quickie Rat!
- SCALE — AMA Precision, AMA Sport Scale and Profile Scale!
- SPEED — 1/2-A, 1/2-A Proto, A, B, D, FAI, Jet, Formula 40, .21 sport, .21 Proto, NW Sport Jet!
- JUNIOR/SENIOR EVENTS — Northwest Sport Race, Class I Mouse Race!

Enjoy the Regionals at Eugene Airport!

Smooth paved surface ... Ample parking ... Camping and RV space ... Rest rooms

Food concessions ... Restaurant at airport terminal ... Motels a short drive away

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Follow the signs to Eugene Airport: Take the Belt Line Road West exit from Interstate 5 (Exit 195). Take the Belt Line to the Highway 99 North exit. Go north on Highway 99, turn left on Airport Road. Stay on Airport Road all the way to the flying site, on the right side of the road across from the airport terminal

For your convenience: Advance registration!

Sign up early and purchase your T-shirts and sweatshirts in advance.

Discount for all early entry and shirt sales! Write for entry package:

John Thompson, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR 97404; JohnT4051@aol.com

Regionals host hotel: Quality Inn, near the Interstate 5/Belt Line Road interchange. Call (541) 726-9266 and mention the Northwest Control Line Regionals to get a special room rate

The Northwest Control-Line Regionals

Eugene Airport, Eugene, Oregon

FRIDAY

Speed (all classes)	10:30-6
Carrier (all classes)	Noon-5
Old-Time Stunt	Noon
NW Clown Race	Noon
B-Team Race	3 p.m.

SATURDAY

1/2-A Combat	8:30 a.m.
Mouse Race I (Jr-Sr.)	9 a.m.
Classic Stunt	
Appearance judging	9 a.m.
Profile Stunt	9 a.m.
Carrier (all classes)	9-5
Speed (all classes)	9-6
Classic Stunt flying	10 a.m.
Mouse Race I (Open)	9:30 a.m.
NW Sport Race (Jr-Sr.)	11 a.m.
NW Sport Race (Open)	11:30 a.m.
80mph combat	Noon *
Beg-Int. Aerobatics	1 p.m.
Super Slow Rat Race	2 p.m.
Adv.-Exp. Aerobatics	
Appearance Judging	3 p.m.

SUNDAY

Advanced-Expert	
Precision Aerobatics	8:30
Carrier (all classes)	9-4
80mph Combat finals	
(if necessary)	8:30
Vintage Diesel Combat	9 a.m.
(or after 80 finals)	
.15 Rat Race	9 a.m.
Scale Static Judging	10 a.m.
NW Super Sport Race	11 a.m.
Quickie Rat Race	Noon
Scale flying	1 p.m.
Contest ends	4:30
Awards ceremony	5 p.m.

* 80mph Combat may be finished on Sunday if necessary

SCHEDULE NOTES

Registration Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-noon, Sunday 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Absolutely no engine running before 8 a.m. any day.

Schedule may be adjusted due to number of entries, weather conditions, etc.

Site will be open for camping and limited flying starting at noon Thursday, May 22. No flying or camping on

RULES INFORMATION

- AMA events are per **2007-2008 rule book**, except as noted below. **Know the rules!**
- Northwest Rules will be used for these events: *NW Sport Race, NW Super Sport Race, Flying Clown Race, Nostalgia Carrier, 80-mph combat, Vintage Diesel Combat, Profile Stunt and Northwest Sport Jet Speed. Qui Super Slow Rat will use NCLRA rules. Rules can be downloaded at flyinglines.org or write John Thompson, Eugene, OR 97405, JohnT4051@aol.com. **Not knowing the rules is no excuse — get it!***
- **PRECISION AEROBATICS:** ARF planes allowed, zero appearance points. ARC appearance up to 10 points
- **COMBAT** — 80mph and 1/2-A double-elimination; Diesel five rounds if time permits. *1/2-A combat will be foot lines, starters OK. **FLYAWAY SHUTOFFS required in 80mph: Failure of a shutoff results in disqualification from the event.*** Be sure that yours works!
- Precision Aerobatics Model Pilots Association rules will be used for *Old-Time Stunt* and *Classic Stunt*.
- **Safety things required in all events.**
- Contestants may at some times be required to assist in timing or judging.

OTHER INFORMATION

- AMA or MAAC membership required for all participants. AMA membership available at registration.
- Only participants and officials allowed in flying areas. All others must stay outside roped-off or restricted areas.
- Absolutely no alcoholic beverages on flying field during meet hours.
- Awards — Trophies through second or third place and merchandise through third place in each event and age group champion trophies for each category!
- **Product vendors contact Contest Director for permission and site info.**
- Primitive camping allowed on site (no hookups). Commercial camping/RV locations nearby.
- Attendees must stay inside the fenced flying site and public areas. Entry to the adjacent airport land is restricted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Contest Director John Thompson, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR 97404
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