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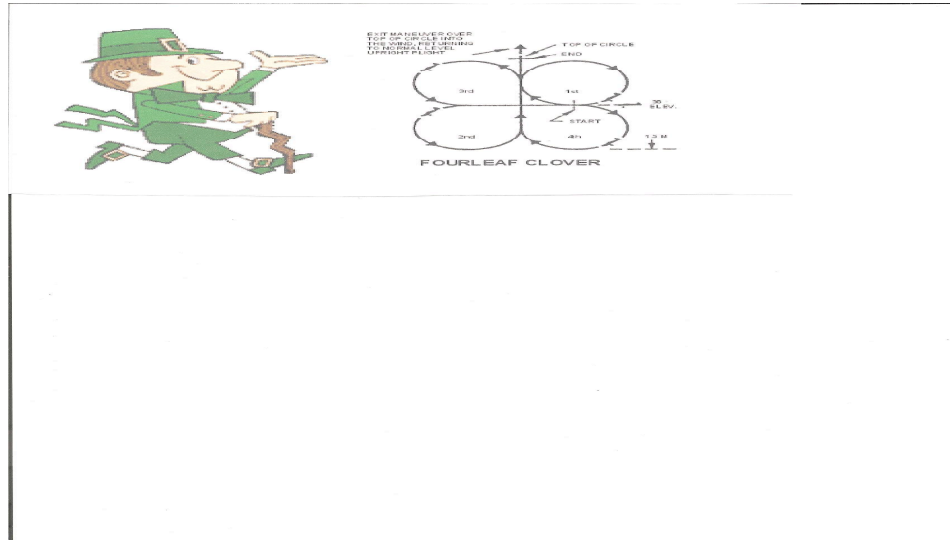
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Happy St. Patrick's Day

**CLUB MEETING THURS.
MARCH 13TH 7pm – 9pm
Upstairs Hall
Auburn Masonic Lodge**

Minutes of Feb. Meeting

by Pete Ferguson, Sec'y.-Treas.

Executive Board Meeting

Held Executive Board meeting at 6pm prior to general meeting. Discussed having regular exec meetings at a fixed site to allow members to attend. Auburn Performance Grill at 6pm was suggested as the site and time.

Voted to extend a membership discount

to past members to bolster club membership. Agreed unanimously to waive initiation fee and drop 2008 dues to \$20 to 2005 and earlier ex-members.

Regular Club Meeting

Meeting called to order by President, Mike Potter. Members present: Bill Darkow, Walt Russell, Bob Einhaus, Steve Helmick, Ben Jones, Nick Stratis, Pete Ferguson, Ron Canaan, Dave Gardner, Mike Potter and Trent Marvin.

CD's for our two contests will be: Dave Gardner for the June 21-22 Stuntathon at Thun Field in Puyallup and Bill Darkow for the Sept. 13-14 Stevenson Memorial Meet (aka Raider Round-up) at the Chehalis Airport.

Discussed change of venue from Magnuson Park to Chehalis for financial reasons. Dave Gardner will submit sanctions.

Walt Russell agreed to be Event Coordinator for Auburn Good Old Days Fun Fly on August 9-10.

Discussed invitation from Auburn Parks for the Skyraiders to have an informational and static display booth at the 4th of July city celebration in Les Grove Park. Walt Russell moved that the club pay \$10 to the city for a 12 x 12 booth. Motion seconded and passed. Volunteers will be needed to staff the booth. Great opportunity to promote C/L modeling!

Discussed what flying sites should have separate AMA site owners insurance paid for by the club. Membership voted to split the cost of the Chehalis site with Bill Darkow at \$30 each.

Walt Russell suggested that we inventory the contents of our club trailer and create an inventory of club property for insurance purposes.

New members for February were announced. Welcome **Doug Oertli** from Centralia and **Ken Sherwood** from Eatonville.

POTENTIAL NEW FLYING SITES

Pete Ferguson attended a Black Diamond City Council meeting Feb. 21st and submitted a proposal to provide flying circles in the proposed Lake Sawyer Regional Park. The Council should review the submittal and comment by March 20th.

Joe Beshar (AMA) was contacted for help in obtaining sites in two locations in Tacoma. He is contacting the EPA on the Skyraiders behalf, who will contact the property owners to inquire the feasibility of using the properties as flying sites. Both sites were checked out by Mike Potter and Pete Ferguson for suitability.

Mike Potter has received an offer to

allow C/L flying at the west end of the Tacoma Narrows Airport from the owner of the property. Mike and Pete measured and inspected the site March 2nd. The site is 360ft. by 340ft. flat continuously paved tie-down area with the tie-downs smoothed over. It will eventually be the location of two new hangars, but we can use it until that happens – estimated 2+ yrs.

Issues to be worked out before we can fly there are: getting a letter of permission for use, arranging gate access and marking the pavement with circles. There are houses on the south side of the airport but they are below the airport elevation so noise should not be an issue. This could be a new site for this season!

BARGAIN FUEL BUY

Pete Ferguson has purchased 5 cases of Powermaster GMA 10/22 fuel and is offering it to club members for their personal use at \$12.50/gal. The fuel will be sold to non-members at \$15/gal. at Skyraider events. No club money was used for the purchase. All profits from fuel sales will go into the club treasury. If you would like to buy some of this fuel, call or e-mail Pete and he will bring it to the club meeting.

LAST ISSUE OF SKYWRITER FOR SOME

Your editor has been using an obsolete membership list to e-mail your copy of the Skywriter to you. That free ride is about to end. Pete Ferguson and I have finally reconciled our membership/ mailing lists so they agree. After this month, only paid-up members will receive the newsletter.

These are the names I currently have on my e-mailing list. If your name is not listed, this is your last issue until your membership is current. Pete maintains the official membership list.

Vern Bryant	Ben Jones
Ron Canaan	Tom Knoppi
Rod Claus	Gary Letsinger
Mike Conner	Trent Marvin
Bill Darkow	Doug Oertli
Gary DuBois	Mike Potter
Bob Einhaus	Larry Price
Pete Ferguson	Howard Rush
Dave Gardner	Walter Russell
Don Hansen	Jim Sandvik
Mike Haverly	Ken Sherwood
Steve Helmick	Nick Stratis
	Paul Walker

I also maintain an "informational" list for those outside the Puget Sound Area. Don't panic. You'll still get your copies.

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