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## **CLUB MEETING Thurs. MAY 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9pm Upstairs Hall Auburn Masonic Lodge**

Topics: Fun-Fly at Riverview Park May 10,

Stunt-A-Thon at Thun Field June 21-22.

Skyraiders display booth at Auburn 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Les Grove Park.

Skyraiders informational brochure.

## **April 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Members present: **Bob Einhaus, Walt Russell, Bill Darkow, Vern Bryant, Mike Haverly, Pete Ferguson, Ben Jones, Ron Canaan, Mike Potter** and new member, **John Lutz or Lund** (Pete and I don't agree on the spelling). Anyway, welcome **John L.**, our 31<sup>st</sup> member.

Bob Einhaus announced that the Lake Sawyer Hawks will host a swap meet June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Maple Valley Grange. The next day – June 8<sup>th</sup> – there will be another swap meet at Marymoor. There's also a swap meet at Toledo H.S. June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mike Haverly reported on a flying site under development by John Leidle and Howard Rush at the Arlington Airport. It was agreed that the club would provide site owner's insurance as needed.

Volunteers are needed Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to prepare the Riverview Park flying site for our May 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fun-Fly and BBQ at Riverview Park in Kent.

Volunteers are also needed to staff our static display and informational booth at the Auburn 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Les Grove Park. Contact Walt Russell at (253) 833-3988 or [warus939@msn.com](mailto:warus939@msn.com).

**Great opportunity to educate the public about Control-Line flying and recruit new members!**

Your editor has prepared a Skyraiders informational brochure which he will present at the May meeting for your review. A draft copy is included in this newsletter.

## **NW Fireballs Spring Tune-up & Jim Walker Memorial Contest April 18-20, Portland (Where were the NW Skyraiders?)**

From Flying Lines

There's something special about the first contest of the season. After a winter of preparation, it's time to get out on the flying circle with your buddies and show what you can do.

The NW Fireballs did an excellent job conducting the meet over three days, with

Speed on Friday, Profile, Classic Stunt and 1/2-A Combat on Saturday, Precision Aerobatics and 80mph Combat on Sunday.

The weather forecasts showed rain and even snow. But when the fliers actually gathered, the conditions were reasonable for an April contest. Fine on Friday, chilly and a bit blustery on Saturday, and actually pretty nice on Sunday.

All the scheduled events took place, except for the second round of Classic Stunt on Saturday which was washed out by a rain/hail squall.

All in all, the weather was not that bad compared to the dire forecasts. The forecasts did seem to depress the entry level (22) a bit though there were enough fliers there to have a good contest.

Your **Flying Lines** editor was too busy competing to take detailed notes, but there were some memorable moments:

- \* The **Broadway Bod Busters** setting **three** world speed records in the new F2D Proto Speed event – which they invented.
- \* The **BBB**'s Don McKay learning stunt as he flew it with the help of caller Ken Burdick reading the pattern from a cheat sheet.
- \* Scott Riese flying Classic Stunt in a hailstorm on Saturday. His first-round official came at the worst weather moment of the contest. Dave Miller flying Carrier tied for worst weather moment honors(?)
- \* Bruce Hunt and John Thompson having an IROC-style shootout in Profile Stunt with both flying the Evil Twin airplane. Bruce won.
- \* Dave Miller getting his first taste of Combat – and getting a kill in his very first match!
- \* Jack Pitcher getting a well-deserved first in Expert PA with a score of 564.5
- \* Shadows! The sun did shine some of the time. People were seen wearing T-shirts.

Unfortunately, the Navy Carrier

event was somewhat of a bust with Dave Miller recording the only official score. (Ed: At least 3 NW Skyraider entrants were kept away by the weather and the flu.) Too bad, because the Fireballs did a lot of work retrieving the deck from Eugene, setting up and preparing to host the event, then taking it down and putting it away.

All in all, a fun, well-run, well-worth-attending weekend of competition.

## Contest Results

### Record Ratio Speed

1. Ken Kortness, Spokane, WA
2. Ted Gritzmacher, Battleground, WA
3. Dick Salter, Tenino, WA
4. Rich Salter, Seattle, WA

### F2D Proto Speed (Demo Event)

1. Don McKay, Redmond, WA
2. Ken Burdick, Kent, WA
3. Jeff Rein, Covington, WA

### Navy Carrier

1. Dave Miller, Pasco, WA

### 1/2-A Combat

1. Ken Burdick (3-0)
2. Robert Smith (3-1) Roy, WA
3. Don McKay (1-2)
4. Buzz Wilson (0-3) Belfair, WA

### 80 MPH Combat

1. Buzz Wilson (4-0)
2. Ken Burdick (3-1)
3. Don McKay (2-2)
4. Dave Miller (1-3)
5. Robert Smith (0-2)
5. John Thompson (0-2)

### Classic Stunt

1. Bruce Hunt (523) Salem, OR
2. John Thompson (487) Eugene, OR
3. Scott Riese (384) Portland, OR

### Sportsman Profile Stunt

1. Doug Wood (421) Idaho Falls, ID
2. Dick Entwhistle (383) Scappoose, OR
3. Art Zehner (378) Portland, OR
4. Dave Miller (175)
5. Don McKay (124)

## Expert Profile Stunt

1. Bruce Hunt (446)
2. John Thompson (438)

## Beginner Precision Aerobatics

1. Jeff Christianson (238.5) Portland, OR
2. Dave Miller (175.5)

## Intermediate Precision Aerobatics

1. Richard Entwistle (432.5)
2. Art Zehner (419)

## Advanced Precision Aerobatics

1. Doug Wood (471)

## Expert Precision Aerobatics

1. Jack Pitcher (564.5) Gresham, OR
2. Bruce Hunt (553.5)
3. \*Pete Peterson (547) Tacoma, WA
4. Jerry Eichten (546.5) Newberg, OR
5. \*Mike Haverly (506) Auburn, WA
6. John Thompson (481.5)

\* **Northwest Skyraiders!**

## Speed Wannabe Event?

From Flying Lines by Ken Burdick

### The Bod Busters re-invent Speed!

This is all about a new Proto Speed event, specifically, **F2D Proto Speed**.

Simple and easy to build, the new event will give a home to many F2D engines that are now sitting in boxes.

**F2D Proto** will allow Combat flyers (and us closet speed types – Ed.) to compete with their F2D engines in a formula event. The engines are relatively inexpensive - especially considering that you can buy a used one for \$100 or less.

If you have never seen or run a modern F2D engine you should know that they are clean and well-made. Stock rpm's are in the 28 to 33K range. Most are bred from speed engine designers and are capable of more.

The event is intended to be simple, easy to build for and fun to fly.

The parameters will go something like this:

### Airplane

Profile only  
External controls  
Any fuel system  
2-wheel L.G. (min. 1" dia.)  
Wing area – 100 sq. in. min.  
Canopy required  
Rudder required

### Engine

F2D legal combat with muffler  
2.5cc glow  
4mm max. intake dia.  
8mm max. exhaust dia.  
MUST use legal F2D muffler

### Fuel

10% Contest-supplied

### Lines

.015 stranded steel, 52 ft.

**Pull Test** – 25 lbs.

### Timed Course

8 laps (1/2 mile) from release  
3 attempts at one official



The **Broadway Bod Busters** with their F2D

Proto Speed models and some awards.  
From left: Ken Burdick, Jeff Rein, Don  
McKay and Buzz Wilson. Flying Lines Photo



Mike Haverly “burping” the engine in his Oriental Plus at the Walker Memorial Meet. Bruce Hunt Flying Lines photo

## **Skyraider Fun-Fly / BBQ Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at Riverview Park, Kent**

Come on out! Fly and eat with us! Two circles! No waiting! Well, hardly any.

For you competitive types, there will be international-level prizes based on a self-evaluating scoresheet. Don't pass up your chance to win a Nobel or Pulitzer Prize – maybe even the coveted Stanley Cup!

There'll also be the usual shlock events for sport flyers: ugliest model flown, worst crash (or) sloppiest landing, etc. Events to be announced at the field.

White elephants for prize selection. Here's your chance to clean out your shop. (One man's junk is another man's treasure.)

Flying begins when you get there and ends when you're too full, tired or out of airplanes.

See you at the field!

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John Thompson getting ready to fire up the Evil Twin. He and Bruce Hunt flew it in the Expert Profile Stunt shootout. Bruce won. Gene Pape Flying Lines photo

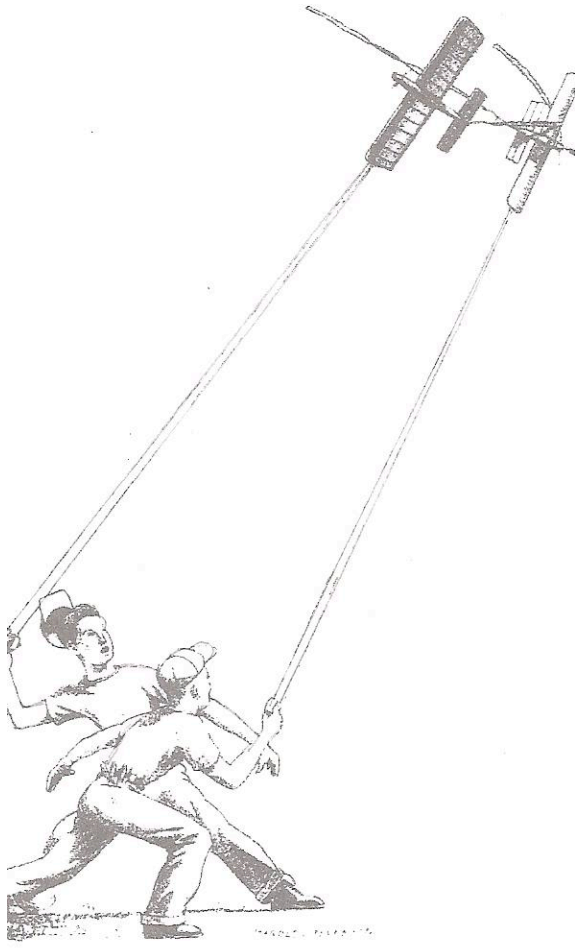


Scott Riese "Flyin' In The Rain" and hail on Saturday during his first-round official in Classic Stunt. He also got zapped by some static electricity. Bruce Hunt Flying Lines photo

## CL Demo at Chehalis Airport Sat. Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Skyriders Flying Circus will perform (9am-3pm) at our new flying site as part of the Chehalis Air Fair. All Skyriders and guests are invited to participate.

The **Broadway Bod Busters** have agreed to put on a Combat demo if we'll feed them. No problem. There'll be a pot-luck BBQ for everyone at the Darkow's after the performance.



**COMBAT!** – The name says it all! Fast-moving, pulse-pounding action! Be quick or be “killed”!

Two fliers tie streamers to the tails of their planes. Then they fly in a fierce “dogfight” as each pilot tries to cut the other’s streamer.

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and learn all about us –

News Announcements  
Activities Schedule  
Maps to Flying Sites

Information for Beginners  
and Retreads  
Contest & Fun-Fly Reports

## **Models, Engines & Supplies**

are available from:

**[www.brodak.com](http://www.brodak.com)**

In addition to the contest events named here – Stunt, Carrier, Combat and Racing – we also have a Control-Line Show Team,

## **SKYRAIDERS FLYING CIRCUS**

for sport fliers who just want to fly for fun.

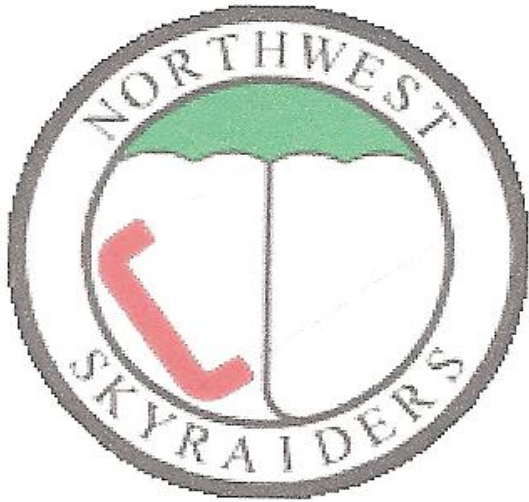
We travel to local events such as airshows and community celebrations and fly novelty events: banner tow, glider pick-up, formation flying, smoke trail, etc. to entertain the spectators and educate them about Control-Line flying.

Our Fun-Fly activities also usually include a family Bar-B-Q.

Contact members for the show team are:

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**A control-line flying club**

**Thrill to the “feel” of  
your model as you fly it  
through every stunt in  
the pattern!**

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