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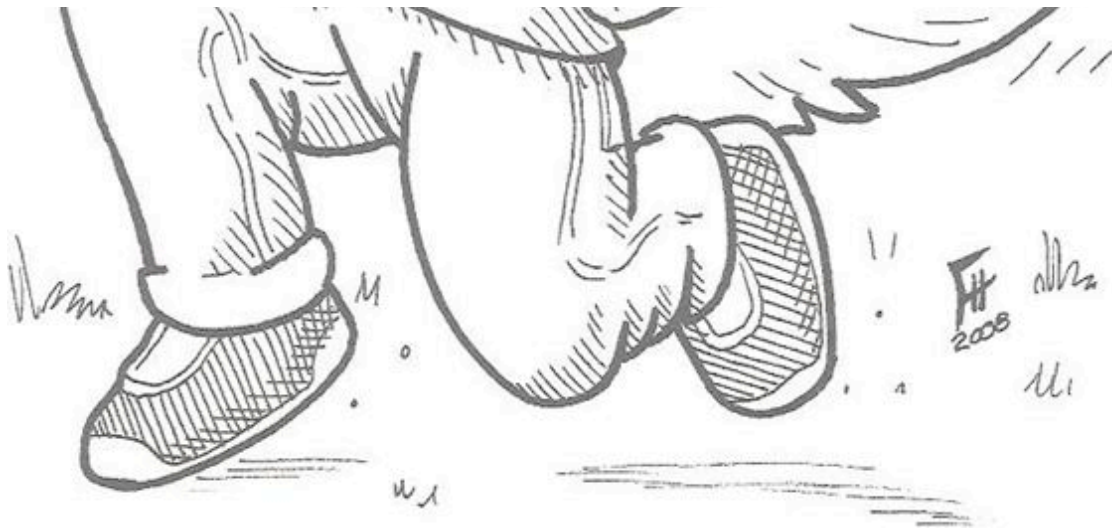
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June





NEW MEETING PLACE! Godfather's Pizza - Two blocks North of Auburn Masonic Lodge

Thursday, June 12th, 7 to 9pm.

“Hangar Flying” and pizza eating begins at 7. Business meeting starts at 8pm.

Main topics: Stunt-A-Thon June 21-22 and club display booth at Auburn 4th of July festival.

This change in meeting place is only temporary as the Masonic Lodge will be closed while members are at a convention in eastern Washington.

ABOUT THE COVER

Ron Canaan's son, Dan, who has been drawing a weekly six-panel comic strip as a hobby for the last 20 years, generously donated his talent with the whimsical “Furry Fox” shown on our cover.

We are fortunate to have such an original, creative artist. He is willing to do more covers for the same price if club members will suggest some ideas to Ron.

Next time you get a chance, take a look at Walt Russell's newly-decorated field box to see more of Dan's work. However, Dan decorates field boxes on commission. Be a patron of the arts!

May 8th Meeting

Sixteen members and one guest were present: **Mike Potter, Pete Ferguson, Vern Bryant, Dave Gardner, Walt Russell, Bill Darkow, Steve Helmick, Bob Einhaus, Bob Parker, Gil Coughlin** (guest), **Don McKay, Nick Stratis, Ben Jones, John Lunz, Ron Canaan, Gary DuBois and Trent Marvin.**

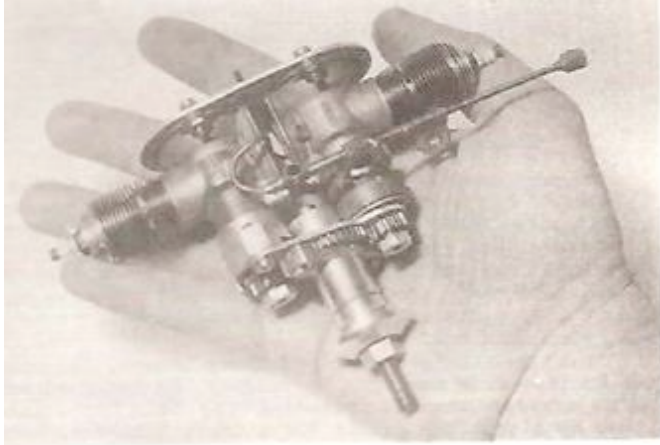
Walt Russell agreed to help Steve Helmick with the club website as a cooperative

venture.

Walt also volunteered to allow the club the use of his riding mower to maintain our flying site at Riverview Park.

Don McKay of the Broadway Bod Busters brought his F2D Proto Speed model and gave a presentation about the new event.

Guest Gil Coughlin showed a geared Arden .198 twin made from two Arden .099's by Joe Dale in 1947.



(Figure 10)

Geared engines are not at all new. Note this weird flying wing U-control speed model design. (Figure 9). Well beneath it's molded plexiglass cowling designed to show off it's unique power plant, resides a geared, ignition Arden .19 Twin (Figure 10). The speed model flew, but was not a success as far as the speed was concerned. Note the size and pitch of the prop. This beautiful Arden 19 (2 .099's) twin was the product of Joe Dale. It turned the 10/16 prop at 10,000 rpm. The plane was built by William Effinger.



(Figure 9)

**Skyriders Swap Meet
Saturday, July 12th**

Mike Potter has secured permission from the Clover Park Aviation School to hold a swap meet at their facility at the south end of Thun Field.

All modelers invited. Contact Mike at (253) 941-1753 or skyshark58@comcast.net for details.

Good Turn-Out at Fun-Fly, Poker Hand & BBQ

The weather co-operated and 19 pilots showed up for our flight-fest at Riverview Park on Saturday, May 10. They were:

Mike Haverly	Pete Ferguson
Bill Darkow	Doug Oertli
Dave Gardner	Mike Potter
Vern Bryant	Rod Claus
Pete Peterson	Gary DuBois
John Lunz	Ron Canaan
Gary Letsinger	Rich McConnell
Steve Helmick	Don McKay
Bob Einhaus	Chris Gomez
Bob Parker	

Not everyone got to fly, but we all talked and ate!

Twelve fliers put up 42 flights in the Poker Hand event. Winners were:

Pete Ferguson	Mike Haverly
Pete Peterson	Doug Oertli
Dave Gardner	Rod Claus

Each got a gallon of fuel courtesy of the NW Skyraiders.

Seven pilots took advantage of the Self-Judging Score Sheet in the Fun Fly event.

Winners(?) were:

Dave Gardner – “Pullet Surprise” (rubber chicken that squawks and lays an egg.)

Pete Ferguson – “No Bell Prize” (cow bell without a clapper.)

Rich McConnell – “Stan Lee Cup” (coffee cup labeled “Stan Lee.”)

Special thanks go to **Patti Dubois** for cooking and **Angela Gardner** for paperwork.



Rich McConnell & John Lunz with Rich's model.

Great Chance to Tell Public What We Do & Recruit New Members!

from Kristy Pachciarz, Special Events Coordinator,
Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation

The NW Skyriders are invited to have a display booth at Auburn's annual 4th of July Festival. The purpose of these booths is to supply information about your club and gain public exposure thus increasing your membership and involvement in the community. You may engage people with exhibits and provide handouts about your organization.

The Festival is planned for Friday, July 4th from 11am to 4pm at Les Gove Park. This annual one-day festival is an afternoon for the whole family to enjoy. It features a kids' bike parade, live entertainment on two stages, 8 inflatable rides, a climbing wall and euro-bungy trampolines, trackless train, petting zoo and pony carousel, bingo, bocce, a car show, lazer tag, gaming stations, over 50 craft artists, a book sale, food concessions, a spray park and much more!

Skyraider Volunteers Needed!

Walt Russell has reserved a 12x12 booth space for us. We need suitable exhibits for it and club members to staff it. Here's your chance to have a big impact on our club's growth! We are now at 37 members and going for 40.

Contact Walt at (253) 833-3988 or warus939@msn.com.

CL Demo at Chehalis Airport Saturday, August 2nd

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

This will also be the site of our Stevenson Memorial/Raider Roundup contest Sept. 13-14. Come on out and get a preview look at this new venue. One concrete and two grass circles. Take exit 79 off I-5.

The **Broadway Bod Busters** have agreed to put on a Combat demo if we'll feed them. No problem. All participants are invited to a potluck BBQ at the Darkow's after the performance.

Skyriders Honor Roll NW Regionals, May 23-25

EXPERT PRECISION AEROBATICS

Paul Walker
Pete Peterson
Randy Powell

ADVANCED PRECISION AEROBATICS

Mike Haverly
Dave Gardner

INTERMEDIATE PRECISION AEROBATICS

Mark Scarborough

CLASSIC STUNT

Randy Powell

Mike Haverly
Mark Scarborough
Dave Gardner

OLD TIME STUNT

Mike Haverly

SPORTSMAN PROFILE STUNT

Mark Scarborough

SPORT SCALE

Mike Potter

½-A PROTO SPEED

Don McKay

PROFILE NAVY CARRIER

Mike Potter

.15 NAVY CARRIER

Don McKay

VINTAGE DIESEL COMBAT

Don McKay

80-MPH COMBAT

Don McKay



Doug Oertli with his scratch-built “Magician” at our Chehalis Airport flying site.

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Bill Darkow firing up his "Flounder" for another exciting flight. Walt Russell holding.

The Northwest Skyraiders Presents STUNT-A-THUN - 2008

The 27th Annual NW Premier All-Stunt Contest
June 21st and 22nd, 2008

Pierce County Municipal Airport (Thun Field), Puyallup, WA

*Sponsored by the Northwest Skyraiders --- AMA Sanctioned
Flying site is at Thun Field, Puyallup, on S. Meridian, East on 168th.
There is now a stoplight at 168th, so it should be easy to find!*

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, June 21 st :		SUNDAY, June 22 nd :	
10:00 am	OLD TIME STUNT	9am - 3 pm	PRECISION AEROBATICS:
Noon	CLASSIC STUNT		BEGINNER skill class
2 pm	Profile Stunt		INTERMEDIATE skill class
All day	Navy Carrier: AMA Profile		ADVANCED skill class
	and Nostalgia Profile		EXPERT skill class

ALL EVENTS ARE JUNIOR - SENIOR - OPEN CLASS COMBINED
THERE WILL BE AWARDS FOR ALL JUNIORS IN ALL EVENTS

First Place awards are Skyraiders' Folding Chairs.....a dandy incentive!

2nd and 3rd place awards are courtesy of Spencer Aviation and the Hangar Inn.

1. Registration is from 8:00 am until start of event, or Noon, whichever is earlier.
2. Sr / Open: \$20 FOR FIRST EVENT, \$10 EACH FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS
\$40 MAXIMUM (US Funds).....JUNIORS FREE!
3. AMA or MAAC Membership is required of all participants and mechanics
4. AMA membership is available at registration.
5. Events are per latest PAMPA, NW rules and AMA 2007-2008 Rule Book..KNOW THE RULES !!!
6. ALL SATURDAY EVENTS TO BE FINISHED BY 5 PM ON SATURDAY
7. SATURDAY EVENT AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED SATURDAY BY 5:30 PM.
8. ALL SUNDAY STUNT EVENTS WILL BE FINISHED BY 3 PM ON SUNDAY.
9. AWARDS PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM ON SUNDAY.

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