



NW Skyriders Newsletter
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Swap/Club Meeting Big Success

“Biggest and best swap meet yet” was the consensus on the combined swap/club meeting held Saturday, Dec. 6th at Clover Park Aviation Center on Thun Field. Mike Potter had to bring in at least one extra table to meet the demand for space. By noon nearly all the tables were mostly cleared and everybody went home happy with more “good stuff.” (Now, how to sneak it in the shop without getting caught.)

A brief club meeting to elect officers for 2009 resulted in a new vice-president, Don McKay, in addition to the “usual suspects” – Mike Potter, president – Pete Ferguson, secretary/treasurer and Dave Gardner as member-at-large.

Our thanks to these guys for being willing to lead the club through another year – a triumph of hope over experience.

Our thanks also to Steve Helmick who resigned his VP position to focus on maintaining our website.

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Annual Banquet at the Longhorn Restaurant

by Pete Ferguson

I have made reservations for our annual banquet on Sunday, January 18th from 4 to 7pm at the Longhorn. This will also be our monthly club meeting for January.

We will have the banquet room to ourselves. Music begins at 7:30.

Cost is \$12.95 per person plus tax and tip. There is a \$2 senior discount for those 55 and older.

November Executive Board/General Club Meeting Minutes

by Pete Ferguson

The Executive Board met at the Performance Grill in Auburn at 6pm on Thursday, Nov. 8th.

Present were: Mike Potter, Steve Helmick, Dave Gardner and Pete Ferguson. Topics discussed were:

Tacoma Narrows Airport flying site security and distribution of gate code.

Mike Potter's meeting with Auburn Airport manager.

2008 NW Skyraiders dues structure.

2008 Christmas party expenses.

Contests proposed by Don McKay.

General meeting was held at Masonic Lodge in Auburn at 8pm. Members present included: Bob Einhaus, Pete Ferguson, Dave Gardner, Mike Haverly, Steve Helmick, Ben Jones, Don McKay, Doug McSherry, Bob Parker, Mike Potter and Nick Stratis.

Mike Potter showed off his newest carrier airplane, a Boka Bipe painted in orange K&B Superpoxy. The finish was beautiful and the model showed off Mike's building and finishing talent. Engine is a Magnum .36 that Mike picked up at the last Skyraider swap meet for \$8!

New member Doug McSherry joined us. Doug is from Tacoma with CL experience and is getting back into flying. He is interested in Carrier which was music to Mike P.'s ears. Doug also has some experience with speed and racing.

Pete Ferguson presented the Sec'y./Treas. report. The year end summary is that dues alone will not support the club. However, our two contests made sufficient funds to keep the club in the black. Profits from the events were somewhat inflated this year since the prizes were paid for in previous years. In all, the club exits 2008 in better shape than it entered it.

Pete emphasized that it is important to keep membership numbers up so if you know of any fence-sitters, try to nudge them into joining/renewing.

Dave Gardner purchased some software for producing trophy plaques with digital photos

imbedded in them. This should reduce the cost of trophies for our future events. Printing supplies and frames will have to be purchased.

Mike Potter contacted Bruce Ward of NW Hangars LLC about the availability of Tacoma Narrows Airport for future flying. Bruce indicated that plans for future hangars are on hold so we should have use of the site for 2009.

Mike also met with Jamul Garcia, airport manager for Auburn Airport, to request access for our club to the south end of the ramp. Jamul was not opposed to the idea and was going to approach other airport stakeholders and get back to us. Pete Ferguson will follow up Mike's visit with a letter emphasizing our commitment to the site and our work with other airports in this area.

Discussion of Chehalis Cup contests held by the Broadway Bod Busters. Combat meets will be held at the Chehalis airport on 5 dates (see Oct. issue of Skywriter). The question was; Do the Skyraiders also want to hold events there on those dates? It was decided to defer that opportunity to see how the contest turnouts were. The Skyraiders agreed to sanction the Combat meets as long as the BBB was responsible for expenses.

Bob Parker reported on the Seattle Museum of Flight Static Display on Nov. 8th to which he brought 5 CL models. This will become an annual event. If interested in entering, Bob

Benjamin of the Museum is the contact person.

Ben Jones agreed to sell the 4 club Cox PT-19's on E-Bay.

Welcome New Member – Doug McSherry

Our newest member lives in Tacoma. His phone number is: (253) 473-4814 and his e-mail address is: dde0063@aol.com

Here's his story in his own words:

My first love was airplanes. I didn't see a flying model of any kind until late 1956 or early 1957 and just my luck that it was a u-control plane. Within a very short time, I was spending all my spare time at the flying field. It didn't take long - but quite a bit of saving lawn mowing money and extra chores - before I had a Ringmaster with a McCoy .35. Heaven!

Sometime around 1959, (I hope you'll forgive my lack of exactitude, but I lived through the 60's and 70's playing bass guitar in country rock bands and they tell me I had a very good time.) a few of us started the Burien Model Airplane Club. Johnny Klemple and Bill Vowels - two of the best friends I've ever had - introduced me to the joys of contest flying in Navy Carrier, B Speed, and Proto Speed.

I've flown at Sand Point, Fort Lewis, including Harts Lake Prairie, and Jim Walker at Portland as well as several intra-club and inter-club contests with a club from Kent.

At one time or another I've had 3 Ringmasters, a Magician, Zilch X-pendable, several _-A combat and sport planes - some of my own design - two "B" speed rigs, both with a Johnson .29RR and Harter pans, one of which was a "Proto" pan. Both planes were my own design. The "B" rig on the "Proto" pan was also the core of my "Proto" rig - also my own design. Quite a few hand launch gliders of the Thermic "B" variety, a Thermic 72 and a couple of free flight sport models of my own design. They flew quite well with an OK .024.

Sometime around late 1961 - early 1962 - I was lured away from a half-finished Veco Thunderbird by slot cars, girls and beer.

I don't have any planes at this time although I've just arranged to buy a Brodak Guardian kit from Mike Potter. I do have several engines however,

including a couple of OS Max .40's, an OS Max H .60, an Enya .29 RC, a Fox .29, a TD .049 and I still have that OK Cub .024.

I'm really looking forward to being a member of the Skyraiders and meeting the rest of the members and their families. Hopefully, I'll be able to be helpful and an asset to the club.

Even after all these years, I still think about, and miss, the B.M.A.C., sunny afternoons at Moshier Field, my friends from the club, and the howl of an unmuffled McCoy .35 doing what it was meant to do.

Welcome New Member – Dane Covey

Our other new member also lives in Tacoma. His e-mail address is:

dc@coveyworks.com

Hello and thank you for the warm welcome to the Northwest Skyraiders.

In 1969, my family moved from Albany, New York to San Diego, California. I was 12 years old. My dad became interested in RC airplanes when we happened across the San Diego Drones flying at El Capitan High School in Lakeside one weekend.

My dad's interest in modeling sparked my interest but I chose a different path - a Cox .049 Cosmic Wind. The next thing you know, I was building a Baby Ringmaster and having combat fights with Little Satans. My dad taught me how to fly RC planes

but my passion was for C/L. I had great times building and flying with my dad.

As I grew up, so did my planes – Ringmaster, Flite Streak, Magician, Spectrum and finally a Shark 45 of which I still have a picture dated June 1974. By then I was 17 and my interest went from planes to girls.

Now 31 years have gone by and I have moved from San Diego to Tacoma where interest for planes was rekindled at first when I picked up an RC electric. Wow! Now I have RC gliders, RC electric helicopters, RC electric planes and an RC sailboat. But I just wanted something more.

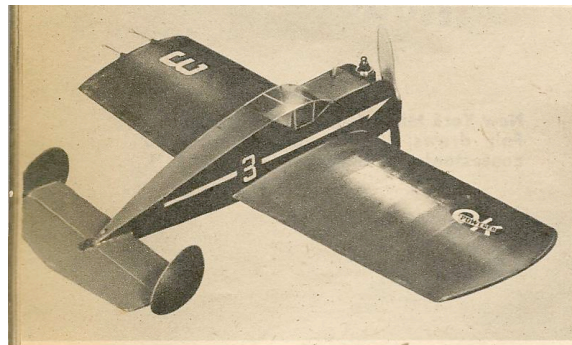
Then an urge hit me to start flying C/L again so I purchased a Score and an Oriental. My interest in C/L grew and I wanted to do more with the hobby. Ben from Hobby Town and my local hobby shop talked me into entering PA competition.

So off to McMinnville with my family I went. Great fun and very nice people. Now all my RC stuff has been gathering dust because of the enjoyment I get

from flying C/L again. I hope to see you all in the flying circle for years to come.



Dane with his electric-powered stunter at the Tacoma Narrows Airport flying site. Design is the notorious “Enterprise – E” kit unfavorably reviewed in the October 2008 SKYWRITER. Good design, lousy kit & power package but Dane modified it and has it going well.



“Cub Controller”

by Walt Musciano

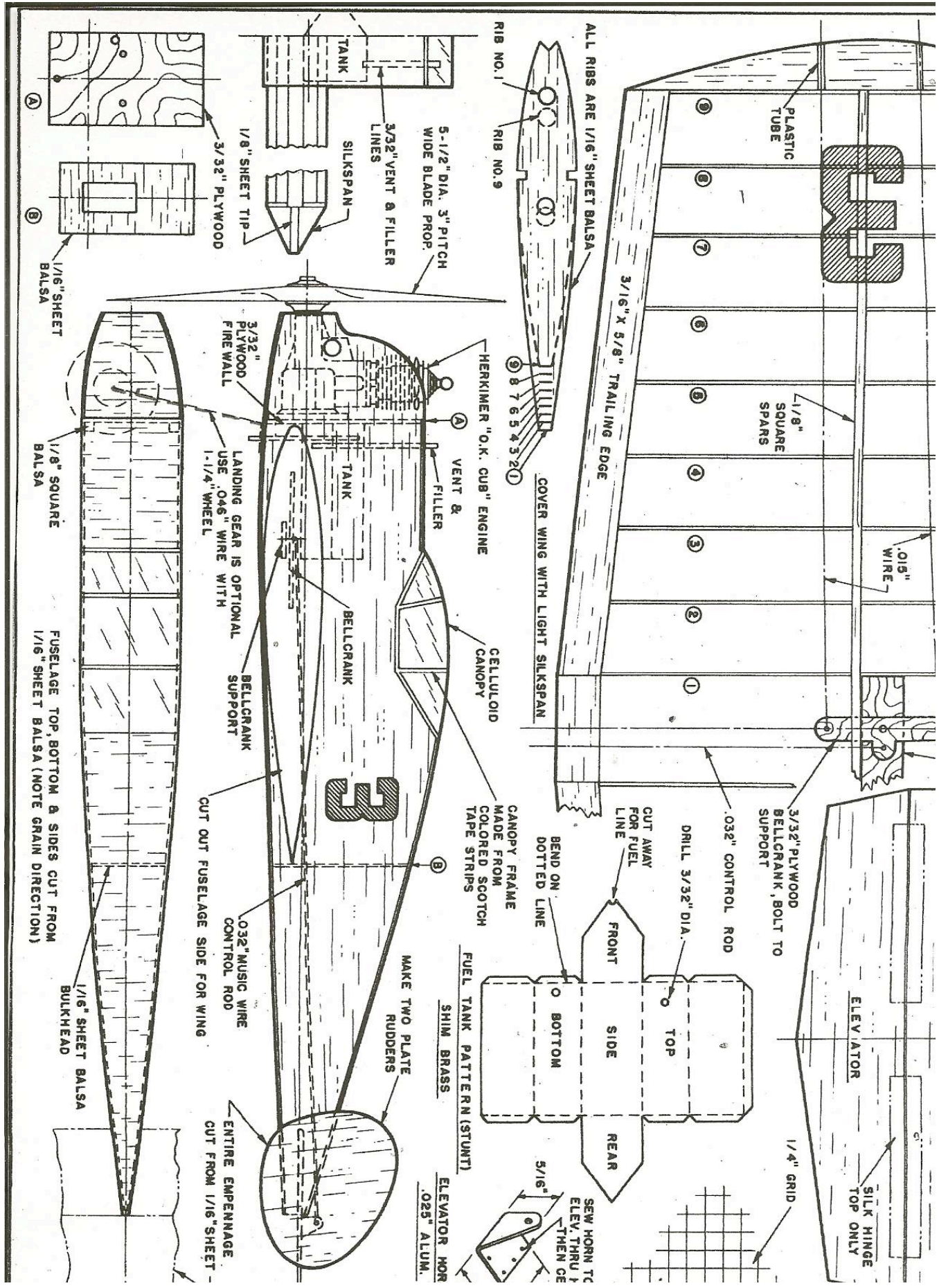
OT Stunt Legal _-A

From the pages of “AIR TRAILS” Pictorial, September 1949, comes this little cutie which should make a good performer with modern power.

Your editor built one with an original OK Cub .049 long ago. It proved to be extremely tail-heavy which made for an exciting first flight. Enough nose weight to locate the CG correctly made it just another mediocre flyer.

However, a Black Widow, Golden Bee or Tee Dee with integral tank or Brodak .049 should spice it up a lot.

If you’re interested, a copy of the original construction article is available from your editor.



NW Skyraider Activity Schedule for 2009

Now is the time of year when we should be planning our club contests, fun-flies and other activities for 2009. Right now it looks something like this:

January – Annual Club Banquet – Jan. 18

February – Club Meeting – Feb. 12

March – Club Meeting – March 12
Chehalis Cup – Mar. 21-22

April – Club Meeting – April 9
Jim Walker Memorial – April (?)
Chehalis Cup – April 25-26

May – Club Meeting – May 14
NW Regionals – May 29-31

June – Club Meeting – June 11
Skyraider Stuntathon – June (?)
Chehalis Cup – June 27-28

July – Club Meeting – July 9
AMA Nationals

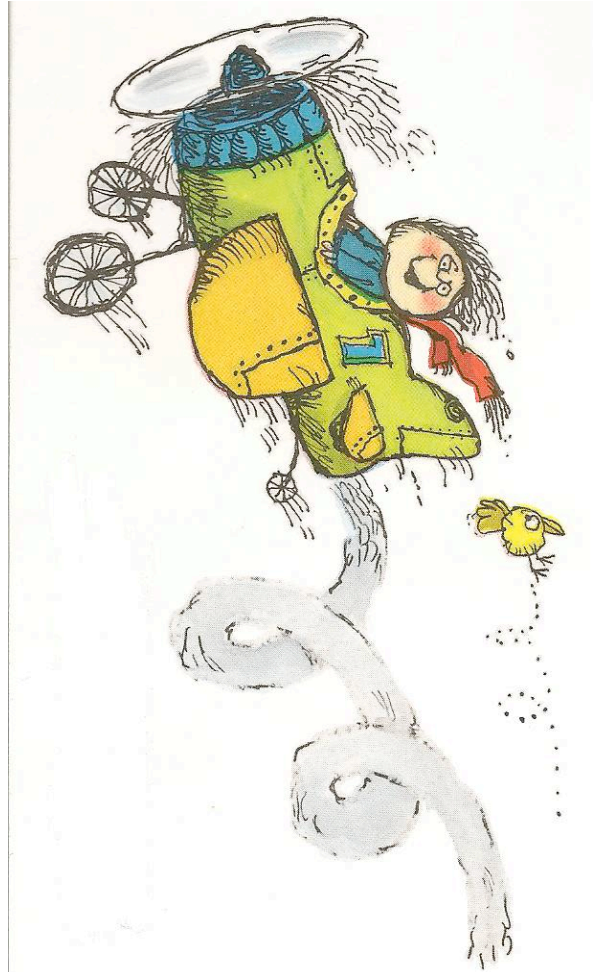
August – Air Fair C/L Demo– Aug. 1
Club Meeting – Aug. 13

Sept. – Club Meeting – Sept. 10
Stevenson Memorial – Sept (?)
Raider Roundup
Chehalis Cup – Sept. 26

Oct. – Club Meeting – Oct. 8
Chehalis Cup – Oct. 31

Nov. – Club Meeting – Nov. 12

Dec. – Skyraider Swap Meet – Dec. 5
Club Meeting – Dec. 10



At first glance, this looks like a fairly ambitious schedule even though many activities by other C/L clubs in the region have been left out. It is intended to reflect those activities that are unique to the NW Skyriders.

Closer examination will reveal that it does not reflect the interests of most of our club members – 2/3 of whom are sport flyers. There are two contests but only one fun fly where there should be four – one for each quarter of the year.

One suggestion that is under consideration is to take advantage of the opportunity provided us by the Chehalis Cup Combat contests - which use only one of the three circles at the Chehalis airport – and schedule fun flys or other events there on some of those dates.

Planning a balance of interesting club activities for the year is the responsibility of the Contest Committee and the Meeting Program Committee. They have been inactive for quite a while. Perhaps it's time they were revitalized.

Northwest Fireballs
Eugene Prop Spinners
Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers
The Evergreen Aero Modelers
present ...

Oregon flying fun!

A quartet of control-line fun-fly events

Everyone invited — No entry fee!

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Info: Fireballs: Mark Hansen, fastcombat@comcast.net, (503) 234-1971

Sunday, Feb. 15 at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Info: Prop Spinners: John Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, (541) 689-5553

Saturday, March 14 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Info: WOLF: Bruce Hunt, bhunt@swbell.net, (503) 361-7491

Sunday, April 5 at DeAlton-Bibbee Field, McMinnville

Info: TEAM: Jerry Eichten, jeichten@aol.com, (503) 554-0034

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- Bring any and all airplanes ... do any kind of flying!
 - Every flight is an entry in the "flying raffle."
 - Flying raffle prizes will be awarded after a drawing

Come to *all four* fun-flies and support *four*
great Oregon CL flying clubs!

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required

