

Fireball Flyer

Monthly Newsletter for the Northwest Fireballs
March 2012

(this public copy does not contain full meeting minutes or financial information)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY DON CURRY

We only have one more meeting before our Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up. More contest decisions were made at our March meeting and we definitely need all of our local contest and event directors in attendance at the April meeting. The Northwest Fireballs always host a great contest; we don't want to be so laid back, however, that we start missing things.

On a different note, Jerry announced that at the end of March he will be among the growing group of retirees. I just hope we can keep enough people working so our Social Security checks can continue. Welcome aboard, Jerry.

I also thank Ines Olson for taking the time to do our annual treasury audit. To me, that is not a fun project, but one that really needs to be done. Thank you.

Our weekly flying is still hit or miss with the weather, so any time we have a good day, let's get together and go flying.

Don

2012 Officers

President	Don Curry
Vice-President	Jim Harper
Secretary	Jerry Olson
Treasurer	Barbara White
Member-at-Large	Geoff Christianson

2012 Committee Chairman

Auditor	Ines Olson
Banquet	Doug Powers
Contest Director	Leo Mehl
Newsletter Editor	Barbara White
Plan Curator	Bill Lee
Safety Officer	Richard Entwistle

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS - Update

BARBARA WHITE

Following a discussion with Bill Adair, I wrote to the Director of Publications for AMA (Rob Kurek) about the possibility of receiving Model Aviation in a digital versus a paper format (a choice currently available with Flying Models). Rob wrote back immediately (always nice to receive a prompt response) to say that "more and more of our members" have been asking for this option, and a digital version of the magazine will be available later this year.

Delta Park, 27 February 2012



from upper left, clockwise: Christianson with his red Cardinal and Harper running his lines; Mehl, McClave and Curry making plans while Adair works on his engine; Powers and the rocket-propelled plane that flies super-tight loops; Entwistle and Maggie-the-dog carrying his Swan; and Harper readying for flight. Center: close-up of Adair. Harper's Stars and Stripes Cardinal was recently rebuilt and made it's second flight today.

photos by Bill Lee (contact him for larger prints)

FUN FLY #3, SALEM, 3 MARCH 2012

Six Northwest Fireballs attended Fun Fly #3 in Salem, with Geoff Christianson and Jim Harper putting in the first two flights.

Two of our members, Don McClave and Dave Royer, are also members of Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers (WOLF), the host club.

From left to right:
Geoff Christianson
Dave Royer
Jim Harper
Tom Brightbill
Richard Entwistle
Don McClave.



For more details and photos, including a larger copy of this one, check out the full report at <http://flyinglines.org/Oregonfun.3.12.html>.

MEETING MINUTES, 11 MARCH 2012

SUBMITTED BY JERRY OLSON, SECRETARY

(this public copy contains only a summary, not the full meeting minutes)

Ten members attended the meeting. The agenda was approved with one modification, the previous meeting's minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report for the previous month was read and approved.

Circle repairs: A product has been located that should fill the cracks and seal the surface of the flying circle at Delta Park. Funds were authorized to purchase the product.

Contest planning: All is on schedule for the Jim Walker Memorial contest next month. Most volunteer positions have been filled and supplies purchased. There was a discussion of pull-test requirements; we agreed that AMA regulations require a pull test before every flight and pull testing is the responsibility of each event director. Geoff Christianson will arrange for a portable toilet. Doug Powers will make sure the extra non-flying-related markings on the circle are blacked out.

Contest awards: After discussion, a motion was made to award printed certificates to the top three finishers and \$10.00 gift certificates to Shari's restaurant to each first-place winner. Motion passed.

The contest will be included as an event in the Portland Rose Festival's History & Roses Tour Guide.

Clown Contest. We will finish last year's Clown Contest in conjunction with our April meeting. Prior to the meeting, we will have an informal Clown racing event.

Contest food. We will provide food at this year's contest. Arrangements will be the same as last year.

CALENDAR

04/07	Fun Fly #4, Eugene
04/07	April Meeting
04/20-22	Jim Walker Contest
05/13?	May Meeting/Mother's Day
05/25-27	Regionals Contest
06/10	June Meeting
07/08	July Meeting
08/12	August Meeting/Club Picnic

Hillsboro Air Show. Gary Harris is looking into our participating in this year's Hillsboro Air Show. He was unable to attend this meeting. Among the members present there did not appear to be a lot of interest in the air show. No decision was made regarding our participation.

Barbara White is researching our club's history for inclusion on the club's page on Flyinglines.org. She is also investigating the possibility of our page being linked to other control-line-oriented web sites. We approved a motion to inquire if John Thompson can revise the header on our club page



Salem Fun Fly. The Fireballs were well represented at the recent Salem Fun Fly. Six members attended. Weather was good and all attending reported having a great time.

Auditor's report. Ines Olson conducted an audit of the club's finances for fiscal year 2011 on 03-09-2012. No discrepancies were found.

The April meeting was scheduled and the meeting was adjourned.

CONTEST REMINDERS

Area-wide flying competitions and informal flying events continue. Flying Fun #4 (Eugene, April 7th) is next in line, followed by our contest on the third weekend in April and the Northwest Regionals in Eugene over the Memorial Day weekend. For details, including posters and entry forms, check out "Where the Action Is" at FlyingLines.org.



Present
The 2012 Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up!
East Delta Park, Portland, Oregon
April 20th, 21st and 22nd

Friday, April 20

RECORD RATIO SPEED: 9:00am - 11:00am, resumes at end of Northwest Clown Racing until done, all speed classes. At the conclusion of the speed event, the paved circle will be made available for Stunt practice. Also on Friday, the grassy areas adjacent to the paved circle will be open all day for practice flying of all types.

NORTHWEST CLOWN RACING: 11:00am until completed (no later than 2:30pm, earlier if fewer entries)

Saturday, April 21

HIGH PERFORMANCE 1/2A COMBAT: 10:00am, to be flown over grass circle #3, double-elimination. AMA "Kill" rules in effect.

NORTHWEST PROFILE STUNT: 9:00am - Noon, to be flown over the paved circle.

CLASSIC-NOSTALGIA STUNT: 1:00pm - until completed, to be flown over the paved circle.

OLD TIME STUNT: 10:00am - until completed, to be flown over grass circle #2.

Sunday, April 22

NORTHWEST 80mph COMBAT: 10:00am, to be flown over grass circle #2, double-elimination. AMA "Kill" rules in effect.

RECORD RATIO CARRIER: 9:00am - 3:00pm, all AMA and Northwest classes.

SKILL CLASS PRECISION AEROBATICS: 9:00am - until completed, to be flown over the paved circle.

General Information

CONTEST DIRECTOR: Leo Mehl, leomehl80@hotmail.com, 503-257-5005

AMA SANCTIONED EVENT: Current AMA membership is required of all entrants. Flyers can join or renew their membership at the event. Stunt BOM appearance points will be calculated: if you build the plane, you will receive up to 20 appearance points, if you finished an ARC, up to 10 appearance points, and if the plane was an ARF or built or finished by others, zero appearance points.

ENTRY FEE: \$20 for the first event and \$5 for each additional event, up to a maximum of \$30 for the entire contest.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO THIS WINTER??

A visit to Don Curry's workshop:

Although Don's planes hang in various locations throughout the home attached to his two-car garage, it is the garage that holds his hobby shop (only one side, as his '31 Ford is on the other). The door remains open most of the summer and many of the neighbors stop and chat while he is working. He has donated many rubber-powered kits to the neighborhood children to build, and some of their parents have stopped by to ask for model-building directions (so he isn't sure how many of the kids have worked on them). In the winter, however, Don works on his own.

In the stand on the bench is a scale model of an Aerocoupe. For control-line with throttle-control, it will have a wing span of about 63" and will be powered by an OS 46. He needs to do more research for the particular full-scale plane he wants to model and is searching for the present owner to get some different pictures to help define the color scheme.



The other winter project is a framed and almost-ready-to-cover Ares from an Ambroid kit. He built one for Geoffrey and is building this one for himself. The radio-control sail boat on the bench, made of balsa wood from some drawings that his friend Jim Weaver made, is the first boat that he has attempted to build. It is finished but has not been in the water yet

This 1/2A Norvel-powered Magician, scaled down to a 24" wingspan, was on display at the February club meeting and was also featured on the home page of Flying Lines. It flies on 42' Spectra lines.



Part of the credit for all this work possibly goes to the tools against the wall: scroll saw, belt sander, drill press, band saw and bench grinder (also, not shown, a table saw, which gets quite a bit of use). Hanging on the equipment wall are a P-40, Clown, Magician Baby, Clown (electric) and Acromaster.

The yellow plane hanging from the ceiling is a built-from-plans model of a Super Sportster kit. It is radio controlled, with a 78" wing span and powered with an OS 1.2 cu. inch. The other is an Aronca Model K.



This is a Chipmonk:

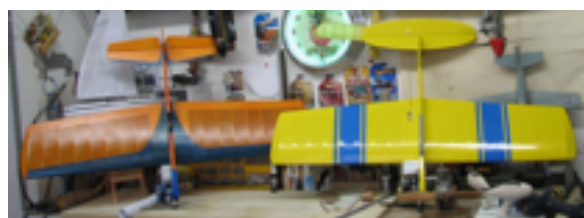


The third ceiling photo shows the windows that let in natural light and one of the two propeller clocks Don carved. On the wall is a Tomahawk and hanging from the ceiling is a full-fuse Tutor:

To quote Don: "I probably have more kits and plan sets of airplanes to build than I will finish before senility sets in." He certainly has enough to keep his winter workshop busy.



Arctic Fox



Firecat and Ringmaster