

THE WOLF CALL

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WESTERN OREGON CONTROL LINE FLYERS

Howdy All! Welcome to this quickie mini-edition club newsletter with all the news that fits the print. (actually, that doesn't make sense since we are not printing this)

The first piece of news is that Dave Royer passed away on April 26th. Dave was a long time Portland area modeler who participated in both NW Fireballs and WOLF club activities. He will be missed. Watch for a full obituary on Flying Lines.

Club Doin's: We had a successful fun fly on March 29th at the Salem field. Turnout was a little light, but there was plenty of flying. Weather was pretty good and everyone came away with some goodies from the prize table. Thanks to Craig Bartlett, Mark Crouse, Jerry Eichten, and Mike Hazel for the circle cleanup. Also thanks to Fred Underwood who has been diligently applying weed killer in those pavement cracks.

A few control line guys attended the McMinnville swap meet held earlier in the month. Might have been some great deals for the RC crowd but the pickings were pretty slim for us CL flyers.

The Northwest Fireballs club hosted the Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune Up meet on April 12 & 13 in Portland. We had a good showing of WOLF members participating both as contestants and helpers. Weather was very good.

WOLF membership roster: An updated member roster is included with this. Besides losing Mr Royer, three others have dropped off of the rolls. In other membership news, Will Naemura who has been working in Germany for a number of years is now back stateside

So what is the deal with the airport flying field, aka Bill Riegel Model Airpark? The last communication with the airport manager was that there were no immediate known plans for parking lot construction. Does this mean we can have the field back? Well, probably not. But at least for now it looks like we may be able to host events for another season. (always with the possibility of the other shoe dropping).

Here's what the Northwest Control Line Calendar looks like so far:

May 23 - 25	NW CL Regionals, Roseburg (duh! don't forget this one!)
June 7	Oregon Flying Fun #4, Rogue Eagles CL circle, Eagle Point
July 5	WOLF Lucky Hand Fun Fly Salem
July 6 - 12	AMA Control Line Nationals, Muncie, Indiana
July 12	NW Skyraiders Swap Meet, Kent, Washington
August 2	Zoot Ranch Fun Fly (Mike Hazel's place)
September 27 & 28	Fall Follies, Salem (or Portland for backup location)
October 4 & 5	World Wide Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon (everywhere!)

Note: The traditional NW Skyraiders flying events are very tentative due to problems with having a suitable site. These contests are the Stuntathon, usually held in June, and the Raider Roundup sometime later in the year. As always, watch the calendar section on Flying Lines for updates.

Other activities: Most of you know that just a couple of stones throw away from the flying field is a building where a group is restoring a B-17. The group is having a big show and open house this May 17th. For information look up: B-17 Alliance Foundation. Too bad we couldn't have a B-17 event at our field on the same day!

Late breaking news flash: Just received the OK from the airport manager that the July 5 date is just fine for an event. So circle July 5 on your calendar for the WOLF Lucky Hand Fun Fly!

And in other news, Jerry Eichten reported that he was recently at the paved circle and it somehow was cleaned off! He says that it appeared there were tire tracks going round the circle. Anyone have a clue what goes on here? Hopefully the geese are now gone.

Guess that's it for now.

Mike Hazel, yer olde editor