

May 2017 Meeting Minutes – Northwest Skyraiders (Model Airplane Club)

Meeting held May 9th, 2017 7:00 PM at Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.

Thirteen members and two guests were present including:

- Mike Potter – President
- Mike Haverly – Vice-President
- Steve Holt – Secretary/Treasurer
- Dave Gardner – Safety Officer
- Dennis Clinton
- Bill Darkow
- Bob Einhaus
- Addis Elmore
- Ben Jones
- John Knoppi
- Trent Marvin
- Kris Millard
- Bob Parker
- Bob Foster (Guest)
- Rob Hawkins (Guest and Past Member)

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 8:00. Mike asked for the Secretary / Treasurer's report. Since there was such a large turnout and new members present everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. Steve Holt noted the balances in the savings and checking accounts for the club. Steve noted that 27 members have now paid their dues as of the May meeting. One past member attended the meeting, Rob Hawkins. Welcome to the club, Rob.

Relative to the topic of identifying and securing a new flying site for next year's flying season, Mike led a discussion.

Auburn Airport – The Auburn Airport option is no longer available to the club.

Auburn Buddhist Temple at 37th and Auburn Way - Mike Potter received a letter of response and decline from the council relative to our request to fly at this site. Mike may make one last appeal to the council if he can arrange to meet with them.

7215 S. 196th Street Superfund Site – This site is not a viable option at this time due to issues of ownership responsibilities.

Renton site discussions – The club needs to follow up with Randy Corman and other city officials to see if a suitable site can be identified. Randy may have some additional options within the Renton city limits when we meet again in the near future. He was going to talk to others in the city Management to identify other alternatives.

Newcastle May creek Park Site along SE 95th Way –Rob Wyman, the City Manager is coordinating with Puget Sound Energy to determine whether PSE will use the site for staging of power poles and equipment during the "Energize Eastside "project. PSE is conducting soil density testing and may not use the whole site. They may be willing to share the site with our needs per Rob Wyman. Rob owes us a response this month to determine next steps on the site. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.518593,-122.1711003,413m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Riverwalk Park in Kent – Mike Potter has inquired about this site with the Kent Parks and Recreation folks and has not received a response to his requests. The Google Earth map location link is attached.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@47.3745969,-122.2441255,1105m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Muckleshoot Bingo Hall parking lot – The possibility was discussed of inquiring about the use of the fenced off section of the Muckleshoot Bingo Hall parking lot that appears from Google Earth maps to have room for one flying circle. The club has spoken to the Tribal council in the past and was unable to secure an agreement that was affordable to the club, but it may be possible now, so contact will be made to inquire as to the viability of using this site if it proves to be useable. The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.2884227,-122.2005988,645m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Pacific City Park along the White River – This site was suggested by Kris Millard and Mike Potter and others have walked the park. It does not appear to have very much usage and may prove to be a good location to fly. The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.263615,-122.2366115,470m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Roegner Park Ballfields along the White River – Ben Jones and I flew at this site last summer while school was out. The ballfield outfields are grass and parking is along the road adjacent to the field. The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.2694602,-122.2197062,711m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

Ron Regis Park in Renton – Although the Renton Parks department outlaws flying of model airplanes at any of its parks (along with a long list of normal activities that are normally conducted at city parks) the local police and city parks employees have been very accommodating to club members who have flown at this site on many occasions over the years and have not complained or ticketed anyone who flies at this site. The Google Earth map location link is attached. <https://www.google.com/maps/@47.4682415,-122.1482561,341m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl=en>

The club is encouraged to keep looking for a site to pursue for this year and to get in contact with the club officers for follow-up right away since the flying months are upon us and we must identify a centrally located flying site soon. Don't wait until the next meeting. Please call right away.

The Fall Swap Meet sponsored by the NWSR club may not be able to use the Clover Park site this fall, so it was proposed to approach Rod Claus about the use of his hangar at Crest Air Park once again. We will get in touch with Rod in the month to see if that would be a possibility to discuss in future meetings.

Dave Gardner will be the Contest Director for the Stunt-A-Thon Contest to be held June 10-11 at the Centralia-Chehalis Airport. He provided a summary of preparations for the contest and asked for help on the weekend of June 3rd cleaning up the circles and preparing them for the contest the next weekend. Dave Gardner and Steve Holt will arrange for a work party at the field on Saturday, June 3rd (and the 4th if needed) to do the work. Volunteers are appreciated. Bill Darkow will provide the information to Dave Gardner and Steve Holt for the name of the company who provided the Porta-Potty so it can be ordered and paid for. Bill will also let Dave and Steve know how the paint held up since last year's contest in September and whether it needs to be touched up.

The 46th Northwest Control Line Regionals at Roseburg, OR will be held May 26-28th.

Relative to discussions about some of our flying friends and Northwest flying activities, it was noted that Jill Claus (Rod Claus' wife) passed away Saturday, May 13th and Randy Powell is recovering from a serious accident. We extend our sympathy to Rod and wishes for a rapid recovery to Randy.

Mike Potter asked for any new business. Relative to the club owned trailer and carrier deck, Mike spoke to a person in Oregon at the Jim Walker Warm-up Contest about the sale of the trailer and deck and awaits a response.

Mike adjourned the meeting until next month. The next meeting will be held on June 13th (2nd Tuesday of the month).

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