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NEWSLETTER OF THE PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY



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Annual Banquet update

Our banquet ringmaster, Tom Culmsee, sez: Unfortunately Buster's reduced the size of their Banquet room in half and is now too small. I am scrambling to find another venue. We will send out an announcement when more info is available.

Bruce A. and Mike S. catching some sunshine and fall thermals!
Roger brought his own thermal.....



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PASS Meeting Notice for Dec. 14th.

The next regular club meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th, at the Pizza place! Usual times... Gather at 7:00 and start at 7:30 PM.

Round Table Pizza , 10070 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, OR 97219 503-245-2211

Don Pesznecker, 2010 Cliff Mink Service Award recipient

Every year at this time, the **Northwest Soaring Society** recognizes people who have served the NW R/C glider community with our **Cliff Mink Service Award**. A well deserved honor!



His nomination letter to the board of the Northwest Soaring Society.

Every year at this time, we recognize people who have served the NW R/C glider community with our Cliff Mink Service Award. Though there are many who deserve such recognition, only a relative few have been so recognized. Please consider the following worthy candidate.

This individual began flying with his local club, the Portland Area Sailplane Society, about 20 years ago. Within two years the club recognized his leadership abilities and elected him President of the club. He remained president of PASS for a decade, and though he honored the traditions of the club, he introduced many new ideas. He hosted family picnic and fun-fly events and organized indoor build-and-fly free flight contests. He also raised a considerable amount of money for Michael Selig's low speed airfoil testing research project. Always a promoter, he encouraged other members to try new things, such as a novice program that included special "Pro-Am" contests that matched novices pilots with more experienced flyers. Although his schedule was busy, he always found the time to help new pilots get in the air and stay there, an uncountable number of which now look back and find him at the beginnings of their model glider interest.

At the same time he was earning the nickname "President for Life" in the PASS club, he was extensively traveling and competing in the Northwest contest circuit. He was a member of the NWSS board, including serving as its President in 1997. His success in both areas culminated in his achieving Level V status with the League of Silent Flight, one of only a handful here in the NW to have done so.

In 1998 this pilot's interest transferred to fast flying electric F5B gliders. Eventually, he figured out how to crash them less and fly them more and gain competition success at the national level. He subsequently introduced F5B contests to the NW and made them accessible to everyone by developing a handicapping system that allowed inexpensive speed-400 planes to compete against the molded "big boys." He continues in this capacity to this day.

This individual has given so much to us, supporting model soaring participation as well as our sense of community. We respectfully ask that you acknowledge Don Pesznecker (or Pesz as we like to call him) for his contributions over the years and present him with this year's Service Award.

Sincerely,

Tom Culmsee and Amy Pool

2010 PASS Elections by Bruce Rose

During the December PASS meeting we will hold the election of club officers for 2011 and the club awards for 2010.

The slate of officers for 2011 is President – Bruce Rose, Vice-President – Jim Gibson, Secretary – Tom Fowler, Treasurer – Tom Culmsee, Board of Directors – Richard Van Dyke and Mike Skeen. Write-in candidates for club officers will also be accepted on the ballots.

The club awards to be voted on for 2010 are Achievement, Contribution to the Club and PUTZ. The Achievement and Contribution to the Club awards will both be done as a write-in.

The PUTZ award has 8 nominations (with two club members nominated twice), but write-ins are also accepted. The PUTZ nominations are:

John Long

- Forgot to turn on his RX in his DLG. Plane crashed

Bob Sterett

- Landed his F5B plane in a mud puddle. To dry out the motor he ran it in his kitchen. Mud sprayed all over. His wife was NOT happy.

Terry Erickson

- Launched his scale Pik20 with the elevator control backwards.. After making it off the aerotow line and several loops later he landed inverted.

Terry Erickson (second PUTZ attempt)

- Launched his second scale plane on the aerotow and forgot which switch on his TX controlled the aerotow release. Finally got off successfully after trying most of the switches

Matt Brady

- Launched his SBXC without someone manning the retriever system. When the retriever line got tight, about 20 feet up, it pulled the plane off tow, and the plane stalled into the ground breaking said plane.

Bob Sterett (second PUTZ attempt)

- Was at the scale aerotow event flying one of his scale planes on 2.4GHz. He landed and went onto fly another plane, this time on 72MHz (same TX). He started on tow and Roger Breedlove realized that he didn't have the 72MHz antenna attached. A mad scramble ensued to find the antenna and install it on the TX. Bob regained control and completed the flight.

Jim Gibson

- While at Cub Nuts, Jim started up his new Fun Cub but shortly realized that he had installed a 'pusher' prop. After breaking that and another prop, he determined that the major problem was the aileron controls were backwards.

Tom Brightbill

- Launched his 2M with the RX off. Plane crashed.

2010 Indoor Flying Schedule sponsored by the Salem Soaring Society, Dan Fiedler, President

The indoor flying sessions are at
Clagget Creek Jr. High
1810 Alder rd
Salem, Or 97303

Indoor Fly is

12/11/10 Sat. 12:00pm to 2:00pm
1/15/11 Sat. 12:00pm to 2:00pm
2/12/11 Sat. 12:00pm to 2:00pm
3/12/11 Sat. 12:00pm to 2:00pm

\$5.00 Flight Fee for each session

This link is from Map Quest to the School

<http://mapq.st/h/5-pal0>

Indoor Pylon Racing for the first hour of each session

We will be racing out of the box Embers or Ember 2 (no Mods, ok you can paint it).

You may use a different battery (Bigger, may need a couple).

One design racing for now. Maybe we will upgrade to wall bangers (faster than your fingers) later, let's see how much fun we have with this format.

One hour of racing or less then "freeforall" as usual.

David Portwood, CD



2010 PASS DDWS Challenge, December Update by Bruce Rose, CD

Robin Robinson and Terry Erickson have distinguished themselves as triathletes by submitting scores in the power, thermal and slope divisions for the 2010 PASS DDWS challenge. Terry submitted a very respectable score of 129, but Robin once again used his modified Flyzone Playmate to smash the competition with a record breaking score of 414 points. There is still slightly less than a month left to enter the 2010 contest and perhaps someone will have a surprise configuration to challenge Robin and his wonder plane.

Points are calculated by dividing the flight time by the wing span. Flights may be recorded in one of three categories; thermal, power or slope. Any method may be used to launch the plane in any of the categories and more than one pilot may fly the plane during the flight. Hobby shop gift certificates will be awarded to the highest score in each category at the club banquet next January. More details regarding the guidelines for this activity can be found in the January 2010 edition of the PASS newsletter (available on the PASS web page, www.passoaring.us).

Top scores for the year:

POWER – Robin Robinson and his Playmate are in first place!

Robin Robinson – 322 points; 1:35:15, 17.75 inches

John Long – 178 points; 48:55, 16.5 inches

Terry Erickson – 113 points; 1:45:38, 56 inches

THERMAL – Robin Robinson and his new Playmate lead!

Robin Robinson – 72 points; 21:00, 17.75 inches

Mike Skeen – 67 points; 67:57, 60.5 inches

Terry Erickson – 27 points; 1:06:15, 146 inches

SLOPE – Robin Robinson and his Playmate smash the competition!

Robin Robinson – 414 points; 2:00:45, 17.75 inches

Terry Erickson – 129 points; 2:00:15, 56 inches

Martin Baumer – 37 points; 29:15, 48 inches

By Bruce Rose, CD

PASS February Floater Contests Don Pesznecker, CD

The schedule

Feb. 6th,	location TBA	Pilots meeting at 10:00 AM
Feb. 13th,	location TBA	Pilots meeting at 10:00 AM
Feb. 20th,	location TBA	Pilots meeting at 10:00 AM
Feb. 27th,	location TBA	Pilots meeting at 10:00 AM

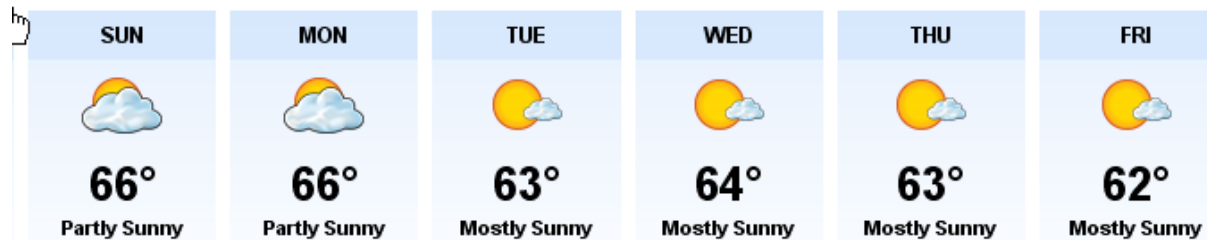
The tasks.

POKER RUN

1. Number of rounds will be determined by the CD at the start of contest.
 2. Perfect day = 5 rounds.
 3. Not so perfect = 4 rounds.
 4. Rain = 3 rounds.
2. Pilots choice for task time 3 to 10 minutes each round. Times will be scored to nearest minute.
3. Landings are mandatory in landing area (100 foot circle) if you land anywhere else there will be 5% score penalty for that flight. Any part of the airplane in circle will count, inverted or in parts are OK.
4. Best hand will be best poker hand. Ties will be settled with international duration points.

Don Pesznecker, CD

The long range weather forecast for February Floaters



PASS minutes 110910

1. Call to order by Prez Bruce at 7:30 pm.
2. Normal business order was suspended as a special award from the Northwest Soaring Society was presented by Tom Culmsee and a video shown of the recognition of our member at the annual fall meeting of NWSS. Don Pesznecker was selected to receive the annual 2010 Service Award for his leadership and long time service to modelers in the northwest.
3. Tom Culmsee gave the treasurer's report. We have some money. Report attached.
4. For contest reports, David Portwood discussed the coming indoor pylon races... new this year to our group. The Embers model is approved for the event. The first hour of the indoor schedule will be pylon racing with open flying to follow in the second hour. The racing event will feature all fliers giving it a go in every heat. Coyote Hobby has inventory in stock..... and you may need more than one racer.
5. Tom Culmsee gave a report on the Retriever Fund. He says we have a little over 60% to go on reaching the goal for the first retriever. The fund score is posted on the web page but it is behind the current level. Each contribution is awarded 1 raffle ticket for each dollar contributed and a very nice prize (to be named) will go to the winner.
6. A call was made for a CD for the February Floater contests and Pesz volunteered. A couple other members volunteered to assist... so get that RES plane ready for those sunny days in February!
7. Richard van Djik agreed to serve as Contest Calendar Coordinator for 2011. He also will serve as point's keeper for the club year-end awards. **The contest calendar from 2010 will be moved over to the appropriate dates in 2011 as a starting point. Richard asks all CDs to contact him with changes for next year... VIP!**
Sending an email to the NL editor next August that says "hey... the date is wrong." does not count as notification.... just in case you are wondering. Yes, he received one this year.... make that two.
8. Pesz noted that AMA has created an electric division of the NMPRA section with rules.
He plans to hold some demonstration races if there is sufficient interest on the same days of the F5B contest schedule. We can use our existing equipment. He brought his new Pogo pylon racer for show and tell.
9. Robin gave a report on the recent trip by him and Terry to Peterson Butte. Robin smashed the existing world record for the slope event. He flew his Playmate, 17.5" wingspan, for 2 hours and 5 seconds for a total of 414 points.
10. Tom Culmsee agreed to coordinate the club banquet in January. Consensus was more BBQ.
11. Under PUTZ nominees, an anonymous friend (rat) mentioned Tom Brightbill launched with his receiver turned off and to make matters worse crashed into an irrigation pipe so hard that his plane dented the pipe! Tom of course is now on the PUTZ nominee list.
12. The highlight of the raffle was the **dancing eyeball and the dancing teeth!** Coveted prizes for sure.
13. Nominations of officers for next year was conducted. One board director position is open and Keith Ragsdale and Mike Skeen were nominated.
14. Bruce Alber mentioned the Slope Combat meet this Saturday at Peterson Butte.
15. Considerable discussion on compensating the appropriate people for use of the slope, no action.
16. Show and tell. Terry's stick and tissue model, 13" wingspan. Richard's electric Pike.

Roger B., Temporary Faux Secretary

PASS 2011 Contest Schedule

January 22 Sat

Hand Launch
Molalla State Park
Terry Erickson
503-982-0792
11:00

January 23 Sun

January 29 Sat

Open Slope Race*
TBD
Bruce Alber
503-799-1428 (cell)
11:00

January 30 Sun

February 5 Sat

No wind alternate date *

February 6 Sun

Sun Floater
Willamette Turf Farm
Pesznecker
503-502-1579
10:00

February 12 Sat

No wind alternate date*

February 13 Sun

Sun Floater
Willamette Turf Farm
Pesznecker
503-502-1579
10:00

February 19 Sat

Slope Fun Fly/Workshop
Bruce Alber
503-799-1428 (cell)
11:00

February 20 Sun

Sun Floater
Willamette Turf Farm
Pesznecker
503-502-1579

10:00

February 26 Sat

February 27 Sun

Sun Floater
Willamette Turf Farm
Pesznecker
503-502-1579

10:00

March 5 Sat

Slope Combat
Bruce Alber
503-799-1428 (cell)
11:00

location TBD

March 6 Sun

March 12 Sat

60" Slope Race*
Tom Fowler
503-799-5164
11:00
location TBD

McMinville Swap Meet

March 13 Sun

March 19 Sat

Salem Soaring Society
RES and Open contest
Dan Fiedler
503-559-9476
10:00

Kuenzi Sod Farm

March 20 Sun

March 26 Sat

*no-wind alternate date

March 27 Sun

Sleep-In Hand Launch
Keith Ragsdale
503-521-0817
12 NOON
Molalla River St Park

April 2 Sat

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624
10:00
Willamette Turf Farm

April Easter 3 Sun

April 9 Sat

April 10 Sun

Open Slope Race*
Bruce Alber
503-799-1428 (cell)
11:00
location TBD

April 16 Sat

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624
10:00
Willamette Turf Farm
April 17 Sun

*no-wind alternate date for slope race

April 23 Sat

HLG
Bob Nelson
503-645-5313
Willamette Turf Farm
NWSS Tune up
Mission, BC

April 24 Sun

NWSS Tune up

Mission, BC

April 30 Sat

Fern Prairie Modelers
Celebration of Silent Flight
Washougal, WA

May 1 Sun

Fern Prairie Modelers
Celebration of Silent Flight
Washougal, WA

Club meetings held on second Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. at Round Table Pizza, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd. Visitors are welcome.

Visit our web page at <http://passoaring.us>

For current event information, call the PASS Voicemail 503-321-5199:

To change outgoing message or to listen to received messages:

PASS Treasurer's report for Nov. 2010
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11/9/2010

Tom F

PASS Profit & Loss Statement
10/1/2010 Through 10/31/2010

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Category Description	10/1/2010- 10/31/2010
INCOME	
Contests	191.40
Retriever Fund	80.00
TOTAL INCOME	271.40
EXPENSES	
Events	115.50
Newsletter	
Postage	13.20
Printing	19.20
TOTAL Newsletter	32.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	147.90
OVERALL TOTAL	123.50

11/9/2010

PASS Balance Sheet
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 10/31/2010

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Account	10/31/2010 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
WM Checking	414.09
WM Savings	333.32
Petty	646.18
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	1,393.59
Other Assets	
General Assets	2,316.95
Key Deposit	0.00
TOTAL Other Assets	2,316.95
TOTAL ASSETS	3,710.54
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	0.00
EQUITY	3,710.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,710.54

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May 7 Sat

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624
10:00
Willamette Turf Farm
NWSS Vancouver Tune up
Mission, BC
May 8 Sun

NWSS Vancouver Tune up
Mission, BC

May 14 Sat

Thermal Multitask
Richard van Dijk
360-891-2188
9:00
Willamette Turf Farm
NWSS Crooks Memorial
Lewiston, ID
May 15 Sun
NWSS Crooks Memorial
Lewiston, ID

May 21 Sat

Barry Kurath Memorial 2-Meter/RES
David Portwood
503-381-6992 (cell)
9:15

May 22 Sun

Barry Kurath Memorial 2-Meter/RES
David Portwood
503-381-6992 (cell)
9:15
May Memorial Day Weekend

May 28 Sat

Scale Aerotow
Jim Gibson
503-669-7271
10:00
Hollin Airport, Brooks
NWSS Ed Huffman
Farragut, ID
May
Memorial Day Weekend

May 29 Sun

Hand Launch
Terry Erickson
503-982-0792
9:30
Molalla River St Park
NWSS Ed Huffman
Farragut, ID

June 4 Sat

Thermal Deathmatch
David Portwood
503-381-6992 (cell)
9:00
Willamette Turf Farm
NWSS
Soar Paradise
Spokane, WA

June 5 Sun

Slope Fun Fly/Workshop
Bruce Alber
503-799-1428 (cell)
11:00
location TBD
NWSS

Soar Paradise
Spokane, WA

June 11 Sat

Salem Soaring Society
Hand Launch contest
Terry Erickson
503-982-0792
10:30
Kuenzi Sod Farm

June 12 Sat

Scale Aerotow
Jim Gibson
503-669-7271
10:00
Hollin Airport, Brooks

June 18 Sat

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624
10:00
Willamette Turf Farm

NWSS

Fry Fly
Pasco, WA
June 19 Sun
NWSS
Fry Fly
Pasco, WA

June 25 Sat

LSF Thermalitis NWSS
Tom Culmsee
503-667-4532
9:00
Willamette Turf Farm

June 26 Sun

LSF Thermalitis NWSS
Tom Culmsee
503-667-4532
9:00
Willamette Turf Farm
July 4th July Weekend
July 2 Sat
NWSS
Sun Fly
Pasco, WA
July 4th July Weekend
July 3 Sun
NWSS
Sun Fly
Pasco, WA

July 9 Sat

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624
10:00
Willamette Turf Farm
NWSS
Soar at Paradise
Spokane, WA

July 10 Sun

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624

2011 Aero-Tow schedule*

First of all, here are the NW dates that I know about:

Yakima Aerotow, Glessner's Field, Union Gap, WA, Gene Cope CD May 20-22

**Medford Spring Aerotow, Snider Creek (Sam's Valley) OR, Randy Banta CD
April 29-May 1**

Skamokawa Aerotow, Cathlamet WA, Bob Neitzke CD June 24-26

Monroe Aerotow, Monroe WA, Don Bailey CD July 22-24

Mission BC Aerotow, Anderson's Sod Farm, Dave Smith CD, Aug 5-7

Pasco Aerotow, Pasco WA, Wil Byers CD Aug 12-13 (tentative)

Shasta Aerotow, McCloud CA, Mike Deleo CD Aug 26-28

Medford Summer Aerotow, Sam's Valley OR, Randy Banta CD Sept 3-5

Buena aerotow, near Zillah, WA, Wil Byers CD Sept 2-4 (need confirmation)

Skagit Aerotow, Concrete WA, Lynn King CD mid Sept

Wenatchee Aerotow, Wenatchee WA, Dave Jensen CD Sept 30-Oct 2

Here are the dates we now have for Brooks:

- **May 28, Saturday**
- **June 12, Sunday**
- **July 16, Saturday or July 16-17**
- **August 21, Sunday**
- **September 24, Saturday**
- **October 22, Saturday**

I'm thinking of maybe turning the July date into a two day event to determine if we can draw anyone down from up north. What do you guys think? After we get the dates nailed down I'll check with Betty Hollin to make sure she's ok with our schedule.

Jim Gibson, Coordinator

***Note: This schedule is a preliminary draft, dates to be confirmed.**



Portland Area Sailplane Society

P.O. Box 805
Gresham, OR 97030

Mailing Address Line 1
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Mailing Address Line 3

Upcoming Events:

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Mollalla State Park
Terry Erickson
503-982-0792
11:00

January 23 Sun

January 29 Sat

Open Slope Race*
TBD
Bruce Alber
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11:00

January 30 Sun

February 5 Sat

No wind alternate date *

February 6 Sun

Sun Floater
Willamette Turf Farm
Pesznecker
503-502-1579
10:00

February 12 Sat

No wind alternate date*

February 13 Sun

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Willamette Turf Farm
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10:00

February 19 Sat

Slope Fun Fly/Workshop
Bruce Alber
503-799-1428 (cell)
11:00

February 20 Sun

Sun Floater
Willamette Turf Farm
Pesznecker
503-502-1579
Willamette Turf Farm
10:00

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Web Site at:
www.passoar.org

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