

WEST WIND

NEWSLETTER OF THE PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY



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Note: 2011 dues are due, see membership application on pg. 9. Please bring your dues to the March meeting or mail them in to Tom Culmsee. Unpaid members will be dropped from the newsletter list in April. You can pay by PayPal, check the website for details.

Hand Launch Contest Report for 012211 Terry Erickson CD

A nice sunny day greeted 4 contestants for the first hand launch contest of 2011 at Molalla River State Park. We flew a PASS club record of 55 rounds/launches for the task of the day, All Up/Last Down.

Bob Nelson broke his plane after 18 launches and was out for the day. Craig Robinson put his plane about 50' up in a nice tall fir tree on his 30th launch. He finished the contest using his backup plane.

John Long finished second for the day with a nice effort.

The final task of the day was a mighty retrieval effort by Craig with weights, sling-shot and string to shake his plane loose from the tree. He succeeded in breaking off the stab but no plane as darkness fell. On Sunday he was able to find a local unemployed tree climber who made the retrieval look easy (they always do, I know).

Contest Results

- 1st Craig Robinson
- 2nd John Long
- 3rd Terry Erickson
- 4th Bob Nelson

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PASS Meeting Notice for March 8th.

The next regular club meeting will be on Tuesday the 8th, 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

Pictures from the indoor flying by Don Pesznecker

Bob Nelson calling the pylon turn.



John smoozing the CD.... Don't think it helped.



Tom C. is listening to a "winner takes all" tape.



Which pilot is looking the wrong way? He is either far in the lead or way behind..... Your choice.



Nice to see John Sherwood at the session!



Indoor Pylon Racing pictures

by Don Pesznecker

Is this fun or what.... Just look at that concentration!

Rounding the pylon... Hard to catch in the viewfinder. Thanks Pesz.



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

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

Indoor Fly schedule is:

Note the last session is coming up! Don't miss the racing action!!!!

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 middle hour of each session with open flying on both ends!

David Portwood, CD

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.

Get more information about the retriever [fund raiser.](#)

2000 DOLLARS NEEDED

1255 raised, 745 to go - TickerFactory.com Fundraising Ticker

Donate

From the Hood River slope by Jim Riggle

Saturday was an interesting day Our plan was to leave about 11 and go to Peterson's Butte. I'd watched the weather for several days and the call for both PB and HR were both good mid day on Friday but by Saturday morning both were "falling apart". PB was down to SW below 5 and HR was still W 5-10. Didn't much want to go for the hike required at HR but at least it sounded like there'd be wind?

So at the last minute we changed our plan and headed to HR. It was perfectly calm all the way to Cascade Locks. Noon, when we got there, we were hungry so we went to the CharBurger and had lunch. While there I called Dr Bamberg and lamented our predicament, drove all that way for nothing? He said, "Forge on young man, there'll be wind on the ridge, never mind that down on the freeway it will be calm".

We took his advice and when we got to the parking area the winds were west @ 20. You never quite know which airplane to take up to fly at HR. Conditions down on the road are always a little deceptive? Not Saturday. You knew to take up fast airplanes and lead.

We had a Wanderer, Whisper, Ninja and SR-7. Left the Wanderer and Whisper in the car.

Was a tough walk to the launch zone in the wind. Westerly of at least 20 and I suspect, could have been more like 25 to 30. There's probably some law of aerodynamics that would tell you the wind speed by how much snot you get on you glasses from just standing there? Wasn't gusty, just a constant wind. A full-scale glider was soaring past to welcome us.

As you can see by the pictures we were happy we'd made the trek. Slopn's like sex, sometimes you get ready for hours just to have 15 minutes of fun.

Got both the SR-7 and Ninja up and back down with little or no damage after great but all too short of flights. 45 degrees @ 25 mph is darn cold for old people and as we flew the clouds got so low we were losing sight of our airplanes.

The "delta wing" is the old Bob Martin airplane with a glass fuse. The Ninja was a Great Planes kit from 20 years ago. Both are sheeted foam core. I really didn't think the Ninja would be heavy/fast enough for the conditions but it actually flew quite well. It was one of those, we came all this way we might as well fly what we have kinds of deals and take home what ever pieces are left over. We got lucky. Jim Riggle

Tom Melton hanging on to hat



Jim Riggle trying to look warm



2011 February Floater February 6, 2011

Don Pesznecker, CD

Once again we all have to thank Glen Pyle way back in 1997 for generating the idea of holding contests in February. The story goes that Glen commented at a CD meeting that Oregon is blessed with some nice weather in February and we should take advantage of it and hold some gliders contests. The CDs **all said go ahead. The first two years were co-hosted by Glen and Greg Springate. Pesz took over as CD in year three.**

And once again this year we flew in good weather with a whole new scoring concept for the series. Contest Director Pesz had everyone playing poker. And play (fly) they did.

First off thank you to Willamette Turf for supplying the field, then thank you to Dan Fiedler for being the equipment guru and thank you to Steve Erlich for being in charge of the landing line. And a big thanks to all who attended including the Eugene fliers, it was great. Things got started pretty much on time and pilots were flying by 10:15. Pesz made a lot of provisions for people to step on their own toes in executing the strategy and they did!

As always there was some outstanding flying

considering the conditions. By the way 16 pilots flying 5 rounds each is a total of 80 rounds of competition on the first Sunday in February... Not Bad!!!! There are 3 more rounds to go so bring your best poker strategy and fly for the winning hand!

<u>Place</u>	<u>Pilot</u>
1.	Tom Culmsee four 8s 7 high
2.	Steve Erlich four 7s 5 high
3.	Mike Skeen four 6s 6 high
4.	Dave Johnson four 6s 5 high
5.	Scott Gifford four 5s 4 high
6.	Dan Fiedler four 4s 8 high
7.	Ken Eaton four 3s 8 high
8.	Keith Ragsdale full house 8s & 4s
9.	Tom Brightbill full house 5s & 4s
10.	Terry Erickson Full House 4s & 5s
11.	Jim Gibson 9 high straight
12.	Frank Bell 3 of a kind 5s
13.	Sherrell Steinhauer 3 of a kind 5s
14.	Roger Breedlove one pair 7s
15.	John Long pair of 6s
16.	Chris Brundage 8 high 3 rounds only



Feb 13th Floater Results

Don Pesznecker, CD

Sunday morning opened with skies getting bright and by the pilot's meeting, the sun was working through the clouds. Great day for flying with warm temps and a very light breeze all day. Not bad for the second Sunday in February!

17 pilots flew 5 rounds apiece for a total of 85 rounds of "Poker style" thermal action. Lift was very good later in the day with some 10 high scores posted. It was a good thing some of us were not flying for money as our poker strategies were a little short for the day. Nice variation in the standard old scoring system with everyone doing a little plotting and planning!

Great turnout. Thanks to Dan Fiedler for setup on the equipment and retriever, Keith Ragsdale for helping with the equipment and all the fliers for some great flying.

Thanks to Jason and Pesz for pictures.

Round two Feb. Floater

<u>Place</u>	<u>Score</u>
1. David Portwood	four nines
2. Jim Gibson	four sevens
3. Jason Hood	four threes
4. Steve Ehrlich	Full House
5. Ken Eaton	Full House
6. Tom Culmsee	Three tens
7. Tom Brightbill	3Three Eights
8. Sherrell Steinhauer	Three Sevens
9. John Long	Three fours
10. Dan Fiedler	Two Pair
11. Kevin Martin	Two Pair
12. Frank Bell	Two Pair
13. Mike Skeen	One Pair
14. Keith Ragsdale	One Pair
15. Terry Erickson	One Pair
16. Dave Johnson	Ten High
17. Roger Breedlove	Ten High



PASS 2011 Contest Schedule, rev. 2 1-1-11

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
9:30 AM
Molalla River State Park

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

May 7 Sat

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

NWSS Vancouver Tune up

Mission, BC

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

Revision History as of 1-1-11

V2 Changes by Bob Nelson
April 23rd. Move contest to
Molalla River State Park
July 23rd. Move contest to
Molalla River State Park .
July 24th. Remove com
pletely - I'm only doing one
day
July 23rd HL contest starting at
09:00, at MRSP

-Added Montague Cross
country event.

-Added Cub Nuts, Septem-
ber, 10 and 11, 2011.



Portland Area Sailplane Society 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ AMA# _____
Write all names as you wish them to appear in the roster (e.g. David or Dave?)

Address _____ CD? (Y/N) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Do you want your email address included on the PASS webpage? Yes No

Spouse or SO _____ LSF# / Level _____ / _____

Radio Frequencies _____

Additional Family Members

1. Name _____ AMA# _____
 LSF# / Level _____ / _____ Radio Frequencies _____

2. Name _____ AMA# _____
 LSF# / Level _____ / _____ Radio Frequencies _____

3. Name _____ AMA# _____
 LSF# / Level _____ / _____ Radio Frequencies _____

Dues	Full year	after 3/31	after 6/30	after 9/30
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior - under 19 - includes newsletter	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual - includes newsletter	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$7.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Family - same address - includes 1 newsletter	\$35.00	\$26.25	\$17.50	\$8.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter only	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$ 7.50	\$3.75
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 Additional for new member - one time fee for name badge — Name(s) as you wish it to appear: _____				

\$ **TOTAL PAID** _____

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(sent by US Mail)

Make check payable to: Portland Area Sailplane Society
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Tom Culmsee
P.O. Box 805
Gresham OR 97030

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:

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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 Sun

Scale Aerotow
Jim Gibson
503-669-7271

10:00

Hollin Airport, Brooks

June 14 to 18, Tues. thru Sat.

Montague X-Country

Montague, CA

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

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9:00

Willamette Turf Farm

July 4th July Weekend**July 2 Sat**

NWSS

Sun Fly

Pasco, WA

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NWSS

Sun Fly

Pasco, WA

July 9 Sat

F5B (Electric)

Don Pesznecker

503-659-9624

10:00

Willamette Turf Farm

NWSS

Soar at Paradise

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11:00

location TBD

NWSS

Soar Korey

Carnation, WA

July 17 Sun

NWSS

Soar Korey

Carnation, WA

July 23 Sat

NWSS HLG

Bob Nelson

503-645-5313

Molalla River St Park

July 24 Sun**July 30 Sat**

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Scale Masters

July 31 Sun

Scale Masters

August 6 Sat

NWSS Thermal Search

Kevin Martin

503-644-3287

10:00

Willamette Turf Farm

August 7 Sun

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Kevin Martin

503-644-3287

10:00

Willamette Turf Farm

August 13 Sat

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August 14 Sun

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10:00

Willamette Turf Farm

August 20 Sat

Hand Launch

Richard van Dijk

360-891-2188

9:30

Molalla River St Park

NWSS

Dennis Otter Mem.

Carnation, WA

August 21 Sun

Scale Aerotow

Jim Gibson

503-669-7271

10:00

Hollin Airport, Brooks

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:

K8 waiting for tow!

- **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.**



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