

WEST WIND

NEWSLETTER OF THE PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY



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Club Contest update

The official in charge of the PASS 2010 DDWS challenge has fled to Canada and taken with him all of the registration fees and prize money. Authorities are working to bring him back to face the club members and give an update regarding the status of the challenge.

Bruce Rose, CD 09-07-2010

Aug. 5, 2010

The flight points calculated out to 322 (Dave Johnson was witness to the math).

Specifications: Wing span = 17.75"
 Plane weight = 0.8 oz.
 Battery weight = 0.9 oz.
 Mah to recharge the battery = 641
 Time aloft = 1hr. 35 min. and 15 seconds

Robin Robinson

Sept. 5, 2010

Mini wingspan (thermal category)

I've been working on thermal time for about a week now. All I have managed to get is 21 minutes of air time with 17 and 1/2 inches of wing span. That calculates to 74 points. I will continue to work on more thermal points until October when I will go for the slope portion of the contest.

Robin Robinson

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PASS Meeting Notice for Sept. 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

Ripped Up By Those Thermals

Eugene Contest Report, Held August 28th and 29th

By Tom Culmsee

Once again the skies in Eugene were filled with gliders being sucked up into the stratosphere and pilots loving every minute of it. This year there was a tale of two days as Saturday there was a bit of wind, which didn't affect the strength of those legendary thermals, and Sunday was mild but still wild. No one lost their planes out-of-sight but David Portwood lost his best flying Supra to a mysterious radio problem and he had to pull it out of the deep swamp mud behind the east tree line. Fortunately that was the only loss or damage, even after the egg bust event on Sunday morning, won by Dan Fiedler with a direct nose strike . . . ewww messy! Congratulations to all the winners (below) and cheers to all that attended the Saturday evening Corn Feed, wow was it good this year.

Thanks again go to the EGGS crew of Steve Ehrlich, Frank Bell, Ken Eaton and especially Jason Hood for preparing the field so beautifully, to Scott Goodman for hosting the Saturday evening "Corn Feed" and to EGGS founder Barrett Jones for moral support. Thanks also to Cathy Boysen for awards preparation and Sandie & Jim Pugh for taking care of getting the food and the design and fabrication of the Egg Bust Master award shirt.

Final Scores

place	total	rnd-1	rnd-2	rnd-3	rnd-4	rnd-5	rnd-6	rnd-7	rnd-8	rnd-9	rnd10	pilot
R.E.S.												
1	9392	845	917	980	952	931	855	963	964	989	996	Richard Van Dijk
2	8159	825	979	263	388	938	975	954	956	891	990	Jim Pugh
3	7652	960	923	702	236	804	865	869	923	566	804	Art Boysen
4	7529	943	313	770	484	794	910	977	822	797	719	Dan Fiedler
5	2949						438	944	842	402	323	Kevin Martin*
Expert												
1	9449	985	990	977	991	969	990	994	986	611	956	Dave Johnson
2	9287	938	1000	970	981	996	508	956	980	991	967	David Portwood
3	9192	748	990	973	988	854	750	981	986	991	931	Tom Culmsee
4	8937	880	910	977	938	971	970	971	953	692	675	Chris Brundege
5	8773	923	837	969	955	929	458	929	995	972	806	Art Boysen
6	8052	780	798	809	423	742	908	952	738	919	983	Richard Van Dijk
7	8014	560	985	969	988	833	948	721	983	225	802	Tom Brightbill
8	1103	385	154	109	192	263						Ray Cooper*
9	870						870					Sandie Pugh**
Competitor												
1	8436	938	967	836	473	560	953	985	977	978	769	Ken Eaton
2	8406	980	988	975	636	946	958	548	975	923	477	Dan Fiedler
3	7344	968	688	581	986		953	979	941	838	410	Jason Hood
4	7222	710	529	922	991	338	703	983	989	553	504	Keith Ragsdale
5	6697	623	438	844	614	881	308	938	652	597	802	Frank Bell
6	4896						983	994	950	981	988	Steve Ehrlich*
Two Meter												
1	9567	978	967	991	992	877	990	990	972	931	879	Tom Brightbill
2	9383	970	973	966	952	627	968	971	986	989	981	David Portwood
3	8554	830	927	664	958	992	928	992	388	956	919	Tom Culmsee
4	8049	633	912	989	433	906	988	410	958	905	915	Chris Brundege
5	7372	743	821	381	788	540	885	415	884	992	923	Jason Hood
6	6847	753	635	942	594	369	988	662	522	584	798	Keith Ragsdale

* single day

** girly'd out

Valuable Item found on EBAY auction, see pg 4 for pics.

Item specifics

Pre-owned: An item that has been used or worn previously. See the seller's listing for full details and description of any imperfections. [See all condition definitions- opens in a new window or tab...](#) [Read more about the condition](#)

Condition: Swamp

Main Color: Sweaty Beige **Size:** Pin Head

Material: Some Weird Material

Time left: 6d 05h (Aug 31, 2010 23:25:48 PDT)

Price: US \$19.95

Formerly Owned by Model Soaring Legend (in his own mind) David Portwood

Protects your pasty white skin from the sun's harmful rays, see pic.

This is a creepy & crappy example of a one-time jaunty radio controlled model soaring hat with wide brim and cheap shoe laces for a chin strap. The design vaguely recalls the Australian Outback, but probably more appropriately gives the impression of "Arkansas Swamp." Worn for a couple of pathetic flying seasons, dirty and ready to wear by the unfortunate loser who buys it. It would take a moron to wear this who weighs at least 250 lbs. and have a size "pin" head.

Gamma's Guarantee

No guarantees on this one, if you are not completely satisfied with your purchase, tough luck . . . you own it.

Shipping

Free ground shipping on this item to USA customers via UPS as we can't wait to get rid of this. Expedited shipping available if you beg. Export locations pay calculated shipping.

Payment

We accept Paypal or any major credit card. If you wish to pay using a credit card, please contact us to make necessary arrangements. Winning bidder must respond to Ebay checkout email within 72 hours of auction ending. Winning bidder must submit payment within 7 days of auction ending.

GOOD LUCK

Code - foolish purchase

Warning.. Graphic images!

Local well known RC sailplane flier inadvertently misplaces valuable personal item only to find it being auctioned off on EBAY.



Tom Fowler had an exciting day test flying his new F5B Twister III recently. The plane trailed smoke across the field until it landed safely. The plane survived but the crispy critters below did not.



Sept. 4, 2010 F5B Report

Dan Fiedler, CD

Saturday Sept. 4 was a great F5B day. The weather was not hot and not cold with a mild wind out of the north and the sun at our backs for launch.

We had 7 competitors. 1 on 10 cell, 1 on speed 400, and 5 on 7 cells, and everyone flew very consistent through out the day.

Martin Baumer, the newbie to F5B, improved his legs all day long (Good job Martin).

We did have one mishap when I was timing for Tom Fowler and on his 17 leg in the first round we all watched his brand new Twister just fly away with complete radio failure and crash at the far end of the A field (Sorry Tom).

Now for the best part of the day, Roger Breedlove kept our heart rates up with some outstanding aerobatics with his F5B Tiger. It seems that when on landing approach and full flaps down, it is a big mistake to turn the motor ON. His Tiger did a very fast half loop to inverted flight and with Roger's Lightning fast reflexes (for his age), it then did a full loop just missing the ground by inches then up and to finish off his outstanding climax with a roll to upright flight and then a perfect landing. (Nice save Roger!). PS. There were some other nice aerobatics in there but it all happened so fast that my brain couldn't analyze all the action.

Thank you all for coming and your support.

Dan Fiedler

<u>Results</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 st Dan Fiedler	2,000
2 nd Jim Gibson	1,859
3 rd Don Wilson	1,776
4 th Terry Erickson	1,771
5 th Roger Breedlove	1,764
6 th Martin Baumer	1,684
7 th Tom Fowler	238

CD, Dan Fiedler, trying to convince three grizzled old racing veterans to quit cutting the far pylon turn. Body language sez "No Way, we are cutting it!"



F5B Contest pictures by Dan Fiedler

Just another day on the farm. The contest tension was almost peaked on the amp meter!!!



New technology in props shown below... Saw Toothed Leading edge. Was used by the F5D racers at the Muncie Nationals. Sure makes a different sound. There is no truth to the rumor that a couple local F5B fliers are making a tub of curly fries at home!



Pictures from the F5B Nationals at Muncie by Don Wilson

Don did not fly but said he had a great time!

Bernie Wolfard, long time PASS member-at-large and chief support engineer for Castle Creations, was on hand for the nationals this year. Steve Neu with his plane... Autographed.



Team USA with Bernie.

The first place Swiss team.



PASS Contest Schedule

September**Labor Day Weekend 4, Sat**

F5B (Electric)
Don Pesznecker
503-659-9624
10:00
Kuenzi Farms
NWSS

N. Idaho Championships
Farragut, ID

September**Labor Day Weekend 5, Sun**

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September 11, Sat

Air Show Hood River
September 12, Sun

September 18, Sat

NWSS Tournament
Tom Culmsee
503-667-4532
Tri-cities, WA

Cub Nuts

September 19, Sun

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September 25, Sat

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

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

Fall electric FPMC

September 26, Sun**October 2, Sat**

Visalia Fall Fest

October 3, Sun

Visalia Fall Fest

October 9, Sat

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

October 10, Sun

Hand Launch
Keith Ragsdale
503-521-0817
9:30
Molalla River St Park

October 16, Sat

RES
Kevin Martin
503-644-3287
10:00
Willamette Turf

October 17, Sun

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

October 23 Sat

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

October, 24 Sun**October, 30 Sat****October, 31 Sun****November, 6 Sat****November, 7 Sun****November, 1 Sat**

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

November, 14 Sun**November, 20 Sat****November, 21 Sun****November, 27 Sat****November, 28 Sun**

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 Member pictures

Jim Riggle with his nice WW II bird.... Flew great on first flight!



Amy Pool and Kirby Parker



Don Pesznecker and Doug Boyd



Terry Erickson sez "You think I look bad, you should see that garbage can!" (by Tom C)



The aero-tow launch committee! Bob Sterett, Bob Beardsley and John Long.



Pictures from Eugene Rippin' Thermals Contest by Jason Hood

The gang of contestants, Richard van Djik, Sandie Pugh, Frank Bell, Scott Goodman (dinner host) with Ray and Sally Cooper.



Pictures from Eugene Rippin' Thermals Contest by Jason Hood

In order from top down Ken Eaton, Keith Ragsdale, Chris Brundage, Jason Hood, Tom Brightbill, Barrett Jones and Tom Culmsee, CD





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