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## NEWSLETTER OF THE PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY



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### Club Meeting Notices

Bruce Rose, President

### October 14 PASS Indoor Swap Meet

The annual PASS indoor swap meet will be held during the regular meeting on Tuesday, October 14 at Round Table Pizza. This will be a great opportunity to allow fellow club members to take possession of some of the aircraft you are no longer flying or to assume the responsibility of completing the project that has been cluttering your hobby area. Be sure to come early and bring some spending money.

### Nominations for PASS Officers

It is that time of year again when the leaves turn color, the weather gets cooler and thoughts of PASS members turn toward the nominations of club officers for the next year. The existing slate of officers agreed to have their names on the ballot for 2009 (President, Bruce Rose; Vice-President, Jim Gibson; Secretary, Tom Fowler; Treasurer, Tom Culmsee). Additional nominations are desired for all of the positions. The board of director's position held by Chris Brundege is also open and will need to have some names submitted.

### October 14 PASS CD's Meeting

The annual PASS CD meeting will be held at 8:00 on Tuesday, October 14 at Round Table Pizza; the second half of the regular club meeting. The contest and fun-fly calendar for 2009 will be created during this meeting. All are welcome to participate. Please contact Amy Pool (503-262-8357, [eastwind@aracnet.com](mailto:eastwind@aracnet.com)) for more information.

**PASS Meeting Notice for October.** The next regular club meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th, 7:30 PM at the Pizza place!

**Round Table Pizza**, 10070 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland, OR 97219

503-245-2211

## Indoor Contests Report

By Bruce Rose

### The PASS 2008 indoor competition for composite aircraft has been completed.

The two winners were Bruce Alber (fixed wing) and Scott 'Visitor' (rotary wing). Bruce took home a nearly new, but slightly modified, composite ARF biplane and Scott won a carefully tuned composite ARF helicopter.

During the August meeting Bruce Rose brought an Air Hogs Nano Hawk indoor, pusher biplane with rudder and throttle control. The winner of the competition was the person who could land the plane the closest to the launch point. The ventilation system in the room was on and created a wind hazard for many of the contestants. Before the start of the contest Bruce Alber decided that the alignment of the aircraft was not optimized and dropped a window shade on the plane. Fortunately, nothing was broken and the plane was still flyable. The final results were: Bruce Alber – 7', Robin Robinson – 8', Joe Diorio and Keith Ragsdale – 10', Tom Gist – 11' and Tom Fowler – 19'.

For the second half of the indoor competition in September, Bruce Rose brought an Air Hogs Havoc indoor foam helicopter with yaw and throttle control to the September meeting. The winner of this competition was the person who landed the helicopter the closest to the target in the shortest

time. The final results were: Scott 'Visitor' – 2 ft-sec, Mitch Bernards – 7 ft-sec, Lowell Wetzel – 17 ft-sec, Bruce Alber – 139 ft-sec. After the contest Scott generously gave the helicopter which he had won to Mitch Bernards.

One of my favorite jokes.... Stolen from an AMA magazine long ago!



## NWSS End of Year Tourney

Tom Culmsee, CD

2008 Tournament, prelims Sept. 13/14, 2008 Woodburn, OR

Final standings after 11 rounds, Open class

place	total	rnd-1	rnd-2	rnd-3	rnd-4	rnd-5	rnd-6	rnd-7	rnd-8	rnd-9	rnd10	rnd11	pilot	pilot name
1	9931	995	993	0	995	976	995	997	988	998	997	997	E	Kelly Johnson
2	9790	923	979	990	983	0	986	986	985	974	998	986	E	David Portwood
3	9712	995	824	988	993	974	986	0	988	995	981	988	E	Doug Buchanan
4	9685	995	991	995	0	812	995	993	968	950	988	998	E	Amy Pool
5	9624	958	0	991	995	984	974	924	955	995	855	993	E	Tom Brightbill
6	9608	985	0	807	993	979	993	998	968	993	997	895	E	Bill Hanson
7	9514	965	803	952	998	998	0	997	985	847	983	986	E	Doug Coleman
8	9429	990	966	0	984	922	891	969	758	986	979	984	E	Duane Cassidy
9	9344	960	922	974	972	912	0	964	995	986	664	995	E	Les Grammer
10	9244	963	974	0	990	966	512	990	995	878	986	990	E	Jim Frahm
11	9227	950	629	910	0	979	879	991	980	988	940	981	E	Sandie Pugh
12	9187	978	984	0	824	990	852	884	740	983	983	969	E	David Webb
13	9131	973	953	959	979	972	812	0	883	650	988	962	E	Kevin Martin
14	9013	663	691	981	997	978	0	821	990	976	1000	916	E	Tom Culmsee
15	8931	985	881	662	902	986	0	712	970	955	983	895	E	Steve Adams
16	8925	985	974	0	828	816	883	991	960	991	988	509	E	Jim Pugh
17	8808	933	984	0	526	488	967	979	975	976	983	997	E	Chris Brundage
18	8356	833	817	967	909	0	809	819	740	819	817	826	E	Harold Ochs
19	8227	865	867	957	0	962	488	528	998	624	962	976	C	Richard Van Dijk << top competitor
20	8210	978	691	969	434	514	772	0	918	990	966	978	C	Jim W. Gibson
21	8193	950	0	983	676	591	629	921	733	960	819	931	E	Kirby Parker
22	8026	965	1000	0	462	407	572	690	983	991	972	984	E	Lee Urbaniak
23	7989	930	978	976	0	988	493	752	883	905	553	531	C	Kenneth Eaton
24	7344	970	533	443	974	0	824	707	715	821	369	988	E	Art Boysen
25	6886	933	0	479	803	322	728	610	725	776	807	703	C	Sue Sayers
26	6380	568	781	578	648	812	617	0	978	343	395	660	E	Ray Cooper
27	6198	975	493	516	0	347	812	716	523	457	957	402	C	Robin Kirkpatrick

## NWSS Tourney 2008 Finals by Tom Culmsee, CD

### NWSS Tournament 2008, Finals Sept. 14, 2008 Woodburn, OR

Final standings after 5 rounds

place total rnd-1 rnd-2 rnd-3 rnd-4 rnd-5 pilot pilot name

#### Open class

1	4778	910	1000	993	900	975	E	David Portwood
2	4717	920	968	1000	934	895	E	Duane Cassidy
3	4665	870	990	859	991	955	E	Tom Brightbill
4	4634	955	742	987	1000	950	E	David Webb
5	4579	905	993	1000	711	970	E	Amy Pool
6	4513	920	987	736	1000	870	E	Doug Buchanan
7	4444	930	1000	1000	574	940	E	Bill Hanson
8	4413	875	1000	990	573	975	E	Les Grammer
9	4243	855	455	993	1000	940	E	Kelly Johnson
10	4151	960	719	968	524	980	E	Doug Coleman
11	3920	980	584	744	652	960	E	Jim Frahm
12	3404	610	666	924	434	770	E	Sandie Pugh

### **Congratulations to the 2008 NWSS Tournament winners!**



**2008 NWSS Tourney Pictures** by Kelly Johnson

**First things first, fixing the fiberglass palace!**



**CD, Tom Culmsee giving it a throw.**



**Amy landing right on the string!**



**Proof that body english helps....**



## 2008 PASS Contest Calendar version A (1/1/08)

<u>January</u>		26-27	<b>NWSS HANDLAUNCH</b> 9:30am, Blue Lake Park Bob Nelson, 503-645-5313	12, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza
8, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza			17, Sun	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Willamette Sod Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624
26, Sat	<b>HANDLAUNCH</b> 11am, Molalla River Terry Erickson, 503-982-0792	<u>May</u> 3-4	<b>CELEBRATION OF SILENT FLIGHT</b> <i>Washougal, WA</i> Jerry Holcomb, 360-892-7732	23-24	<b>RIPPIN' THERMALS</b> 10am, Eugene Tom Culmsee, 503-667-4532
26, Sat	<b>PASS-OUTING</b> 7pm, Buster's BBQ Tom Culmsee, 503-667-4532	10, Sat	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Willamette Sod Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624	<u>September</u>	
RSVP				9, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza
<u>February</u>		13, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza	13-14	<b>NWSS TOURNAMENT</b> 8:20, St. Paul Tom Culmsee, 503-667-4532
2, Sat*	<b>OPEN SLOPE RACE</b> <i>(anything races!)</i> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858	17-18	<b>KURATH MEMORIAL 2-METER/RES</b> 9:15am, Blue Lake Park Amy Pool, 503-381-8999c	20, Sat	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Willamette Sod Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624
	<i>*contest may be moved to 2/9, 2/16, or 2/23 due to wind/weather conditions</i>	31, Sat	<b>SLOPE FUN FLY / WORKSHOP</b> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858	27, Sat	<b>SLOPE FUN FLY / WORKSHOP</b> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858
All Sun	<b>FEBRUARY FLOATER</b> 10am, St. Paul	<u>June</u>			
3, 10		1, Sun	<b>HANDLAUNCH GLIDER</b> 9:30am, Molalla River Terry Erickson, 503-982-0792	<u>October</u>	
17, 24	Bob Sterett, 503-364-5915 Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624	10, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza	4-5	<b>EQUINOX ELECTRIC</b> <i>Washougal, WA</i> Jerry Holcomb, 360-892-7732
12, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza	14, Sat	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Willamette Sod Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624	12, Sun	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Willamette Sod Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624
<u>March</u>		21, Sat	<b>THERMAL DEATHMATCH</b> 9:00am, Willamette Sod David Portwood, 503-381-6992c	14, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> <i>2009 planning meeting will follow club meeting</i> Round Table Pizza
1, Sat	<b>SLOPE FUN FLY / WORKSHOP</b> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858	28-29	<b>LSF THERMALITIS</b> 9am, Blue Lake Tom Culmsee, 503-667-4532	18, Sat	<b>RUDDER/ELEV/SPOILER (RES)</b> 10am, Blue Lake Kevin Martin, 503-644-3287
11, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza	<u>July</u>		<u>November</u>	
15, Sat	<b>SLOPE COMBAT</b> 11am, location TBD Bruce Alber, 503-799-1428c	8, Tue	<b>Club Meeting</b> <b>FUN FLY AND SWAP MEET</b> Blue Lake Park afternoon till dark	1, Sat	<b>60-INCH SLOPE RACE</b> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858
22, Sat*	<b>OPEN SLOPE RACE</b> <i>(anything races!)</i> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858	12-13	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Willamette Sod Farm Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624	11, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza
	<i>*contest may be moved to 3/29 or 4/5 due to wind/weather conditions</i>	19, Sat*	<b>OPEN SLOPE RACE</b> <i>(anything races!)</i> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858	15, Sat	<b>SLOPE COMBAT</b> 11am, location TBD Bruce Alber, 503-799-1428c
30, Sun	<b>SLEEP-IN-HANDLAUNCH</b> 12 NOON, Molalla River Amy Pool, 503-381-8999c		<i>*contest may be moved to 8/16 or 9/6 due to wind/weather conditions</i>	<u>December</u>	
<u>April</u>		26-27	<b>HANDLAUNCH GLIDER</b> 9am, Blue Lake Park Bob Nelson, 503-645-5313	9, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza
6, Sun	<b>THERMAL MULTITASK</b> 9am, Salem Amy Pool, 503-381-8999c	<u>August</u>			
8, Tue	<b>Club Meeting, 7pm</b> Round Table Pizza	2-3	<b>CROSS COUNTRY</b> 10am, Perrydale XC site		
12, Sat	<b>F5B ELECTRIC</b> 10am, Salem Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624	9-10	<b>THERMALSEARCH</b> 9am, Blue Lake Kevin Martin, 503-644-3287		
19, Sat	<b>RUDDER/ELEV/SPOILER (RES)</b> 10am, location TBD Bob Sterett, 503-364-5915				
20, Sun	<b>60-INCH SLOPE RACE</b> 11am, location TBD Del DeLashmutt, 503-771-8858				

**28 SEPTEMBER F5B RESULTS**

Don Pesznecker, CD

The sanctioned F5B contest was all set for the 21<sup>st</sup> and some of us actually showed up, even though the weather was not all that good. CD Pesz (me) made the decision to wait it out for an hour and a firm decision would be made. 30 minutes into the time I called the contest. Wind was 10 to 15 out of the north and then it started to rain, real time. About Tuesday the weather looked real good for the following Sunday, so we rescheduled for the next Sunday.

We restarted on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect. If anything it may have been a bit warm in the afternoon but we will accept that. We had 6 fliers turn out and things went smoothly. Don Wilson gave us a helicopter demo before and after the contest-- he must practice a lot. Dan Fiedler had a hard landing and loosened the motor mount on his first flight and even so he won the round. He then went to work repairing the airplane for the second round that he also won and did I mention Dan also won the third round. This proves that old theory about practice. Check the listed results for the rest because it is very interesting.

We have one more contest this year weather permitting. See ya there.

NAME	LEGS	TIME	MOT	LAND SCORE	TOTAL	
Dan Fiedler	26	170	0	10	1000	
7 cell	28	179	1	30	1000	
	28	174	1	0	1000	2000
Richard Van Dijk	8	179	9	20	996	
Speed 400	6	171	7	20	872	
	7	176	15	30	967	1963
Pesz	28	177	4	0	934	
10 cell	32	178	1	20	965	1899
Roger Breedlove	22	175	6	0	909	
7 cell	22	155	4	0	808	
	22	180	5	20	934	1843
Don Wilson	22	175	7	10	925	
7 Cell	23	179	8	0	857	
	22	178	7	0	899	1824
Jim Gibson	16	171	5	30	761	
10 Cell	18	176	8	0	688	
	14	173	0	20	703	1464

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.

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## Club Pictures

Dave Dennison's Sparky, flies as nice as it looks!



Alan Halleck showing off his newly painted van with a nicely done mural by club member, Joel Benson at the first Aero Tow event this year.



More 2008 NWSS Tourney Pictures by Kelly Johnson

Amy after a great flight!



David Portwood, first place winner!



Now that is a launch! Great field and great weather.



# September Aero Tow Pictures

Thanks to Jim Gibson, CD for the pictures.



September Aero Tow Pictures

Pilots meeting



The big tow Cub, currently in shop for repairs.



Great field and flight line.



This is hard work!



Inside Jim Riggle's Traveling Toy Box!



David Portwood after 1 hour flight.





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# Upcoming Events:

## October

### **EQUINOX ELECTRIC**

*Washougal, WA*

*Jerry Holcomb, 360-892-7732*

### **FSB ELECTRIC**

10am, Willamette Sod

Don Pesznecker, 503-659-9624

### **Club Meeting, 7pm**

*2009 planning meeting*

*will follow club meeting*

Round Table Pizza

### **RUDDER/LEV/SPOLLER**

(RES)

10am, Blue Lake

Kevin Martin, 503-644-3287

## November

1, Sat

### **60-INCH SLOPE RACE**

11am, location TBD

Del Delashmutt, 503-771-8858

### **Club Meeting, 7pm**

Round Table Pizza

### **SLOPE COMBAT**

11am, location TBD

Bruce Alber, 503-799-1428c

11, Tue

15, Sat

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