

Home of the Fly-A-Ways R/C Club

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The Inside Loop



Safety is our most important Product!

Preflight, Preflight, Preflight! Saved a plane Friday the 16th. One Aileron out of three not functioning. The servo plug had fallen out of the distribution panel, two engine mounting bolts were missing and a tail brace was loose.

LEVELS OF CONCENTRATION



INTENSE

How did I get between the power lines?



SEMI-EXCITED

Should I drop my Skydiver now?



WIND MODE

See, with a 20 mph wind I can backup!



FOOD MODE

You ran out of what?



RELAXED

What a nice day..



SUPER RELAXED

Dude it's 101, I'm not moving.

**The next meeting is:
Monday, July, 17th**

General Meeting 7:00 pm



I want to show you guys something. This is picture of what I have to put up with in my back yard. Man let me tell you this is one ugly cat.

See ya all next month...
Sq Earl

Fly-A-Ways Annual Fun Fly
June 17th, 2006

This years Annual Fun Fly as it turned out, set a record or near record for participation. Twenty two entries came out to enjoy the good weather and have a fun day flying.

Three events made up the contest, and this year Tony Thomasian flying an electric took top honors. The spot landing event put Tony on top while Bruce Graham scored 19.9 points in the 2 minute event with a 1 minute 59 second flight, as close as you can get without hitting 2 minutes right on the nose.

The big raffle prize, a G.P. Ryan ST ARF, donated in part by Bill Bohringer, was won by Arnold Sohlstrom. Pilot prizes in excess of \$300 including Gift Certificates donated By TAMMIES HOBBIES and R/C MODELER NORTHWEST were awarded in order of finish.

The top three in order of finish were:

Tony Thomasian, First place.

Wayne Clift, Second place.

Ron Bacon, Third place.

The BB-Q was again a big hit with Dogs beating out Burgers this year. A special thanks go to Leslie Couch and Carole Graham for feeding the hungry participants and guests. Leslie's Watermelon Fruit Salad Plane (see photo below) was a big hit again this year.

A special treat was the Chow Mien and Spring rolls provided by Arnold Sohlstrom's wife.

Thanks to all entrants and guests, your participation is the key to survival of the club.

Thanks to all who helped out, judges, timers, ticket sellers, and the food crew you all did a fine job and made the contest the success it was.

Safe and Happy Flying see you at the Cub Day / War Bird event August 26th...



SW Idaho Regional Scalemasters' Qualifier

The SW Idaho Regional Scalemasters' Qualifier was held June 23-25 in Nampa, just west of Boise. Don Schaefer (OMAS), Fay, and I drove over together. Fay and I knew it was going to be a good trip because as we headed over to pick up Don there was a pair of bald eagles flying over downtown Hillsboro...a great omen. And what a fun trip. We stopped in Union to see some friends and had a wonderful dinner before heading on to Nampa. The sun was out, we had a tail wind throughout the ride over, and temperature was in the 90's. Other Oregon and ex-Oregon fliers arriving for the event included FAW ex-president Rick Dunn, Bill Ensley and Bernie Boland (OMAS team), Dick Hansen (Sky Knights) and Bob Racer (Sky Knights). Cindy was there with Rick and ex-pres Brett Hadley dropped in for a visit on both Friday afternoon and Saturday.

This was my first trip to Nampa. The flying site is built on top of an old landfill. It's surrounded by a school and a golf course. Parallel paved and manicured grass runways are on top of a bluff. The bluff drops down some 300 feet just on the far side of the grass....down to a portion of the golf course that wraps around the site and the inevitable new housing developments encroaching the golf course. So, you're flying with about 300-400 feet of open air below you except when coming in over the runways. The site has a reputation for interesting wind conditions that blow up the bluff...especially through a cut in the bluff that is in the path for final approach. BUT...not this weekend. Wind was light and variable.

There were 21 entries total. 8 in "Expert" including my SPAD and Rick's tried and true Navy Cub, 6 in "Team", and 7 in "Fun Class II" which was the Nampa version of what's supposed to be a new "Open Class" that allows ARF's into competition this year. I flew my Sopwith Pup in Fun II as my second entry. Friday is a day of set-up, registration, static judging, engine tests and flight tests. Saturday has 3 rounds of flying. Sunday has 2 rounds. Scalemasters' scoring in "Expert" and "Team" is the total of your static score (100 max) plus the average of your 3 best flight scores (100 max). A pilot qualifies for the Masters (Nationals) if he finishes in the top 3rd of a class. There's some interesting rules associated with determining what constitutes a "1/3" of the class, but I digress.

On to the flying. Two fun days. HOT!!!! No clouds. Temps in the high 90's to 100. Everyone was drinking lots of water. A few crashes...one dramatic. A Monocoupe lost radio control on the second flight Saturday and was splintered on the grass just past the spectator canopies...a bit close. A Zero went down on approach. A Corsair kept coming back for more...it flipped and lost the vertical fin on landing 1...was repaired and flew in round 3....ripped out the gear in round 3....repaired overnight and flew in round 4.....broke a link....didn't fly round 5. Rick had what looked like radio problems with the Cub that made him scratch round 3 on Saturday. An overnight "fix" looked good at first, but he had engine failure after take-off and floated back into the side of the bluff near the end of the runway....wing damage...disappointing...no round 5 for Rick. Lots of high flight scores Sunday morning in round 4 ...almost dead calm. Bernie Boland and Bill Ensley came from behind to place 1st in Team and also took high static with Bill's Stinson. Bernie came from behind with a Pitts and with a 97 flight score on Sunday took first in Fun II (which means he won the radio). I was pleasantly surprised with a 3rd place finish in Fun II with my Sopwith Pup. 1st in Expert went to Randy Matley flying a WWI Hanriot HD1. Nampa is Randy's home field. Dick Hansen and Bob Racer also qualified in Expert, Dick with a Nieuport 11 and Bob with a Sopwith 1&1/2 Strutter.

Scott E.



Rick & Cindy Dunn
Our good friends from Utah



Bill Ensley's Stinson...1st Place Team



Randy Matley with Harriot HD1....
1st Place Expert



Ready, Set, Go!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NOTICE TO MEMBERS WHO SMOKE

I have found cigarette butts on the ground both near the benches and around the pilot stations. The Club has containers for the disposal of cigarette butts attached to some of the benches.

The Club policy for garbage removal is "If you bring it you remove it" that also applies to cigarette butts.

Don Schultz, Secretary/Treasurer