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

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# The LOOP



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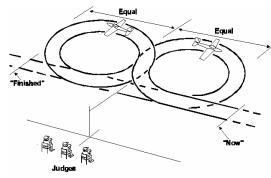
## **President's Soapbox**

Hey all you sport flyers out there. What have you been doing when you've been airborne lately.....flying around haphazardly....shooting random holes in the sky? If you want to improve your flying skills try putting some purpose into your flight. Try flying some maneuvers that you develop into a specific flight plan. You might find that this adds some challenge to your flight and gives you a reason to put that plane into the air.

You may find that it's a lot more difficult than you think to fly what should be a "simple" maneuver. Case in point is the Figure 8. This maneuver challenges you to make right and left turns using aileron and rudder, hold constant altitude throughout a considerable distance of flight, make each lobe of the "8" the same size, make each lobe of the "8" a circle, make the crossover point of the "8" directly in front of you, and do all of this while constantly adjusting for wind conditions.

## **Next Meeting**

Kinton Grange September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM Here's how you're supposed to do it.....



The model aircraft approaches in straight and level flight on a line parallel with the runway. Make a quarter circle turn away from the flight line, followed by a 360° turn in the opposite direction. This is followed by a 270° turn in the first direction to complete the maneuver on the original approach line. The intersection of the circles is at right angles to the direction of entry and directly in front of the pilot's station.

Many have tried it and many have failed. Many of us claim to have perfectly flown the Figure 8....in a font such as Desdemona (8) to



I'm just checking the area. Some where around here Sq Earl Jr. disappeared. No one is talking, Well the good thing is ole Jr. buried lots a nuts. See ya Sq Earl III lamely explain why the lobes of the "8" were so misshapen. Give it a shot to see if you can master the Figure 8. I'll guarantee that if you can consistently fly this maneuver in all wind conditions you are a GREAT FLYER!

Check out Scale Aero at www.scaleaero. com/fltmanl.htm for more details on the Figure 8 and many other scale flight maneuvers. Put together a flight plan and have a blast.

## Scott &

#### Dawn Patrol 2007

Dawn Patrol has now come and gone for another year. This is a theme event held every year for WWI and vintage aircraft. This year's event was held August 17, 18, and 19 at Grant Sharp's field in Molalla. Friday is a day of set-up, registration, and open flying. There are 2 heats of Classic Pylon Racing held on Saturday, along with open flying, then a 3<sup>rd</sup> heat of racing on Sunday, along with more open flying, pilot prizes, and raffle drawings.

The pylon racing has become quite popular. There are 3 classes of planes....1/4 scale classic racing planes of pre-WWI vintage, WWI war birds, and Proctor Antics. This year there were approximately 26 entries across the 3 classes. When there's no racing it's time for open flying...with no limit on the number of planes in the air at any time!! There are usually some nice mock dog fights and formation flying of similar aircraft. At one point I think there were 6 Sopwith's chasing 2 Fokker DRI's!! Planes are required to be scale, but ARF's are ok. 35 pilots were there this year, most

with multiple aircraft.

There's a traditional air raid to formally start the event at 6am (it is DAWN Patrol) on Saturday. The Northwest RC Association (NWRCA) has sponsored the event for 7 years, the last 4–5 years with the event held in Molalla. They will be back in Molalla next year. There are many excellent pilot prizes and raffles awarded on Sunday at the closing ceremonies. This year's raffle was for a Proctor kit of a Sopwith 1 ½ Strutter. Pilot prizes included a Proctor VK kit of a Fokker DRI, a Balsa USA ¼ scale SE5a, and a Balsa USA ¼ scale Spwith PUP. Pilots also vote for their favorite WWI and vintage aircraft, and for the most realistic flying by a pilot.

Check out the NWRCA website at www. nwrca-dawnpatrol.com for basic information and pictures. Photos from 2006 are currently posted. 2007 photos should be there soon.

#### Scott E

## **Evergreen Scale Rally Scale Masters Qualifier**

The Evergreen Scale Rally was held a Sharps Green Acers, Molalla, Oregon, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>. This was my first Scale Masters event so it was a learning experience. Fly A Ways members in attendance were Bob Beardsley, Kelly Martin, Cliff Pemberton and Don Schultz.

Our entire group participated in Fun Scale section. In Fun Scale you may fly ARF planes as long as it's a derivative of an actual full scale plane.

A slide show of photos is posted on the Website. You may find some interesting planes built by some of the worlds best.

Some of the good stuff. Thirteen pilots competed in the Fun Scale section. Bob Beardsley took third place, Kelly Martin was fourth. Rumor has it Bob received profanely mumbled congratulations from Kelly.

The bad news. One of our Canadian friends lost radio signal and crashed a scratch built Tiger Moth. Cliff Pemberton started a 1/2 Reverse Cuban Eight to low and flew into the cow pasture. With great presence he leaned over the Judges station and said "maneuver complete." Don Schultz did one of his famous "stall three feet above the runway" landings and destroyed the landing gear on his Cub.

The Scale Masters Qualifier was actually pretty relaxing event with a lot of sitting around, a lot of tail telling, you know, the first liar never had a chance. Then the was a lot of plane fixing, plane testing and finally the flying, three rounds on Saturday and two rounds on Sunday observed and scored by the worlds toughest Judges.

The food was great and there was an outdoor movie Friday and Saturday night. Everyone had a great time, I will be back next year and I hope to see more club members there.

Oh well it's time to go repair a Cub.

## Don S.

## Fly A Ways Club Day

Club Day is an organized fun fly day for all members. This years event was sponsored by the Kelly Martin Insurance Agency and Enochs Consulting, LLC. A hearty thank you from all the members.

On to what happened at our first <u>CLUB</u> <u>DAY</u>. The field was manicured for the event and really looked great. The Tail Trap pins were recovered with new foam insulation. Cliff Pemberton was the Master Chef and spent most of the day serving great burgers and sausage. Many of our members came to fly or to visit and watch. All of the program events had participants and I think a great time was had by all.

Lets get on to some specifics: the food,



Above is the real deal meal, we got chips, we got a big orange, we got cheese, we got lettuce, we got relish, we got mustard, where's the beef?

The day opened with the flag flyby with smoke on:



The first event was a balloon break. Six balloons pined to the runway. Joe Salus won this event with a one balloon break. Some of the smaller electrics made excellent contact with the balloons and the balloons won.

The second event was a ribbon cut. A ribbon was towed by the club trainer and the contestants attempted to fly after the trainer and cut the ribbon.



No one successfully cut the ribbon however Mike Carty won the event by getting a ribbon strike, the only one,

Don S.



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