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Safety is our most important Product!

Reversed ailerons are a common problem. Go completely through the Preflight Check List as described in the Training Manual before each flight, ***IT'S MANDATORY!***

President's Soapbox

Last month I visited the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers for a Scalemasters' event and came back with a story of how that club acquired a phenomenal new flying facility. This month I traveled back through Wenatchee and went further north into British Columbia for another Scalemasters' qualifier. That's where I met Jim Murdy, his wife Robin, and his Chihuahua, Gus. Jim was one of my neighbors in the pits. I met Robin and Gus on Sunday when they came to watch the competition. Gus had recently been stepped on by one of Jim's horses and had a big blue cast on one of his hind legs. The chickens at Jim's farm had been picking on him...they seemed to think the blue cast was fun to peck at. Robin took pity on him, and brought him to the contest to visit Jim and the rest of the flyers. He got a lot of sympathy from everyone, but got a little intimidated when he spotted the Rooster

squadron emblem (aka the "Angry Chicken") on the side of my SPAD. That's the local color part of the story. Now for the rest of the story.

This was Jim's first competition. He persevered through mechanical problems with a flexible muffler mount and I believe he flew all 6 rounds of the contest. What had drawn Jim to compete was the lure of scale modeling and what he described as the fun of flying a structured flight plan. He thought the discipline of flying a sequence of predetermined flight maneuvers challenged his flying skills and gave his flying purpose. He wasn't just shooting holes in the sky. He was really flying. The individual maneuvers challenged his flight skills. Stringing the maneuvers together into a coherent flight plan gave him purpose. This was fun. And that's the story.....try to make your flight more fun and give it purpose by flying a predetermined flight plan. Know what you are going to do before you take off.

Next Meeting
August 18,
CLUB DAY August 23



Hey guys, last week I hopped on MAX and went to the Micro Brew Beer Festival in the Peoples Republic of Portland. Plenty of free Beer Nuts and suds. Can't remember how I got back to Aloha. See ya.....

Sq Earl IV

You don't need to be a scale modeler, or be flying a scale model, to have a flight plan. If you are just learning to fly, the flight plan could be as simple as saying, "This time I'm going to take my trainer and fly ten ovals in a row and keep them all the same size and at the same altitude. If you have a fun fly plane you could fly a predetermined sequence of aerobatic maneuvers. If you have a scale plane you could fly a sequence of scale maneuvers. The key here is to knowing what you are going to do before you take off, rather than making stuff up as you fly. Knowing what you are going to do in advance puts you in control of the plane rather than the plane being in control of you.

Hmmmm, that almost sounds kind of Zen. Zen or not, I do believe that knowing what you are going to do does give you control, and is fun. Give it a try.

Let's fly! *Scott E.*

Editors Note: The Evergreen Scale Rally will be held at Green Acers in Molalla August 1 through 3, that's Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The best day to visit is Saturday. You will see some great scale planes and all the competitors like to talk about their babies if you have questions. Check our links page for the *Molalla Radio Control Association*.

Break-in at OMAS

The clubhouse at OMAS had a break-in on July 20. Thieves stole a very old and beat up club trainer. Please be on the lookout for a World Models Sky Raider MK1 with a red, white, and blue color scheme. The plane has an old Thunder Tiger .46 engine

and a Hitec Rx on 72 MHz channel 54. If you see something that you think might be it, let me or another club officer know and we can investigate. Scott E. (503) 662-3398.

Scott E.

Solo Certificates

The following Fly-A-Ways members have completed their flight training and have received their Solo Certificates. Congratulations to all of you for the effort you put into learning to fly remote controlled models. Have fun, Fly well and be safe.



Peter Renwick, June 18, 2008



James Walker, June 20, 2008
With his son Austen who is currently receiving flight instruction at the Club.



Richard Shipley, July 22, 2008
With Instructor Cliff Pemberton



Naren Rathod, July 27, 2008
With Instructor Hugh Christian

Still in training, all the rest of us who think we know how to fly. For the most part we just have fun and enjoy the hobby.

Have fun, fly often and be safe
Don S.

Oregon Results from Cliff P.

The British Columbia Scale Classic was held in Vernon B.C. on the weekend of July 18. The Portland area was well represented and brought home good results. 1st place expert, was Mike Brewer from Astoria with his Stinson V77, in 4th place was Dick Hansen, Portland with his Nieuport 11 and our President, Scott Enoch with his Spad brought home a respectable 6th place (only 4.42 pts from 1st). Rick Dunn flying a Hangar 9 1/4 scale Cub took 1st in the Open Class.

Oregon IMAA Event

Chap. 678 - "10th Annual Gathering of G.A.M.E." - September 6 & 7, 2008

Landing Fee \$15 registration 8am fly
9am - 5pm RV SF GR food and beverage
Located: Salem R/C Pilots Assn Field
Turner, OR I-5 South of Salem, OR Exit
248 East on Delany Rd - Turn right
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