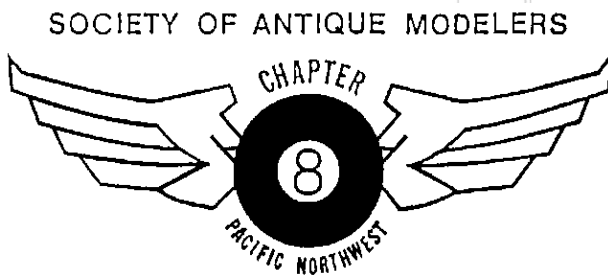


The Really Great SAM 8 Speaks



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Roster of the old dawgs....

STEVE DONA.....'THE PREZ'

WILL TILSE.....VICE PRESIDENT

DREW SMITH.....SECRETARY-TREASURER

BROOKE LINFORDSCRIBE OF THIS RAG....

Next Meeting: April 11, 2024 (Second Thursday of the Month)

Rainbow Café, 112 E. Main St., Auburn, WA, 10:30 am-1 pm (or thereabouts)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *COME ON SUMMER!*

With the recent days of "mostly sunshine", this writer is eagerly looking forward to some warmer weather. The shop is currently a mess with stuff piled everywhere but with the recent sunshine, I feel the urge to begin the arduous task of beginning the shop clean up. Current projects include repairing several models and building one or two new models for the upcoming contest season. Truth be told, I probably have more than enough models to fly.... Even if most of them require some sort of repair. For me, there is just nothing like a new model to pique one's interest in the upcoming year.

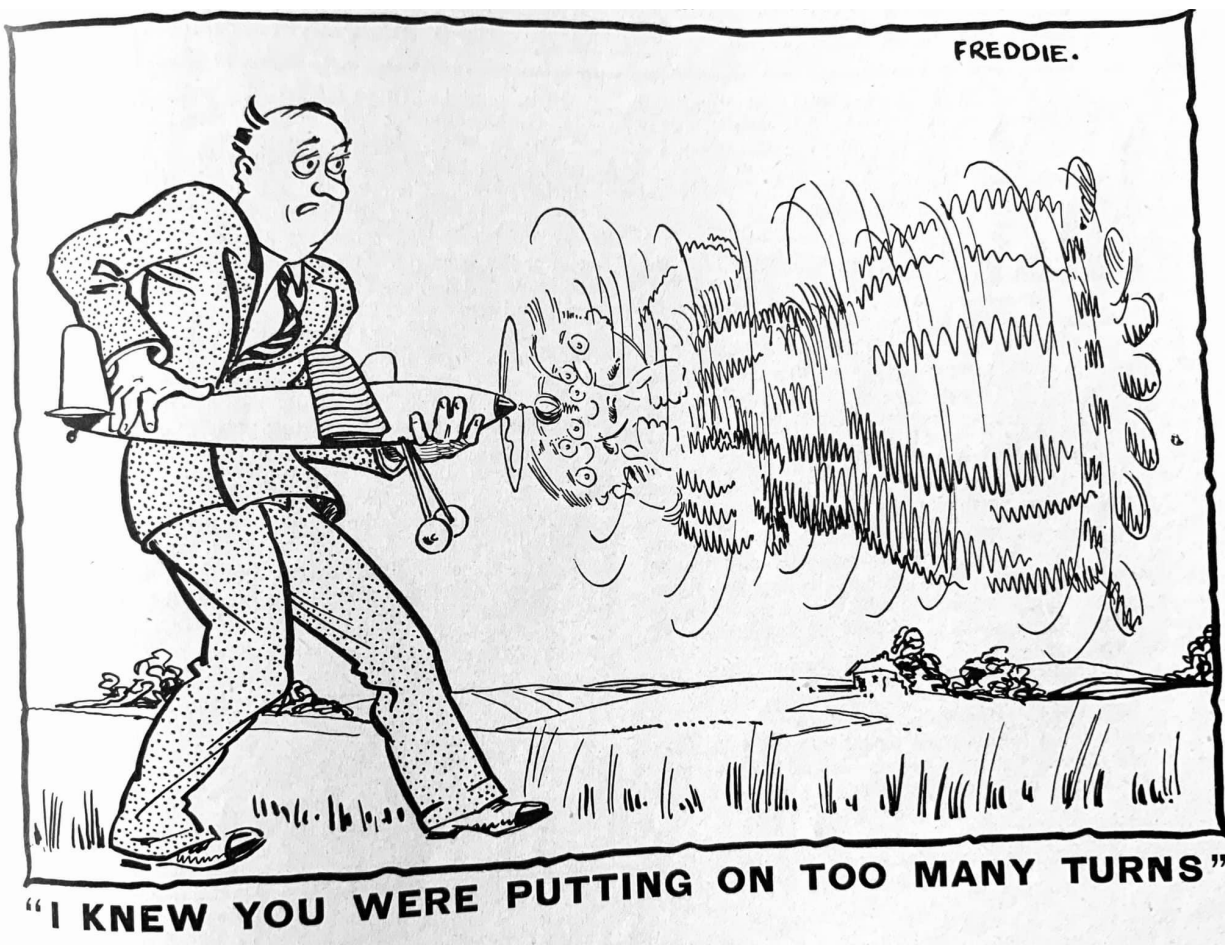
Part of this is the yearly gathering of supplies and stuff that we will need on the field. My go-to source for model fuel, Red Max, has now stopped production of fuel and this might cause a hiccup in the flying too. While I have regularly mixed my own diesel fuel, I have not tried to mix up flow fuel yet. Ignition fuel is SIMPLE as all you need is white gas and 70 weight oil. Regular car gas will do too but you need to be certain

that there is no corn alcohol in the mix as it will quickly ruin your precious plastic gas tank. Our recent misery meet revealed that both my brother Gord and I need a new power panel for starting our glow motors. These things are typically not difficult to buy but they are currently on back order and who knows when they will be available. Hopefully in time for our engine run day at Dave Cassell's.

My point in all of this is to prod everyone to begin thinking about the stuff that you will need for the upcoming contest season. While this list might range from rubber to glow fuel to the proper size prop for your model, all of this takes time to gather up. A bit of time spent now inventorying your models and field supplies will really pay off in the near future with better contests and trim sessions.

Tom Cashman was kind enough to send me a Kibbie Dome recap from back in 2000. It's quite a shock to realize that "just yesterday" is now 24 years ago. I called up my son and informed him that he is now nearly the same age as I was for this contest. It was a super contest with Three generations of Dona's competing. My dad and I flew Limited Penny Plan and Brother Gord flew LPP as well as Mini Stick. Both Gord and I flew Bostonian too if I recall. My son Aaron and both of Gord's boys, Matt and Jake competed as well. Goes to show! Each and every contest is important. See you out on the field!

Steve Dona, The Prez



SAM 8 Minutes for March 14, 2024

(attendance =24)

Mtg. start: 12:05pm

Mtg. end: 1:20pm(?)

“THE REALLY GREAT SAM 8, UP TO DATE, NEVER LATE AT THE GATE, OLD TIME FLYERS CLUB NOW COMES TO ORDER.”

With the sound of the horn and cow bells from Mr. Tilse, the meeting began with Will Tilse at the helm. Our prez Steve Dona took a miss on this month as he went to Utah on a skiing trip.

We have a couple of guests today, Glenn and Linda Grell graced us with their attendance.

Glenn asked about our making our contests National Cup Contests. Gordy Dona has the information on the status of this activity.

Will gave a recount on the February Misery Meet. About twelve guys showed up and nine guys entered. It rained for a moment or two but otherwise the Misery Meet wasn't miserable at all.

Here's a repeat of last months contest date information:

- For a road trip, San Valeer's Annual at Lost Hills, CA April 11th thru 14th
- NW Model Expo April 12th thru 14th. Some discussion on participation.
- SAM8 Engine Run Day on May 4th. Bring that cranky engine for all the help you need.
- Our own Spring Opener May 18th & 19th
- Tumalo OR for the June 15th & 16th Three Amigos Contest. Rubber only, no gas models.
- Our June Contest the 22nd & 23rd Saturday and Sunday
- Indoor Nats at the Kibbie Dome July 1st thru 5th
- Five-Days-In-Tangent Contest by WMC August 14th thru 18th
- WMC S.P.O.T. Contest, Silence Please and Old Timer Contest September 6th thru 8th
- WMC F.A.R.T. Contest, Fall Annual Recycle Trophy Contest September 27th thru 29th

Joe Hough had a balsa story. He is offering a large amount of various sizes for sale. He says he will wheel and deal on some or all. He's located in Des Moines. The phone number is 206-334-2740.

Glenn Grell related something he saw in SAM Speaks: a new event comprised of Free Flight Only. It is being held at a separate venue than the radio control events. Sacramento is the location and the date is September 19th – 22nd. Look on the SAM web site for more accurate information.

Show & Tell

Brooke Linford has a torque meter he built. He also brought his Mulvihill Trophy Winner.

Tom Cashman brought in a model called Flattop. He had covering / glue stories. He found a glue pen by Gorilla that works with water.

Nick Stratis posted his L-19 Bird Dog as a progress report. The wing is clamped on the Fuselage.

Rich Wegener brought in his Casano Stick.

David Higgins brought his no-name plane made from his own plans.

Free Lunch goes to: Tom Cashman

David Cassell

Ongoing topic: The subject of flying at 'Nick's Field' was brought up with the importance of notifying the owner of our intent before going there. This is a very important thing to do as the owner may have a reason the field may not be available. **Jose Torres phone # is: 360-500-0823**



2024 Old Time, Free Flight, Control Line and Club Meeting Announcement

Meeting held March 12, 2024, 6:00 PM at [Denny's at 1246 North Central Ave, Kent, WA.](#)

15 members were present including:

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| Mike Potter – President | John Knoppi |
| Kris Millard – Vice President | Randy Ling |
| Steven Holt – Secretary / Treasurer | John Lunz |
| Dave Gardner – Safety Officer | Trent Marvin |
| Jeff Byers | Jim McCartney |
| Rodney Claus | Jim Schneider |
| Bob Einhaus | Bob Welch |
| Steve Helmick | |

Mike Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Old Business:

Mike Potter and Jim McCartney provided status of the flying field at Thun Field. After two years of working in

concert with Thun Field and Pierce County to secure a flying field on airport property, that possibility has been delayed until the County and Airport make some decisions concerning the locations we had been discussing for club use. We will table any further discussion of this option until further notice.

New Business:

Steve Holt gave a Secretary and Treasury report noting our current membership of 28 paid members and financial activity for the past month. Steve is still accepting membership renewals and new memberships. Dues for AMA members are still \$25.00.

Mike Potter informed the club that he has been in contact with the city of Kent and has gained approval for the club to fly both electric or fuel at the Riverview Park along SR 167. There is no restriction requiring muffler use (as we are sited along a major freeway and noise is of no concern). So, we have an approved site to fly whenever we want seven days a week.

Dave Gardner provided a check to the club from profits for sales of the calendars. Thank you, Dave, for your support.

Important dates for Northwest Skyriders flyers are as follows:

- Monroe EXPO, April 13-14-15
- Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Portland, OR, Delta Park, April 26-27-28
- 51st Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg, OR, May 24-25-26
- Stunt-A-Thon Contest, June 22-23
- Northwest Skyriders Summer Swapmeet, July13
- R. F. Stevenson Raider Roundup Contest, September 7-8
- Ringmaster Flying Days, October 5-6
- Northwest Skyriders Winter Swapmeet, December 7th

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Our April meeting will be held at the Denny's at 1246 Central Ave N in Kent, WA on the second Tuesday evening of the month, April 9th. The dinner and socializing will start at 6:00 PM, followed by the formal meeting at 7:00 PM.

We are all looking forward to you joining us. We will be firming up our calendar of events for 2024 and reviewing status of the prospective flying sites for the club.

Warmest Regards,
Steve Holt
Secretary / Treasurer
Northwest Skyriders
425-757-7542 - mobile

Updated Rules for the Vintage Coupe Category

Below are the final Coupe Cup guidelines approved at the 3/09/24 WMC Meeting. Note the elimination of the 1970 rule and the requirement to replace carbon pieces with traditional materials.

Guidelines to qualify for the Coupe Cup:

- All wood construction plus other traditional materials. No carbon fiber.
- 70g. airframe weight, 10g. rubber, lubed.
- No cross-section requirement.
- For published designs the original prop dia. & type (single, double, folding, etc.) must be used.
- No ROG required, no landing gear or take off devices required.
- No auto surfaces or auto prop assemblies may be used even if included on the original design.
- Various prop hubs may be used (Montreal, Simple Torque, Teeny Torque, etc.).
- Original unpublished designs qualify, as do NEW original designs that meet the above guidelines.
- Models built from contemporary stick and tissue kits qualify, though any carbon fiber or non traditional materials included in the kit must be replaced with traditional materials.

Flight requirements:

- Five two-minute maxes, followed by consecutive 30 sec. increases per fly off flight.
- The best two scores from the three sanctioned WMC contests and the two sanctioned SAM 8 contests will qualify. The third best score will serve as a tie-breaker.

How to be included in the competition:

- The official event will be the long-standing "Coupe/A-1" event. ANY Coupe or A-1 towline glider is covered within this event.
- To qualify for the Coupe Cup simply note on your time card "C.C." certifying that your model complies with the guidelines above.
- When you turn in your time, assure your times are marked by the CD as C.C. on the event sheet. This will NOT impact your overall score in the Coupe/A-1 event.
- Club officers & CDs will carry Coupe Cup results separately & may post them at the contest table.
- The Coupe Cup will be awarded at the Fall Annual contest along with all the other annual awards .





Glenn and Linda Grell attended our March meeting.



Tom Cashman with his Flattop



Rich Wegener with his Casano Stick

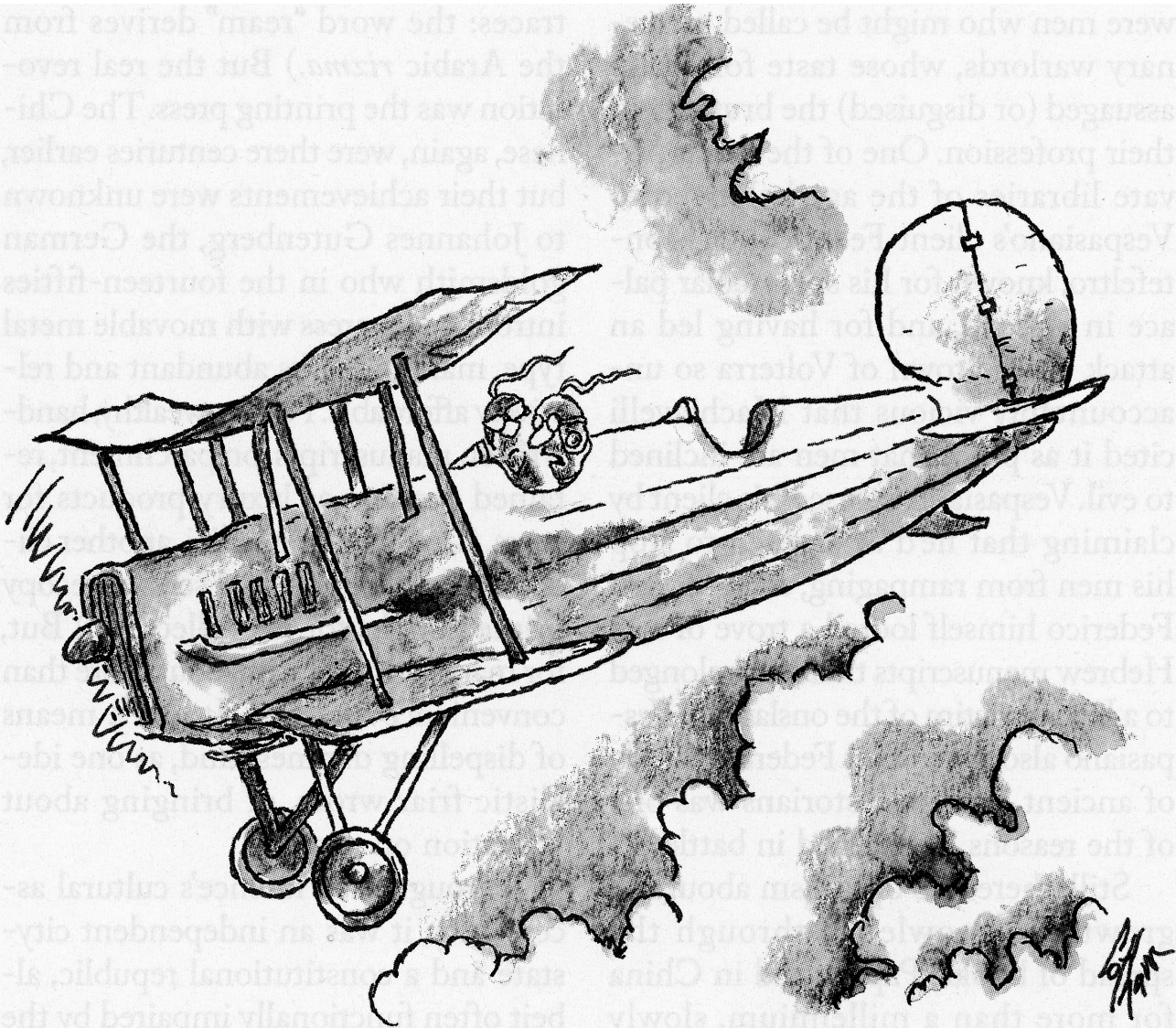


David Higgins with a model of his own design

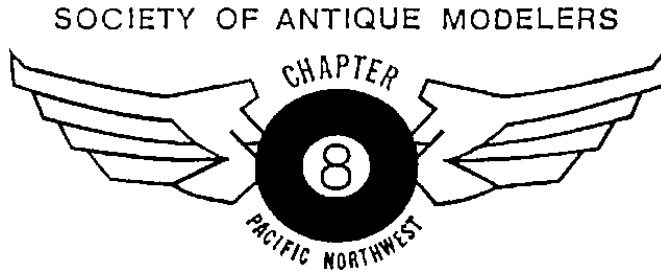


Brooke Linford with his Mulvihill Trophy Winner and the torque meter he built from plans on the Flying Aces website.





“Once you’ve warmed up, you’re going to have to go back to your own seat.”



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