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Roster of the old dawgs....

STEVE DONA.....'THE PREZ'

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DAVE GARDNER.....SCRIBE OF THIS RAG....

**Notice: Next Meeting: March 8th, 2018 (EARLY THIS MONTH!)
Rainbow Café, 112 E. Main St., Auburn, WA, 10:30 am-1 pm..(or thereabouts.)**

R.I.P. Jim Walters

October 14, 1931 - February 16, 2018 (86 years old)

Jim was born in San Francisco, CA and was raised on the family home on Bainbridge Island. He graduated from Bainbridge High School, then went on to get a degree in Civil Engineering from UW. He had a 40 year career with Boeing as a Structural Design Engineer. Some of Jim's memories, from his modeling autobiography:

"I first remember, at a very early age, my parents buying me one of those Japanese ready-to-fly models, rubber-powered, with the wire framework and silk covering. I can still vividly see it flying across the room and banging into the wall. I was too young to handle it so it was put on the top shelf of the closet out of my reach.

In about 1935, I got a 5 cent stick and tissue model kit but I was just too young to build it or even open the box so it, too, was put on the top shelf of the closet. When I was old enough to see what was on the top shelf, it was gone.

(continued page 3.....see 'Jim Walters'...)



Jim launching at Harts' Lake Prairie.

Presidents message

Indoor Contest!

If you missed our last Finn Hill venue, you missed a great contest! OK, the heating system wasn't turned off correctly and the air was CRAZY but it was still pretty darn fun.

Chuck Bower ran his third and final ALPHA contest and his rules for the event left things pretty wide open. He required that you use the original "stock" wing, stab and rudder. Prop was up to you and motor stick was also... and he DID specify that any numbers of wings were allowed. So... what to doKris Millard, one of our new members came up with a great looking design that looked pretty much like a foam winged EZB. Motor stick with a thin tail boom with the rudder on the bottom of the tail boom. I've seen lots of successful EZBs with this arrangement..but wait...an EZB doesn't weigh 14 grams does it??? Kris had his hands full as the tail boom was too weak and kept twisting and breaking off at launch. Made for some fun moments (at least from the peanut gallery) but Kris kept working on it and it finally was making a few short flights without breaking apart at launch.

Bruce Kimball came to the contest to fly his P-18 but quickly ponied up his \$8.00 and he was in the hunt! After a few wild and unsuccessful flights, Bruce had his model flying on rails. He put in a 50 second flight with his model and was in 1st place. Bruce was heard yelling BONE STOCK GUYS! Over and over as he wanted everyone to know that his model was unmodified. Pretty good showing since the heating system was blowing models all over the place.

Dona pulled a 20 year old Pennyplane wing and stab out of his model box, added a 20" motor stick and had his "Super Alpha". The heating system blew it from the ceiling to the floor and back to the ceiling and off into the bleachers. Flew nicely but erratically...

And the clock was running out. ... Kimball was still in the lead with his BONE STOCK model and all of the cheaters with modified models were failing to deliver.

Dave Higgins had a more or less stock model with a HUGE propeller. but it wasn't working well. Neil had a shortened motor stick and was flying beautifully but...still Kimball was in the lead.

Then Kris Millard put in a time of over a minute and the crowd got quiet as everyone got serious....and started winding....With less than 10 minutes to go, all players lined up for a mass launch. Dona elected to make this one of his official flights (since time was running out anyway) Almost everyone was using a torque meter as hitting the ceiling meant instant death for the winning time...All players lined up in their area for the mass launch and waited for Chuck to count down for the start....10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, LAUNCH!!! And the air was filled with ALPHAs going all directions and crashing everywhere!!!

The heating system blew the models up, down, sideways and up again and all over the room.... Last to touch down was your writer (Whew!) with a time of 1:20 something....

What fun!!!! All players lined up for the cash prizes delivered by Mr. Bower himself.

Great contest! Wish you all could have been there for the fun!

..Steve Dona, The Prez

SAM 8 minutes for February 26, 2018(attendance =16)

At the sound of the gavel (and a raspberry (no whistle) the Prez called the meeting to order.

- *Bill Darkow brought three new faces to today's meeting. Bob Foster, Doug Oertli, a friend of Bill, and Scott Kruize. Each stood for a short background summary.*
- *Will Tilse announced the availability of "new and hot off the press" club logo T-Shirts. Creative artistry provided by Paul Morris and Dave King. Ed Lamb is on the hook to buy a shirt as his was the push to get orange as the dominant color. And orange it is. Will showed off a long sleeve version and a sweater in the 'hoody' variety. These were one off shirts to test the response.*
- *Finn Hill build and fly event coming up Feb. 25 to include the (new) ALPHA, A-6, P 18, and NO-CAL. The ALPHA costs \$8.00 and comes with a 20-1 winder. All for \$8.00.*
- *NW Model Expo. At the Monroe Fair Grounds. The Friday crowd was very light. Saturday was better but still less than previous years. Sunday was very light. Will Tilse had comments on the declining state of our hobby.*
- *Bill Darkow brought his Dakota with a Cox Baby Bee motor mounted inverted to lower the CG point.*
- *Al Fernandez brought in a Gnat and a Mayfly.*
- *Steve brought in a plan to give away in place of the free lunch award. The model name is TNT for a TD .049. Al Fernandez wins the plan but declines acceptance. Sooo , , next meeting it's a free lunch for Al.*
- *Spring opener at 'Nicks' field. Early June date. Nick Stratis, Dave Cassell, and Dan Hopkins traveled to the new field to talk to the owner. The owner gave his blessing for our club usage. WMC has said they will be there in force as this is the first contest SAM8 has done in over a decade and they want to support our effort. Events will be Olsen 23, Old Time fuselage / Pylon combined with any motor any size, 1/2 A, Nostalgia A,B,C, one design event, P 30, "Wook" type rubber, and E-20 for electric. The date will be June 2nd and 3rd.*
- *Prizes will be provided by SAM8. Members are encouraged to pick through their backlog of kits for items to donate to the cause. Willamette will donate score sheets and score cards.*
- *Bob Harper is talking about an engine run session at his house. A date to be decided later. A couple of trim days to be held on 'Nick's' field.*

Auction Time: - NO AUCTION ITEMS TODAY - -

Meeting adjourned 12:45p

by David Cassell

(Jim Walters.....continued)

Before WWII, I stood on the dock in Winslow with my mom, waving goodbye to my dad who was in the open cockpit of a biplane float plane, on his way to Port Gamble to meet his departing steamship. I remember standing on the same dock a few months later as part of my second grade grammar class, gawking at the monster 4 engine Boeing 314 Flying Boat as it was undergoing a weight and balance test. Our teacher herded us little angels to witness this giant of the skies. These are vivid recollections giving me a love of the flying machine.

Later, at about age 10, I put together some Strombecker solid models; the solid pine models glued together with that terrible powdered casein glue. There were B17s, Stratocruisers, flying boats, etc. with turned engine nacelles and metal 3 bladed props. I then graduated to Consolidated solid balsa models which had rough carved fuselages and wings, plastic canopies, turned wooden wheels, etc. My favorite was a FW 190 with a camouflage paint scheme. My bedroom ceiling was covered with solid models hanging from threads. About this time my parents built an addition to the garage with my own workshop! I also built those black cardboard silhouette spotter planes which were used to identify enemy aircraft. "

It is now 1941. We have just entered WWII.

Jim then had the desire to get something to fly and started building those Comet and Megow kits of WWII fighter planes, stick and tissue with lots of wrinkles and they didn't fly very well. Next came the small Scientific rubber powered sport models. These actually started to show signs of flying.

Since he was raised on Bainbridge Island there were very few modelers and no hobby shop. His mom took him to weekly music lessons in downtown Seattle. Once there, he found my way to the hobby shop in the Bon Marché basement. Jim spent much time there just listening to the model chatter and loved to look at the model kits there, especially those big gassie models.

For Christmas, Jim got a huge Brooklyn Dodger kit and a Vivell 35, then built about ¾ of the kit before bogging down. The basswood parts were just too hard to cut and sand. Balsa was in limited supply with WWII affecting the balsa availability. There were also Comet "Speedomatic" and Joe Ott kits, with cardboard ribs and formers and hardwood stringers.

In high school, Jim built Jasco hand launch gliders, some towline gliders (Thermic 50, Sinbad 50), Jasco small rubber kits, (Jasco Kid), and a Monogram "Prowler". All flew pretty well. His flying field was their small pasture encircled by trees. He became good at climbing trees and patching holes in tissue. Flying his "Thermic 18", he saw it gliding upward briefly. He didn't know thermals existed; it was just 'magic'.

Now a college freshman at WSU, (1949), Jim's new roommate was an experienced modeler, having won the Junior Stunt event at the 1948 Nationals. He had actually seen free flight models with skyrocket climbs and dethermalizers to bring them down. He filled the gap and had answers to Jim's modeling questions. (***Without his help, Jim Walters might have been flying R/C today!)***

Jim was now into contest free flight, both gas and gliders. He had a great flying Thermic "70" and built all of the Ehling designed Phoenix series models, a couple of big Sandy Hogans, ZEEKs and Kiwis. He also had a strong interest in the International events, mainly Nordic and FAI power.

During 1954 through 1956 Jim pursued these events with great enthusiasm. In 1954, he and Dave Kerzie traveled along with guys from Tacoma (Gil Coughlin, Jerry Thomas and Maury Hinkley) along with eight models and all of their luggage to California in Jerry's Jaguar sedan. In 1955 Jim came within a few seconds of making the FAI Power Team. In 1956, Jim and Joe Masters flew FAI Power in California.

In 1954, Jim graduated from UW, in Civil Engineering and was off to family and career endeavors. In Seattle, in 1956, he married Norma, then in 1959, moved to Normandy Park. There they raised daughter Carolee and son Steven. This continued to be the family home, but they did return to Bainbridge Island on a regular basis.

Also, Jim and Norma did extensive traveling around the USA and parts of Europe, as well as some cruises. During this time, they went from camping in a pup tent, to a tent trailer, then a camper and finally abandoned camping altogether and chose the 'rugged life' of staying in hotels during their travels.

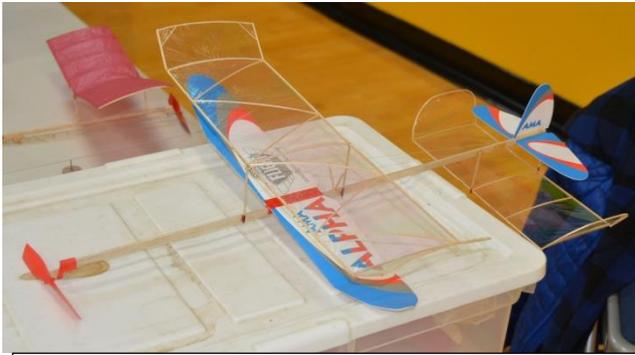
With a few years absence, Jim started up again in the mid sixties flying AMA events including indoor scale, HLG, EZB, FAI Gas and Nordic. He built Taibi Spacers and Stardusters as well as designing his own FAI Power jobs and Nordics.

In 1974, with a great flying partner/helper, Joe Deady, He finally made the US Nordic Glider Team. In 1975, he represented the US in the World Championships in Bulgaria, then repeated that again in 1977 in Denmark and again in 1979 in the USA, (Taft), where he shared winning the World Team Title in Nordic.

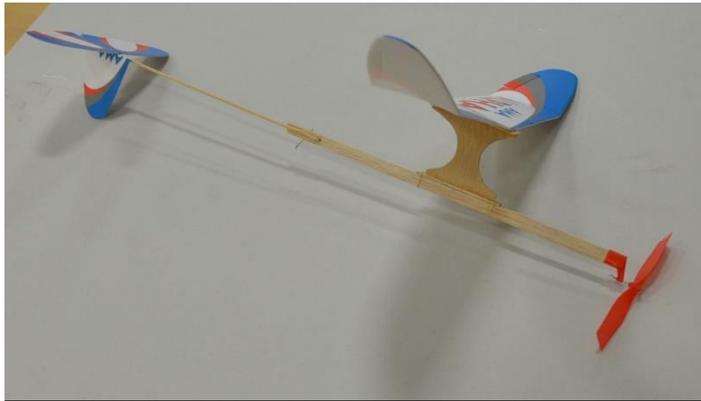
In addition to modeling, Jim undertook many home improvement projects. He also became a very avid fisherman! In 1982 He took a sabbatical from modeling until 1998 when he joined the Really Great SAM 8 and continued to be active with that group.

Jim was quite active in SAM 8 and NW free flight activities since the late 1980's. He will be missed.

Activities: Finn Hill, February 25th, 2018



Dona's 'Rule Stretcher'.....(biplane +)



Kris Millard's 'Alternative ALPHA'



Finn Hill Student Contestant



Another Finn Hill Student Contestant
(sorry for no names....)

2017 - 2018 SAM 8 Indoor Schedule – Note Day of the Week!

Date	Day	Event / Time / Location	Activity/Location	Contact
March 18, 2018	Sunday	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
April 22, 2018	Sunday	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
May 19, 2018	Saturday	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
June 9, 2018	Saturday	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8

AMA ALPHA EVENT RESULTS!!

From Chuck Bower, AMA Education Committee:

"Much was learned from this contest to pass along to the rest of the Education Committee, which was the initial goal of the event.

Come to the meeting to see the results of this competition."

2017 Old Time, Free Flight, Control Line and Club Modeling Event Schedule

Date	Event / Time / Location	Activity/Location	Contact
March 8 th	SAM 8 Meeting at the Rainbow	Rainbow Café-Auburn	SAM 8
Mar 18th, 2018	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
April 12 th , 2018	SAM 8 Meeting at the Rainbow	Rainbow Café-Auburn	SAM 8
Apr 22nd, 2018	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
May 5 th , 2018	SAM 8 Harper Engine Run Clinic	Chez Harper-Whidbey	SAM 8
May 10 th , 2018	SAM 8 Meeting at the Rainbow	Rainbow Café-Auburn	SAM 8
May 19th, 2018	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
June 2-3, 2018	SAM 8 OT Contest	Elma, WA	SAM 8
June 9th, 2018	SAM 8 Finn Hill JHS Indoor Program	Kirkland, WA	SAM 8
June 14 th , 2018	SAM 8 Meeting at the Rainbow	Rainbow Café-Auburn	SAM 8
June 23-24th	*3 Amigos Contest	Tumalo, OR	WMC
August 17-19	*NWFFC	Parker's Field	WMC
Sept 7-9	*SPOT Meet	Parker's Field	WMC
Sept 28-30	*Fall Annual	Parker's Field	WMC

* WMC Schedule is preliminary...to be final by next month...

For additional Northwest FF and CL activity, see the following websites for more detail.

For SAM 8 activities, look on the SAM 8 Website, <http://www.SAM8.org>

For SAM National activities, look on the SAM Website, <http://www.antiquemodeler.org/>

For WMC activities, check on their website, WillametteModelersclub.weebly.com, or contact Bob Stalick at freeflyer@aol.com.

For NW Skyriders' activities, check on <http://flyinglines.org>, or davegardner55@msn.com.

For Museum of Flight, check on their website, www.museumofflight.org. Each first Thursday of the month is free admission.

Really Great SAM 8 meets every second Thursday each month the Rainbow Café in Auburn at 11:30 AM. Come join us for lunch!

End notes.....

SAM 8 T-SHIRTS

Last meeting, we discussed a new logo for our upcoming T-shirt order.... lots of discussion, lots of interest, and a voted-on conclusion. Between Will Tilse, Paul Morrison and Dave King, we made a decision and Will has had them printed.....on ORANGE shirts!

They WILL be available at the meeting, probably with modeling by Tilse (!) Shirts are \$11 each, for a good quality shirt, featuring The Really Great SAM 8, for all to see! Get yours while the gettin's good! (times a-wastin!)

(Ed. Note: Sorry about the white space below....ran out of stuff to fit....use the space to make notes at the meeting!)

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