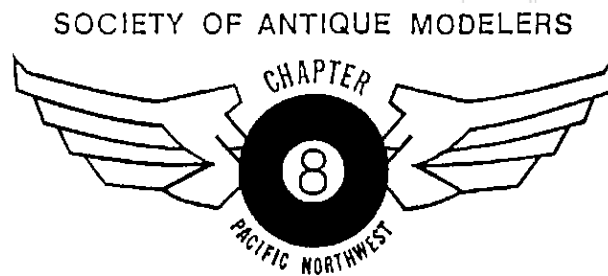


# The Really Great SAM 8 Speaks



## LONG TIME FLYERS CLUB NEWS

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Roster of the old dawgs....

STEVE DONA.....'THE PREZ'

WILL TILSE.....VICE PRESIDENT

DAVE CASSELL.....SECRETARY-TREASURER

BROOKE LINFORD ....SCRIBE OF THIS RAG....

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**Next Meeting: January 11, 2024 (Second Thursday of the Month!**

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

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *HERE WE GO FOR ANOTHER YEAR!***

*When I took over the reins of Sam 8 we were in a world of hurt. Jon Crosetto had run the ship for nearly 20 years and the club looked as solid as ever. But then the military shut us out of Harts Lake Prairie, our only really decent flying site. No one had any good way to see this one coming. Homer Smith had spent years working with range control to get our club access to the field for contests and fun fly events. It required a lot of paperwork and a lot of dedication but Homer made it all look easy and seamless.*

*So when I was tapped to take the president's spot at SAM 8, things looked pretty solid. Our biggest issue were little "people issues" like Gill Cofflin getting just a little too frisky with one of the waitresses at the Rainbow.*

*So in the 14 or 15 years at the helm of SAM 8 this is what I have learned:*

**1. You need to continue to evolve**

***As a club we have adjusted to an indoor venue and a much smaller flying field. What we do and who comes out to play with us is always changing (and should!)***



**2. Every member can bring a great idea to the table at any time.**

***Truth be told, I haven't come up with most of our good ideas. But we as a club need to grab and run when they present themselves.***

***Some of our best club experiences over the past 10 years or so were not planned. For your president these are things like:***

***Camping and breakfast on the field.***

***The impromptu "flip" glider contest at Nick's field***

***Vintage FAI***

***The Finn Hill Indoor program***

***I absolutely love it when a club member brings a new model to show off at the Rainbow!***

***More recently, the energy generated by the Winter Coupe event is really exciting.***

***Friends and family are really important to this hobby!***

***Without the Grell family, I don't think that the contests at WMC would even happen.***

***I am pleased to have my own brother Gordon move back to the PNW to come fly with us!***



*The Menanno family are just plain FUN to have at the field! The energy that they bring is infectious.  
The Smith and Sayre Families are a treat to have out on the field.*



*Gerry Morrissey, Gordon Dona and Steve Dona with their Vintage FAI models*





*Will Tilse launches his Dodger with dad Wayne Tilse watching.*



*Neal, Guy, Forest and Alfonse Menanno*



*After a complete day trying to get his O&R .60 started Gord has now become a force to contend with in OT pylon!*

***So here we go for another year! We are now encouraging people to travel to our contests to collect National Cup points. We have a new Vintage Coupe event on the books. We are going to have a Misery Meet again. We have a new newsletter editor and we are training a new secretary to help with club activities.***

***Here comes 2024!!!***

***Steve Dona, The Prez***

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**SAM 8 Minutes for December 15, 2023**

*(attendance =24)*

*Mtg. start: 11:56am*

*Mtg. end: 1:27pm*

**“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 gavel and an early start, Steve announced a free lunch for Gordy Dona as a

reward for all the work he put in to nail down the Coupe event for us. The Coupe event works perfectly for “Nick’s” field. After a brief trip down memory lane on the old Smith Brothers farm, Steve proposed a “Misery Meet” to be held in February. It was suggested that a \$100 prize for the year. After a discussion, A \$50 award for SAM8 and the same for the Willamette contests was agreed. Steve brought in a collection of Coupe plans for those planning on building for the Misery Meet. The plans go for \$3 apiece. The plans were unrolled and rolled in a bit of a hurry and several members bought the plan of their choice. For the people carving their props, Steve has six copies of Bob White’s prop patterns. The subject of prop-hub wire-bending by Bill Swift was followed by a printed copy of said article. Copies were handed out to dedicated prop carvers.

There was a motion on the floor for the prize for the Coupe cup competition. The final resolution was \$50 for the SAM 8 (on Nick’s Field) winner and \$50 for the overall winner for the year. This will be Willamette and SAM 8 combined.

We had a new prospective member grace our meeting. Dan Goodwin. He flies control line so, maybe we can pair Dan with Dave Gardener. Welcome!

#### **Special Note:**

Dave Gardner’s calendar sale offered.

#### **Contest Dates**

Misery Meet: Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>

Spring Openner: May 18-19

June Contest: June 22-23

National Cup Competition: Gordy Dona gave us a breakdown on events. A page of events is included in this Newsletter.

#### **Show and Tell:**

- Bruce Kimball: has his “Garriocoupe”. He talked about how he created his prop using a heat and warping technique to achieve a prop foil shape.
- Rich Wegener: has his “California Champ”. A beautiful model.
- Nick Stratis: has his L-19 Bird Dog, a work in progress with plans from AMA.
- Brooke Linford: has his laser cut Island Flyer complete with a D/T. His second plane is also laser cut Sky Bunny.
- Peter Becker: has his Wasp 1942
- David Higgins: showed off his D/T using a \$2.50 viscous timer from Amazon.

The Free Lunch Award for best Show & Tell goes to: Gordy Dona and Rich Wegener

#### **The subject of officers:**

Will Tilse has volunteered to continue another year.

Steve Dona has also volunteered for another year.

David Cassell has agreed to continue for 2024, with, a yet to be named, replacement in training.

#### **OUR GREAT WAITRESS**

We came together to reward our waitress. The hat was passed.

*David Cassell*

## 2024 Contest Events and Dates

### **SAM 8 Events:**

Small Power  $\frac{1}{4}$  A,  $\frac{1}{2}$  A \*  
Large Power A,B,C \*  
Outdoor Hand Launch Glider  
Outdoor Catapult Launch Glider  
Electric Combined  
Vintage Coupe d'Hiver  
O&R 23  
O.T. Fuselage / Pylon  
Wock type: Gollywock, Jabberwock, Dyna-Moe  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Motor P-30  
Vintage FAI  
WTF  
.020 Rep  
Commercial Rubber  
Small Sport Rubber  
One Design (all NFFS One Design Models)  
1/2A, ABC Nostalgia Gas Combined

\*This will be either AMA Gas, Classic AMA Gas or Nostalgia Gas Engines runs for each event will be at the CD table on the day of the event.

### **National Cup Events**

Small Power  $\frac{1}{4}$  A,  $\frac{1}{2}$  A \*  
Large Power A,B,C \*  
Outdoor Hand Launch Glider  
Outdoor Catapult Launch Glider  
Electric Combined  
Wock type: Gollywock, Jabberwock, Dyna-Moe (all qualify for Nostalgia Small Nos Rubber)  
1/2A, ABC Nostalgia Gas Combined

\*This will be either AMA Gas, Classic AMA Gas or Nostalgia Gas Engines runs for each event will be at the CD table on the day of the event. National Cup events must be declared prior to launch.

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**Misery Meet Feb 24<sup>th</sup> (one Day only)**

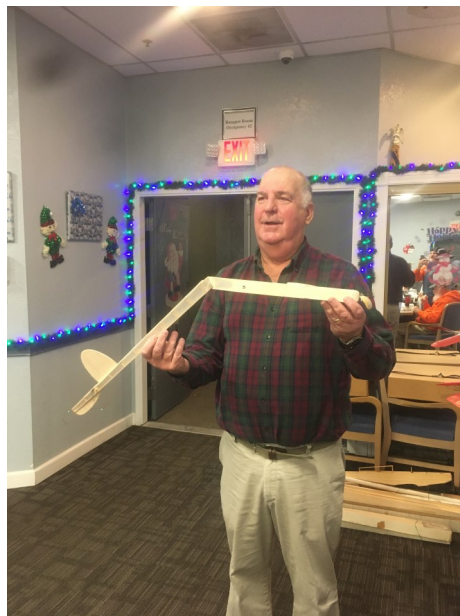
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Rich Wegener with his California Champ and an oops.



Brooke Linford with his Island Flyer and Sky Bunny





Peter Becker with his American Eaglet.



David Higgins with his Phantom Flash.



Bruce Kimball with his Garricoupe.

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**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**

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

Fellow Skyraiders,

Our January meeting will be held at the Denny's at 1246 Central Ave N in Kent, WA on the second Tuesday evening of the month, January 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 for our first meeting of the year of 2024. We will be firming up our calendar of events for 2024, so come help us with this.

See you on January 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday evening at 6:00PM at the Denny's on Central in Kent.

Warmest Regards,

Steve Holt  
Secretary / Treasurer  
Northwest Skyraiders  
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