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# ROGUE EAGLE

Official Newsletter of the Rogue Eagles R/C Club - Medford, OR - AMA 534



BIPLANES!!! Built by Cliff Sands and Martin Sherman.

## Monthly Meanderings by Bruce Tharpe, Club President



### Winter Build Challenge - Time is Drawing Nigh

Not trying to wax poetic, I just wanted to use the word nigh. In my opinion, it's not used nighly enough these days...

Anyhooo, the seven-month-long challenge is set to culminate on April 14 with a maiden flight party like we have never seen at Agate Skyways. My plane is still not finished, and I suspect that several others are going to be working on their entries right up to the last moment. I've never been big on deadlines, but have to admit they can provide a lot of motivation. Keep in mind the WBC wasn't meant to be a stressful thing. To the builders who may be out there working themselves into a frazzle and turning their project from an enjoyable pastime into a nerve-wracking job, let me offer this gentle advice... **C'MON MAN, GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR! YOU CAN SLEEP AFTER YOUR PLANE HAS FLOWN! GET BACK IN THE SHOP!**

### WBC Info for Pilots

Okay, I'm talking to just the WBC pilots now; here's how we're going to do it. You will each get a chance to make the maiden flight on your plane. The flights will be made one at a time, with nobody else in the sky. During your "window" you and your plane will be the stars of the show!

- Flight order will be determined that morning.
- If you would like somebody else to make the test flight on your plane, no problem. Feel free to make arrangements with a pilot of your choice beforehand if you like. There will be several pilots available "for hire" that morning too.
- The last thing I want is for pilots to feel rushed, but we do have a lot on the schedule that day and have to keep things moving. To help things along, you really need to do all your engine tests, radio programming, range checks, and any other pre-flight checks prior to the maiden flight party. If you can't get that done in the days leading up to the event, you better show up early!
- Once the maiden flights get underway around 9:00 am, running engines in the pits will not be allowed. It would be disrespectful and distracting to the pilot at the flight line trying to concentrate. If you absolutely must test run a glow or gas engine during the maiden flight party, take it over to the engine test area next to the newer storage container.



*Here's Larry Miller's Falcon 56 all covered and ready to make its debut at the WBC Maiden Flight Party. Larry has thanked me numerous times for having the event because it was just the nudge he needed to get this plane built. Now he not only has a plane for the WBC, he has a new plane for the Vintage RC event later this year.*



*Joe Geiger's House of Balsa Pietenpol started as a set of ribs in a nearly-empty kit box. Come see it fly - along with many others - on April 14.*

- When it's your turn to fly, please let us know right away if you're still not completely ready and we will give you another chance later that morning. Same thing goes if you think you're ready, but experience problems with your model before takeoff. If things do not seem 100%, do not fly!
- One airborne, enjoy your moment in the spotlight. Do not feel pressured to do a performance for the spectators. The goal is to make a safe maiden flight, feel the plane out, and take mental notes of any adjustments you might need to make for the next flight. For the WBC, your flight will be considered a success if you takeoff, fly a lap, and land on (or nigh) the runway.



*A late entry into the WBC is Rick Lindsey's BTE Delta Vortex. Many of these have flown successfully, but none that I know of with pink polka dots, so no promises! This is actually Rick's second WBC entry. His Pica Waco was a huge project that he finished several weeks ago. Fast builders like Rick simply amaze me.*

- That doesn't mean you can't fly around for awhile if everything's going well. Get comfortable with the controls and do all the things you normally do on a model's test flight. Again, do not feel rushed, but keep your total flight time relatively short. I'd say five or six minutes is a reasonable amount of time.
- My best guess is that we will have 12 to 20 planes to test hop. If we can do 6 to 8 per hour, that would make a pretty good morning. The goal is to be done with all the maiden flights before the potluck starts around noon.
- Builders who make a successful maiden flight will have their name put in a hat for a quick raffle after the event. We have three kits to give away in the raffle, and every builder will receive a small commemorative award whether they make it to the maiden flight party or not.

### **Some Final WBC/Potluck/Fun Fly Thoughts**

Remember, the WBC Maiden Flight Party is just the start of our Spring opener event on April 14. We are also doing one our famous lunch-time potlucks. We're going to fire up the grill and fix up everybody with burgers, so we need side dishes and desserts for the potluck. After that, the action continues with a friendly club fun-fly, similar to the Fun fly that Jay Strickand typically runs in October each year. But this one will be run by Jerry Stinson, and he's being very quiet about what the competitive events will be. Wait a minute, Jerry's always quiet...

But wait, there's more! My friends Sharon and Jody Diaz from Shelton, WA are planning to join us that day. They hosted the WBC up there last year that I attended which inspired me to bring it to our club. Sharon is a dynamo in her club, the Sanderson Field RC Flyers, and Jody is trying to finish up a plane to test fly in our WBC. They rented a townhouse that weekend (Airbnb), and Sharon says we're all invited for dinner Saturday night. That's right, all 150 Rogue Eagle members! I told her not to expect many takers, but the offer stands. Address is 845 Mountain View Drive, Eagle Point. Oh, and she has also talked about the possibility of writing a magazine article about the various WBC events in the Northwest, so let's make a good impression.

## Welcome to the Rogue Eagles!

We have one new member this month...

**Martin Waide** from Central Point

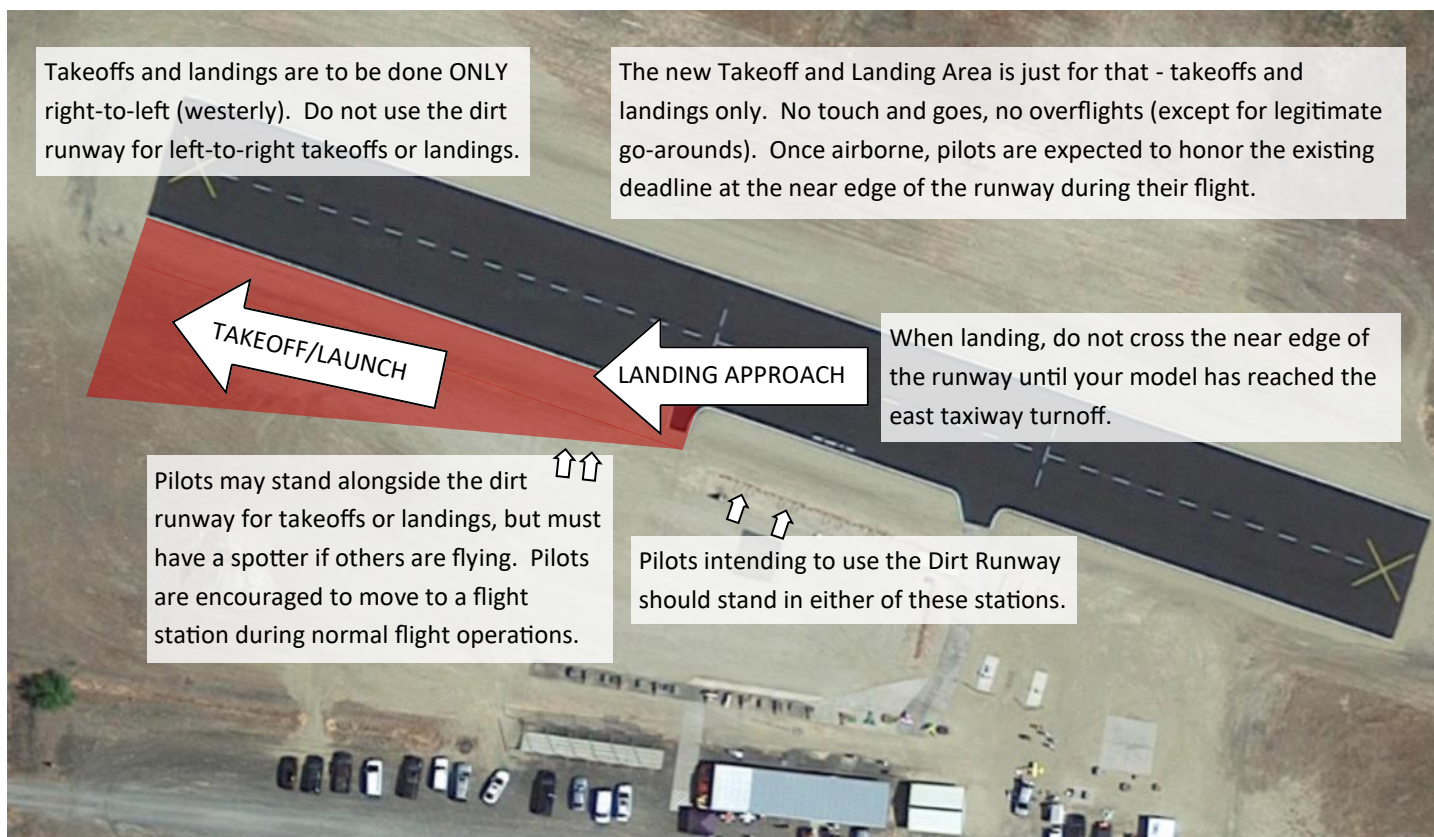
And two returning members...

**Randy Banta** from Central Point

**Zach Banta** from Central Point

### New Takeoff and Landing Zone

In considering various locations for the turf, the board has zeroed in on an area that can be used safely for takeoffs and landings. The final decision to lay turf in that area has not yet been made. Rather, we want to give it a trial period so club members have a chance to try it out and provide some feedback on any issues that might arise. The newly approved area is shown in red in the diagram below. It has been marked out in chalk on the field (thank you Jess Walls) and can be used right now if you wish. While we have not adopted any new rules for the area, some common sense guidelines are described in the diagram. Remember, the key to safety is communication. If you intend to use the new area, announce it to any other pilots on the flight line. For now, let's call it the "DIRT RUNWAY", possibly to be changed later to the "TURF RUNWAY."



Personally, I think the new area benefits the greatest number of members in relation to any other proposed uses. It's intended primarily for two types of models, sailplanes and taildraggers. With turf installed, this will save sailplanes and other belly landers from damage. Some taildraggers can be squirrely on asphalt, but tame down on grass or turf. Planes with retract problems may find it to be a friendly emergency landing area. Remember, the dirt runway is now open for use. If you have to walk out there for any reason, treat it as though you are walking out onto the main runway. Keep your head on a swivel and don't dillydally. And let your board members know what you think!

## Field Maintenance Committee

You may have heard that the formation of a field maintenance committee was approved at the March general meeting, along with a monthly budget of \$100 to use as needed for minor field maintenance and repair tasks. So far, the committee consists of myself and Jess Walls, but there's room for more! In my way of thinking, if you are willing to pitch in and help it doesn't really matter if you are on the committee or not. Here is a list of small tasks Jess and I have come up with that we would like to tackle, in no particular order:



- General repair and maintenance of the starting stands, including the rickety transmitter trays.
- Organize storage containers, including mounting shelving unit in newest container.
- Go through all the old paint in the older container and dispose old/dried up paint.
- Rework the security bar on the older container to make it easier to handle.
- The 72 Mhz pin system could be tidied up or replaced with something more compact.
- Bleachers could use some additional cross-bracing.
- Check the tractors, repair as needed. Is it time for the old red one to go?
- New, better fencing for the flight stations.
- Fix or remove orange fencing off the East end of the runway.
- Gutter between the two shade structures, or add 3/4 minus to prevent puddling.
- More permanent barrier for the Parkflyer/Control-Line area.
- More chairs? More garbage cans?

No doubt there are plenty of tasks not mentioned here. Feel free to email me or Jess if you want something added to the list. See a task you want to take on? Just co-ordinate with one of us before digging in. Agate Skyways is a great place to fly, but it could use some spiffing up.

**I dig, you dig, we dig, he dig, she dig, they dig....**

**It's not a beautiful poem, but it's very deep.**

### Get Ready for a Busy 2018!

I'm hoping the WBC/Potluck/Fun-Fly is one big, crazy day of club activity. You gotta make it out there, at least for something to eat! And that's just the kickoff to a fun-filled Spring, Summer, and Fall. Print out the one-page event calendar at the end of this newsletter and keep it handy for a quick reference to the major events at our field and around the area. For a more detailed calendar, go to the Rogue Eagle's [website](#). Okay, I better go work on my WBC plane...

See you at the field,

*Bruce*

# ROGUE EAGLES WINTER BUILD CHALLENGE

~ List of Declared Projects ~ (projects with green background are complete or nearly complete)

Builder	Project	Starting Point	Comments
Larry Myers	Denight Special	Sterling Kit	Early pylon racer design designed by Joe Martin. Model is vintage RC and scale.
Rick Lindsey	Waco YMF-3	Pica Kit	Big, complicated kit, but Rick's a fast builder. Also vintage RC and scale.
Jess Walls	Esquire	Short Kit + Plans	Jess says he will build his Esquire for rudder only, just like they did in the 1950s.
Mat Cerul	Venture 60	BTE Kit	Mat's not a club member, but that's okay as long as he's here for the maiden flight.
Phi Baehne	Boeing XL-15	3-View + Photos	Odd scale project will be tough starting from scratch. That's the way Phil likes it.
Bruce Tharpe	Pou Du Ceil	RCM Plans	Better known as the "Flying Flea," model is 1/4-scale, will fly with OS .26 Surpass.
Ace Harris	Cherokee	Herr Kit	Not an experienced builder, but enthusiastic. Model is nearly half built already.
John Gaines	Aristo Cat	Outerzone Plans	Vintage design for Class II pattern - rudder, elevator, and throttle, no ailerons.
Ken Brandt	Diamond Demon	Ben Buckle Kit	Designed originally for free flight in 1939. Ben Buckle kits made in England.
Bob Stamm	PA-15 Vagabond	Stevens Aero Kit	Lightweight model designed for indoor flying. Pray for calm conditions to test fly.
Scott Hudson	Demoiselle	Sig Kit	Scale model of early French airplane; lots of character. Another lightweight model.
Steve Bull	R/C Nobler	Top-Flight Kit	RC version of the famous control-line stunt ship. Vintage kit found on eBay.
Rod Elledge	Venture 60	BTE Kit	Rod's second V60. Building fast - wood structure is nearly ready to cover.
Jack Shaffer	Kadet Mk II	Sig Kit	Jack unveiled his project with much fanfare on facebook. Classic RC trainer.
Ron McElliot	Fledgling	Sterling Kit	Intermediate, shoulder-wing sport plane. He plans to use a K&B no. 8011 .40 R/C.
Alan Littlewood	Ultimate Kaos	Direct Conn. Kit	Sleeker version of the classic Kaos. Alan says Joe Bridi's name is on the plans.
Mort Sullivan	Four-Star 120	Sig Kit	Mort's famous for personalizing his kit builds. Will use an RCGF 21cc twin cylinder.
Ben Musolf	Small Wonder	Short Kit + Plans	Rudder, elevator, parasol-wing cutie from RCM. Short kit from Balsa Workbench.
Joe Geiger	Pietenpol	House of Balsa Kit	Joe says kit was missing lots of parts, will be mostly plans-built. Saito .30 power.
Gary Croucher	Super Scorpion	Ben Buckle Kit	Beautiful British old-timer, will use a 4-stroke .40. Gary is a master craftsman.
Martin Sherman	Sun-Fli 4-20	Joe Bridi Kit	Sun-Fli series pre-dated the Kaos, looks similar. Should take Martin about a week.
Rich Pekarek	Kwik-Fli	Plans	Famous Phil Kraft pattern design. Rich's model was 49% built at start of WBC.
Doug McKee	Stearman	Midwest Kit	He started this kit 24 years ago! Still less than half built, wants to finish for WBC.
Paul Starks	Trainer	Bud Nosen Kit	Another previously-started project. Nice, big trainer, 102" wingspan.
Larry Miller	Falcon 56	Carl Goldberg Kit	A true modeling classic. Larry says he learned to fly with one forty years ago.
Dick Robb	No Name (Yet!)	Own Design	Sanderson Field RC Flyers club member. Plane looks like WWI experimental.
Jay Strickland	The Dawn Patrol	Marks Models Kit	Cleverly-designed sport model can be built to resemble an SE-5 or Fokker D-VII.
Jody Diaz	Slow Poke	Great Planes Kit	This is the larger "Sport 40" version. Low wing with character. Jody is from WA.
Rick Lindsey	Delta Vortex	BTE Kit	Rick's second WBC entry! Acquired project from Rich Hume. Power from Jett .56.

Questions, suggestions, comments, or ideas? Contact Bruce Tharpe [bruce@btemodels.com](mailto:bruce@btemodels.com) 541-582-1708

## SPECIAL CLUB RAFFLE

# 1/3-SCALE FLY BABY BIPE



Many thanks to Martin Sherman (builder) and Rick Lindsey (co-owner) for donating this completely-built Fly Baby Biplane to the club to use as a fund raiser. All monies collected from this raffle will go straight into the Rogue Eagles treasury. The plane has been flown about a dozen times. The engine and all radio gear have been removed, so this raffle is for the airframe only. Date of the drawing is not yet finalized, but it will most likely occur at the Big Bird event at the end of June. Martin and Rick really want this bird to be won by a modeler who will fly it, so tickets will not be sold to the general public.

**One ticket for \$5, or five tickets for \$20**

Tickets go on sale at the WBC/Potluck/Fun-Fly on April 14. Contact [Bruce Tharpe](mailto:Bruce.Tharpe@rogueeagles.com) 541-582-1708 or [Rick Lindsey](mailto:Rick.Lindsey@rogueeagles.com) 541-776-5832 for more info.



Wow, look at these troublemakers ☺! From left to right, **Rod Graham, Joe Geiger, and Jess Walls** enjoy a laugh at the Grants Pass Swap Meet last month. Congrats to the Rogue Valley Flyers for putting on another fun event and best wishes for your new flying site.



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# Ten Most Beautiful Planes of All Time - Revisited

You may remember this topic from last month's newsletter. Members were asked to submit their own lists, and here are the ones that were received. Thanks for sharing guys!



Piper Super Cub



F-4 Phantom



Beech Staggerwing



P-51D Mustang

- Larry Myers Top Ten**
- ◆ PA-18 Super Cub
  - ◆ F4U Corsair
  - ◆ F4 Phantom
  - ◆ F/A-18 Hornet
  - ◆ F-16 Fighting Falcon
  - ◆ A-10 Thunderbolt II
  - ◆ A-1 Sky Raider
  - ◆ B-26 Marauder
  - ◆ OV-10A Bronco
  - ◆ SR-71 Blackbird



OV-10A Bronco



A-10 Thunderbolt II

- Dave Bartholomew's Top Ten**
- Monocoupe 110
  - Waco YMF5
  - Beechcraft Staggerwing
  - P-51
  - SR-71
  - Howard DGA-15
  - Cessna 310
  - Cessna 195
  - Ryan Aeronautical ST3KR
  - Six Chuter Powered Parachute

- Ben Musolf's Top Ten**
- ◆ P-51D
  - ◆ P-40E
  - ◆ Spitfire
  - ◆ F4U-5 corsair
  - ◆ Beech 35 Bonanza
  - ◆ Cessna 170B
  - ◆ Super G Constellation
  - ◆ F-86
  - ◆ Siai Marchetti SF 260
  - ◆ LearJet 35



SU-30 Flanker



BD-5

- Calvin Emigh's Top Ten**
- ◆ Bede BD-5
  - ◆ BAE Eurofighter Typhoon
  - ◆ A-10 Thunderbolt II
  - ◆ General Dynamics F-111
  - ◆ Grumman F7F Tigercat
  - ◆ Cessna Citation X
  - ◆ Nimbus 2000 (Google it)
  - ◆ North American P-82
  - ◆ Canadair CL-415 Superscooper
  - ◆ SU 30 Flanker



Beechcraft Bonanza



F-111 Aardvark





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Remember this version of F-86?

Happy April

## Club Info Page

For information about the club, how to join, past newsletters, photos, and much more, please visit the Rogue Eagles website.

[www.rogue-eagles.org](http://www.rogue-eagles.org)

## Meeting Information

The next two General Membership Meetings are scheduled for

**Tuesday 7pm, March 13, 2018**

**Tuesday 7pm, April 10, 2018**

We meet at the Central Point Senior Center, 123 N 2nd Street in Central Point.

[Click here for directions](#)

## Seen at the March Meeting



Gary Croucher and his Super Scorpion for the WBC.



Has Jay Strickland gone flippin' nuts?

## Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

For more info, call Phil Baehne at 541-727-7059



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# 2018 FLYING EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>APRIL</b>			
14 (am)	WBC Maiden Flight Party	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Bruce Tharpe</a> 541-582-1708
14 (pm)	Potluck and Fun Fly	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Jerry Stinson</a> 541-778-7113
<b>MAY</b>			
4-5-6	Rogue Eagles Float Fly NOTE! 2.4 ONLY	Agate Lake	<a href="#">Larry Myers</a> - 541-770-3390 Call Before 7:30pm
19-20	All Scale Contest and Fly-In	Agate Field	<a href="#">John Gaines</a> 541-951-1947
24-25-26-27	Giant Scale Fly-In	Castle Airport, CA	<a href="#">Scott Malta</a> 209-617-5789
<b>JUNE</b>			
1-2-3	Fun Fly	Klamath Glen, CA	<a href="#">Sam Ellis</a> 707-954-8284
2-3	Big Bob Memorial IMAC Contest	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Sean Mersh</a> 541-890-3087 <a href="#">Art Kelly</a> 541-905-2954
2	Ashland Airport Day	Ashland Airport	<a href="#">Larry Cogdell</a> 541-840-1514
9	Pylon Race #1	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Ben Musolf</a> 541-608-7240
15-16-17	Float Fly	Platt I Reservoir	<a href="#">Alan Rader</a> 541-391-3209
22-23-24	Big Bird	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Gary Neal</a> 541-441-6724
<b>JULY</b>			
7	Rogue Eagles Swap Meet	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Jess Walls</a> 707-845-2833
14	Pylon Race #2	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Ben Musolf</a> 541-608-7240
20-21-22	Float Fly	Platt I Reservoir	Tal Botner 541-417-2230
<b>AUGUST</b>			
11	Pylon Race #3	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Ben Musolf</a> 541-608-7240
11	Mall Show Static Display	Rogue Valley Mall	<a href="#">Larry Cogdell</a> 541-840-1514
17-18-19	Fun Fly	Klamath Glen, CA	<a href="#">Sam Ellis</a> 707-954-8284
18	Club Pattern Contest #1	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Art Kelly</a> 541-905-2954
25-26	Air Show	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Larry Myers</a> - 541-770-3390 Call Before 7:30pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Aug 31 - Sep 1	Vintage RC Northwest Fly-In (VRCS)	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Bruce Tharpe</a> 541-582-1708
1	RVF Air Show	Grants Pass Airpt	<a href="#">Art Kelly</a> 541-472-9683
8	Club Pattern Contest #2	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Art Kelly</a> 541-905-2954
8	Flitemasters Pot-Luck (Keno)	Sportsmans Park	Darry Haney 541-883-1223
21-22-23	Eel Lake Float Fly	Tugman St Park	<a href="#">Bob Campbell</a> 541-530-3843
22-23	NSRCA Pattern Contest	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Sean Mersh</a> 541-890-3087 <a href="#">Art Kelly</a> 541-905-2954
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
6-7	Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Jess Walls</a> 707-845-2833
13	Pylon Race #4	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Ben Musolf</a> 541-608-7240
20	Club Fun-Fly and PotLuck	Agate Skyways	<a href="#">Jay Strickland</a> 541-830-7976