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ROGUE EAGLE

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

Show Time Everybody!



Show Up! Show Off!

Rick Lindsey's eye-catching Decathlon looks great on a smooth fly-by. Photo by Pat Dunlap.



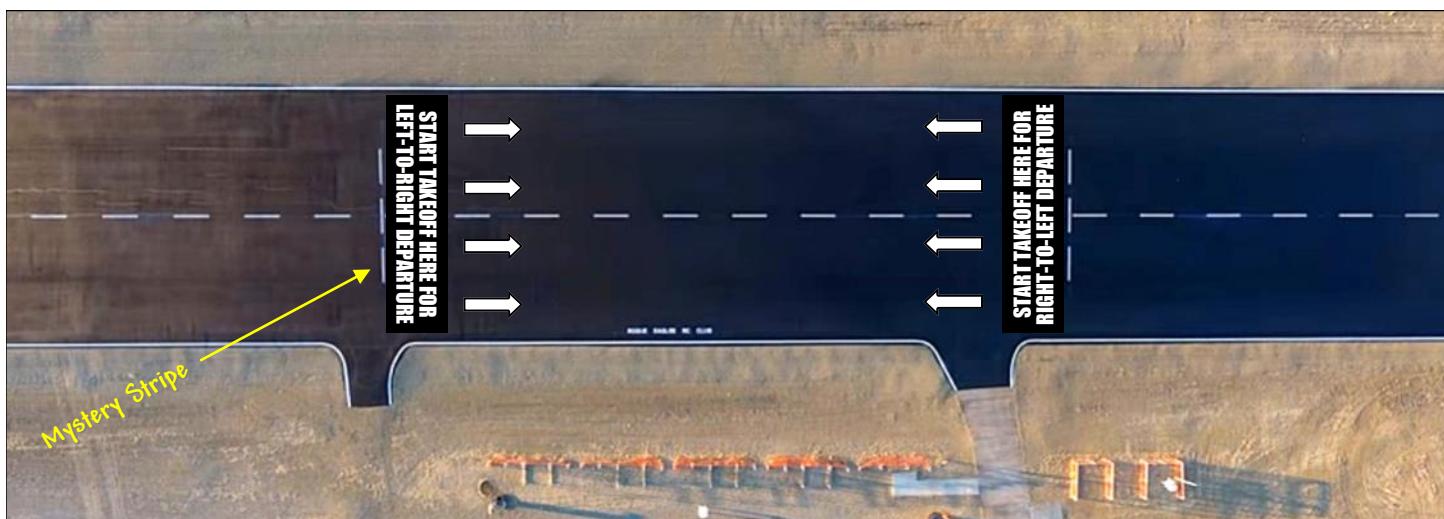
Monthly Meanderings by Bruce Tharpe, Club President

New Runway Seal Coat “Sucks”

Hmmm, my very first takeoff attempt on the freshly-sealed runway resulted in a stall/snap right back down onto the asphalt. Must be the new seal coat - it sucks. But most every other member I've talked to thinks it's great. I patched up my little bird and will give the runway another chance. Who knows? Maybe it was me.

Mystery Stripe Across Runway Explained (It's Not That Complicated)

Along with the new lettering on the runway, there's a new stripe designating the displaced threshold for takeoffs made left-to-right. Of course, we still have the displaced threshold stripe for right-to-left takeoffs, but the board voted to add the other stripe for when the wind shifts. It's a safety thing. As always, the entire runway is available for landings.



Introducing Our New Treasurer, Joe Geiger

Let me start by extending a heartfelt THANK YOU to our out-going treasurer, Roger Hebner. Unfortunately, our man Roger has a deteriorating eye condition that makes computer work nearly impossible. His eye doctor has told him to stay away from computer screens. It's an extra sad situation not only because of the health concern, but Roger really wanted to continue doing this job and serve the club. I, for one, am very thankful for the time and effort that he put in so far this year. It is greatly appreciated.

So that brings us to our newly-appointed treasurer, Joe Geiger. For those that don't know, he's Jess Walls' brother in law. Like Jess, Joe moved here from Eureka, CA a few years ago, in no small part because he wanted to be a Rogue Eagle and have access to our tremendous flying facility. He has some banking experience in his background, and has served as treasurer for three other model clubs in the past. We were in good hands with Roger, and I have no doubt that will continue with Joe.



Joe Geiger

continues...

Pattern Planes, Then and Now

I love this photo! That's my Candy in the front and Art Kelly's Allure in the back. What you see represents over fifty years of advancement in the design of pattern aircraft.



Cliff Weirick flew his Candy to consecutive wins in the 1964 and 1965 national championships (Nats). My Candy is an all-balsa model with Monokote covering and an OS .55AX for power. Art's Allure is a state-of-the-art precision aerobatic aircraft, built overseas from advanced composite materials, custom painted, and featuring smooth, electric power.

I wonder what some of the legendary designers of the past like Weirick, Phil Kraft, or Ed Kazmirski would think about the current breed of precision aerobatic birds. I also wonder what they will look like in another fifty years...

Interestingly, there are pattern events coming up in September at our field for both of these types. First up is the Vintage R/C Society fly-in where we will have the usual open flying for all types of model that date back to 1981 or earlier. But mixed in with that will be a very low-key, informal pattern event (two classes). There are more details in the event flyer you will see later in this issue. Please call or email me with any questions you may have about the airplane requirements or maneuver schedules. It should be great fun.

Later that month we are hosting the "Medford Pattern Classic" that will showcase the modern pattern planes in all their glory. This is a pretty major event with pilots from the northwest and



Eagle Eye . . . Observations from around the club

There were a number of exciting maiden flights this month...



Larry Myers and his Taube biplane. Model built by Larry Masten.



Calvin Emigh preps his Pilatus. Model was a freebie - won it in a raffle. Proceeded to spend about a thousand bucks to get it in the air. Nice!



A sweet Venture 60, built and flown by Kevin Parker. RCGF 15cc gas.

from California clashing in what they cheerfully call the “Rumble on the Rogue.” It’s also the NSRCA District 8 Championship event, so there will be some serious competition in the air. Better practice!

In support of his event, Art has scheduled a pattern orientation two weeks prior to the actual event. You can read more about the orientation here. →

Shameless Plug for Our Facebook Page

 As much as I try to keep up with breaking news and current events in our monthly newsletter, it's not always as timely as it could be. And generally it's just my voice and a few other contributors being heard. The REACT email announcements generated by our PR Officer are very helpful, but again it's limited to a one-way communication.

On the other hand, the Rogue Eagles facebook page is perhaps the fastest way available for sharing news and interacting with everybody in the group. For instance, did you know that our young man Tim Agee won his class at the IMAC contest in Molalla? He posted the news about a week ago! With pics!



I'm super encouraged by the increased activity on our facebook page over the last few months, but it could be even better. Let me emphasize again that it's not an "official" club outlet - you don't have to monitor it for club news or announcements. But it's a fun way for every member with internet access to socialize and share. If you haven't done so lately, take a peek:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rogueeaglesrcclub/>

If you don't have a facebook account, just take the plunge. I resisted for many years but finally gave it a go, and now it's become a fun little thing to look at and do from time to time. There are 55 members in our facebook group right now - I'd love to see triple digits by the end of the year.

Pattern Orientation at Agate Skyways

September 9



by Art Kelly

Pattern pilots from throughout the region will again descend on Agate Field for the annual District Championships. The dates: September 23 & 24. Last year a number of Rogue Eagle pilots decided to stick their toes in the water of a pattern event and flew their way through six rounds of competition. It was a new experience and, understandably, a little intense. But when the props had stopped spinning there seemed to be grins on all faces. During the conversations as we wrapped up the weekend a number of Rogue Eagles suggested that it would have been very helpful if we had offered a pattern orientation. So, taking that good counsel to heart, Sean Mersh, Paul Chapman and I will be presenting a Pattern Primer on Saturday morning, September 9 at Agate Field. We encourage all Rogue Eagle pilots who want to give pattern a try to join us for a couple of hours of discussion and practice flights. And, it's worth remembering that any pilot who is entering for the first time may fly any AMA legal aircraft and the registration fee will be waived. Also, the field will remain open for all who just want to some fun-flying on that Saturday. If you are planning to attend please let one of us know so that we can plan accordingly.

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Air Show 2017 - Let's Do Our Thang !!!

If you've been in this club for a year or more, you already know this is our biggest and most important event of the year. Newcomers, brace yourself! Just kidding; it IS a spectacle with a lot of moving parts, but it's also a lot of fun if you have the right attitude about it. It's our chance as a collective group to give a little back to our surrounding community. The goal is to raise some money for charity which in turn banks some goodwill for our club that could prove valuable in the future.

Event CD Larry Myers is already putting in time at the field and on the phone to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible. But not everything is in his control. We need help! Larry's got a club roster and will soon be making calls to members to find out if you can participate, as pilots or workers. In an effort to save him a bit of time on the phone, please give this some thought before you get the call. If you have something to fly, great! If not, you can still support the effort in a variety of ways. On the days of the Air Show, we need folks to help with parking, collecting donations, spotting for pilots, and making our spectators feel welcome. If you can't work during the Air Show, there will be plenty of work preparing the field in the week leading up to it. Larry actually burns a week of his vacation time from work to prep the field and run the event. Don't you think you can find a few hours to pitch in? By the way, if you want to offer your services to the cause, be sure to call Larry before 7:30 pm - he's an early-to-bed, early-to-rise kind of guy.

This is the 39th annual Rogue Eagles Air Show. I don't want anybody to feel pressured to make it the best one ever, but let's make it the best one we can. And remember our charity, the Children's Miracle Network. Spread the word, post some flyers, ask your friends to come to the show. If they can't make it, ask for a donation anyway. All donations stay right here in the valley.

Bruce



EUGENE RC MONSTER FEST 2017

Eugene RC Aeronauts | 3D FUN FLY

Friday Aug 11, 2017 @ 10:00 AM — Sunday Aug 13, 2017 @ 04:00 PM



EUGENE RC AERONAUTS is pleased to announce the Eugene RC Aeronauts Monster Fest 2017!

- Pilot raffle for big prizes
- On site dry camping available
- Club sponsored BBQ lunch for pilots
- Aircraft requirement: none!!! Bring what you have!!!
- Smoking policy – stay inside your car to smoke
- Pets policy, less than 40lbs, leashed or kennelled and are up to date with shots
- There will be an BYO BBQ and pool party starting at 6:00 pm Saturday night for all pilots. The pool is located next to the flying field. This is a BYO food and drinks swim party.
- There will be LIGHTS Friday and saturday night for night flying!!!!
- Bring a plane and fly – OR – Bring a chair and watch!

We have a 90' x 605' grass runway and 80 acres of open skies to fly in. If you want to try out our flying field and you have the Real Flight Simulator then fly HENSON FIELD and you will be flying at our site.

NOW IS THE TIME to start plastering the Valley with our Air Show Flyer, provided on the last page of this newsletter. If we want spectators, it's up to all of us to spread the word and advertise. Print the flyer and post it at work, school, church, or anywhere else it will be seen by lots of people. To print, scroll down to the last page so the flyer is visible, hit "Ctrl+P", select "Current Page", and hit "Print". Even if you don't plan on coming to the air show, you can help out your own club by doing your best to promote it.

There are just a few weeks left, so the sooner the better!

OUR SUCCESS DEPENDS MAINLY ON TURNOUT - WE NEED AN AUDIENCE!

Nasty Weed (not that kind...)

Look at the top two pictures. Do you know what plant that is? This is a small one but there were others at our field a few days ago that were three-feet across. Sometimes they have little yellow flowers.



Picture #3 is a close up of the underneath of the plant. Now do you know?

Picture #4 shows the really important part... the seed pod.

YES! Puncture vine! Bull Head, Goat Head, etc. These came into the USA around 1903 from Africa and Eurasia, probably in the wool of sheep or goats.

We spray them, pull them, cut their roots, and they still exist. We have to remain diligent. They are not native, they are NOT a protected species. Kill, kill, kill!!!

The Rogue Eagles RC Club wishes to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the fine staff at **Bullet Rental and Sales, Inc.** Their **generous donations** of critical heavy equipment was **vital** to the **successful** completion of our new control line circle.



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Albany Thundervolts R/C Club's Annual...

Swap Meet / Fly-in

*Bring an airplane and fly!
Bring your swap meet items and sell!*

Albany THUNDERVOLTS R/C Club

*Enjoy a fun day of flying and/or selling.
AMA membership required to fly.
\$5.00 Landing/Table Fee*



Location: Albany Thundervolts flying field in Millersburg, Oregon, off Old Salem Road NE on Arnold Lane NE, west of the former International Paper mill.

Food and drink will be available for a \$5.00 donation. No intoxicants of any kind of course.

September 9, 2017 - 10 am to 2 pm

Club Contacts at: www.albanythundervoltsrcclub.com

About the Park Flyer Runway...

To avoid any confusion, the park flyer runway is still available for use by pilots with electric park flyers (under two pounds, 60 mph max). In fact, RC pilots may use any part of the control line circle as their runway, permitting takeoffs and landings into the wind no matter which direction it's blowing. Obviously, park flyers and control-line models cannot be flown at the same time. The key word when both types of pilots are present is share. Talk with each other, take turns, respect the other pilots, and fly safely.



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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

Meeting Information

The next two General Membership Meetings are scheduled for

Tuesday 7pm, August 8, 2017

Tuesday 7pm, September 12, 2017

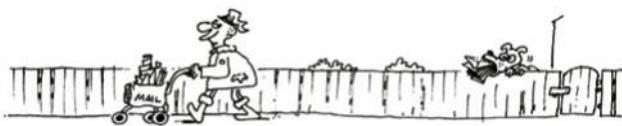
We meet at the Central Point Senior Center, 123 N 2nd Street in Central Point.

[Click here for directions](#)

Seen at the July Meeting



Don't know much about **Lloyd Russell** except that he's been in the club for a long time, and he's a bike-riding, Oregon State Beavers fan. Oh, and he's got a beautiful orange "Calypso," a classic pattern ship designed by Hanno Prettner. Thanks for sharing that, Lloyd. Come to more meetings!



Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

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

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**Join Us for Our
~ 8th Annual ~
Trip to the
Good 'ol Days**

This gathering is all about getting back to the roots of radio control.

Entries can be brand new as long as the original, basic model design dates back to 1981 or earlier. Planes can be scaled up or down if you wish. There are even some current ARFs that are vintage. Not sure if your plane qualifies? Email or call the CD and ask - it's that simple.

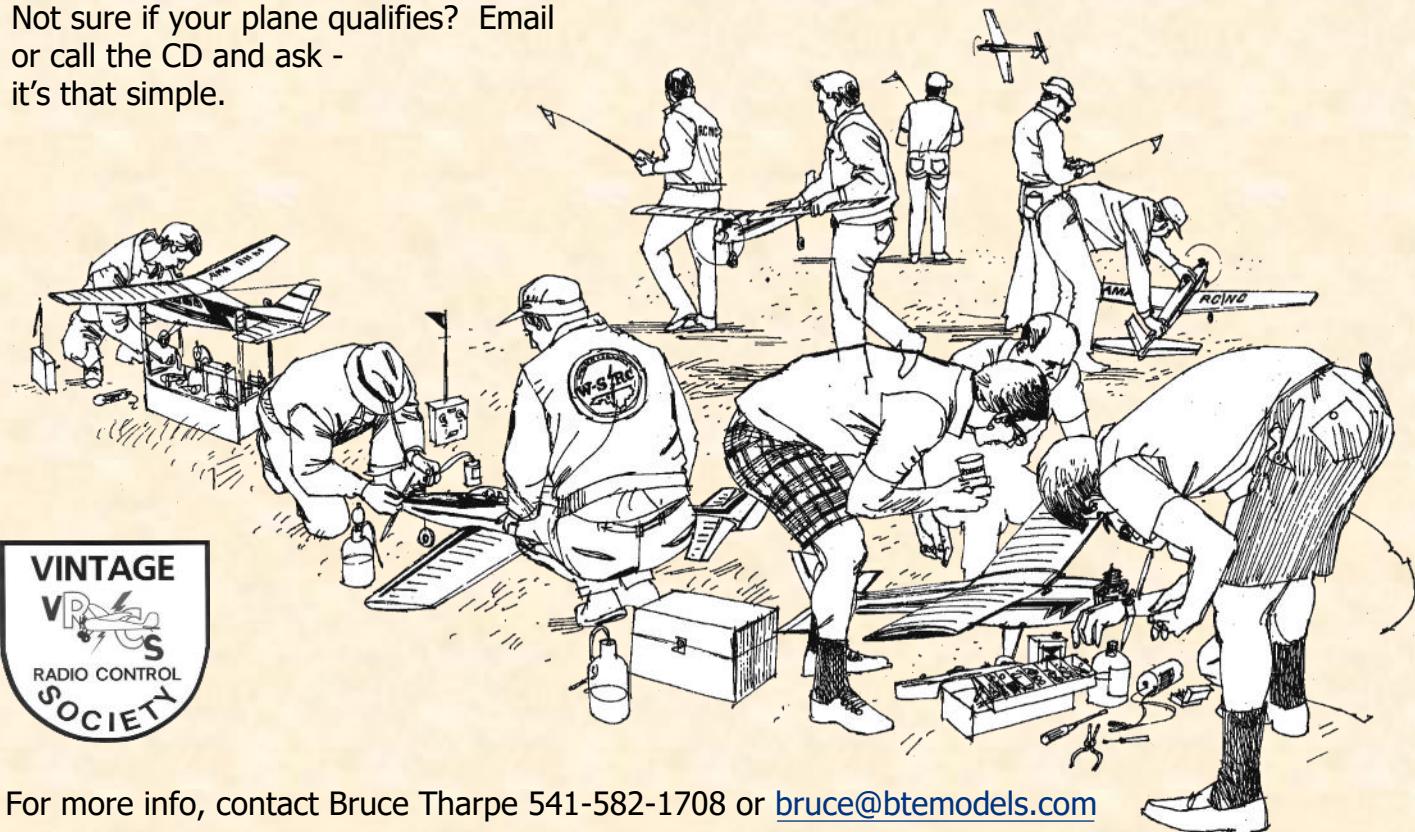
**Vintage R/C Society
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September 1 and 2, 2017
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For more info, contact Bruce Tharpe 541-582-1708 or bruce@btmodels.com

NORTHWEST VRCS FLY-IN INFO - SEPTEMBER 1 & 2, 2017



Join us for two days of relaxed flying of vintage RC models and RC assist old timers. Eligible model designs must date back to 1981 or earlier. If you are not sure if your model qualifies, give Bruce a call or send an email to find out for sure. The field will be closed to all other types of models during the two-day event. Remember, this is not your usual weekend event - it is scheduled for **FRIDAY and SATURDAY**. There is no entry fee for the fly-in.

NEW FOR 2017: VINTAGE PATTERN EVENT FOR CLASS II AND CLASS III

Class II is for models with elevator, rudder, and throttle. Class III is for models with elevator, rudder, ailerons and throttle. For this event, design date cutoff is 1975; retracts are not allowed.

The competition will be extremely low-key and flights will be mixed in with open flying. Judged flights can be made at your leisure, but need to be performed in a two-hour window from 10 am until noon each day. Pilots are allowed two flights per class, best one is official. The maneuver lists shown here are from the 1960's. [Awards for winners in each class.](#)

FOOD AND DRINKS

There will be free donuts and coffee provided each morning. There will also be a cooler with water and sodas. No lunches are planned, but there will be a variety of chips and other munchies.

Class II	Class III
1. Takeoff	1. Takeoff
2. Straight Flight Out	2. Stall Turn
3. Procedure Turn	3. Three Inside Loops
4. Straight Return	4. Three Axial Rolls
5. Stall Turn	5. Immelmann Turn
6. Three Barrel Rolls	6. Reverse Cuban 8
7. Three Inside Loops	7. Rolling 8
8. Immelmann Turn	8. Inverted Pass
9. Split "S"	9. One outside Loop
10. Rolling 8	10. Split "S"
11. Three Turn Spin	11. Three Turn Spin
12. Touch and Go	12. Touch and Go
13. Landing Pattern	13. Landing Pattern
14. Landing	14. Landing

PILOTS CHOICE AWARD

All pilots, whether registered for the event or not, will be allowed to vote for Pilots Choice. Be prepared to spend a few minutes evaluating the entries and voting for your top three. Only true VRCS-eligible models, including converted free-flight models will be in the running. **Note:** Models that won in past years are no longer eligible for this award.

VINTAGE SPIRIT AWARD

The Vintage Spirit award will be decided by the Event Director alone. The ED will use a variety of factors to help determine the winner, including the uniqueness of his or her model(s), use of vintage equipment and materials, and the modeler's overall enthusiasm and participation in the various aspects of the event.

PILOTS ONLY RAFFLE

The main prize this year is a Top-Flight Elder 40. Sadly, it's not a vintage plane, but it sure looks like one. If you win it and want to fly at next year's event, be my guest. This is a used model, but it comes with an OS .91 four-stroke engine and servos. We will also have a \$25 gift certificate for Al's Hobby and other prizes. The raffle is only open to pilots who register for the event with an eligible vintage model. The raffle is free - you cannot buy tickets. Instead, you will receive a single raffle ticket when you register, one additional ticket for each flight you make with a vintage model, and TWO additional tickets for each pattern event flight. The drawing will be around 2 pm on Saturday. You do not have to be present to win.



FINAL THOUGHTS

- Registration is FREE. Donuts, coffee, and drinks are FREE. The Raffle is FREE.
- A big part of this gathering is talking about the "good old days" of RC. Add to the fun by bringing out some vintage or antique radios, engines, or model plans to put on display.
- If you have any questions or need more info, please contact the Event Director, [Bruce Tharpe](#) 541-582-1708.



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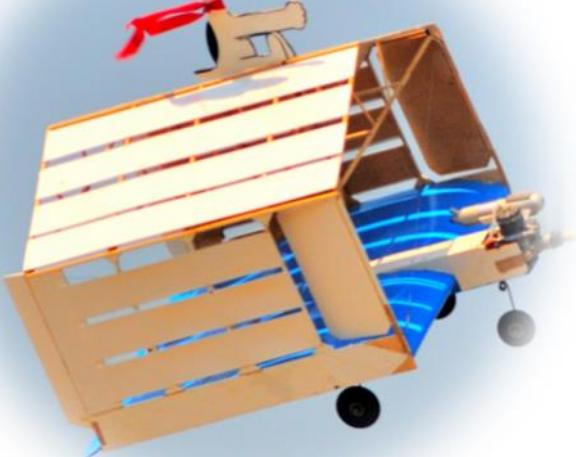


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