

## The Third Annual Meeting of the Vintage R/C Society

August 31 - September 1, 2012, at Agate Field, Oregon

Think back to the year 1977 and imagine surveying the planes in your stable at that long ago time. Now fast forward to 2012 and here they are again in all of their radiant glory. There were pattern planes, high wing free-flights, rudder and elevator only and most every other kind and flavor represented. The VR/CS has but one simple rule and that is the airplane had to be available in either kit or plan form before 1977 in order to qualify as an oldie goldie and be eligible to fly at this meeting.



L to R: John Dow, Bruce Tharpe Sr (Bruce R), Chuck Ammerman, Bruce Tharpe Jr (Bruce A), Les Simmons, Richard Schwegerl, Ron Kelso, Guy Laine, Howie Simmons, John Gaines, Rod Graham

Not Shown: Dave Bartholomew, Phil Baehne, Steve Alkire, Chuck Smith, Jay Strickland, David Dow, and Rick Lindsey (behind the camera!)

Seventeen pilots took to the sunny Southern Oregon skies and demonstrated that old planes can be just as enjoyable to fly as their modern counterparts.

Here you see a real gem from the past... the smallest engined little plane at this year's event gently being held by last year's CD, Richard Schwegerl.

The plane is an original 36"  
Top Flite RC-3 Schoolboy...



...and is powered by an L.M. Cox TD (Tee Dee or Thimble Drome) .010 engine — that's ONE HUNDREDTH of a cubic inch!

**Pattern airplanes were well represented by two Candys as well as one Dirty Birdi.**

**Here we have John Gaines holding his beautiful Candy powered by an OS .46 with a wingspan of 62" scratch built from plans 3 years ago. Remember, the airplane does not have to be 35 years old, just designed or kitted that long ago.**



Rick Lindsey has waited patiently for his Dirty Birdi to reach the ripe old age of 35 and now that it has 'matured' he plans to fly it at the VR/CS as often as possible. This airplane has logged 135 flights and is powered by an OS FSR .61 engine that he bought when he purchased the Dirty Birdi in 1975.

**Our CD for this event, Mr. Bruce Tharpe Jr, brought and flew three interesting planes... another Candy, an Esquire, and a Quickie.**

**Bruce is holding the Quickie which was designed by Fred Reese and appeared in RC Modeler in 1972. It is powered by an Enya .15 which is a real speed demon. Bruce's Quickie 15 won the "Pilots'**

Choice" award at this year's event.

Thanks, Bruce, for stepping up and giving us a fun, low-key event.



Bruce Tharpe Sr., brought a vintage control line Pulse Jet that flew with a sound reminiscent of what Buzz Bombs must have sounded like.

The plane is an original design by Bruce Sr. He doodled a sketch and built it from scratch with no plans. Funny thing is, he has never given it a name!

The foam-core wing is from a Sig Komander, the rest is balsa. The engine is a Dyna-Jet Red Head and it runs on Coleman fuel (white gas). The Dyna-Jet dates back to the mid '40s and has one moving part, a reed valve. Oh, and it's LOUD!!! There is no throttle or cutoff, so Bruce just hangs on until the 4 oz. of fuel runs out after a dozen laps or so. The plane then glides another two laps before landing.

The control lines are .021" stranded cable, 70 feet long.



Ron Kelso brought a Little Stik built by Harold Hayes who was a Rogue Eagles officer during the

**1980's. It never flew because Harold could never get the Super Tigre 23 engine to idle down. The little guy had been dormant for 35 years.**

**Ron meticulously refurbished the plane before bringing it to the field. At the field today, the engine still wouldn't idle down. With the help of Richard Schwegerl, whose first engine was a Super Tigre 23, the engine began running and idling properly. Richard took the plane off on it's inaugural flight then handed the transmitter over to**

**Ron who flew it for about 5 minutes when it went into a sudden, catastrophic dive and was destroyed on impact. It was a heart-rending end to a beautiful vintage plane.**



**Les Simmons holds an airplane built and flown in memory of Bud Gideon, a personal friend and departed RC'er, whose wife passed the kit on to Les.**

**This Carl Goldberg Eagle 2 is a beautiful bird, built by Les and flown by his son Howie at today's event and is a fitting tribute to an old friend.**

**Chuck Ammerman gave the spectators a chance to hear a twin engine RC called the Twin Otter. Great name as it is powered by 2 reliable OS LA .46s. Chuck mentioned that he rebuilt the plane after inverted engines caused the dreaded 'One Fan Gone' syndrome leading to an unscheduled 'landing'. This is a**

**nice airplane with flaps, an 81" span, a light flying weight of only 10 pounds and working cargo doors.**



**Dave Bartholomew is holding a creation of Phil Baehne's that proved to have too little rudder control on take-off. Phil vows to fix it and return with a serious rudder of some sort.**

**Finally and absolutely not least we have Guy Laine, aka. the gentleman who supplies the club with fantastic jackets and other apparel and who is the father of the original Rogue Eagles logo.**

**Guy brought out his vintage Lancer to enjoy the sun today. The Lancer was a free flight model designed in 1938 and originally kitted by The New Cyclone Company. It was**

**adapted to fly with R/C in events held by the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM). Guy describes it as "not competitive but fun to fly."**



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