



News Letter

Winter, 2022

News of the field

Snow! Most of you probably already noticed, right? Still, kind of fun if you are slightly masochistic, or totally desperate. Tuesdays and Thursdays seem to be the most popular lately. Fridays sometimes also. Weekends are usually quieter, maybe because there are other things to do?

Some of us are just more determined, or set in our ways, than others :)



The importance of the second picture is that Rich DeMartini and I are both smiling. This was December 28. We had come prepared with float planes to fly in the snow but as you can see, there wasn't enough.

Consider this next bit a shameless plug for Slow Sticks.

They are cheap, durable, adaptable, and cheap. They really do make great trainers too. The best part is that they fly best when flown in groups. Rick Lindsey calls them "fluffs". Birds fly in flocks, warbirds fly in formations, slow sticks fly in fluffs.

Every one of us who flies in these fluffs is smiling at the end of the mission. Not combat, not exactly formation either. Usually it is free form with an occasional bout of synchronized flying (quite a challenge actually), either low passes, loops, or slllloooowww passes. Just for fun.

My purpose in this hobby is to fly and have fun doing it. I enjoy all kinds of flying and building. But on any scale of fun per dollar, or fun per unit of time invested, the slow stick is hard to beat.

Mine is 3 channel, no ailerons, the Aloft hobbies recommended power pack. I have other airplanes to do aerobatics with, they don't all need to roll :)



Jay Strickland's Top Gun Fun Fly was a big hit this year. The participants had fun and attracted a large turn out of spectators. Scott Hudson was the top scorer and now has a 3rd hat to prove it. Rob Merriman was second based on normalized points and Rich Josephson was third. Doug McKee- Ace Bombadier! The Silent Auction was conducted during the events and certainly had a wide variety of items! This should be on everyone's list of things to NOT MISS!

There is some rearranging going on. Bottle recycling is moving to a less prominent location. It was beginning to look like a dumping ground for beer bottles. Please help prevent this from being an eyesore. Remember, it is for bottles and cans with OR 5 cent container rebates only. Not recycling!

***** This next bit is my OPINION. Based on club and AMA "rules". *****

There was a dispute between two members regarding a rule violation.

First off, none of us should take on the role of police. If you see something happen that is contrary to a club rule, let it go. Ask someone else to validate your interpretation of the rule. Tell Bruce or Jay. Let them handle it. It IS their job.

Second, our rules are NOT ABSOLUTE! They are more like guidelines to keep everyone safe and our hobby enjoyable. There are contradictions within the rules. They are not perfect.

Third, most rules violations are due to simple ignorance or misunderstanding, rather than evil intent.

Fourth, consider the current environment. Is anyone else there? If not, maybe it was not such a big deal. Was the transgression in the interest of safety?

Fifth, it is probably better to do nothing than to cause ill feelings.

Do any of you have access to a school gymnasium?

Days like we have been having for the last month remind me that I really like indoor flying! Sites are kind of scarce however. Al's Hobby shop had sponsored time at the Medford Armory but Armory rules have changed and no longer allow "aircraft" in their buildings.

Anything with a 30' ceiling and a basketball size floor would work. Let me know if you have any ideas.

(The following New Years Day report is from Rick Lindsey)

"Since you (me, Jess, ed) left early, you really missed a spectacular day! There was no wind and the sun came out and gave us all a psychological lift. I flew my re-furbished Super Kaos 40 (which now has a very new OS .55 in it.... Mewwaaooohaa haaa) four times all alone. The day was perfect but I think most of the guys were anticipating the usual New Year's Day grey nasty sky and did not bother bring a plane. The picture included was taken with a lens I use for close ups so I could not really bring it in. Rich Josephson asked for it because he says he has been flying that plane for years and has never had a shot of it in the air.

As for Slo-Sticks, your description is perfect. You might include something about how easy they are to repair (in my case... look pathetic and get Jess to fix it for me ☺). In addition, Aloft still has them for sale for cheap! Try <https://alofthobbies.com/aircraft/electric/slow-park.html> .



I am waiting for a nice day to bring out my new Killer Kaos that I have shoehorned a Nova-Rossi 61 speed 13 with rear exhaust and 10mm carb and see if I can get the engine started. It may be a beast as that carb may be too big to draw fuel... we will see.”

Thanks Rick!

Dues are due!

According to our by-laws:

“Dues are due in January of each year for renewing members. Members who have not paid their dues by January 31st will lose membership privileges and be required to pay the \$5.00 daily use fee at the field until they have renewed their club membership.”

There are a couple of ways to pay your dues.

I like to send a check to P.O. Box 8332 Medford, OR 97501.

This way you have a record (your check book or stub) and Art and Eric have your accurate name and address. Including the renewal form helps keep all your information up to date.

<https://www.rogue-eagles.org/membership-form>

This method does cost a stamp both ways.

You can pay by cash, or check, when you see either Eric or Art. Any club officer, or board member, will get your money to Art too, but this is not as straight forward a process.

\$50/year is quite a bargain considering how nice our facility is.

I really like newsletters! I think that newsletters are one of the best ways to keep a club active and informed. They are not hard to do. They are made easier by people sharing stories, thoughts, and energy. Pictures are good too! Try writing one. I am sure that Bruce, Rick, or I would help edit for grammar and such. Inserting pictures is easy too, once you have done it.

Give it a try. We have over 120 members, surely 1/10 of us could write a page or 2 each year?

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