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ROGUE EAGLE

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

**Mort Sullivan and his
Keil Kraft Falcon built
from a Ben Buckle kit.**



The model was originally designed in 1937 by Ben Shereshaw. It was known then as the "Cloud Cruiser," but the 1946 Keil Kraft kit version featured an enlarged fin and was renamed "Falcon."



Gary Neal Follow-Up

Agate Skyways was the venue for a Celebration of Life for our dear friend and loyal Rogue Eagle, Gary Neal. This is not something that's ever happened before at our field, but every single comment that I heard afterwards was gracious and positive - just like Gary. The rain held off long enough for a tribute flight by John Gaines with his Sportster adorned with an American flag, while "God Bless the USA" played in the background. Quite a few members of Gary's family were there and told amazing accounts of his many skills and achievements. A number of Rogue Eagles added their experiences with the man. We wrapped up the ceremony with a famous Rogue Eagle potluck lunch.

The whole thing was beautifully done and Wendy Neal was extremely happy with the turnout and the ceremony. Thank yous go out to Larry Cogdell, John Gaines, Jay Strickland, and anybody else involved behind the scenes. It's times like this that really drive home what a special club this is.

Gary Neal RC Estate Sale at BTE

Like any life-long modeler, Gary accumulated lots of models, equipment, tools, and accessories that now need a good home. All of his stuff has been gathered in the shop next to BTE and will go on sale Friday and Saturday, November 2nd and 3rd, starting at 11 am both days. All the credit goes to John Gaines, who will handle all sales. He is using my location because it's a bit closer to Medford (Gary's home is north of Grants Pass) and he knew there was room in this shop to handle it all. Some of his items have already been purchased, but there's plenty of stuff still available. If you have any questions, please contact John Gaines at 541-951-1947.

Here are directions to BTE:

- Heading North on I-5, take exit 48 for the town of Rogue River.
- At the bottom of the exit, turn right.
- Heading South on I-5, take exit 48 for the town of Rogue River.
- At the bottom of the exit, turn left and go under the freeway.
- Almost immediately you will cross the railroad tracks, then turn left onto Pine Street.
- Follow Pine Street, the name changes to East Evans Creek Road as you drive out of town.
- Go 8-1/2 miles to my shop at 8622 E Evans Creek Road.
- My shop is a red brick building on the right side of the road, plenty of parking room.

The only tricky spot is about 8 miles out of town. You will come to a stop sign with a smaller sign posted below it that says "except right turns". Go ahead and make the right turn - that's still E Evans Creek. The shop is another .4 miles from the stop sign. There are no markings on the shop, just my mailbox out front with the numbers 8622. The address is 8622 E Evans Creek Road, Rogue River.

Another Sad Loss

Not a club member this time, but part of the extended Rogue Eagle Family. The son of Cliff and Bonnie Sands, Dan, passed away in late October. I hope Cliff and Bonnie know how cherished and respected they are by all the members who know them, and we are deeply saddened for your loss. Allow me to offer our condolences on behalf of the entire club.

Bruce



Eagle Eye . . . Observations from around the club



All of the Rogue Eagles members who went up to the Molalla IMAC event last July made us proud by finishing third or better in their classes. Here's the scoop from the [IMAC Results Page](#):

Overall, there were 19 pilots flying in the Molalla Arial Rodeo contest.

Mike Freeburg won the Basic class. There were 4 pilots in Basic. The scores ranged from a low of 4,475.7 to a high of 4,982.3 (a range of 506.7 points).

Jim Spurlock won the Intermediate class. There were 5 pilots in Intermediate. They flew 6 known sequences (3 rounds) and 1 unknown round. The scores ranged from a low of 3,715.5 to a high of 4,948 (a range of 1,232.4 points).

*The tightest competition was for 1st place in the Intermediate class, with only 22.048 points difference between **Jim Spurlock** and **Sean Mersh**.*

Ye Olde Editor Comments: Oops! Shoulda had this in the last newsletter - my bad. Pictured above, L to R, is Sean Mersh, Mike Freeburg, and Scott Hudson. Not pictured is Jim Spurlock who is also a Rogue Eagle (lives in Redding)!





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Welcome to the Rogue Eagles!

We gained two new members this month...

Steve Smith from Medford

Don Peila from Medford

Medford Pattern Classic - 2018

Event Report by Art Kelly

Photos by Ye Olde Editor



That gentle tapping you hear is the membership of the Rogue Eagles patting themselves on the back for offering a superb flying site for our annual pattern contest. This year's edition was even bigger than last year's and became international with the arrival of Henry Piorun from Canada. In all we had representation from Idaho, Washington, Utah, California (northern & southern), all over Oregon and Canada. Again we had several out-of-area pilots who were experiencing Agate field for the first time and the common reaction was "Wow!"

With the large number of pilots and entrants in each of the five classes we were faced with a clear priority - Keep Things Moving. A pilots meeting at 8:30 and we were "wheels up" by 9:10. The last of the four Saturday rounds landed at 5:00pm, a long but satisfying day. We had one mishap on the first round. Former Rogue Eagles member Tyler Johnson (flying Intermediate) and Dale Olstinske (flying Masters) managed to meet at mid-field at an elevation of 250'. Tyler's three-bladed Alchemy shredded the tail of Dale's Galaktik. Tyler made it down safely with some damage. Dale had to watch his out of control bird auger in out at the centerline marker. It was a spectacular crash but we all know the helpless feeling of seeing your treasured bird become toothpicks.

The Rogue Eagles represented themselves well. Sean Mersh, Derek Emmett (California) and Henry Piorun had a hard fought battle for the FAI crown. Each won at least one round and Sean surrendered first place to Derek by 11 points out of 4,000. Tim Agee, Steve Coleman and Jerry Stinson competed in the Advanced class. Tim placed third while Steve and Jerry were a little further behind. Scott Hudson flew his SebArt Mythos very well but was up against some very good pilots from California. It was also fitting that we used this occasion to pay a special to Ray Wasson Sr. who was the consummate pattern flyer and supporter. Pilots from all the states remember him fondly.



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Medford Pattern Classic

We were grateful to have extra efforts from Rogue Eagles members. Bruce Tharpe was able to round up several necessary items at the last minute, leading to a smoother contest. Paul Chapman was the master registrar and money collector and Jerry and Scot came out on Friday

to chalk the runway to define the box lines. Ray Wasson Jr. was there fill in on the myriad of tasks that always pop up.

Medford Pattern contest was on life-support its first couple of years but it has grown constantly and has become a "go-to" contest. Having been the CD of this contest for the past nine years it is gratifying to see that it has gotten about as big as it can. Registrations above 30 pilots

becomes cumbersome requiring compromises such as more birds in the air at the same time or fewer total flights. We don't want to go there.



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ROGUE EAGLES WINTER BUILD CHALLENGE

~ List of Declared Projects ~

Builder	Project	Starting Point	Comments
Dennis Detloff	Four-Star 120	Sig Kit	He has a Four-Star 40, this will be its big brother. Will use converted gas engine.
Phil Baehne	B-36 Bomber	Old CL Plans	Ambitious as always. The B-36 is over 100". Power to be six .25 glow engines.
Jess Walls	Zipper (Small)	BMJR Kit	Famous 1937 Carl Goldberg FF design, 30" wing span, will convert to RC.
Jess Walls	Zipper (Larger)	P & W Model Kit	That's right, two entries, same basic model, different sizes. This one's 54" span.
Don Harris	Stearman	Sterling Kit	Prolific builder from North Bend. Sterling kits are known to be "difficult."
Rick Lindsey	Christen Husky	Byron Kit	1/3-scale, 105" wing span. Plane is partially-built, was started by Don Harris!
Bruce Tharpe	WBCwing	Original Design	Plank-style flying wing, 140" wing span, electric. First sketched 30+ years ago.
Rod Elledge	Eagle 2	Goldberg Kit	Rod says, "Not a huge challenge. Something to glue myself to." Floats too.
Joe Geiger	Das Little Stik	Midwest Kit	46" wing span. Will probably convert to electric. Classic vintage design.
Jack Shaffer	Moonraker	Balsa USA Kit	Old school, vintage RC sport model with swept wing. Lots of shaping and sanding.
Ben Musolf	Simplex 60	Plans	Pretty old-timer, 60" wing span. Will power with OS .26 four-stroke engine.
Scott Hudson	RAF FE2b	Short Kit	From Aerodrome RC - came with no instructions. WW1-era pusher biplane.

Still lots of time to enter - the maiden flight party will be some time in April

You can see updates on all of these projects on the [Rogue Eagle's Facebook Group](#)

Read the rules on the Facebook Group or on regaleagles.org

Questions, suggestions, comments, or ideas? Contact Bruce Tharpe bruce@btemodels.com 541-582-1708

Medford Pattern Classic

In a similar fashion, the Medford IMAC contest was once a go-to contest. It is now rebuilding. If more members will promote it and participate it regain its place in the IMAC world.

The Rogue Eagles members can be very proud of the facility that it now offers and for the attention paid to presenting a clean and well manicured facility. Congratulations to all. ❖



FOR SALE



From **Scott Hudson**: "I hate to let it go, but need to clear some space for a new winter project. For Sale: Hangar 9 110" Beaver with custom scheme. Perfect condition. Very detailed build on 1/4 scale floats and gear. VVRC 40cc Twin Gas Engine with scale 3-blade carbon prop while on gear, and a Falcon 2-blade Carbon Fiber prop for use on floats. JR 12ch RX, Thunder Power Lipo Battery, and all digital high end servos. Fully functioning lighting with wing tip nav lights, strobes, and landing. Three-position controller for lighting system. Detailed interior with scale dash panel, and servo-controlled pilot (looks L & R with rudder and separate channel on radio for show). Will transfer all radio setup data to compatible Spektrum TX."



- Biela Semi Scale 3 Blade Prop
- Falcon 2 Blade Carbon Fiber Prop
- True-Turn Scale Hub
- Tech-Aero IBEC (ignition battery eliminator)
- JR 12ch RX (Spektrum compatible)
- JR Voltage Regulator with single Soft Switch
- 9- Hitec Digital Servos
- Sullivan Aluminum Wheels for gear
- 1/4-Scale Hangar 9 Floats
- Electro Dynamics LED Light Kit w 3ch Controller

\$1500

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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, November 13, 2018

Tuesday 7pm, January 8, 2019

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

[Click here for directions](#)

Officer Nominations

Nominations for the four officer positions are still open until the November General Membership Meeting. At the meeting, we will accept any last-minute nominations, followed immediately by the election. You are free to nominate any member for any position, but they are not obligated to accept the nomination. Remember, you may also nominate yourself for any position (assuming you will accept the nomination LOL).

Three Board Members at Large will be nominated and elected at the January General Meeting.

Dues

You don't have to wait until next year to pay your membership dues. We are willing and able to take care of you right away. Unlike last year, there is no renewal form required. See Jess Walls at the meeting in November (actually, before or after the meeting), or mail a check to our address:

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Renewal rates are unchanged. Dues for Open Membership is \$50, Family Membership is \$60.

Club Merchandise

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Event Announcement for the 2019

ROGUE EAGLES WINTER BUILD CHALLENGE

Let's do this again! Last year's WBC was a big success with lots of interesting projects emerging from workshops last Spring. C'mon builders, don't go into hibernation this Winter.

The main goal of the Winter Build Challenge is to stimulate and encourage traditional model building within the club. It will also be a good way for us to share modeling techniques and will hopefully provide some good content for our newsletter and facebook page.

The WBC is for experienced builders and beginners alike. It's important to know you will NOT be judged at any time on your building skills. Builders from other clubs are welcome.

The end game for this event will be a maiden flight party, some time in the Spring of 2019 (probably April). All entries will gather to make their maiden flight, one-at-a-time, on that day. Builders with successfully-flown models will have their names thrown in a hat for an excellent raffle.

Here's the Challenge:

- *Must be a NEW build from a balsa kit or plans. No repair jobs of previously flown aircraft. No ARFs. No foamies.*
- *Previously started kits are okay, but they should have no covering and the framework must be less than 50% completed.*
- *Models must be radio-controlled, of any size or complexity, and powered with glow, gas, or electric.*
- *To enter, you must post at least one current photo showing the starting point of your project on our facebook page or in the club newsletter. Remember, this is a social event - no secret projects allowed.*
- *To finish the challenge, your plane must be flown at the maiden flight party. The plane must take off, make at least one lap, and land.*
- *The Challenge is open to any AMA member.*

The challenge guidelines are semi-fluid. Special projects may be allowed by group consensus on facebook. It's not like this is a competition. The idea is to challenge yourself, learn a thing or two, share with others, and have fun.

If you are a relative newcomer to building, take some time to research your kit options and talk with a few experienced club members for ideas and advice. If you are an established builder, grab a kit out of your stash and start gluing!

Questions, suggestions, comments, or ideas? Contact Bruce Tharpe bruce@btemodels.com 541-582-1708

Announce your entry and provide project updates on [our facebook page](#)