

May 2014

# ROGUE EAGLE



*Cliff Sands relaxes next to his monster Gere Sport float plane during the Agate Lake Float Fly last month. Look for a feature article about Cliff in an upcoming newsletter.*



## ALL THUMBS - FROM THE PREZ'S CHAIR

My name is Jay Strickland and I approve this message

April showers bring May... well you know the saying. In our case we are hoping May brings a beautiful new runway. As you all probably know by now, when we ground up the old runway we found a couple of unexpected things. First, the runway was not as thick as we thought and it was pretty much laid right on the dirt. Second there was trapped moisture under several spots that made the subgrade too soft for the heavy paving trucks. Don't get me wrong, the old runway served us mightily for almost forty years and we all owe a debt of gratitude to those who built it. Our new runway will benefit greatly from the help and oversight of the County (thanks Steve!) and the monumental patience of Knife River who has professionally put up with the re- re- re-scheduling of the paving part. The latest plan proposed by the County and endorsed heartily by the Executive Board is to bring in about 500 tons of ground asphalt from a nearby road project and build an excellent base for our final 2 inch paving. The resultant runway with proper care should last through every current club member's lifetime! Let that sink in a moment, yes even yours Timmy Agee! This plan should allow for paving during the week of May 12 and with any luck be complete just in the nick of time for our Warbird Fly In.

The 2014 Danny Stanton Memorial Float Fly at Agate Lake was a huge success! Thanks to the superb preparations and execution of CD Rick Nunes and his diligent crew, 42 registered pilots and many spectators enjoyed the great weekend. What a fantastic venue we have in Agate Lake to delight in the wet side of aero modeling. Yes I was able to get some "rental" flights thanks to some always generous members. A big thank you to Cindy, Danny Stanton's daughter, for generously donating the prizes for the really great pilot and general raffles. Most in attendance it seemed won something! We sure hope Rick continues to CD this event, as I'm sure he'll make it even better in the future.

Thank you to all the members of John Gaines' working party who made it to the field on "Weed spray" Tuesday. Our field would not be the same without the tireless efforts of those members and you know who you are. Well I had better close and get this column to our trusty newsletter editor before I make his May edition late. As always, thank you Bruce for the top notch product you always put out!

That is all for now,

Grandog out. 

*Welcome to the Rogue Eagles!*

We have two new members this month...

**Earl Rohlf** from Medford  
and **Matt Swarts**

### VRCS Prize Plane - Falcon 56



**Receiver Ready!**

## Minutes of the Board Meeting for April 24th. 2014

### Opening:

The President, Jay Strickland, formally opened the meeting for business at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Point Senior Center. There were nine members present.

Eric was at home recovering from Gall Bladder surgery. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

### Old Business.

#### Cub Scouts.

The Rocket Launch event took place as planned on Saturday April 19th and went very well.

#### Agate Float Fly.

The event took place from Friday 18th to Sunday 20th and was very successful. Rick Nunes reported that there were 42 registered pilots. Revenue came in at \$906 net.

The field clean up before the event had many members volunteering their time and did a fantastic job. In particular Robert Fralick did a great job cleaning the restroom.

The raffle was exceptional thanks to the generous donations of Cindy Henderson, the daughter of Danny Stanton. A motion was moved seconded and approved for Rick to send a nice "thank you card" to Cindy.

The forms procedures and documents necessary to conduct the Float Fly at Agate have been organized and placed in a binder by Rick to make planning and execution of future events easier and more proceduralized.

#### Runway replacement.

The County workers ground up the existing asphalt as planned on Monday April 14th.

It was revealed that there was considerable water beneath the asphalt making the base very soggy, so the machinery could not be brought on to lay the new asphalt. Drying out needs to take place in order to proceed. An inspection will be made on Monday the 28th. Hopefully the base will be dry enough to enable re-grading of the base on Wednesday and the new asphalt to be laid on Thursday May 1st. This all of course hinges on suitable weather conditions.

An extra 20 yds. of D.G. is needed to level the runway so a motion was moved, seconded and approved for the purchase of the additional D.G.

#### Field Maintenance.

John Gaines will be working to repair the spray machine with the new motor this week. There was a discussion on the additional tools and resources needed to clear the field of weeds and tall grass.

Jay will be at the field on Saturday to work on the tractor to inflate the flat tires etc.

Larry will send out a REACT message to the membership to ask for a work party on Tuesday 29th at 10 a.m. to perform the clean-up that is needed.

#### Memorial plan.

Plans are proceeding for Jay's brother-in-law to provide the granite memorial plaque with the words "In Memorium Rogue

Eagles" laser etched on top. The granite slab will measure 4 ft. by 2.5 ft. and be 2 cm thick. Holes will be drilled to enable lag bolt mounting to the wall.

### New Business.

#### IMAC Event.

The event had to be postponed due to the runway work. There was a discussion on what would be a suitable date to schedule. Eventually the dates of June 7th and 8th was agreed. Jay will contact the necessary people etc. to get it going on these new dates.

#### Pylon Racing.

The first event of the year had a very low attendance. We will see how the next one turns out.

#### Ashland Airport demonstration.

There are some hurdles in the way for us to conduct the requested R/C flight demonstration. These are further compounded by the new rules promulgated by the AMA for flying at full sized airports.

Jay will let the appropriate Airport Management know that we will be unable to perform this year.

#### Warbirds.

The event is scheduled for May 17th and 18th. with John Gaines being the C.D.

Larry will send out a REACT message to the membership reminding them of the event. John will send publicity material to Larry.

#### Rogue Valley Flying Club.

We had planned on a Pot Luck and flight demonstration for June 7th. However this has been disrupted because of the runway delay and the IMAC competition.

After a discussion it was decided to reschedule this event to May 17th. Jay will contact them to re-plan for this date. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs etc.

#### Daily flying fees.

Jay reported that he retrieved \$44.00 from the deposit box at the field.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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*Interview with*  
**Brett Jensen**  
*Al's Cycle and Hobbies*

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by Jack Shaffer

Time to understand what makes Al's Cycle and Hobbies tick. First, I want to congratulate Brett on receiving the plaque from the Rogue Eagles. Brett was recognized for what he and his shop do to support the Rogue Eagles and our community. This is Rick Lindsey making the presentation and just look at the smile on Brett's face.

I went straight to the source and made my way down to my favorite Medford store to hook up with Brett and get the lowdown on Al's and learn all there is to know about Brett.

I found Brett upstairs in his office doing business stuff. Brett said he could give me five minutes, like yeah, that was going to work. Forty minutes or more later, we shook hands and called the interview complete.

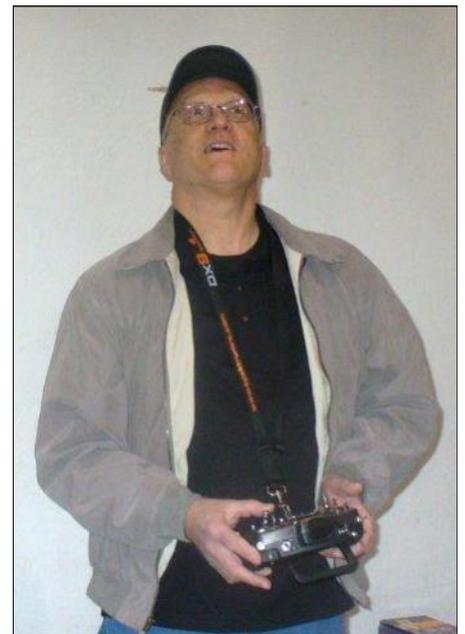
Brett comes to us from Klamath Falls where he was born and raised. He still has a brother and sister living there. His teenage years were spent working part time at Al's Hobbies in K Falls. Brett graduated from high school in '67 and moved to Medford in '72. Brett and his wife of 45 years, Denise, have two sons and are proud to have one grandchild. One son lives in Portland, the

other in Walla Walla, Washington. They did not follow in dad's footsteps in the hobby industry.

Brett's favorite hobby and pastime is park flyer airplanes, and the smaller the better. Brett's love of flying park flyers is reflected in the smile you see on his face at the meeting at the Armory.

Brett mentioned that in his early days of Al's, the store sold bikes, toys, hobby stuff and did locksmithing. He said that he had

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## Interview with **Brett Jensen** Al's Cycle and Hobbies ...continued

gone out one time too many at 3am to unlock a late night party goer's car and gave up the locksmith business. Brett also talked about how several of his past employees had moved on to have their own bike shops or work in the bike repair business.

Our conversation moved on to a favorite Oregon topic, the weather. Weather is always a problem for shop owners and Brett and his people have seen the good and the bad of our weather, everything from a leaky roof to snow. I asked if the weather ever forced Al's to be closed. Brett was quick to answer that the storm of 2013 closed the shop. I think this storm closed most of Oregon and sure kept me from making a trip to Al's.



I asked Brett what would be a couple of his most amusing anecdotes. The first to come to his mind was one that turned out to have a bad result. Brett's first control line plane was a Cox Marine Corsair. The plan was to make its first flight on a local basketball court. You know where this is headed. Yep, without doing a walk around the circle, Brett flew his Marine Corsair smack dab into the pole supporting the hoop.

Brett's next story really ticked my funny bone. I'm not going to go into a lot of detail. I want to protect the names of the guilty. Seems like, back in the day, Brett and his dad were building one of those stick and tissue kind of kits. It came time to apply the covering. This was back when we used almost anything liquid to get the covering to stick. Not too sure what kind of concoction they were using. It was the location they picked to do this that became the problem. They used the family bathtub as a place to apply the covering. I'm not too sure what kind of residue they left in the tub, but I do know Brett's mom was none too happy about it.

Well, I sure enjoyed my visit with Brett. We here in the Rogue Valley are truly blessed to know and have Brett and Al's Cycles and Hobbies as part of our lives. See you at Al's.

————— *Jack Shaffer* —————

Click the pic  
for more info



Danny Stanton Memorial

### Float Fly

3 Days - 42 Pilots

Lots of Action!

For complete coverage of the event, visit the [photo gallery](#) on the Rogue Eagles website.



# WHO NEEDS A RUNWAY?

We're all anxious to try out our brand new, state-of-the-art, extended runway, but it looks like it won't be paved for another couple of weeks or so.

In the meantime, there are a lots of

**OTHER WAYS TO ENJOY THE HOBBY..**



TRY FLOAT FLYING

HAND-LAUNCH AN  
ELECTRIC SAILPLANE

CONQUER A QUADCOPTER  
OR HOVER A HELI

FLY A FOAMIE OR PARKFLYER

TRAIN ON A SIMULATOR

OR, HEAVEN FORBID,  
BUILD SOMETHING!!!

## Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings. For more info, call Phil Baehne at **541-727-7059**



### T Shirt

S-XL \$10    XXL \$12



Hat . . . \$10



### Coffee Mug

**NEW**

\$12



### Vinyl Decals

**NEW**

1.5" \$1.50    2" \$2.00



# Club Information Page

For information about the club, how to join, past newsletters, and much more, please visit the Rogue Eagles website . [www.rogue-eagles.org](http://www.rogue-eagles.org)

The next **General Membership Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Meeting location is the Central Point Senior Citizens Center, 123 N 2nd Street in Central Point. [Click here for directions](#) .

Show and Tell at the April general meeting brought out this gorgeous F-4U Corsair built by **Clark Wolf III** and **Richard Schwegerl** from an old Byron kit. It has a Sachs 4.2 gas engine for power with the Byron "Purr-Power" exhaust system. Custom vinyl graphics finish off the classic paint scheme. Good luck with this one, guys. Great work!



## Upcoming Events

Note: Runway status may cause cancellations - keep an eye on the website for updates.

<b>MAY</b>	17-18	Warbirds/Scale	Agate Field	<a href="#">John Gaines</a> 541-951-1947
	22-25	IMAA West Coast Festival <a href="#">more info</a>	Castle Airport	<a href="#">Scott Malta</a> 209-617-5789
	24	Pylon Race #2	Agate Field	<a href="#">Rich DeMartini</a> 541-245-9858
<b>JUN</b>	21	Pylon Race #3	Agate Field	<a href="#">Rich DeMartini</a> 541-245-9858
	27-29	IMAA Big Bird Fly-In	Agate Field	<a href="#">Larry Myers</a> 541-770-3390
<b>JUL</b>	11-13	Warbirds Over the Pacific	Cottage Grove	<a href="#">Gus Phillips</a> 541-643-9430
	12-13	Float Fly	Lake Selmac	<a href="#">Art Kelly</a> 541-472-9683
	19	Pylon Race #4	Agate Field	<a href="#">Rich DeMartini</a> 541-245-9858
	25-27	IMAA Big Bird Fly-In	Henry's Winery in Sutherlin	<a href="#">Bob Campbell</a>

Full 2014 Event Calendar is available online [Click Here](#)

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# Vintage R/C Society **Northwest Fly-In**

**August 29-30, 2014**

**~ Friday and Saturday ~**

**Agate Field, Medford, OR**

**~ Home of the Rogue Eagles ~**



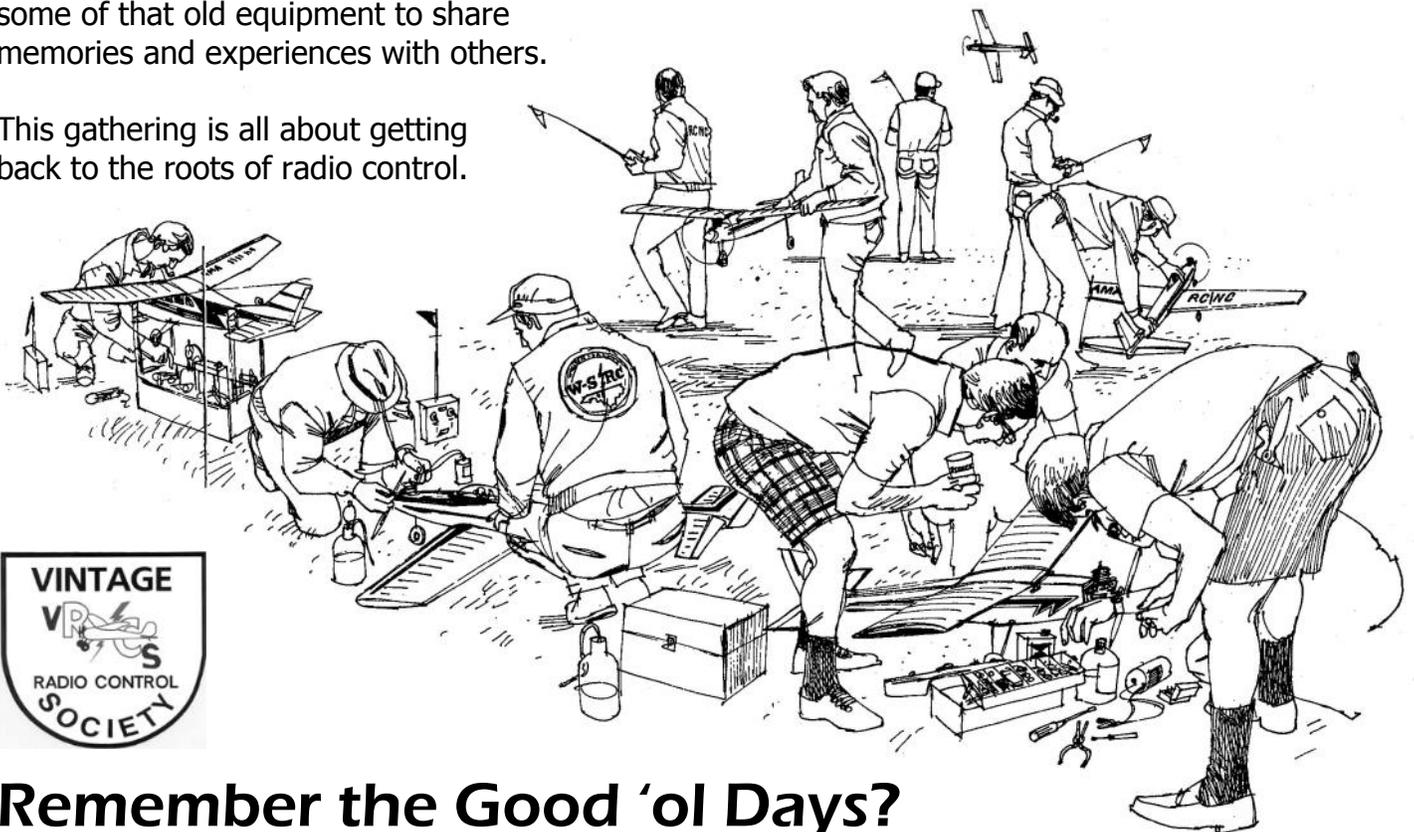
If you have been in this hobby for a long time, you probably remember the good ol' days when radio control was just getting started. Rekindle those memories and join us for two days of nostalgia, story telling, and flying.

Entries can be brand new as long as the original, basic model design dates back to 1978 or earlier. Planes can be scaled up or down if you wish. There are even some current ARFs that qualify. Modern materials, engines, radios, and electric power are all welcome. Bring along some of that old equipment to share memories and experiences with others.

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

**Open Flying for R/C models that were published, kitted, or flown in 1978 or earlier.**

- No Entry Fee! Bring as Many Models as You Like
- Awards & Prizes for Pilot's Choice & Vintage Spirit
- SAM R/C Assist Models are Welcome
- No Competition, Just Open Flying
- Dry Camping Available at Field, Bring Your RV
- Visit [www.rogue-eagles.org](http://www.rogue-eagles.org) for Directions
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**Remember the Good 'ol Days?**