

June 2018

# ROGUE EAGLE

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



*A serene, early morning shot of Agate Lake before the float fly craziness gets under way. Photo was posted to our facebook group by Rachel A Botner.*



### Farewell to a Special Man

Most of you have heard by now that I lost my dad to the big C last month. Thank you to all who have expressed their sympathy, condolences, and support. As you might expect, it's been a rotten experience and has certainly occupied a lot of my time over the past month. I've been

something of an absentee president, but I'm starting to get back into a routine now and plan to re-engage with this great club.

Thinking back, I'm remembering more and more what a creative modeler my dad was. So many of his favorite planes were his own designs, usually sketched out on the proverbial "napkin." And they worked! I can see direct influences from him in my own designs. How grateful I am that he not only introduced me to this wonderful hobby, he passed along a creative streak and gave me the courage to turn my hobby into a business.

Hope everybody has a special Father's Day this month. Show your father some appreciation, whether he's still with us or not.

### Turf Runway Open for Business

Our freshly-installed turf runway, or as I like to call it, the "rugway," is now available to use. It may not look exactly like what we envisioned, but it is something of a work in progress. There's no doubt about its functionality - pilots who have used it so far have been giving it big thumbs up. If you need a refresher on the usage of the rugway, you will see a graphic with guidelines later in this newsletter.

Installation was no small feat. Jess Walls organized machinery and manpower last month to accomplish the task. Jess wrote "We learned a lot (this was the first part of the experiment remember) and would do some things differently next time. We were not fast because we were learning as we went. Our procedure changed as we went along, some [ideas] sounded good but didn't work as well as we hoped. The next day we put down another length along the runway and were much faster. The west taxiway didn't have to match anything so it went really fast. Good thing because only Lorin, Sean, Chuck, Jay and I were there working. Jay had to leave early Sunday morning but came back and finished the helipad himself."

Many, many thanks to the helpers who showed up that weekend including Lorin Smith, Chuck Bowers, Sean Mersh, Jay Strickland, John Buford, John Gaines, Gary Neal, and Eric Geiske.



*Bruce Sr. with his turbine-powered "Sound Effect" at Black Rock Dry Lake, his favorite flying site.*

## Events are Happening, Fast and Furious

My goodness, we just started Spring and model events are coming at us like crazy. There are three different event reports in this newsletter alone - the Float Fly, The All-Scale Contest, and the IMAC Contest. Things settle down a bit until the Big Bird three-day event at the end of June. Don't forget, we are going to raffle off that giant green-and-white Waco at the big bird event. Raffle tickets are available right now from Rick Lindsey (see ad). All proceeds go to the club, so get in the game. All you need is one ticket to win!

## Ashland Airport Day

There was yet another event away from Agate Skyways earlier this month. Larry Cogdell was the prime organizer behind our presence at the Ashland Airport Open House. Larry tells me it was a busy day with the crowd estimated to be about four times what it was last year. There was a bit of flying, but a lack of coordination and communication



*A portion of the Rogue Eagles display inside a hangar at the Ashland Airport. Larry reports there was a line of young people at our flight simulator throughout the event. It's always good when we get an opportunity like this to put our best foot forward.*

with the show management made it difficult. No matter, the main goal was to do a nice static display and build some goodwill for our club, which was definitely accomplished. Larry wanted me to extend his gratitude to the Rogue Eagle members who pitched in, including John Gaines, Babe Caltabiano, Rob Merriman, Bill Phillips, Jess Walls, Joe Geiger, and Dale and Suzanne McQuiston. Jay Strickland was hired to be the announcer at the event - not just the modeling stuff, the whole show! The man's getting a reputation 'round these parts...

## My Trip to Washington

While these folks were all in Ashland, and

the IMAC folks were doing their thing, I was up in Shelton, Washington. The Sanderson Field RC Flyers were holding their WBC Maiden Flight Party and I wanted to lend my support. You may recall that this is the event I went to last year which inspired me to try a Winter Build Challenge with our club. The organizers, Jody and Sharon Diaz, made the trip down here in April for our party, so I felt the need to reciprocate. What a fun morning! In just their second year, they had over twenty models do test flights. Their procedure was pretty much like ours - maiden flights (one at a time) followed by a barbeque lunch and open

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Pilots meeting 10AM daily

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Free overnight parking  
All IMAA and AMA rules apply

## Welcome to the Rogue Eagles!

We have two new members this month...

**Steve Schooler** from Grants Pass

**Greg Simonin** from Grants Pass

flying for the rest of the day. They also did a club fun-fly the next day, but most of the people bugged out the night before. Thank you to Sharon and Jody for treating me like a king. They have an amazing flying site; too bad it's such a long haul.

[Click here for a fantastic Photo Gallery of the Sanderson Field WBC Maiden Flight Party produced by Royce Tivel](#)

At the risk of beating this WBC thing to death, I've gotta say once again that I love the concept behind it and there is going to be a push to help it spread beyond the Northwest. The originator, Gregg Marshall of Portland, was also in Shelton and is determined to take the WBC national, if not international. You've got my support, Gregg.

### Have You Noticed...

...the new green safety netting on the pilot stations? Whaddya think? Personally, I think it's a nice visual improvement over the ratty orange stuff. You can all give Jess Walls a big pat on the back for making the upgrade. Thank you Jess!

### A Quick Correction

Last month I wrote about propeller safety with glow engines, and I stand by all that. But it was prompted by a nasty prop strike at the field which I have since learned was attached to an electric motor! Guess it doesn't matter what's turning the prop when it tangles with flesh. Electric motor prop safety could make another column, but for now I just have one main bit of advice. From the moment your battery is plugged in until the moment it's disconnected, treat your model like it has a running engine. Hang onto it and stay clear of the prop arc.



*I met a pretty amazing modeler in Washington. Todd Long from North Bend, WA built all three of these models over the Winter and brought them out to the Maiden Flight Party at Sanderson Field. And none of them could be considered simple, straightforward, or easy projects. The Eaglet at top left was converted into a biplane with the addition of lower wing panels. The canard model in the foreground (my favorite) is a highly-modified Great Planes F-15 kit. The Yak 110 was formed from two Yak 55 ARFs. He says it's scale because a full-size Yak 110 is in the works right now. It has electric motors in each cowl and an electric ducted fan under the custom center wing panel. Todd has already built a second center panel fitted with a small turbine (JetCat P20). All three models were given successful maiden flights!!!*



*Bruce*

# 2018 Danny Stanton Memorial Float Fly

Photos by Rick Lindsey and Pat Dunlap



# 2018 ALL-SCALE CONTEST

EVENT CD **JOHN GAINES**  
PHOTOS BY **YE OLDE EDITOR**



*John Gaines*

As you can tell from the name, this was a contest for scale models only. And the word “contest” is applied relatively loosely at this gathering. Yes, the models are corralled for a brief time on Saturday morning so the pilots can vote on their favorites in each category. And yes, there are awards, but that’s about it for the competition. Once the voting is done, entrants are free to fly their scale ships for the remainder of Saturday and all day Sunday. Oh, and you have to fly to get an award - no hangar queens!

Interest in scale models seems to be growing in the Rogue Eagles. John says he is thinking about shaking up the categories next year to help equalize the number of planes in each group. Can’t wait!

## And the Winners...

### WWI CATEGORY

FIRST	<b>LARRY MYERS</b>	TAUBE BIPLANE
2ND	<b>MARTIN SHERMAN</b>	NIEUPORT

### WWII CATEGORY

FIRST	<b>PAUL STARKS</b>	PT-19
2ND	<b>RICHARD SCHWEGERL</b>	PT-19
3RD	<b>DALE MCQUISTION</b>	SPITFIRE

### CIVILIAN CATEGORY

FIRST	<b>SCOTT HUDSON</b>	DEMOISELLE
2ND	<b>BRUCE THARPE</b>	LE POU DU CIEL
3RD	<b>RICK LINDSEY</b>	DECATHLON

### OTHER CATEGORY

FIRST	<b>ROB MERRIMAN</b>	A-10 WARTHOG
2ND	<b>LARRY COGDELL</b>	F-16

### BEST OF SHOW

<b>SCOTT HUDSON</b>	DEMOISELLE
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### CD AWARD

<b>BRUCE THARPE</b>	LE POU DU CIEL
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*New(ish) member Babe Caltabiano stands by his Macci, an Italian WWII fighter. This is Babe’s own design - he even made his own mold for the fiberglass fuselage.*



*Pre-haircut Rick Lindsey fires up his patriotic Decathlon for another flight. Ron Kelso assists. Model is aerobatic and highly visible!*



*Calvin Emigh battled with the YS four-stroke engine in his gorgeous Embraer Tucano model. Here he’s on his forth electric starter. I think the YS won.*

## Rogue Eagles Big Bob Memorial IMAC Contest 2018

Text by Sean Mersh, CD    Photos by Raoul Salem

This year's contest went very well, thanks to the help of many of our members and friends. We had 5 pilots in Basic, 3 in Sportsman, 3 in Intermediate, and 2 in Unlimited. Some came all the way from Seattle and Portland!

Anna Johnson did a tremendous job at the scoring computer, using a new software that not only computed all of the scores, but also assigned judges and pilot order for each class. I will try to adapt this software to our Pattern Contest in September.

Thanks to Art, my co-CD!

Thanks to Linda Sue, the widow of Big Bob, for attending the contest both days and presenting the trophies to the winners!

Talking about trophies: John Gaines did a superb job with them!

Thanks to Paul Chapman for printing and delivering the Unknown sequences.

Thanks to Calvin and Raoul who helped out with scribing and taking great pictures!

Thanks to Larry for letting us use his sound system during John Paul Takacs' awesome freestyle routine!

And thanks to Steve and Jay who helped with judging on Sunday!

*Results next Page...*



## IMAC CONTEST RESULTS

### Basic:

1. Jeff Borg
2. Mike Freeburg
3. John Takacs
4. Roger Compton

### Sportsman:

1. Jerry Stinson
2. James Karmy

### Intermediate:

1. Scott Hudson
2. Sean Mersh
3. Jim Spurlock

### Unlimited:

1. John Paul Takacs
2. Dave Villwock

### Seniors:

1. Sean Mersh
2. Jim Spurlock
3. James Karmy
4. Mike Freeburg
5. Dave Villwock
6. John Takacs



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## Guidelines for Using the New Turf Runway at Agate Skyways

Takeoffs and landings are to be done **ONLY** right-to-left (westerly). Do not use the dirt runway for left-to-right takeoffs or landings.

The new Takeoff and Landing Area is just for that - takeoffs and landings only. No touch and goes, no overflights (except for legitimate go-arounds). Once airborne, pilots are expected to honor the existing deadline at the near edge of the runway during their flight.

TAKEOFF/LAUNCH

LANDING APPROACH

Pilots may stand alongside the dirt runway for takeoffs or landings, but must have a spotter if others are flying. Pilots are encouraged to move to a flight station during normal flight operations.

Pilots intending to use the Dirt Runway should stand in either of these stations.

When landing, do not cross the near edge of the runway until your model has reached the east taxiway turnoff.



## SPECIAL CLUB RAFFLE

# 1/3-SCALE FLY BABY BIPE



Many thanks to Martin Sherman (builder) and Rick Lindsey (co-owner) for donating this completely-built Fly Baby Biplane to the club to use as a fund raiser. All monies collected from this raffle will go straight into the Rogue Eagles treasury. The plane has been flown about a dozen times. The engine and all radio gear have been removed, so this raffle is for the airframe only. Date of the drawing is not yet finalized, but it will most likely occur at the Big Bird event at the end of June. Martin and Rick really want this bird to be won by a modeler who will fly it, so tickets will not be sold to the general public.

**One ticket for \$5, or five tickets for \$20**

Tickets on sale now.

Contact [Bruce Tharpe](mailto:Bruce.Tharpe@roagueeagles.com) 541-582-1708 or [Rick Lindsey](mailto:Rick.Lindsey@roagueeagles.com) 541-776-5832 for more info.

## R/C Glider Fest

July 13-15, 2018



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[www.rogue-eagles.org](http://www.rogue-eagles.org)

## Meeting Information

The next two General Membership Meetings are scheduled for

**Tuesday 7pm, June 12, 2018**

**Tuesday 7pm, July 10, 2018**

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

[Click here for directions](#)

## Seen at the May Meeting



And here's why you never want to miss a meeting! The Show-N-Tell at the May General Membership meeting was this insanely impressive B-25 model shown by Clark Wolf. This Nick Zirola design is 1/7 scale, 122" wing span. It was built primarily by John Gaines in John's workshop, but Clark worked on it too, about once a week for over a year. It will be powered by a pair of Saito 60cc three-cylinder radials. The model is finished with latex house paint, and should weigh around 45 pounds when complete. Just an amazing project! John and Clark want to spend a little time admiring their handiwork before risking the big bomber to test flights some time next year.

## Club Merchandise

These items are usually available at the meetings.

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



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AMA Chapter 534

**SWAP MEET July 7, 2018**

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**Where:**

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**When:**

**Gate open at 8 AM. Event ends around 2 PM.**

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