WMC Patter Willamette Modelers Club

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The 2023 edition of the NWFFC is now history, and it was a good (and hot) one, A full report on the doin's is inside this issue of Patter. Of note is the fact that we flew on a different field this time (and next). The new field is located just East of Plainview, about 5 miles South of the usual Parker's field we've flown on in the past. The Plainview Field is much wider, but a little shorter from North to South. We actually flew on this field about 15 years ago. It is memorable because it has some power lines running East to West at the North end. Back then, a Wakefield model flown by Ken Bauer landed on them and in a blinding flash, literally disappeared. The fluttering remnants ended up in the ditch below and a small fire broke out, necessitating a quick trip by the water wagon. Ed Decker landed his gas ship on these lines this time, and fortunately, no repeat of the Ken Bauer event occurred. In fact, the wind blew it off the lines several hours later, as using a pole to dislodge it elicited sparks and an unhealthy future for anyone wielding it.

So, if you are coming to the SPOT meet, just follow the signs and it s will take you to the field. See you there

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We are in the Fall season, and the FF meets are starting to get fewer. Here's what's available.

Sept. 8-10 Annual SPOT Meet at Parker's Field, OR.

NW FAI Challenge/Tangent Classic at Parkers Field

Sept. 29-Oct. 1 WMC Fall Annual Contest at Parker Field, OR

Nov. 10-12 Dual Clubs Annual FF Meet at Lost Hills, CA.

B. Grell & G. Gilbert, CDs

Blake Jensen, CD

G. Grell & R. LaPrelle, CDs Fresno GMAC&Orbiteers

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Inside: Complete report from the NWFFC...... Entry forms...... Scores... Perpetual trophy standings..... PeeWee Palooza more..

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2023 NW FF Champs/5 Days in Tangent- Results

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Contest Report by Bruce Hannah, co-CD

Bob has asked me to write a "short" report on our 5 day contest, I say how do you do that after 5 days of flying. Well, I can start by saying "HOT". I got there on Tuesday morning to test fly some new models, and after just 3 flights I was done. The high that day was 105 on the field.

So let me tell you about a couple of fliers that didn't make or almost didn't make it to the contest. First is Nigel and Wendy from Canada. They showed up on Mon.(108 that day) and found that nothing worked in the trailer they had rented—not the A\C, water, lights or refrigerator. So they simply got back in the car and drove home. Next Guntis Sietins was happily on his way and in the dark, hit a bull in the road, totaled his car and broke many of his models, I saw a photo of the car, he is lucky to be alive, and the bill wasn't.

Then we have Mike Thompson, who had his trans. go out after being on the road a couple hours, so he went back home, got in another car and then ended up getting a ticket on his way.

So now back to the meet, it is my belief that the temp. slowed flying for the first couple days. Some did put up official flights but most did not take advantage of the extra days. On Thur. the temp. was around 101 at midday, but we still had 10 in Vintage Wake (new high) with Bob DeShields winning. That evening at 6:30 Ted Vernon cooked up a meal for those on the field, and I topped it off with some ice cream. The Pee Wee Palooza was also held that evening as well, with a good showing.

Lucky for us Fri. Sat. and Sun. it was somewhat cooler. Fri. Vintage Power was flown and had 18 contestants, 16 put up flights. With so many in that event it made it seem like the only event that day, Glenn Schneider taking first in a 3 man fly off. Sat. I noticed that the time sheets where starting to get filled in. I forget the number fliers in Pro- P30 but it was a good turn out. Ates won that one. One other thing that stood out to me was the number of planes that hit or landed on the power lines, Ed Decker's model sat on them for 3 hours before coming down. Bob DeShields hit them 4 times, Alfons and I hit them also. This with the wind going away from them for 95% of the time.

We held a memorial for Tom Kopriva Sun. morning, Robert flew Tom's Vargowock and I put some of Tom's ashes on a rubber model and released them a couple hundred feet up, for Tom's last thermal. Rocco said a few words and Tom's wife Earline got to see it all, it left very few dry eyes.

ROW only had 3 fliers, I'm thinking this could be the last year for that event.

All in All I would call this year a success with 45 contestants and only 7 events without a flier. At the end I asked if 5 days was something they wanted to continue with and got a big "YES" so i'm hopeful that it will happen again next year. I almost left out the wonderful dinner Linda Grell set out Sat. and wish to thank her and her helper, Arlene Hannah, for that, and Glenn Grell for finding a place to fly (very important) and Bruce Grell for all his work at the table for the 5 days.

Best Crash Award. Ed Decker presented the initial trophy this year to be awarded to the best crash of the. weekend. The idea is to enclosed in a jar a part of the model which has one the award. Since I wasn't at the contest, I only have second hand information, but I've been told, Mike Rule's Cyclon 15 powered Top Gun made such a racket with its wings aflutter, that everyone along the flight line looked up to see the wings vibrating shortly before the ship[p exploded in the air. Sorry, Mike, but maybe the award will sooth you a bit...

EstateSale and Spaghetti Feed

As has become our custom, the Saturday evening of the NWFFC is a big spaghetti feed and potluck held at the Grell Farm. Glenn and Linda turn their home and yard into an outdoor picnic area and all of us got to enjoy time together and talk about the exploits of the week. This year, about 65 folks showed up for the festivities/ Glenn also turns his shop into a sales area where this year, the estates of Steve Riley and Jack Shafer were held in one part of the shop, and Tom Kopriva's estate in the other. Much stuff was sold, but much remains for the next two big contest weekends. Thanks to Glenn and Linda for their generous hospitality.

NW Free Flight Champs Vintage Wakefield report by Bruce Hannah

We flew on Thur. and the first round started at 8:30, winds were light going North (weatherman had said they would be SE). The prediction was for over 100 deg. There were 10 entrees, a new high for Vintage Wake. The first round sorta set the tone for the contest with only 4 recording a max. Ted Vernon, Bob DeShields, Glenn Grell and myself. The next couple rounds proved to be a little easier to find lift as most maxed. I watched Ted put up one flight of over 4 min. and land less than 50 feet from where he launched. In the forth round Glenn Grell's rear motor peg moved over and the rubber moved forward causing a major trim

Vintage Wakefield Report (Cont'd)

change and a dropped flight. That left only 3 with all maxes. It stayed that way until the 5th round with both Ted and I dropping it badly. Bob DeShields ended up winning, being the only max out, and Ates ,who dropped a little on the first round, making a come back for second. Yours truly wound up in 3rd place. At this meet the Era 1 models took 1st,2nd and 5th with Era 2 placing 3rd and 4th. All in all it was a very good contest with no fly off.

WHAT A PERFECT MORNING - Scale Report by Bill Swift

After several days of hot or windy weather, Sunday morning dawned calm and mild. Perfect for Low Doc and
Fun Scale flights. The schedule called for all Low Doc flights, which require ROG, to be completed before the
hand launched Fun Scale. With seven models in Low Doc to run through we started on time with a slight
adjustment of the take-off boards. Ralph Cooney made the first flight with his beautifully done Valkyrie
Monoplane. This model is one that may point the way for other such antique planes from the early 1900s – all
foam wings and flying surfaces plus delicate rigging and laser cut "longerons". In this case Ralph's creation
swung sharply left off the boards without making the minimum 20 seconds. A second model that was may look
forward was Rich Wegener's Taylorcraft "B". The T-craft was all electric, large, and powered by a motor and
controller that provided sufficient power to take off, cruise and slowly turn and descend realistically after 90
seconds. It was impressive with its slow roll rumbling off the boards, slow climb and easy turn to final in the
distance. When Low Doc was finished Robert Hauk's PT -19 took first after a perfect flight score but will have
wait a year for its next appearance. Ted Vernon took second with a near perfect flight score that lasted 49
seconds. Rich's Taylorcraft took third on a near perfect flight score.

Fun Scale was judged by a fun People's Choice format at the Spaghetti Feed. Ates Gurcen's very well presented Russian TSH-3 took the People's Choice award. Sunday morning found the Fun Scalers waiting patiently as some really remarkable Low Doc flights took place. Fun Scale was subjectively judged by myself and Robert Hauk maintaining a running critique of flight characteristics. Ates' TSH-3 flew a near perfect flight ending in one of two wheel landings that day and took first place. Steve Larson took second with another near perfect flight with his Corbin Racer, marred only by a couple of bobbles upon launch and climb out. A perfect morning with near perfect flights made by several flyers. Remarkable.

VINTAGE FAI POWER REPORT AUGUST 2023 by Bill Swift

What a gratifying show of flyers for this, the second Five Day. Lots of drama on the road though: I heard Guntis hit a bull and totaled his vehicle, models and the bull. Nigel paid a brief visit to these southern parts but had equipment problems and headed home. Mike Thompson blew up his rig, had to get a tow and re-pack everything.

The weather played its usual August tricks with shifting winds and a couple of very hot days. Friday dawned with gentle breezes but the forecast said it wasn't going to last. Because of the size of the field (Plainview is a big field) we gambled and opened with a three minute max. During the round the wind came up seriously and almost everyone was off the field in three minutes. For round two we switched to two minute maxes. Ed Decker opened the parade with an easy max for his Max-A-Matic making it look easy but he was way out there on his chase. With the two minute max it became a run max-fest...with a few exceptions. There were seven drops in the first round and a similar number in round two. There were several miscues along the way with me crashing La Bestia (fixable) to an errant cross wind. Matt Bemmis lost the Love Me or Leave Me and Ed Decker parked the Max-A-Matic on the power lines. Then it was fly-off time with 15 minute rounds after a pause to adjust engine runs. Both Eric Strengell and Gordon Dona scored over runs with Gordon's way high resulting in a blown wing. After four fly off rounds, Glenn Schneider and Ray Pope had a Lucky Lindy fest with Glenn taking first and Ray taking second. Bruce Hannah took a well-deserved third place. Results are on p.6

WMC Perpetual Awards

All WMC Perpetual awards are awarded at the conclusion of the Fall Annual FF Meet in October. Not included in the following list are the Scale Award given by Bruce Grell and the E-20 Award given by Bruce Hannah. The President's Cup standings can be found on the last page of this NL.

Buskell Trophy - Vintage FAI Power

The Buskell trophy is awarded to the top performing Vintage FAI power flier at our three contests each year. Points are awarded according to contestant participation number. Points are counted for the best 2 of our 3 meets. The current trophy holder is Bruce Hannah.

Per	petual	Awards
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Contestant	NWFFC#	SPOT#	FA#	Total #
Glenn Schneider	16			
Ray Pope	15			
Bruce Hannah	14			
Gordon Dona	13			
Eric Strengell	13			
Ed Decker	11			
Rocco Ferrario	10			
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Mike Rule	6			
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Matt Bemis	4			
Bill Swift	3			
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Buskell Trophy - Pro P-30

As with the Vintage FAI Power trophy, the Pro P-30 trophy was donated by John and Tanya Buskell. The trophy is awarded to the highest scoring contestant in the event in two of our three meets. The current holder of the trophy is Dave Ives.

Ates Gurcan	9
Dave Ives	8
Bruce Hannah	7
Rocco Ferrario	6
Ted Vernon	5
Robert Hauk	4
Brooke Linford	3
Bruce Kimball	2
Jon Sayre	1

Spirit of Nostalgia

The Spirit of Nostalgia trophy is awarded to the top plscing contestant in any Nostalgia gas event in two of our three annual outdoor contests. Flyoff flights are not counted until the Fall Annual, where any ties are broken. The current holder of this trophy is Bruce Hannah.

Matt Bemis	360
Bob DeShields	360
Rocco Ferrario	360
Bruce Hannah	360
Ray Pope	360
Glenn Schneider	360
Bill Swift	360
Mike Rule	340
Steve Dona	327

Spirit of Nostalgia (Cont'd)

Gordon Dona	178
Ben Strauss	161
Mike Thompson	160
Alfons Menanno	120

Spirit of SAM

SAM 8 gives this award to the flier who scores the highest in 2 or our 3 contests. It also included a cash award of \$100. Current holder of this award is Steve Dona.

Eric Strengell	360
Will Tilse	335
Gordon Dona	332
Steve Dona	100

VINTAGE FAI POWER -	1	2	3	4	5	Fly Off	Total
AUGUST, 2023 Glenn Schneider - V-1, Lucky	180	120	120	120	120	120, 120,	1,140
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Ray Pope - V-3. Lucky Lindy with an O.S. Max II	180	120	120	120	120	120,120, 120,97	1,117
Bruce Hannah - V-2, Monk's Model with an O.S. Max III	180	120	120	120	120	116	776
Eric Strengell - V-2 Hi-Fli with an O.S. Max III	180	120	120	120	120	OR	660
Gordon Dona - V-2, Dream Weaver with an O.S. Max III	180	120	120	120	120	OR	660
Ed Decker -V-6, Max-A-Matic Hawk With a Rossi .15	180	120	120	120	103	HITTHE	643
Rocco Ferrerio - V-2, Top Banana with an O.S. Max I	180	120	100	120	120	n for the s	640
Bob DeShields - V-3, Saturn with a ST G-20	167	94	120	120	120	apprent of t	621
Bob Edmondson - V-2, Love Me or Leave Me with a O.S. Max III	180	114	120	120	85	normillo sus	619
Kevin Smith - V-7, Zingo with a Cox Conquest	143	83	120	120	120		586
Mike Rule - V-2, Hot Head with a O.S. Max III	102	120	120	120	57		519
Alfons Menanno - V-2, Top Banana with a K&B Greenhead	ATT	58	120	120	120	alolled suot	419
Matt Bemmis - V-2, Love Me or Leave Me with a O.S. Max III	60	68	120	120		(A-10) (B-10)	368
Bill Swift - V-3, La Bestia with an ST G20	180	0	120	66	0		366
Steve Dona - V-3, Mr. Max with a ST G20	0	120	96				216
Gerald Morrissey - V-3, #18 with a O.S. Max III	0	0	78				78

Pro P-30 and FAI Combo

Report by Roger LaPrelle, Event Director

Saturday dawned bright and clear, bringing a respite from the withering temperatures of the preceding days. Thermals were plentiful, but very small and difficult to detect. Nine flyers entered Pro P-30 and five entered FAI Combined, including one Junior. Pro P-30 was flown in five rounds and FAI Combined was flown at the contestant's discretion. The Junior who entered FAI, Emerick Smith, chose to fly his entry during the Pro P-30 rounds. The thermals were so difficult to pinpoint that only two fliers were clean at the end of the five flights, Ates Gurcon in P-30 and Jack Murphy in F1S. FAI Combined was split into two minute (F1S) and three minute (F1B and F1P) classes.

Pro P-30 Results:

Ates Gurcon

Dave Ives

Bruce Hannah

FAI Combined Results:

Three Minute Class

Larry Norval (F1B)

Emerick Smith (F1P)

Two Minute Class (F1S)

Jack Murphy

Larry Norval

Lynn Edmundson

FAIMan Event by Bob Stalick

This was the meet where the FAIMan event was to be flown, Bill Vanderbeek had put up \$200 for the winner, and the challenge was posted. Facebook entries indicated a robust interest. On the day pictures were to be taken at the field, 5 models showed up. Mike Rule and Ed Decker each had one. Bob Stalick actually had three (his own, and one each for his sons Ted and Tom), None of those were test flown. That's it! To be sure, Guntis Sietens and Nigel Tarvin each had theirs, but as related elsewhere, in this issue of Patter, they were not at the contest. Vanderbeek also has one, but he was a no show, too. When all was said and done, Ed's model was damaged in testing (since repaired) and Mike Rule got in his 5 flights, 4 of them maxes! Mike went home \$200 richer. Congratulations to Mike.

PeeWee Palooza Report By Ben Strauss

There was a good turn out for the second PWP with over a dozen PeeWee powered planes entered. This year we were able to get more than one plane in the air at once. Two Keith Laumer designs, a Dan'l Boom and a Twin Lizzie, flew together in tranquil circles. But perhaps the high point of the event was watching two Flying Sorcerers chasing each other in tight circles. Everyone that flew something in the Palooza received a T-shirt for their efforts.

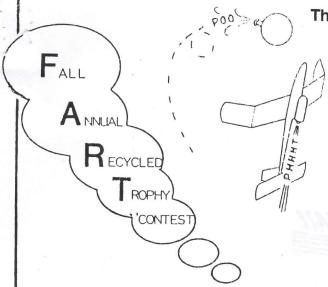
This year "time target" was offered, unfortunately no one entered and as much as fifty dollars in prize money went unclaimed!

A NIB Pee Wee was up for grabs if five or more Keith Lamer designs were flown, only three entered so no one won the engine this year.

Nine Palooza planes were displayed at the "Pot Luck" Saturday evening and everyone was encouraged to vote for their favorite. Thirty-four ballots were tabulated and the winner was a Twin Lizzie designed by Keith

Laumer and built by Robert Hauk.





POTLUCK and BEANFEED AT GLENN AND LINDA GRELL'S FARM AT 6:30 PM SATURDAY.

(Call 541-926-7237). WMC members will provide the food and coffee. Guests are invited to bring additional food or a drink of their choosing (salad, chips & dip, dessert, etc.). Come on out. To get to Glenn and Linda's place, drive a mile S. of Tangent on 99E, then left on Driver Rd for about 3/4 mile. It's the grey house on the right.

This is a NFFS National Cup Contest

President's Cup Flyoffs at this meet.

Sept/ 29- Oct. 1, 2023

AMA Cat. III Contest

AMA Sanction No.15031

Contest Times: Friday 9:00 am-4pm

Sat. 8 am-4 pm. Sun. 8 am - 3 pm.

Location of Flying Site

The field can be found by taking Exit 228E from I-5. Turn right on 7 Mile Lane and follow the signs to the field. If lost, call Glenn Grell (541-979-9648)

Contest Directors

Glenn Grell 31748 Driver Rd. Tangent, OR 97389 541-979-9648 and Roger LaPrelle 1201 38th St. SE Albany, OR 97322 360-402-8144

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choice in the rd. book Cip. etc. Detach on Line and Submit with Fees.

Contest Events

AMA 1/2 A Gas AMA A Gas AMA BCD Gas P-30 (Jr + Sr. - Op)HLG (Jr = Sr-Op)Cat. Glider (Jr + Sr-Op) 1/4A Nost./020 Replica Early Nostalgia Gas 1/2A Nostalgia Gas A Nostalgia Gas BC Nostalgia Combo 1/2A Golden Age Nostalgia Rubber-Combo Wock Event Mulvihill Andrade Rubber Dakota Time Target Lo-Doc Scale (Sunday AM) Fun Scale (Sunday AM) One Design Gas Small Sport Rubber E-20 E-36 Coupe/A-1 Combo Classic Towline Rubber Stick

Rubber Fuselage O & R .23 Event

ABC Pylon Ignition

ABC Fuselage Ignition

THE FOLLOWING RELEASE MUST BE SIGNED I hereby relased the sponsors of this contest from

I hereby relased the sponsors of this contest from responsibility for any claims of damage, loss, or injury resulting from any cause while attending this meet, and I assume full responsibility for any injury to any person or propserty. I hereby agree to follow the AMA safety code and to obey all instructions of the meet officials.

Signed		
Name (please print)		
Address		
City		
State	ZIP	
AMA #	JR. SR. Open	1

Entry Fees:: Junior and Senior = \$0. Open Members = \$20 for one or more events. Vintage and Pro-P30 events are \$10 each.

No Reentry. HeMan HLG is \$2 cash in pot. Winner takes all.

Flyoffs may be made at maxout at discretion of the contestant ALL FLIGHT CARDS MUST BE TURNED IN TO THE CD AFTER EACH ATTEMPT OR FLIGHT.

Willamette Modelers Club Bob Stalick, Editor 1930 NW Heron Point Ct. Albany, OR 97321





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President's Cup Standings as of August 20, 2023

NWFFC SPOT Fall Annual TOTAL

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