



the R/C AEROGRAM

Volume 6 Issue 8 Pages 8 AMA #530 District 11 www.eugenerc.com August 2010

Club Mailing Address: Eugene R/C Aeronauts, PO Box 26344, Eugene, OR. 97402

ERCA News and Information

Next CLUB Meeting – August 24, 2010, 7:00 pm at THE FIELD. If you have a building project, bring it with you for "Show and Tell". Show up early and get some flying in before the meeting.

At the July Meeting – There were 28 members and guests in attendance. Fund raising was mentioned. Members were invited to submit ideas and suggestions for future revenue generation.

Mike Burgess asked that in the future don't drive vehicles in to the field to retrieve downed airplanes.

Promotion of the Big Bird Fly was great, if anyone has ideas on how to further promote the upcoming Fun Fly please let the club officers know.

Fun Fly – August 14 - Good turnout - lots of flying. We had sun and a bit of wind with the temperature making it to the mid 90's. Prizes were drawn for, with several folks winning

multiple prizes. Gift certificates, Fuel and Glow plugs being won.

Check the web site for pictures from the event.

Flying field - The runway is green and closely mowed. Doug McWha has recruited some helpers with the mowing and watering. Our (and Doug's) thanks to Craig, Marty, Wayne and several others for helping out.

The rollup pit cover is getting used a fair amount. Seems flyers like the shade for them and their aircraft.

Pylon Racing – Our second race will be on August 28th. We expect the Bend club to be well represented again.

Two or more of our members are expected to race in Bend on August 21st, see pylon section for the race reports.

Upcoming ERCA events - Pylon Race Aug 28th, Labor Day Fun Fly Sep 6th.

Meeting minutes are ONLINE at: <http://eugenerc.com/meetings.html>

2010 Meeting Dates

At the flying field:
August 24th, 7:00 pm.

(No December meeting)

EWEB downtown Eugene:
September 28th 7:00 pm.
October 26th 7:00 pm.
November 23rd 7:00 pm

Presidents Corner

At the last meeting, we had a heated discussion regarding the secondary field in Creswell (Walker Airport). Some members brought up the issues of cost and Mike was concerned that having 2 fields will break up the club. In regards to losing membership, that has already happened. People living in south Lane County have dropped out of our club because of long distance to reach Alvadore field and the cross wind problem. During summer months, they say that by the time they pack up and make the 45 min drive to the field, it's usually 9-9:30 and that does not leave much time to fly before that nasty 15-20 mph cross wind comes up. They can only get 1 flight in and sit around a while and end up driving home. It can be very discouraging. These are the people that have approached me to propose a second field for our club. As I said at the last meeting, I truly believe we will expand our membership by reaching out to people that have already dropped out of our club and others that will join to fly in Creswell. This will unite our membership, not breaking up as Mike was concerned about. I have asked people from south Lane County to show up at our next club meeting to show their support.

Regarding cost, I'm confident that the unified membership will offset that cost. The main item will be \$1600/year rent to offset property taxes if pattern guys drop out as expected in 2011. The landowner is not looking to make money off us, only

enough to pay property taxes. The owner Jack says he will build a second runway next to the main runway if we want, and lay down sprinkler pipes he already has in the shed for permanent irrigation, bring in electricity as needed, and loan us lawnmowers/rollers for field maintenance. We will not find another landowner who has this much equipment to use and willing to do that much for us. I will ask Al to compile our maintenance costs at Alvadore for comparison so you guys can appreciate the savings. This is really a golden opportunity. I will present the proposal at the august meeting and then we will have the whole membership vote on whether to add a second field before I negotiate with Jack Dean the terms of the lease.

Another heated topic at the last meeting is the hostile atmosphere at Alvadore field. It appears that some members in our club like to play sheriff at the field, but without a license. This has created some ugly scenes over nebulous issues. We will now ask that members direct any field related issues/violations to our Field Marshall Marty or club officers. This will avoid confrontations among members. We are all there to enjoy our model airplanes hobby. It is not the place for grumpy members to play sheriff.

See you then.
Khoi Tran

Treasurers Corner

I'm looking forward to the next meeting on August 24th, at 7pm, at the field. Come early to get in some flying before the meeting. I'll be flying the grill. The club will provide the burgers, dogs and drinks

again. If you can, please bring a potluck side dish or an offering for the food kitty.

Happy landings.
AL Barrington



Vice Presidents Corner

Hello. I will start with how much fun I had at the August Fun Fly. We didn't have an official count on the number of pilots but I would guess that there was at least 15/20 pilots plus guest. As with the Big Bird Fly there were a lot of spectators that came out to see the flying. I spoke with two pilots that want to join the club and be apart of the fun; I'm sure that there was more. All there seemed to have fun with a number of pilots from other clubs and one from Germany.

I think we have, if not the best, one of the best flying fields in the state and people around the area are starting to see that. I was very proud at the Fun Fly to see how well we as a club welcomed all pilots and guests to come and have fun and enjoy this great hobby, thanks to everyone.

I will not be at the August meeting or the Labor Day Fun Fly due to Army training. Have a good time at both and I will see you mid September when I get back. I'm sure there will be more talk

about the Walker Field project. I will say that for everyone to listen to each other and keep in mind that all those involved are thinking of the clubs beat interests. No matter if you think it is a good idea or bad, keep an open mind and hear all the facts before speaking.

In addition to my two helicopter I now have four airplanes, Great Planes PT-40 (which is for sale), Great Planes Escapade, U.S. Aircore Barnstormer 40 (Biplane) and my new Hanger 9 Twist 60. The Twist 60 has a new OS 75 AX, Hitec HS-5485HB Digital Servos, and the new Airtronics SD-10G radio and RX. I flew it for the first time at the Fun Fly and now have 8 to 10 flights on it. I love flying planes and like most of you in the club I'm sure I will have a garage full of planes in no time at all.

I will see you all in September.

Regards, Brad S. Werneth
ERCA Vice President 2010

ADVERTISEMENT

Lift-n-Lok Toolbox



Please look over the offer on our web page
The offer for our club will be good through Aug. 25.

For Sale

Piper Cub

Carl Goldberg Anniversary Edition 76" wing span

<http://www.carlgoldbergproducts.com/discontinued/gbga1063.html>

Partially built.

Engine Royal .45 ABC NIB, 2 rolls Red covering, Tower Hobby sealing iron

\$75 Call John at 541-206-8367

8-10-10



Pilot 1 Waco biplane

ARF brand new in box for \$80.

Mark Cross 541-741-0180 or email;

mchartmann@yahoo.com

8-6-10



Maxford USA Storch

ARF brand new in box for \$100.

Mark Cross 541-741-0180 or email;

mchartmann@yahoo.com

8-6-10

Project

July 28 - B787 about 80 percent finished. Some painting needs to be done and the remaining electronics installed. Check out the special multi blade fan! Mark Cross



WITH THE WEEKDAY WARRIORS

People have been taking advantage of the short stretch of good flying weather allotted to us every Summer. Before too long Oregon will stop pretending it is some other state and go back to being the usual dreary, dismal Oregon. But, until then, it's time for all of you to get out and fly.

The Pylon Racer Virus continues to spread. Who should show up with the standard Skyraider/Thunder Tiger combination but Alan Wellintin, our prime helicopter guy! Not only that, but he has been flying an Extra 330 with a .91 4-stroke up front. As you know, Alan flies fixed-wing stuff as well as he flies the wobbly-wingers and he had the pylon racer doing four-point rolls the length of the strip.

John Byrne has a pylon racer. How's that for a shock? Yes, that John Byrne. Now John has taken a leaf from Dwayne Graville's book and the racer (it's the other one, not the Skyraider) is strictly a low-wing sport ship. John seems to be getting along with it just fine, thank you.

Dwayne, sad to say, has been having a spot of trouble, I am given to understand. In fact, two great, big splashes of trouble as I hear it. Both the Skyraider and (oh, ny!) the Chipmunk have not just bitten the dust, but have torn out surpassingly large chunks of it. You'll remember that the Chippie was ex-Frank Blain and in stock RAF configuration, powered by a Moki 180. One or both of those disasters may have taken place on a weekend and so may not have really happened in the Real World, i.e. Weekdays.

A lot of the usual guys are out regularly with their usual ships. Ken Springate brings his flock. Robert Buttler flies his Ultimate Bipe and his Skyraider. Frank

Blain has been giving both his Obsession and his Excelleron a workout from time to time. The former has something large-ish for an engine, but the Excelleron makes do with a modest - for Frank - YS 110.

Speaking of YS 110s, Mel Graham and son, J.R., use one in the Reactor Biplane they've been flying. This is the YS that gave Mel more than a little trouble in the recent past, but which now seems to on its best behavior. The Graham Family shows up with the Revolver, an Extra, and another Pattern ship as well as the biplane, so they bring almost as many planes as Ken Springate.

When they aren't thinking up yet another improvement for the new canopy, Doug McWha and Wayne Wahrmond do get in some flying time. Doug has had his Super Stik at the field quite a bit recently, in lieu of Doug's Disgrace. Is it possible that our threats of physical violence are finally getting to him? Wayne has another of those electric foam profile P-51Ds. He races those things up in Albany and the first one had begun to get, well, more than a bit doggy.

Mike Vaughan has continued to resist the rush to Pylon, but he has been flying a Raptor 50 helicopter a hit lately. Mike says that the Raptor's capabilities far exceed his own capability to take advantage of them, but he doesn't seem to be having any trouble with it as far as I've been able to judge.

Donny Krenz is Chuck Jenkins's new pupil. He's flying something called a Toledo Special, a high-winger that reminds me of the Rascal, though not quite so shapely. There's a Saito .82 in the nose and Donny has gotten enough confidence to put the cowl on it. I believe he is making a good percentage of his own landings - all of them when the

WITH THE WEEKDAY WARRIORS (continued)

crosswind isn't too bad. Chuck did land it the other day when there was not only a crosswind, but a missing left wheel. No damage and Wayne, who had been wrestling with that black-and-gold Saito in his Pulse, loaned. Donny one of the Pulse's almost-the-right-size wheels so he could continue practicing. Wayne remembers those days of practice, practice, practice.

Marty Wittman was flying two young (early teen) guys on the buddy box, but I was engrossed in getting a couple of models not nearly ready enough for the Northwest Freeflight Championships (21st & 22nd), so I got no details. I think they started on Marty's old Kadet Sr., then went on to a smaller trainer-type high-winger.

Flugmodel und Technik, the German model mag -third-oldest in the World - is the usual sad compendium of ARFs and other obscenities, but they put out another magazine called Bauen und Fliegen, labeled "Baupraxis fur

ambitionierte Modelflieger" The title means "Building and Flying" and the subhead reads "Building experience for ambitious modelers".and it is full of building projects of all sorts. The issue I have is April and inside it touts the next one which is scheduled for September. Not too frequent, but, at least, it's there.

While over in England in July, I saw three air shows on successive weekends. I must report that a jet did show up at one of them. It was an old jet, an F-86A, but still a jet. The show made up for it by having a Spartan Executive, a Rearwin Cloudster, two PT-22s, a Gladiator, and no P-51Ds or yellow J-3s. At the other shows, I saw, among other things, an I-16, an Avro Tutor, a Hawker Demon, an A.N.E.C. II, and a DH 53. One good show, one very good show, and one in between them somewhere. Decent weather, if hot, for them all as well.

C 'OD

EVENTS - Visit EugeneRC.com for this years listings

Pylon Racing

August 21

Bend Aero Modeler's

Pylon Race Contests (4 total) – June 5, Jun 26, Aug 21, and Sep 11

August 28

ERCA Pylon Race #2

Cut judges, timers and helpers are welcomed. The extra help makes a much better race day.

Labor Day Fun Fly – ERCA – Sep 6th

Limbo, spot landing, combat ect...and PRIZES!

September 11th & 12

French Field Fly-in and Swap Meet

Myrtle Creek, Oregon exit106 I-5
French Field Fly-in and Swap Meet committee presents a two day affair starting Saturday, and ending Sunday afternoon



Fun Fly 2010

Good turnout - lots of flying!



We thank Eugene Toy and Hobby for their contribution to the prizes we handed out.

--- That's All Folks ---

Eugene R/C Aeronauts
Newsletter Editor
1618 Gilham Rd.
Eugene, OR. 97401



August 2010

«FirstLast»
«Street»
«CityStZip»

ERCA CLUB CONTACTS

President: Khoi Tran - 541-685-0086 - kmtranmd@hotmail.com
Vice President: Brad Werneth - 541-285-5935 - brad@werneth.com
Sec/Treasurer: Al Barrington - 541-935-4960 - albarrington@msn.com
Safety coordinator: Frank Blain - 541-345-7449 - jaibee22@yahoo.com
Safety coordinator: Marry Wittman - 541-968-2094 - wittmanm@msn.com
Groundskeeper: Doug McWha - 541-741-3326 - flyduke@comcast.net
Newsletter Editor: Jim Corbett - 541-344-5022 - james.corbett@comcast.net

Next CLUB Meeting – August 24 – 7:00 pm at THE FIELD.