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Portland Area Sailplane Society

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PASS Club News

Note: The field is located in St. Paul across from the rodeo stadium. See the detailed map on Page 2 of this newsletter for field details and flying restrictions.



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New Club Website

Passoaring.org

PASS Meeting Notice May 9th:

The club meeting will be on Tuesday the 9th. The meeting this month is **at Round Table Pizza.....gather at 6:30 and start at 7:00pm.**

Round Table Pizza

10070 SW Barbur Blvd

Portland, OR 97219

St. Paul Field



NO FLY ZONE-Revised 06-01-21



April 11 PASS Meeting Notes — by Jim Gibson

Meeting started at 7:00pm by Bruce Rose, President.

Treasurer's report by Tom Culmsee noted that the club had a net income of \$60.35 for a total club treasury of \$8,972.50.

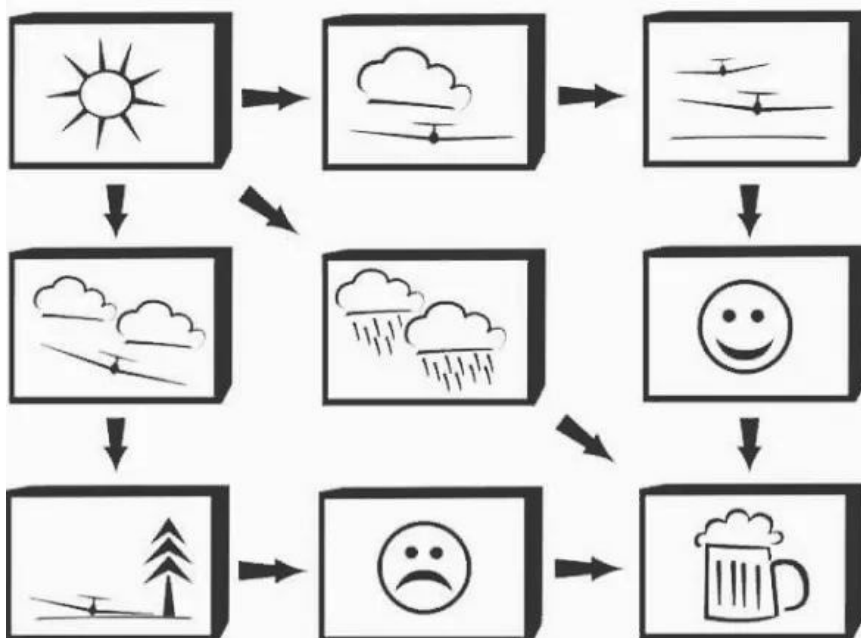
Tom Culmsee and Doug Boyd brought lots of 'stuff' to sell and/or give to a good home. Doug is helping to sell model supplies for Yuri's estate.

Some time was spent discussing the club's one design foam 'Streamer' competition. An email authored by Bruce was sent out in April outlining the rules for the competition and Frequently Asked Questions(or afraid to ask). There are at least four completed Streamers in the club with at least two of them flying. Mike S. has flown his and managed to get the all up weight down to 64 grams. He did add some dihedral to the wing and is flying it with rudder and elevator. Robin R. noted that the foam is CA safe and a 35W soldering iron works well for creating channels for wiring, etc.

David P. brought some of his GPS Triangle Racing hardware and discussed the different hardware offerings by RC Electronics. There are options available and a flier can choose hardware that will fit into an ALES sailplane for a cost that will allow one to find out if triangle racing is for them.

Ken E. gave an update on the field trailer/shed/hut. Construction is complete! It will be used to store the winch trailer and all the other items that the club uses for contests that members have had to provide storage for. There is also space for a future field mower. As soon as the field dries out it will be transported and set up at the St. Paul field. The club is also investigating a solar option for maintenance charging of winch batteries.

Meeting adjourned after all the pizza and beer was consumed.



April 16 F3RES Tuneup — Cancelled

April 22 Handlaunch — Cancelled

April 23 Triangle Sippy Cup — Report by Jim Gibson

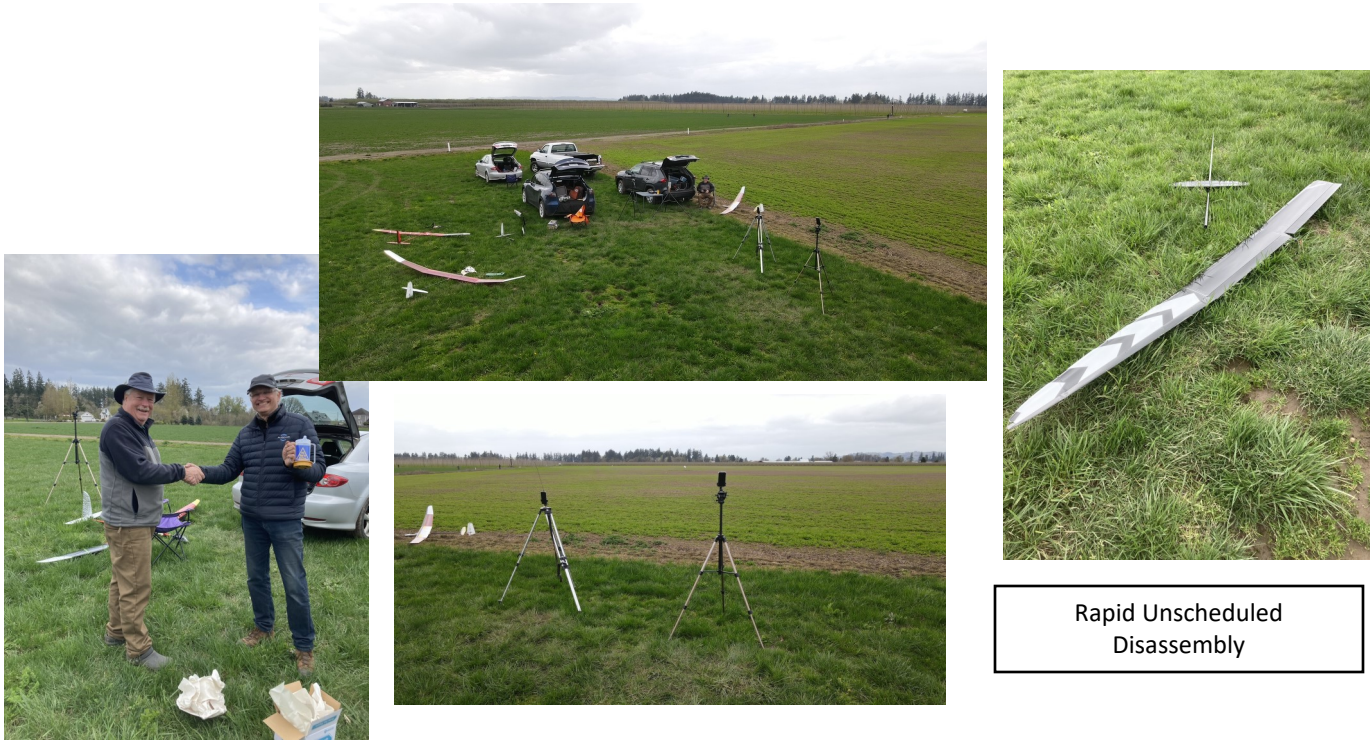
Four of us flew in the inaugural PASS 'Sippy Cup' to test our ability to fly (barely) and CD a GPS Triangle Racing Event. The conditions were less than ideal--cool, cloudy, ~10mph wind out of the SW but we did not get rained on! The event was held using the Light Class rules with hardware we all managed to fit in RES and ALES sailplanes. The hardware varied from the most current Raven2 Pro to Sparrow and ground based receivers-Snipe & Finch. I have to say this style of flying introduces a new level of thermal flying that will test & challenge even the most experienced fliers.

Thanks to David Portwood for organizing the event and getting the scores uploaded to RCmodelspot. Take a peek at the links below and feel free to ask us (David Portwood, Martin Baumer, Tom Brightbill, Jim Gibson) any questions you may have including how to get started.

[Sippy Cup Results](#)

Main Triangle Racing Site: rcmodelspot.com

[Various Devices Used in the Contest](#)



Rapid Unscheduled
Disassembly

April 29-30 Barry Kurath Memorial 2M/RES Contest

Class	Place	Total	Pilot	Class	Place	Total	Pilot
Saturday Results				Sunday Results			
RES Expert	1	5795	Jason Hood	RES Expert	1	5843	David Portwood
	2	5484	Ken Eaton		2	5734	Ken Eaton
	3	5441	Chris Staats		3	5652	Chris Staats
	4	5367	David Portwood		4	5385	Jason Hood
	5	4964	Tom Culmsee		5	5310	Tom Culmsee
	6	4900	Terry Erickson		6	4659	Terry Erickson
	7	4521	Richard Van Dijk		7	4584	Richard Van Dijk
RES Competitor	1	5012	Bill Keenan	RES Competitor	1	4672	Bill Keenan
2M Expert	1	5439	David Portwood	2M Expert	1	5824	David Portwood
	2	5419	Jim Gibson		2	5390	Tom Brightbill
	3	5064	Chris Staats		3	5283	Chris Staats
	4	4898	Tom Brightbill		4	5101	Dan Fiedler
	5	4623	Dan Fiedler		5	950	Robin Robinson



CD Commanding
The Troops



Chris Staats
Sat:3rd Place 2M Expert



Jim Gibson
Sat:2nd Place 2M Expert



David Portwood
Sat:1st Place 2M Expert



Bill Keenan
Sat:1st Place RES Comp.



Chris Staats
Sat:3rd Place RES Expert



Ken Eaton
Sat:2nd Place RES Expert



Jason Hood
Sat:1st Place RES Expert

Additional BKM Contest Photos — Mature Audiences Only



Bill Keenan
Sun:1st Place RES Comp.



Chris Staats
Sun:3rd Place 2M Expert



Tom Brightbill
Sun:2nd Place 2M Expert



David Portwood
Sun:1st Place 2M Expert



Chris Staats
Sun:3rd Place RES Expert



Ken Eaton
Sun:2nd Place RES Expert



David Portwood
Sun:1st Place RES Expert



Jason Hood collecting
his long awaited
2022 Season **PUTZ** Award



Ken Eaton was given a whistle
collection for use when buried by
household avalanche

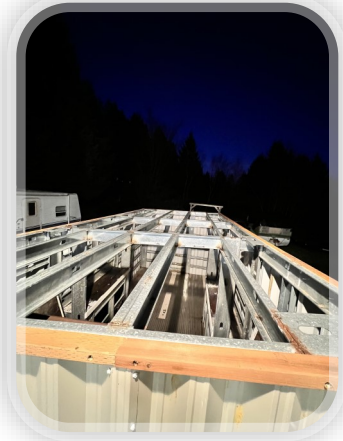
Club Trailer Update

The club's field trailer/shed made its long awaited arrival at the St. Paul field on Wednesday, May 3. The trailer in a previous life was used as a mobile marketing trailer and purchased by the club when no longer needed. The trailer was stripped down to its frame and completely rebuilt for use by the club to store a winch trailer, batteries and other equipment the club uses for contests. If needed in the future, the mobile feature of the trailer was kept in tact, but hidden from view while in place at the field.

None of this would have happened without the generous support and contributions of money, labor and materials from several club members so that all the members may benefit. In particular, Ken Eaton and Chris Staats are to be thanked for their generous support to make this a reality.



Club Trailer Construction Photos



Portland Area Sailplane Society's 2023 F3Res (F3L) Schedule



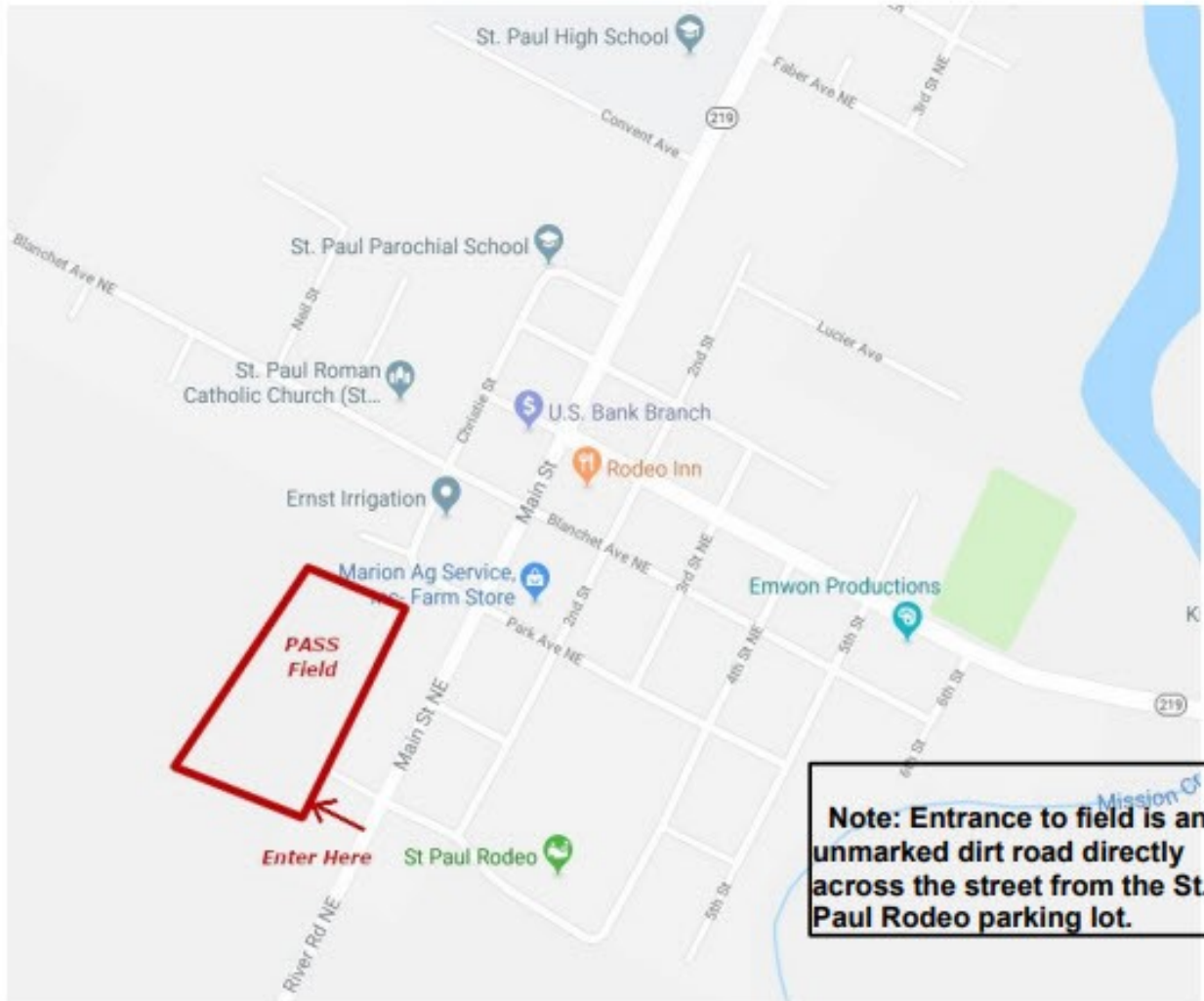
Dates:
Sun, April 16th Tuneup and Fun-fly
Sun, May 7th Contest #1
Sat, June 10th Contest #2
Sun, July 23rd Contest #3
Sun, Sept 24th Contest #4

Location: St. Paul, OR 97137 – About 30 miles SW of Portland
Field Entrance Lat. 45.207402, Long -122.979347

Mike Skeen CD
mikeskeen49@gmail.com
Phone: 503.673.9980

AMA or MAAC Membership Required for field use.
Contests: Registration: 09:00 Pilot's meeting 09:30
Matched hi starts provided by PASS.
We'll fly at least 5 rounds following F3Res rules.
Contest Fees: \$5.00 per pilot

F3Res is for predominantly wood 2m gliders limited to rudder, elevator, (optional spoilers) and launched by hi start. Older designs like the Gentle Lady are legal and welcome to join us.



Note: Entrance to field is an unmarked dirt road directly across the street from the St. Paul Rodeo parking lot.

PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY 2023 SEASON SCALE AEROTOW FUN FLY

**Dates:**

- Saturday, May 13th: Molalla
- Sunday, June 25th: **TBD**
- Saturday, July 15th: **TBD**
- Fri – Sun, August 18 – 20: Gillette Field
- Saturday, September 9th: Green Trees Ranch Airport

Molalla Location: Molalla Radio Control Association, 32899 S. Molalla Forest Road, Molalla, OR 97038
 (see map below)

Gillette Field Location: Grass Strip Located South Side of House at 39344 Jordan Road, Scio OR
 (See map on page 2)

Green Trees Ranch Airport Location: 42827 Rodgers Mountain Loop, Scio OR 97374
 (See map on page 3)

Time: Registration 9:00am, pilots meeting 10:00am, fly 'til about 5:00pm

Fees: \$10.00 per pilot one day events. \$25.00 per pilot three day event
 AMA or MAAC Membership Required

Coordinator: Jim Gibson: e-mail: jimgibson6237@gmail.com
 phone: 503-669-7271
 cell: 360-608-5821

Details: Tug available to tow large & small scale sailplanes. **Molalla** flying field is approximated 700 ft. long oriented approximately in the east-west direction.

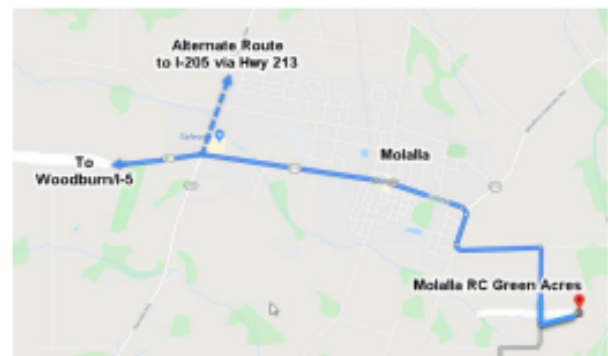
Weather Note: In the event of a forecasted rainout, the coordinator will cancel the event by the Thursday before the event. Coordinator will notify participants via the Scale Sailplane Forum on RC Groups(Thread-2020 Pacific Northwest Aerotow Schedule). The event coordinator may also be contacted for confirmation.

Molalla Directions:

- I-5 Exit 271(Woodburn Silverton)
- East on Hwy 214/211 to Molalla
- Turn right on Mathias Rd
- 0.3 mi turn left on S. Feyrer Park Rd
- 0.7 mi turn right on S. Adams Cemetary Rd
- 0.6 mi turn left on S. Molalla Forest Rd
- 0.2 mi field on the left

(Google Maps: Molalla RC Green Acres)

Molalla Field Coordinates: 45.132709, -122.546333



PASS Classifieds

ASH 26

4 meter sailplane with retract ,fuselage has Futaba servos,all servos work. Asking \$500.00. Contact TerryErickson 503-559-6518.



Starlight 3000

New in box. Originally from Tom Culmsee. Mostly finished, just one more servo install remaining-I think.

JR digital servos. Asking \$800.00

Bill Keenan Crashmo22@gmail.com



Slite V2

New in box Slite V2 F3RES Kit. \$200.00
Contact Jim Gibson 360-608-5821
jimgibson6237@gmail.com





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P.O. Box 115
Molalla, OR 97038

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 6, 2023
ALES Contest #2 – 9:00am
Sunday, May 7, 2023
F3RES Contest #1 – 10:00am
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ 7:00pm Round Table Pizza
Saturday, May 13, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ Molalla RC Field – 10:00am
Saturday, May 20, 2023
Handlaunch Contest #3– 10:00am
Sunday, May 21, 2023
Thermal Multitask – 9:00am
Saturday, June 3, 2023
Handlaunch Contest #4 – 9:30am
Sunday, June 4, 2023
ALES Contest #2A – 9:00am
Saturday, June 10, 2023
F3RES Contest #2 – 9:30am
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ 7:00pm Round Table Pizza

NOTE: Event calendar subject to change. Changes to the calendar will be sent via email as they become available. Contact Jim Gibson at