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Newsletter of the Portland Area Sail-

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PASS Club News

Note: The FAA approved FRIA 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

NEW MEETING LOCATION

PASS Meeting Notice October 10th:

The club meeting will be on Tuesday the 10th. Gather about 6:30 and meeting starts at 7:00pm. **Swap meet as well so bring items to sell and money to buy!!**

Round Table Pizza

16444 Boones Ferry Road

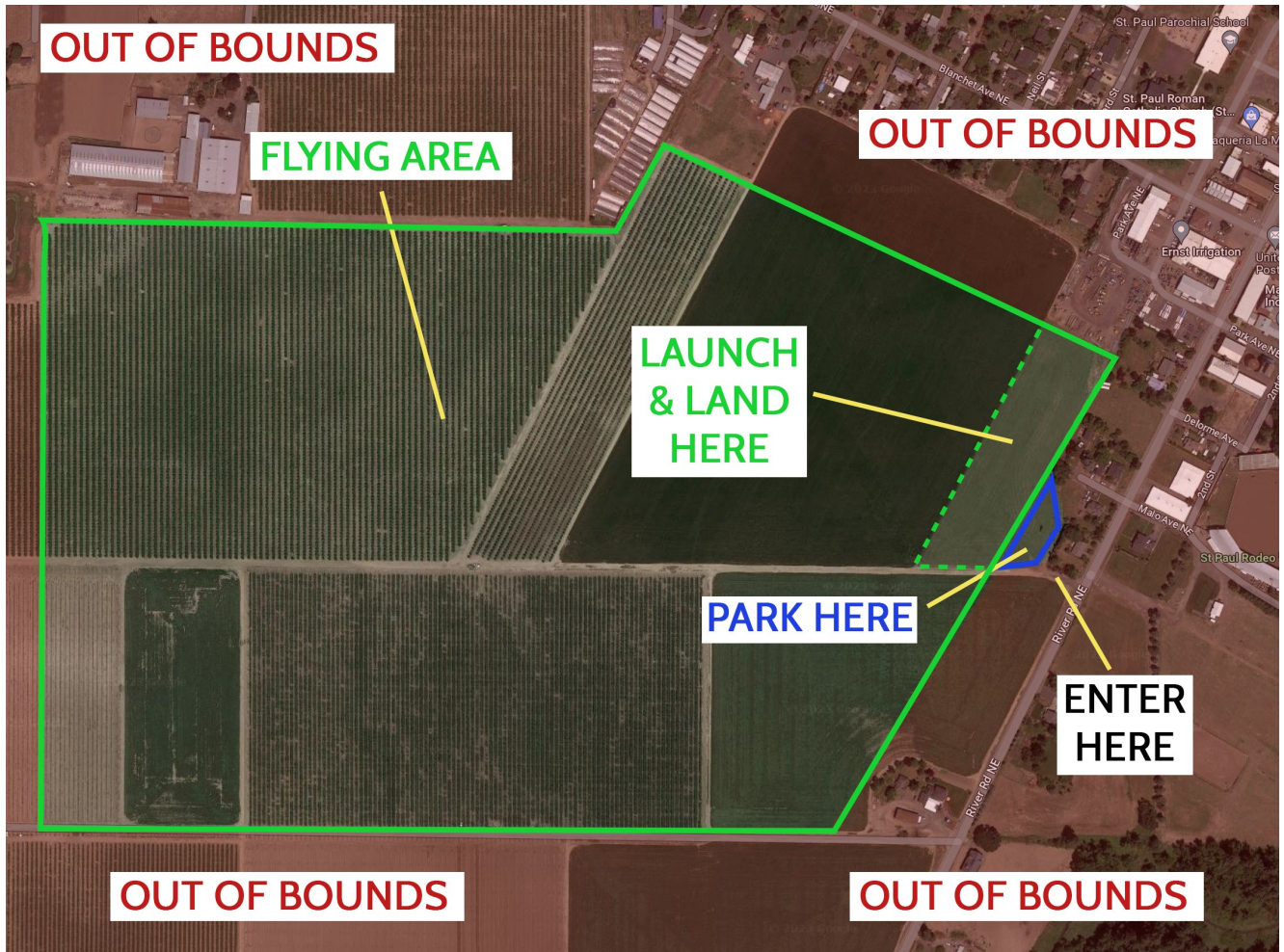
Lake Owego, OR 97035

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St. Paul Field



Out of Bounds-Revised 08-01-2023



Rippp' Thermals 2023 Report

Eugene Contest in St Paul on August 26/27

By Tom Culmsee

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We continue to hold this classic Eugene contest in St Paul due to the lack of a suitable flying site in the land of the Duck. But what our club field might lack in monster thermals, we make up for in convenience and a much softer landing surface. This year the weather cooperated wonderfully as the mild weather made the contest very comfortable for all the competitors. There was a great turnout of pilots including a good contingent from our brothers in Spokane which is always great to see.

The competition format is our version of Thermal Wizard. Pilots were allowed to choose their task (after landing) from among 3,5,7,9 & 11 minute duration tasks. The longer the task time flown the less important the landing points become (with normalized scoring to 1000 pts possible on any task) so there is a tendency to fly as long as you possibly can. Also, the pilot with the highest cumulative time at the end of the contest is presented the special Thermal Wizard award. Scoring was over both days totaled.

One of the special events at all "Eugene" contests is a Saturday evening Corn Feed BBQ, located again this year at the Staats residence. The overwhelming venue and incredible food, including roasted beast, BBQ chicken and sweet corn amongst all the rest, made this a must attend for all the pilots and guests. A **VERY HEARTY Thank You** to Chris and Karen for putting this on for us!

On Sunday morning another "Eugene" tradition was officiated by the last remaining active EGG (Eugene Glider Guider) Jason Hood. The Egg Bust requires skillful control and a little luck to lop off the top of a raw egg and claim the prize. This year none other than Curtis Headrick managed the feat .. well done Curtis!



After two days of great flying in near perfect conditions we arrived at the final list of positions. Congratulations to all that received a picture plaque award. The Thermal Wizard came down to just a few seconds (some say the scorekeeper had some bias . . .), but hey things did come together for me that weekend.

Thanks again to everyone that attended the contest or the Saturday Corn Feed BBQ. Also, I appreciate all those that helped put on another awesome weekend of fun. We will do it again next year!

CLASS COMPETITION

Pilot Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
Jason Hood	RES	988	993	974	997	933	988	972	975	970	998	9,788
Ken Eaton	RES	995	991	982	966	928	976	978	897	997	988	9,698
David Portwood	RES	857	899	949	989	921	989	932	961	986	943	9,426
Tom Culmsee	Ex	1000	989	995	968	971	987	997	991	983	979	9,860
David Portwood	Ex	947	922	946	928	996	993	997	981	984	999	9,693
Curtis Headrick	Ex	974	996	872	993	958	980	978	995	995	915	9,656
Martin Baumer	Ex	979	988	986	929	964	965	986	999	851	989	9,636
Chris Staats	Ex	979	963	963	1000	949	992	979	999	987	720	9,531
Jason Hood	Ex	978	963	984	954	926	996	968	991	745	960	9,465
Tom Brightbill	Ex	978	968	992	993	989	984	991	989	974	600	9,458
Lance Olson	Ex	925	862	930	971	982	978	956	968	968	843	9,383
Ken Eaton	Ex	975	975	967	907	922	989	725	991	920	993	9,364
Art Boysen	Ex	968	991	976	996	930	987	961	953	928	629	9,319
Tracy Erdman	Ex	980	972	914	590	979	988	920	993	946	962	9,244
Rex Grace	Ex	967	979	888	546	656	971	980	914	988	997	8,886
Richard Van Dijk	Ex	992	scratch									992
Terry Erickson	Com	825	970	752	864	816	992	863	976	864	805	8,727
Bill Keenan	Com	997	984	728	625	946						4,280
Chris Staats	2-M	994	950	943	1000	950	957	943	682	796	639	8,854

THERMAL WIZARD

Total Time	Pilot Name	Class
109:54	Tom Culmsee	Expert
109:48	Ken Eaton	RES
103:52	Curtis Headrick	Expert
103:50	Ken Eaton	Expert
103:18	Chris Staats	Expert
101:49	Tom Brightbill	Expert
99:52	David Portwood	Expert
98:32	Terry Erickson	Competitor
97:19	Martin Baumer	Expert
96:00	Tracy Erdman	Expert
95:53	Jason Hood	RES
91:31	Art Boysen	Expert
90:50	Lance Olson	Expert
90:26	Rex Grace	Expert
89:58	Jason Hood	Expert
60:38	David Portwood	RES
45:09	Chris Staats	2-Meter
43:33	Bill Keenan	Competitor
11:00	Richard Van Dijk	Expert

Rippin' Thermals Photos



Tom Culmsee
 1st Place Expert &
 Thermal Wizard



Chris Staats
 1st Place Two Meter



Jason Hood
 1st Place RES



Terry Erickson
 1st Place Competitor

September 2 Handlaunch Contest — Report by Martin Baumer

The DLG contest #7 took place Sept 2nd at the St. Paul field. We had 4 contestants and flew 6 rounds. Noelan Olson participated out of competition.

The weather conditions were pleasant, with little wind, but the lift was fairly light. Lance and Scott flew both consistently well and took 1st and 2nd.. Craig and I each had one terrible round causing us to trail behind.



PASS DLG Contest No7 - Overall Results

[St Paul 9/2/2023]

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Rank	Name	Score	Pcnt	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
				Best5 2:00max	1, 2, 3, 4	Best3 3:00max	L1 5max in 7m	Big Ladder	AllUp 3:00*3
1	OLSON, Lance	5976	100.00	1000	1000	976	1000	1000	1000
2	FINTEL, Scott	5812	97.26	1000	998	983	1000	940	891
3	ROBINSON, Craig	5607	93.83	991	1000	1000	616	1000	1000
4	BAUMER, Martin	5296	88.62	930	914	1000	1000	876	576

September 10 ALES Contest — Report by Chris Staats

A beautiful late summer morning greeted us for the last scheduled ALES event of 2023. Calm, warm, hot air balloon filled skies promised to make for a great day of contest flying.

A small group of 9 flyers arrived for the pilot’s meeting which began promptly at 9:00am.

We flew six rounds of three flight groups. Round 1 flight groups were assigned by random selection, with the remaining rounds assigned in order of the pilot’s running contest score.

The F5J lite format was selected for this contest.

All rounds in F5J lite had 10 minutes task times. Flight scores were normalized within each flight group, and both a landing bonus and a launch bonus were added to the normalized flight score for the resulting round score. No landing bonus was awarded if the flight time exceeded the task time.

The landing bonus was determined by our normal 50-point spot landing method. The launch bonus was determined by the contestant’s chosen launch height in each round, 0 points for a 200-meter launch, 50 points for a 150-meter launch, and 100 points for a 100-meter launch.

Because of buoyant air and the promise of developing thermal activity, most contestants chose to launch to 150 meters, and were able to complete the 10-minute task time, in round 1.

Tom Culmsee was the first brave competitor to successfully launch to 100 meters and make his time in round 2.

A variety of launch heights were selected, with mixed results, by a number of contestants, throughout the day. However, the eventual winner of the contest flew all rounds at 150 meters.

It was a nice day for flying, and a great contest to finish out our 2023 ALES contest season. It was great to see some new members participating in ALES this year, and I am already looking forward to a great 2024 ALES contest season. I hope you can join us!



Pilot	Score	Pct
Tom Brightbill	6508	100.00%
Lance Olson	6471	99.43%
David Portwood	6284	96.56%
Tom Culmsee	6193	95.16%
Dan Fielder	6095	93.65%
Chris Staats	6055	93.04%
Terry Erickson	6001	92.21%
Richard Van Dijk	5205	79.98%
Brian Bennett	4903	75.34%



1st Place
Tom Brightbill



2nd Place
Lance Olson



3rd Place
David Portwood

September 12 Aerotow — Report by Jim Gibson

The last scheduled aerotow of the year was held on September 12th at Green Trees Ranch Airport in Scio, OR. This year we set up flying on the 'south' end of the runway. Flying at this end worked out well and afforded us the ability to take off and land in the same direction. The weather was about as perfect as we can ever expect for flying with no shortage of thermals. The turnout was light but we did have Clyde Knecht-Montana and Rick Shelby-California join us for the day. A special thank you to Martin Baumer who did the towing with the Carbon Cub.

Aerotow is alive and well in PASS with three different flying field options. Come join us next season!



Rick Shelby's Pawnee



September 23 Thermal Deathmatch



Left-Jim Gibson: 1st Place

Right-Dan Fiedler: 2nd Place

Celebrating their win with a flammable amber liquid in their shot glass trophies

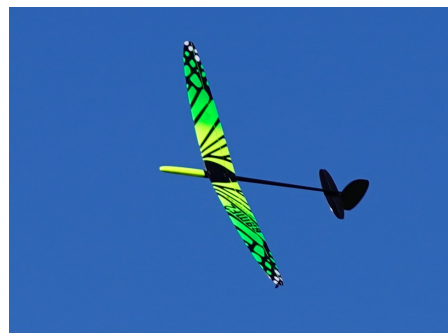


September 30 Handlaunch Contest — Report by Scott Fintel

What a great day for the last competition of the season. Temperatures ranged from ~60 in the morning, to around 70 in the afternoon. Very light winds in the morning, turning into light ballast required winds in the afternoon. A few gusts and dust devils blew threw, threatening to turn over one of our canopies, but the ever-present sinky winds came through to counter act that problem.

Well, there were feel-good rounds, and there were rounds where no one felt good. That bubbly lift soon turned into sink. And, as always, some good rounds were had, if one was willing to go way downwind, and risk not getting back .

We did a seven round contest, 4 before lunch, 3 after. Pretty close scores, with really good lift throughout the morning. In the afternoon, as a few more of the "pilot separation tasks" kicked in, coupled with the big lift, and massive sink cycles in the afternoon, caused a bit of pilot score chaos. In the end, Lance prevailed in 1st with some excellent light-lift flying, myself in second, and Mario in 3rd, with an "all-in" call in Poker, ending up with a nearly 5 minute flight!



pass_september - Overall Results
[st_paul 9/30/2023]

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Rank	Name	Ctry	RegnNo	Club	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6	Rnd7
								Big Ladder	Best3 3:00max	Best5 2:00max	L1 5max in 10m	1, 2, 3, 4	Poker 5 in 10m	AllUp 3:00+5
1	OLSON, Lance				6677.6	100.00	6677.6	995.6	1000.0	935.7	1000.0	1000.0	769.9	976.4
2	FINTEL, Scott				6545.6	98.02	6545.6	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	852.0	693.6	1000.0
3	GALLIANO, Mario				6208.4	92.97	6208.4	919.6	834.2	699.7	1000.0	754.9	1000.0	1000.0
4	BAUER, Martin				6109.0	91.48	6109.0	643.5	991.2	923.5	1000.0	961.5	867.1	722.2
5	ROBINSON, Craig				6085.9	91.14	6085.9	1000.0	815.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	476.9	794.0
6	KEENAN, Bill				5955.8	89.19	5955.8	969.7	885.1	841.5	1000.0	659.0	1000.0	600.5
7	OLSON, Noelen				3210.0	48.07	3210.0	418.9	260.5	545.1	590.0	716.2	210.0	469.3



October 1 F3Res Contest— Report by Mike Skeen



This was our last contest of the year and was rescheduled from an earlier rained out date. Turned out to be a good call because we had a beautiful sunny day with light winds and comfortable temps. We flew two groups of three and were able to easily get in 8 rounds. There wasn't much lift to start the day but soon after the thermals kicked in and we had some rounds go the full 10 minute task time. There was also big sink and in some rounds it was a challenge to make 2 minutes. As the day progressed, scores yo-yo-ed, up and down and everyone in each group spent time at the top. By the last round, Martin had a slim lead over Jim and Dave. In that round, the air was dominated by a passing sink cycle and Jim prevailed to take the win.

This year marks the 7th year of F3Res competition in our club. I'm grateful to the 19 different club members who have competed at least once in our contests. The current crop of F3Res designs have proven to be easy to build, durable, and just plain fun to fly. I also want to thank Chris Staats for his support in procuring, maintaining, and setting up our competition hi starts on each contest day. It's been a privilege on my part to fly with such a great group of guys. That being said, I am stepping down from my CD role next year. It's time for new leadership to foster the growth of this class. My wife and I plan to do more travel and I have other time constraints to deal with. F3Res will continue in 2024 with a new CD. An easy job with Chris' help, so contact me if interested.

Pilot	Score	Plane
Jim Gibson	7270	X-Dream
Martin Baumer	7197	Samba Evo
Dave Anderson	7085	Yellow Jacket
Mike Skeen	6847	X-Dream
Chris Staats	6462	Samba Evo
Dan Fieldler	6319	Samba Evo



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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza – 7:00pm
Sunday, October 15, 2023
RES Contest – 10:00am
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza – 7:00pm

NOTE: Event calendar subject to change. Changes to the calendar will be sent via email as they become available. Contact Jim Gibson at jimgibson6237@gmail.com or the event CD with questions.