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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 July 11th:

The club meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th. **The meeting will be at the St. Paul field with FREE dinner provided by the club for all attendees!** Dinner will be at 6:30pm with the meeting to follow. Come early and do some late afternoon/evening flying.

St. Paul Field



NO FLY ZONE-Revised 06-01-21



June 4 ALES Contest — Report by Chris Staats

A beautiful spring day greeted us for our second flyable ALES contest of 2023. Light winds and an early threat of sprinkle gave way to partly sunny skies, and challenging thermal activity. While the thermals were very good at times, they were spread across both time and area, which made for a fun challenging event.

9 flyers arrived for the pilot's meeting which began promptly at 9:00am.

We were able to fly six rounds of three flight groups. In Round 1 flight groups were assigned by random selection, with the remaining rounds assigned in order of the pilot's running contest score.

Launch height for the entire day was set to 150 meters.

The first two flight tasks were 5 and 7, followed by 4 rounds of "Vari-Task", where the "A" flight group flew a 10 minute task, the "B" flight group an 8 minute task, and the "C" flight group a 6 minute task.

Richard was able bury his competition in multiple rounds making it difficult for the rest of us to keep up.

In the end it was a challenging but very fun contest. I hope to see you at the 2023 PASS ALES Tournament July 8th and 9th!

Pilot	Score	Pct
Richard Van Dijk	5909	100.00%
Bill Keenan	5668	95.92%
Chris Staats	5454	92.30%
Terry Erickson	5356	90.64%
Tom Culmsee	5310	89.86%
Ken Eaton	5181	87.68%
Jason Hood	5163	87.38%
Lance Olson	5120	86.65%
John Long	3982	67.39%



June 10 F3RES Contest — Report by Mike Skeen



Despite some regulars being out of town, we had a spirited day of competition with pleasant temps and plenty of wind to get great launches. The lift was crazy powerful at times and Dave reached altitudes higher than I can ever remember seeing. Other rounds you couldn't buy a thermal and scratching out the last few seconds determined the winner. Congrats to Mark on his new plane. His initial pop off problems were solved by the collective help of the group and he was getting great launches by the 5th round. We flew nine rounds and Dave's consistency won the day.

Pilot	Score	Plane
Dave Anderson	8129	Yellow Jacket
Mike Skeen	7616	X-Dream
Chris Staats	7406	Samba Evo
Mark Neinstadt	5430	Yellow Jacket

GPS Sport/Scale/SLS Nationals — Report by Jim Gibson

Four of us — Martin Baumer, Tom Brightbill, Jim Gibson and David Portwood traveled to Montague, CA for the U.S. GPS Nationals that were held June 5—10. The event attracted some of the best fliers on the west coast as well as participants from New Zealand, Slovenia, Arizona and Texas. It was a great opportunity for us to learn from the best as to how to fly and compete in GPS Triangle Racing. Results & more photos can be found here:

Sport Class: [RCModelspot Sport Class](#)

Scale Class: [RCModelspot Scale Class](#)



June 27 Scale Aerotow — Report by Jim Gibson

The June aerotow was originally scheduled for Sunday, June 25 but was moved to Tuesday, June 27th as the Molalla Radio Control Association (MRCA) agreed to host our event and I wanted to minimize possible flying conflicts with their regular club members. MRCA has also agreed to host our July 18th aerotow as well.

Fortunately the Tuesday date was not an issue for most of the regular aerotow fliers as everyday is Saturday! Also, our ace tug pilot, Martin B., was able to take the day off and did a great job of towing with the new FX-3 Carbon Cub. We were surprised to have Clyde Knecht make the trip all the way from Montana to fly with us.

The weather was near perfect and everyone flew more than usual to take advantage of the lift that got better as the day progressed.

Join us on Tuesday, July 18th at the MRCA field for the next aerotow!



Thermalsearch Will Feature Special Event to Honor Kevin Martin

Contest Organizers Welcome Everyone on July 29th

By Tom Culmsee

PASS will be honoring the service and memory of Kevin Martin at the upcoming Thermalsearch contest. This special version of the contest will be held Saturday, July 29th and continues through Sunday the 30th. (See updated Contest Flyer in this issue.) On Saturday at noon, we will have a special event in Kevin's honor. We also expect to have several of his family members in attendance including his daughter Kelley. Everyone who knew Kevin is invited for the noon event and to partake of the free lunch, even if you are not able to participate in the contest itself.

Kevin founded and directed this event for every year since its inception over 30 years ago. He was also an advocate and skilled competitor in the RES (Rudder-Elevator-Spoiler) class gliders. Thus we thought it appropriate to encourage this class this year so all RES entries will be FREE and all participants will receive a special laser engraved memorial coaster. Please come join us and help honor our lost friend Kevin.

Portland Area Sailplane Society's 2023 ALES 2 Day Tournament



Date:
July 8th and 9th Two one day events!

Location: St Paul, Oregon, Across the street from the Rodeo Grounds

Time: 8:30am Registration
9:00am Pilot's meeting (be prepared to fly after pilot's meeting)

Fees: \$5.00 per pilot per day

[CD: Chris Staats](#)
cstaatsoregon@yahoo.com
503-507-2024

Man on Man format

Three flight groups - or more depending on the number of participants

Trophies - for top 3 finishers each day

At least 7 rounds on Saturday, no rounds will start after 2:00pm on Sunday

Camping at the field available

AMA or MAAC Membership Required

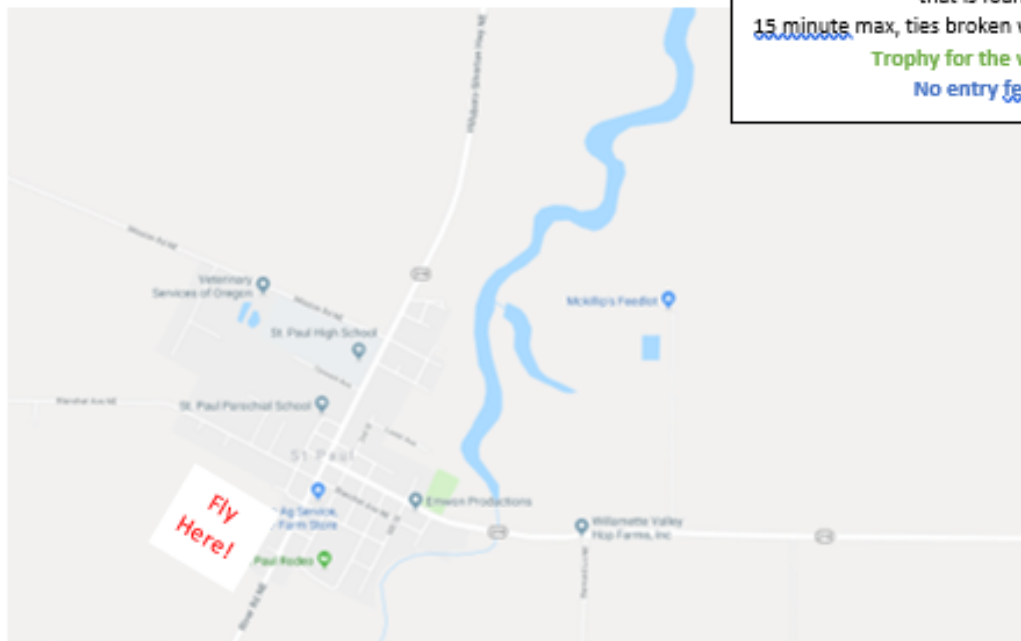
Bring your own food and liquids! No food or drinks available on site

Set your altimeters to
150 meters +
**This may be changed by the CD at any time*

Lodgings:

- La Quinta, Woodburn 503-982-1727
- Best Western Woodburn 503-982-6515
- Best Western Pacific Highway Inn, Salem 503-390-3200
- Salem Super 8, Salem 503-370-8888

The Foam Cup
Special event Saturday during the lunch break!
One round all up, last down, for any sailplane that is foam.
15 minute max, ties broken with a spot landing.
Trophy for the winner
No entry fee!



**PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY
2023 SEASON
SCALE AEROTOW FUN FLY**

**Dates:**

- Saturday, May 13th: Molalla
- Tuesday, June 27th: Molalla
- Tuesday, July 18th: Molalla
- Fri – Sun, August 18 -- 20: Gillette Field
- Saturday, Sept. 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 9:30am, 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

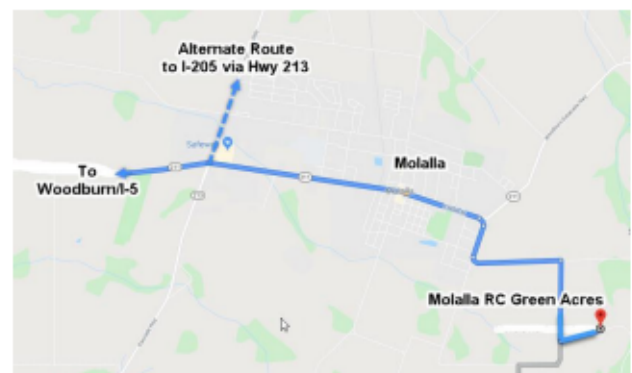
Details: Tug available to tow large & small scale sailplanes. **Molalla** flying field is approximated 700 ft. long oriented approximately in the east-west direction.

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



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



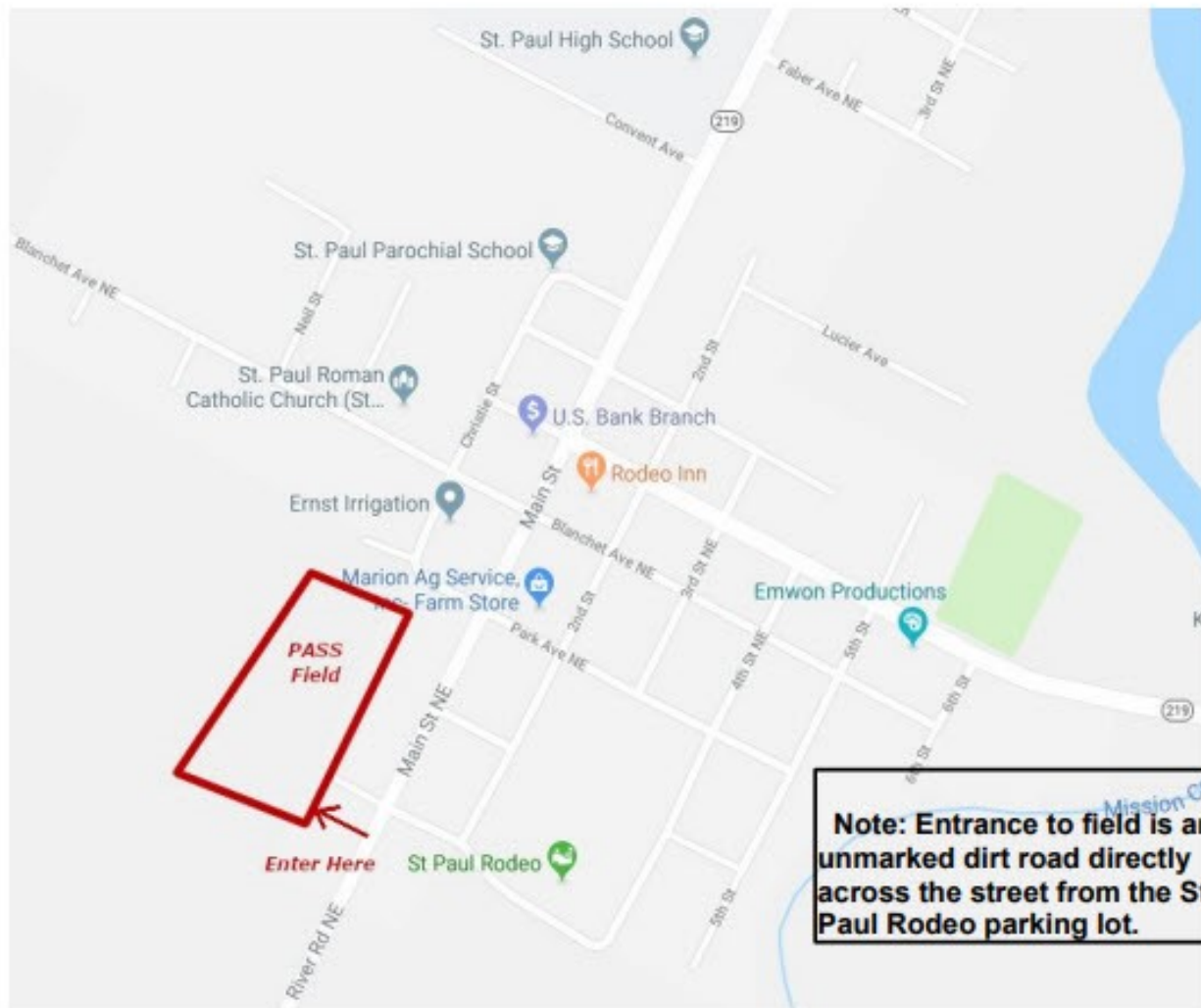
Dates:
Sun, April 16th Tuneup and Fun-fly
Sun, May 7th Contest #1
Sat, June 10th Contest #2
Sun, July 23rd Contest #3
Sun, Sept 24th Contest #4

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.



Kevin Martin's Memorial ThermalSearch 2023

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Saturday and Sunday

July 29th & 30th, 2023



Two One-Day Contests!! Come Either or Both Days!

Location: PASS Club Field – St Paul, Oregon

Classes: Open Expert & Competitor, Special Combined NWSS RES, **NOTE - Combined 2-Meter (CANCELLED)**
(Alternate Electric Launch Allowed, set altitude limiter to 150M)

Events: Saturday and Sunday — 5 and 7 minute (declare on landing) International Duration followed by 10 min Variland event until approx. 4 pm on Sat. and 2 pm on Sunday. Landing lines (radiused at far end only) for all flights. 12v winches & retrievers with approx. 600' length.

Awards: Beautiful PASS mugs for each day's flying for all classes. **2 separate contest days! ALL RES pilots will receive a special KM memorial coaster! PLUS – Special Memorial Event @ noon Saturday for Kevin .. please come even if you are not participating in the contest**

Fees: **Kevin's Special this year only - RES class FREE!! Each day;** \$5.00 for Expert, Competitor or an additional entry

Times: Registration — 8 to 9 AM both days, pilots meeting then flying starts at 9:30

Food: PASS will host a **FREE lunch**, snacks & soda/water at the field both days.

Facilities: Overnight camping allowed for self-contained RV's Friday and Saturday night.

CD: Memorial CD - Tom Culmsee 503-358-8421 teculmsee@gmail.com [Kevin Martin \(503-358-4411\)](#)

Directions:

The Pass Club Field is located just behind
(West) of –
20029 Main St. NE
St Paul, OR 97137

Lat 45.207703 Long -122.979323

- Follow I-5 S to Ehlen Rd NE/Fargo Rd NE. (Near Aurora, OR)
- Take exit 278 from I-5 S
- Continue West on Ehlen Rd NE which turns into McKay Rd NE
- Turn Left onto French Prairie Rd NE
- Turn Right on OR-219 N (St Paul Hwy)
- Once in St Paul turn Left on Main St and continue about 5 blocks. Turn right onto the gravel road (see pic.)





Portland Area Sailplane Society

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P.O. Box 115
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Upcoming Events:

Saturday, July 8, 2023
ALES Tournament – 9:00am
Sunday, July 9, 2023
ALES Tournament – 9:00am
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ St. Paul Field – 6:30pm
Sunday, July 16, 2023
Handlaunch Contest – 9:00am
Tuesday, July 18, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ MRCA Field – 9:30am
Sunday, July 23, 2023
F3RES Contest – 9:00am
Saturday, July 29, 2023
Thermal Search Contest – 10:00am
Sunday, July 30, 2023
Thermal Search Contest – 10:00am
Saturday, August 5, 2023
ALES Contest – 9:00am
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ TBD

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.