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Newsletter of the 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 March 14th:

The club meeting will be on Tuesday the 14th. 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



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2023?



Portland Area Sailplane Society 2023 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ AMA# _____
Write all names as you wish them to appear in the roster (e.g. David or Dave?)

Address _____ CD? (Y/N) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Bus. Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Do you want your email address included on the PASS webpage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Spouse or SO _____ LSF# / Level _____ / _____

Radio Frequencies _____

Additional Family Members

1. Name _____ AMA# _____
LSF# / Level _____ / _____ Radio Frequencies _____

2. Name _____ AMA# _____
LSF# / Level _____ / _____ Radio Frequencies _____

3. Name _____ AMA# _____
LSF# / Level _____ / _____ Radio Frequencies _____

Dues	Full year	after 3/31	after 6/30	after 9/30
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior - under 19 - includes newsletter	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual - includes newsletter	\$30.00	\$22.50	\$15.00	\$ 7.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter only	\$15.00	\$11.25	\$ 7.50	\$3.75

\$ TOTAL PAID

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(Adobe Acrobat format)
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(Adobe Acrobat format)

Make check payable to: Portland Area Sailplane Society

Send to: PASS
PO Box 115
Molalla, OR 97038

February 21st PASS Meeting — Cancelled

February 5th Floater Contest #1 — Cancelled

February 26th Floater Contest #4 — Cancelled

March 4th Handlaunch Contest #1 — Cancelled

At the Field.....



Robin Robinson proudly wearing his Hall of Fame cap!



Tom Brightbill proving 30+ year old sailplanes can still fly!

The February 12 Fog Bowl

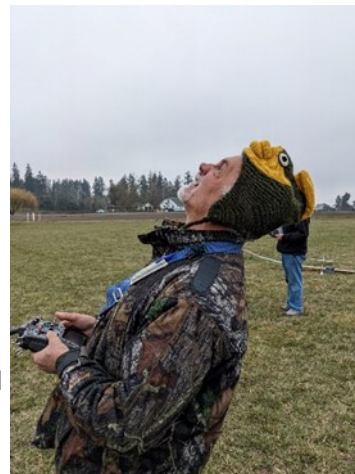
First Feb Floater Event Fog Bound but Fun

By Tom Culmsee

The first opportunity for a February Floater event was on the 5th but got rained out. The next weekend (12th) looked to be much better as no rain/wind was forecast. Unfortunately, when we did arrive for some RES flying, there was massive fog and cold conditions to deal with. Although we did lose a few pilots due to the conditions, a few hearty ones stuck it out for the fog to dissipate enough to fly around 12:30. If you were careful and didn't launch too high or wander too far away, you could see the plane fairly well. So we decided to hold a mini three round contest of 10min max and no landing (other than it be on-field.) Scores were just raw seconds. Interestingly, when you flew in the fog, lift was enough to easily make the max time. However, when the ceiling lifted enough to see higher, the lift also went away. Congratulations to Jim Gibson who was the proclaimed "Fog King" and all those that flew.

Results (1800 pts possible)–

1) Jim Gibson	1736
2) David "GDP" Portwood	1443
3) Tom "Grampa" Brightbill	1428
4) Ken "KYS" Eaton	1385
5) Chris Staats	1359
6) Tom "CD" Culmsee	1273
7) John Long	1241

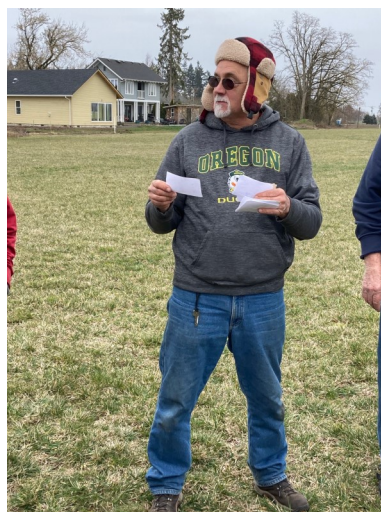


February 19 Floater Contest Report — by Ken Eaton, Guest CD

The weather cooperated enough on the 3rd Sunday in February to hold our 2nd Floater event. The SSW wind was light enough early on for good penetration and slowly increased to be slightly more challenging by the end of the last round (6-7mph). The temperature was COLD. A popular spot was next to a propane heater when not flying or timing - although Tom Culmsee did manage to handle timing while standing in front of the heater?? As guest CD I want to thank everyone for their help and support. A special thanks to TC for coming up with the slightly modified landing task: Spot Landings measured to the closest point along the fuselage including the rudder. If the rudder was the closest to the spot some pilots figured out they could add a point by pushing the rudder stick moving the rudder even closer. Look at the final scores and you will see it added fun and made no difference though. Five rounds of 7 minutes each were flown using raw scores: 1pt/sec plus landing. A slight twist for the sixth round of 8 minutes finished out the contest and was scored: 2pts/sec plus landing.

Times were easier to get in the early rounds. Congrats to Jim Gibson who once again led the way:

1-Jim Gibson	3515 points
2-David Portwood	3479
3-Ken Eaton	3458
4-Chris Staats	3387
5-Tom Culmsee	3192
6-John Long	3141
7-Tom Brightbill	3083
8-Terry Erickson	2499
9-Robin Robinson	2124
10-Kyle Kroker	1848



2023 AMA NORTHWEST JAMBOREE

JULY 14TH ~ 16TH, 2023

SHELTON, WA

Welcome to the 2023 AMA Northwest Jamboree

Hosted by the Academy of Model Aeronautics and the Sanderson Field RC Flyers, this is the biggest all inclusive fly-in in the District!! This years event will be held at the Sanderson Field RC Flyers site in Shelton, WA. The flying site is on the inactive runway at Sanderson Field, and it features a 2000'x200' paved runway! There will be a raffle at the end of the weekend, an auction for some great prizes on Saturday night, vendor booths, vendor product demos, aircraft demos, swap meet, and so much more. So come on out and enjoy a great weekend of model aircraft! There is tons of pit area for awnings and chairs, and food concessions will be available on site for breakfast and lunch. Dinners will also be available on Friday and Saturday night, with tickets being sold at the event registration table.

Directions: Go North on HWY 101, go past the main entrance to Sanderson Field. Sanderson Way is the next turn to the left. This is the industrial entrance. Turn left on Sanderson Way, the road winds around a little but stay on the main road. Watch on the left and you will see the runway we fly from. Go past the gate that looks down the runway to the second gate.



Remote control and control line open flying allowed all weekend, except during vendor demo periods. We can not allow free flight or FPV flying at our facilities. Turbines are welcome unless there is an active burn ban at the time of event, and we will keep the AMA Northwest Jamboree website up to date with burn ban info.

Landing Fee

\$40

(Includes One Prize Raffle Ticket)

Contest Director

Tom Strom Jr. ~ (360)791-7729

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\$10 Per Night RV Parking On Site
Beginning Thursday July 13th.
(Dry Camping, No Hookups)

To Make RV Reservations Email
Bob Beatty ~ bigbird@quintex.com

Hotel Information

Super 8

(360)358-3793

2943 Northview Cir
Shelton, WA 98584

Little Creek Casino and Resort

(800)667-7711

91 West State Route 108
Shelton, WA 98584



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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ 7:00pm Round Table Pizza
Saturday, April 1, 2023
ALES Contest #1 – 9:00am
Tuesday, April 11, 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 jimgibson6237@gmail.com or the event CD with questions.