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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

NEW MEETING LOCATION

PASS Meeting Notice August 8th:

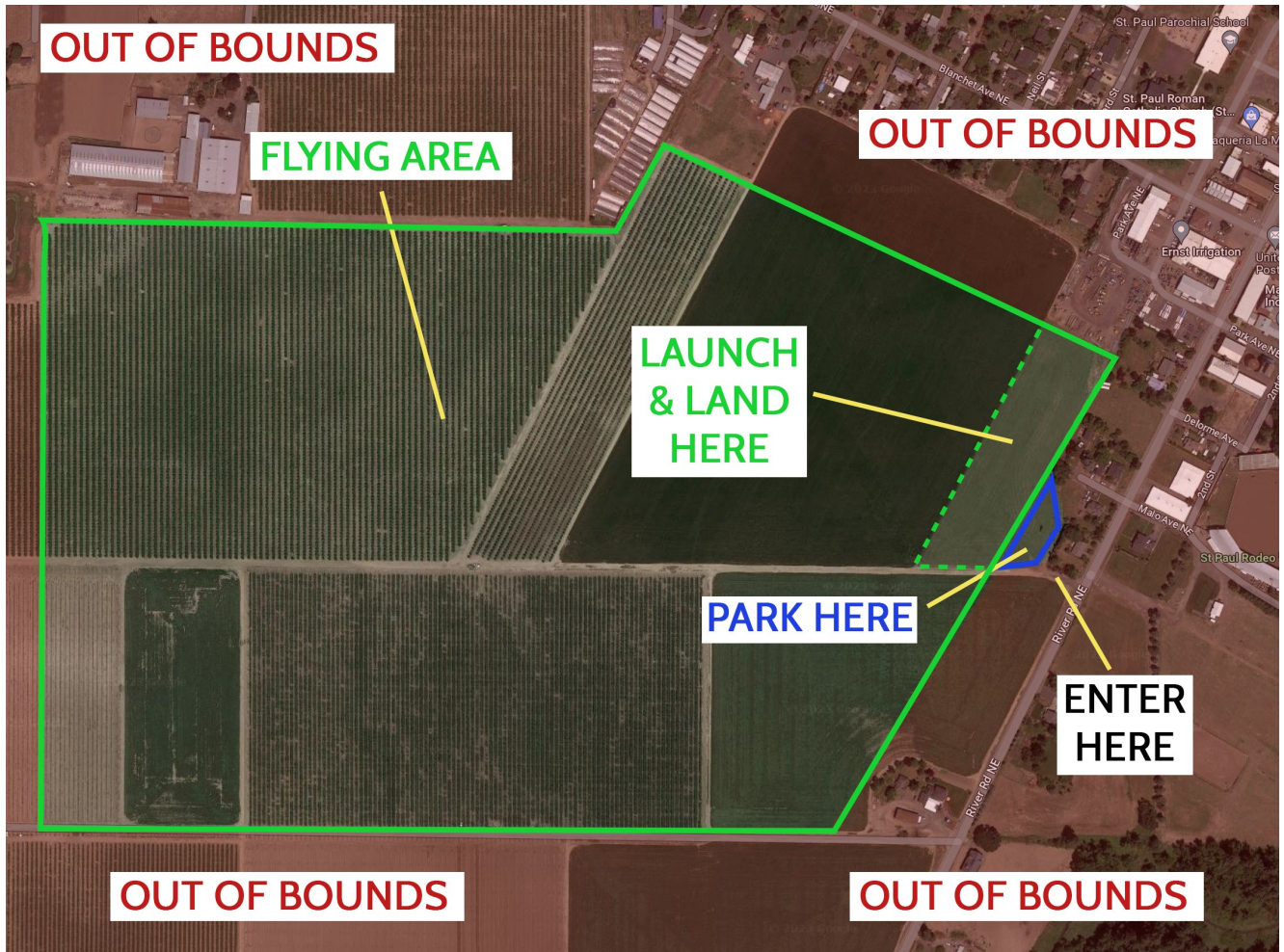
The club meeting will be on Tuesday the 8th. The meeting location this month and for the rest of the year is at a **different** Round Table Pizza from the one we have met at in the past. Gather about 6:30 and meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Round Table Pizza
1644 Boones Ferry Road
Lake Oswego, OR 97035
503-636-3350

St. Paul Field



Out of Bounds-Revised 08-01-2023



July 8-9 ALES Tournament — Report by Chris Staats

Great flying weather greeted us for the 2023 PASS ALES Tournament. Saturday began with warm overcast skies, giving way to full sunshine by lunch time. Light breezes and an abundance of thermal activity all day long, which made for a very nice contest day. Sunday arrived with full sunshine and 1-3 mph winds, also making for a very pleasant contest day. However, Sunday's strong thermal activity made for more than a few sudden crosswind or downwind landings, making the landing points harder to earn.

This contest was run as two separate contests, with trophies awarded for each day. Tournament trophies were also awarded to the highest scoring participants across both days.

We had a total of 15 participants with 13 flying on Saturday and 12 on Sunday.

We flew both days in three flight groups per round. Contestants were assigned a flight group, for round one, each day, by random selection. Flight groups for all following rounds were assigned by accumulated pilot score, for the day. Pilots with the highest running scores for the day were assigned to flight group "A". Pilots with the lowest running scores for the day were assigned to the flight group "C", with all remaining pilots flying in the "B" flight group.

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

We used a 5-meter spot landing for the landing task, allowing up to 50 points for the landing bonus per round. All flight scores were normalized within the flight group to 1000 points. The landing bonus was added, for the total round score.

On Saturday, we flew seven rounds including 3,5,7,9, and 11 minutes rounds, followed by two 10-minute rounds. Sunday, we started with 5 and 7-minute rounds, followed by four rounds of "Veri-task". Veri-task required pilots in the "A" flight group to fly 10-minute rounds, pilots in the "B" flight group to fly 8-minute rounds, and pilots in the "C" group to fly 6-minute rounds.

It was a great contest, the results are shown below. A special thank you to each of our out of state participants. We always enjoy having you join us... Including RVD!

Saturday Scores

Pilot	Score	Pct
Chris Staats	7251	100.00%
Martin Baumer	7216	99.52%
Jim Gibson	7166	98.83%
Tracy Erdman	7166	98.83%
Ken Eaton	7158	98.72%
Curtis Headrick	7156	98.69%
Richard Van Dijk	6995	96.47%
Jason Hood	6947	95.81%
Tom Culmsee	6862	94.64%
Lance Olson	6642	91.60%
Terry Erickson	5507	75.95%
Keith Ragsdale	5223	72.03%
Mike Skeen	5013	69.14%

Sunday Scores

Pilot	Score	Pct
Tom Culmsee	6232	100.00%
Curtis Headrick	6128	98.33%
Martin Baumer	6118	98.17%
Richard Van Dijk	6103	97.93%
Jason Hood	6072	97.43%
Brian Bennett	5952	95.51%
Tracy Erdman	5885	94.43%
Ken Eaton	5830	93.55%
Chris Staats	5692	91.34%
Dan Fiedler	5590	89.70%
Lance Olson	5508	88.38%
Terry Erickson	5130	82.32%

Tournament Scores

Pilot	Score	Pct
Martin Baumer	13334	100.00%
Curtis Headrick	13284	99.63%
Richard Van Dijk	13098	98.23%
Tom Culmsee	13094	98.20%
Tracy Erdman	13051	97.88%
Jason Hood	13019	97.64%
Ken Eaton	12988	97.41%
Chris Staats	12943	97.07%
Lance Olson	12150	91.12%
Terry Erickson	10637	79.77%
Jim Gibson	7166	53.74%
Brian Bennett	5952	44.64%
Keith Ragsdale	5223	39.17%
Mike Skeen	5013	37.60%

July 8-9 ALES Tournament Photos



Foamy Cup Winner
Ken Eaton

Tournament Winners (L-R)
2nd: Curtis Headrick
1st: Martin Baumer
3rd: Richard Van Dijk



Saturday 1st Place
Chris Staats



Saturday 2nd Place
Martin Baumer



Saturday 3rd Place
Jim Gibson



Saturday 3rd Place
Tracy Erdman



Sunday 1st Place
Tom Culmsee



Sunday 2nd Place
Curtis Headrick



Sunday 3rd Place
Martin Baumer

July 16 Hand Launch Contest — Report by Scott Fintel

A small, but dedicated group showed up for a 6-round event at St. Paul. Weather reports predicted a HOT day - reaching 92 in the afternoon, with variable winds. Fortunately, not as hot as Saturday, but still hot! Hot temperatures meant challenging thermals - as Martin explained, with the heat already intense as our first round started, it was a challenge to bubbly and boomer thermals that usually exist.

Because we were a small group, and in order to beat the heat, we flew 6 rounds, and finished about 1:30. The cycles and wind shifted frequently, as one group would do fairly well, while the follow up group might hit an incredible sink cycle with flights lasting just a few minutes

In the afternoon, there were quite a few dust devils spinning up in the filbert field (Hazelnut tree), that came across the recently plowed field. Some of the best strategies were to fly directly into the forming dust-devils, with an immediate elevator ride straight up. We had several conversations on Dust Devils, the directions they spin, whether to fly in, fly around, or fly near.

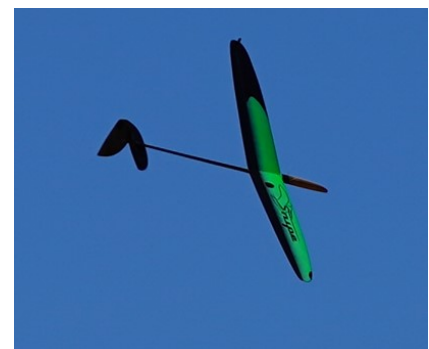
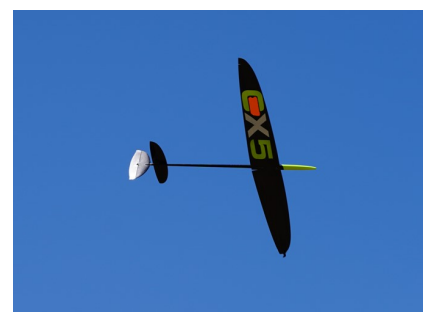
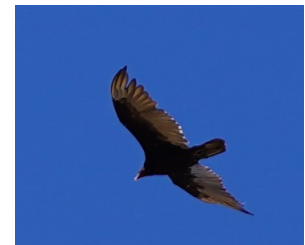
Spectacular flights of the day were had by all; Robinson flew further I've ever seen him fly by the hop farm, to get a 1k, and secure a win; Martin and Lance flew extremely well, and my personal favorite experience was a recovery at 1min (in a 3min flight) at 20 feet off the deck. Just goes to show, it's never over til it's over!

July PASS - Overall Results

[St Paul Oregon 7/15/2023]

www.GliderScore.com

Rank	Name	Ctry	RegnNo	Club	Score	Pcnt	Raw Score	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	Rnd6
								Big Ladder	L3 3:00max	1. 2. 3. 4	Best5 2:00max	L2 4max in 10m	AllUp 3:00*3
1	ROBINSON, Craig				5988.5	100.00	5988.5	1000.0	1000.0	988.5	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
2	FINTEL, Scott				5800.8	96.87	5800.8	865.7	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	935.1
3	BAUMER, Martin				5596.5	93.45	5596.5	896.4	1000.0	1000.0	874.7	825.4	1000.0
4	OLSON, Lance				5374.1	89.74	5374.1	1000.0	916.6	860.7	883.4	878.6	834.8



July 18 Aerotow — Report by Jim Gibson



We had great weather for our last aerotow of the season at the Molalla RC Association field. Unfortunately, it was a challenge to find lift, particularly with the crosswind (northerly direction) that increased in intensity as the day progressed.

Here's a link to some video taken by Pat Chewning—The video shows a tow of a big glider, the tow-plane landing, then the glider landing. The last portion of the video is Pat's ASW-27 mishap flight with an on-board camera.

<https://youtu.be/gIpnHvcna5s>

Some photos of previous 2023 aerotows courtesy of Chris Staats—



July 22-31 Cape Blanco Slopefest — Report by Pat Chewning

Just wrapped up attending the Cape Blanco Soarfest 2023. A fun-fly slope soaring event at Cape Blanco State Park. I was there 5 days and the weather was perfect: Sunny, a little cool, strong N winds.

40 or so pilots showed up from across the USA, and one from England. We flew all day long every day. The grassy LZ protected the planes from landing damage. The views are amazing whether from on the beach or from the cliffs.

Doug Boyd, Tom Leach, Vic, and I were there representing the Willamette Valley and PASS. More information is available on RC groups:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?4171725-%2A%2A%2A-Southern-Oregon-Slopefest-at-Cape-Blanco-2023%2A%2A%2A>



July 23 F3Res Contest — Report by Mike Skeen



We had great weather and turnout for our 3rd contest of the year. The thermal activity was unbelievable and we had three pilots who made the 10 minute task time in all 6 rounds. Several rounds were low altitude tail wind launches which made this feat even more remarkable. Precision landings were the order of the day, and Martin did it a little better than the rest. Just 49 points separating the top four pilots. Jim's grandson, Hayden, from Florida, was a welcome addition to the group.

Pilot	Score	Plane
Martin Baumer	5802	Samba Evo
Dave Anderson	5776	Yellow Jacket
Jim Gibson w/ assist by Hayden	5759	X-Dream
Mike Skeen	5753	X-Dream
Dan Fieldler	5386	Samba Evo
Chris Staats	6177	Samba Evo
Terry Erickson	4634	Ro-8 wing/own fuse
Mark Neinstadt	3800	Yellow Jacket

Next F3Res contest is Sunday, Sept, 24th.

**July 29-30 Kevin Martin Memorial Thermal Search Contest —
Report in Next Month's Newsletter**

**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

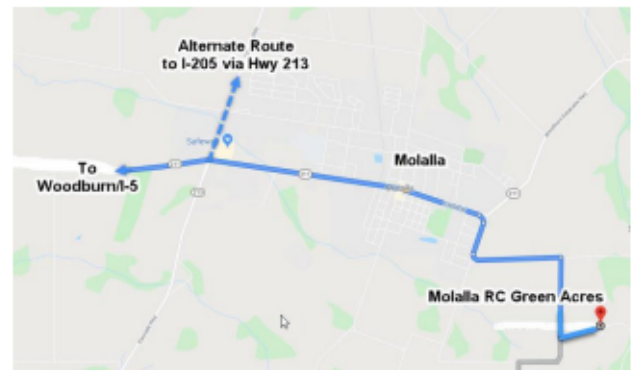
Details: Tug available to tow large & small scale sailplanes. **Molalla** flying field is approximated 700 ft. long oriented approximately in the east-west direction.

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

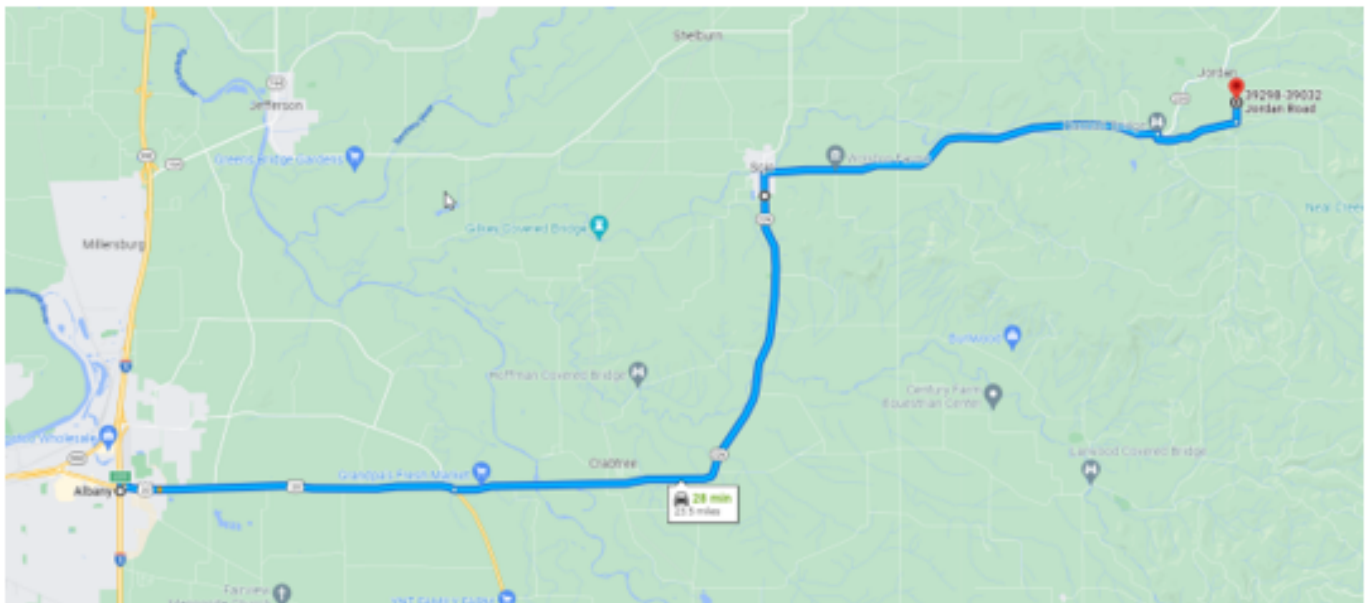
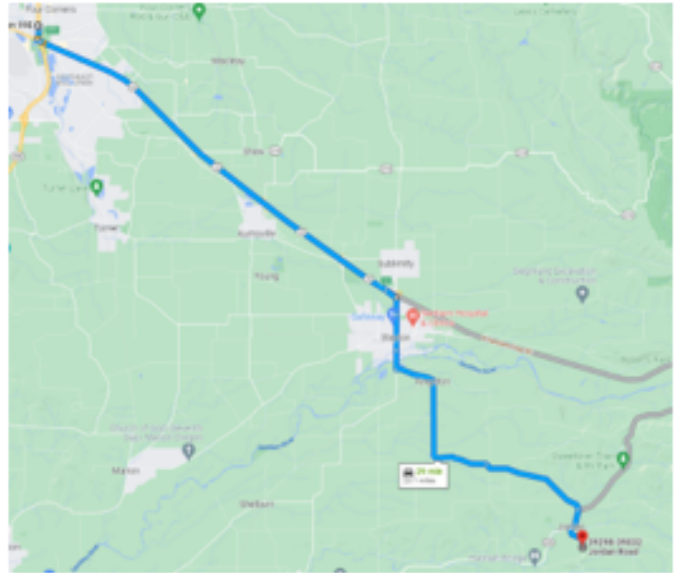


Gillette Field Directions From the North:

- ~23 miles from I-5
- I-5 South to Exit 253, turn left onto OR-22E/ Santiam Hwy SE for 11.5 miles
- Take Exit 13. Turn right on Cascade Hwy SE towards Stayton for ~2 miles
- Turn left at Kingston Jordan Rd for 7.5 miles
- Slight right onto OR-226W/Albany-Lyons Hwy for ~0.6 miles
- Turn left onto Jordan Rd for ~0.7 miles
- Field is on your right just past the house

Gillette Field Coordinates:

44.719673, -122.698069

**Gillette Field Directions From the South:**

- ~24 miles from I-5
- I-5 North to Exit 233, turn left onto US-20E/Santiam Hwy SE toward Lebanon for 5.4 miles
- Turn left onto OR-226E toward Scio for 9.4 miles
- In Scio, turn right onto OR-226E/SE 1st Ave for 6.7 miles
- Turn right onto Camp Morrison Dr for 1.4 miles
- Turn left onto Jordan Road for 0.3 miles
- Field is on your left

Gillette Field Coordinates:

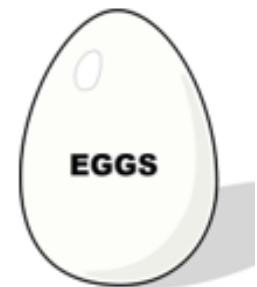
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Rippin' Thermals In St Paul

Presented by a **EUGENE GLIDER GUIDER** and
The **PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY**

AUGUST 26th & 27th, 2023



REGISTRATION: BEGINS AT 8:00 AM SATURDAY

FLYING: STARTS ASAP ON Sat and at 9 AM on Sun. NO NEW ROUNDS starting after 2:00 PM on SUNDAY

EGG BUST: Sunday before the contest - optional Egg Bust Event

CLASSES: EXPERT, COMPETITOR, Open 2-METER, NWSS RES . . . (electric nose-launch allowed all classes, altitude limiter required, set for 150m)

AMA OR MAAC MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (can join at field)

AWARDS: EXPERT, RES, COMPETITOR, 2-METER

Beautiful Photo PLAQUES (all classes awarded for both days combined) and Thermal Wizard!

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 - FIRST AIRPLANE, \$5.00 - 2ND AIRPLANE PER DAY (2 max per day)

TASKS (both days): 3-5-7-9-11 ID – Pilots choice Thermal Wizard Format (Top cumulative time is Thermal Wizard!)

WINCHES: 12 VOLT, 600 ft LAUNCH LENGTH, RETRIEVERS: Handsfree design

Launch Windows, NWSS LANDING Lines both days

PLEASE BRING Plenty of water – might be warm

PASS Sandwich Shop (free lunch & drinks!) both days

**PLUS!! Epic BBQ/Corn Feed at the Staats compound Sat eve (just S of Salem just off I-5.)
Maps/directions at the field**

CONTEST DIRECTOR: Tom Culmsee 503-358-8421
teculmsee@gmail.com

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

PASS
P.O. Box 115
Molalla, OR 97038

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, August 5, 2023
ALES Contest – 9:00am
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza – 7:00pm
Saturday, August 12, 2023
Handlaunch Contest – 9:30am
Friday, August 18, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ Gillette Field –9:30am
Saturday, August 19, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ Gillette Field – 9:30am
Sunday, August 20, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ Gillette Field – 9:30am
Saturday, August 26, 2023
Rippin' Thermals Contest – 9:00am
Sunday, August 27, 2023
Rippin' Thermals Contest – 9:00am
Saturday, September 2, 2023
Handlaunch Contest – 9:30am
Saturday, September 9, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ Green Trees Ranch Airport – 9:30am
Sunday, September 10, 2023
ALES Contest – 9:00am
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ Round Table Pizza – 7:00pm

NOTE: Event calendar subject to change.