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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 June 13th:

The club meeting will be on Tuesday the 13th. The membership will be notified of the meeting location this month via email.

St. Paul Field



NO FLY ZONE-Revised 06-01-21



May 9 PASS Meeting Notes — by Tom Fowler

What a hoot:

Robin R., Terry E., John L., Ken E., Tom F, and Martin B. showed up at the St. Paul Flying field for the May 2023 PASS member meeting. We had a tour of the new club shed and it looks sturdy. Had some built-in shelves. It looked very nice with the colored metal siding and metal roof. The field seemed to be in pretty good shape and our cars and trucks did not leave tire tracks. The entry to the field off of the highway has an asphalt apron and compacted gravel for a uniform slope from the highway to the field road.

First Flights of Tom Brightbill's KA6.....



More photos and video can be found here:

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May 6 ALES Contest — Report by Chris Staats

After a long, wet spring, it was a great day for the first flyable ALES event of 2023. Light winds and tight thermals made for a fun and challenging event. 11 flyers arrived for the pilot’s meeting which began promptly at 9:00am.

We were able to fly seven 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. Flight tasks were 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 10 minutes flown in that order. Up to 50 points were available each round by spot landing, with double landing points awarded for flight times of 3.00 minutes or less, in the first round.

Required task times were easily reached for most flyers until round four when the task times were getting more difficult, as lift became more challenging to find. By the end of the day only one pilot managed to complete the task time in all rounds.

If you were unable to attend this event, I hope to see you at our next ALES event, Sunday June 4th.

Pilot	Score	Pct
Lance Olsen	7158	100.00%
Bill Keenan	6856	95.78%
Tom Brightbill	6811	95.15%
Chris Staats	6772	94.61%
Richard Van Dijk	6703	93.64%
Mike Skeen	6632	92.65%
Jim Gibson	6528	91.20%
Brian Bennett	6483	90.57%
Dan Fielder	6341	88.59%
Ken Eaton	6318	88.26%
Terry Erickson	5660	79.07%



1st Place
Lance Olson



2nd Place
Bill Keenan



3rd Place
Tom Brightbill



CD
Hard at Work

May 7 F3RES Contest — Report by Mike Skeen



Jim's latest
build, the
Vaiana

Rain and wind were forecast for our first contest of the year, but we ended up having great weather, with comfortable temps and light winds. Wind was generally from the south but frequent thermals often turned the wind around making launches much more challenging. The nine pilots were divided up into three groups of three, and six rounds were flown. This format worked well and we had the usual shifting of group members as each round was completed. By the final round it was a real battle between Bill and Jim for the top spot. Conditions were tough, but Jim was able to work a low level bubble to get the six minute bonus, which pushed him to the top. Kyle's new design was beautifully built, technically advanced, and showed great promise. Unfortunately it experienced a launch problem in the final round and suffered major damage. Hopefully he will be able to repair it.

Pilot	Score	Plane
Jim Gibson	5741	X-Dream
Bill Keenan	5662	Slite
Mike Skeen	5357	X-Dream
Dan Fieldler	5268	Samba Evo
Chris Staats	5219	Multiple Gliders
Dave Anderson	5105	Yellow Jacket
Robin Robinson	4953	Highly modified Chrysalis Lite
Kyle Kroker	4900	Own Design
Terry Erickson	3822	Ro-8 wing/own fuse

May 13 Scale Aerotow — Report by Jim Gibson

Last Saturday was our first aerotow of the season at the Molalla RC Association field in Molalla, OR. We had hot weather (for Oregon) with a forecast high of 92 degrees as well as the east wind picking up in the afternoon. We were able to get started early and everyone was satisfied by noon with the amount of flying they got in. The towing was done by Martin with his recently completed Hangar 9 Carbon Cub FX-3 sporting a DLE-222 up front. Our club finally has a tug with capability to tow everything that club members bring out to the field. It's a great tug and we're lucky to have it available for towing.



Yes, a 50% KA6
will fit in a Tesla



May 20 Handlaunch Contest — No Report

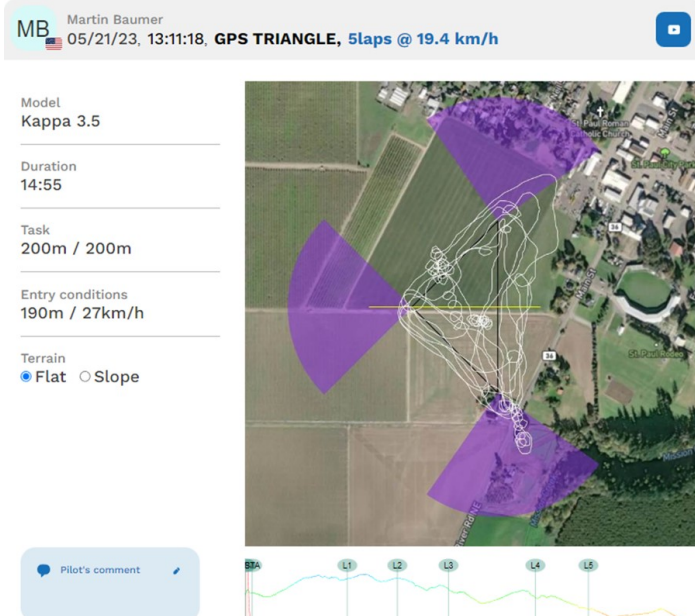
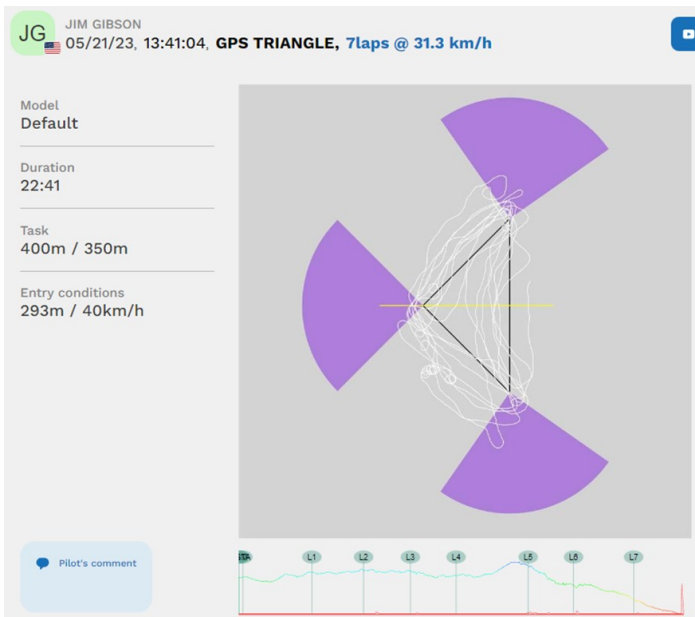
May 21 GPS Triangle Racing Practice Day and Fun-Fly Report by Martin Baumer

I decided to turn the Multitask event into a GPS triangle racing day and fun-fly. It is sort of the modern-day version of what we used to do in F3B/Multitask and now that a few of us are equipped for it, and we are planning to make the trip to Montague shortly, we used the opportunity to get a little more practice. We were joined by a good turnout of members, some bringing something to fly, and some bringing chairs for socializing.

David, I believe had some equipment troubles, so his light-class sailplane remained on the ground. As mentioned, Jim handed the transmitter to him for a few laps and they both commented on the great flying qualities of the Paradigm. That should get Dave motivated to finish his.

It turned out to be a very pleasant day. With the overcast, the temperature was much more Oregon-like than in recent days.

Jim Gibson brought a Pike Paradigm that he completed recently. It has a 4.7m wingspan, is electric powered, and is designed specifically for GPS triangle racing in the sport class. Jim flew a couple of rounds, handing the transmitter to David Portwood for some of the laps. Despite that, he did the best flight of the day with 7 laps and an average speed of 31.3 km/h under an overcast day. That is a 7-mile flight not counting the distance covered while circling.



Jim also brought his electric tug in order to get my 13-lb Salto in the air. That worked very well. I flew two flights in the scale class to try out the equipment and to make sure I can see the sailplane when I am rounding the corners. Everything worked fine but flying the Salto is a high-workload endeavor due to its lack of lateral stability. I then switched to my Kappa and flew a few rounds in the light class. Here is my best flight that day with 5 laps:

Portland Area Sailplane Society's 2023 ALES Contest Schedule



Dates: Sat, April 1st
Sat, May 6th
Sun, June 4th
July 8th and 9th Two one day events!
Sat, August 5th
Sun, September 10th

Location: St Paul, Oregon, Across the street from the Rodeo Grounds
Times: 8:30am Registration
9:00am Pilot's meeting (be prepared to fly after pilot's meeting)
Fees: \$5.00 per pilot

CD: Chris Staats
cstaatsoregon@yahoo.com
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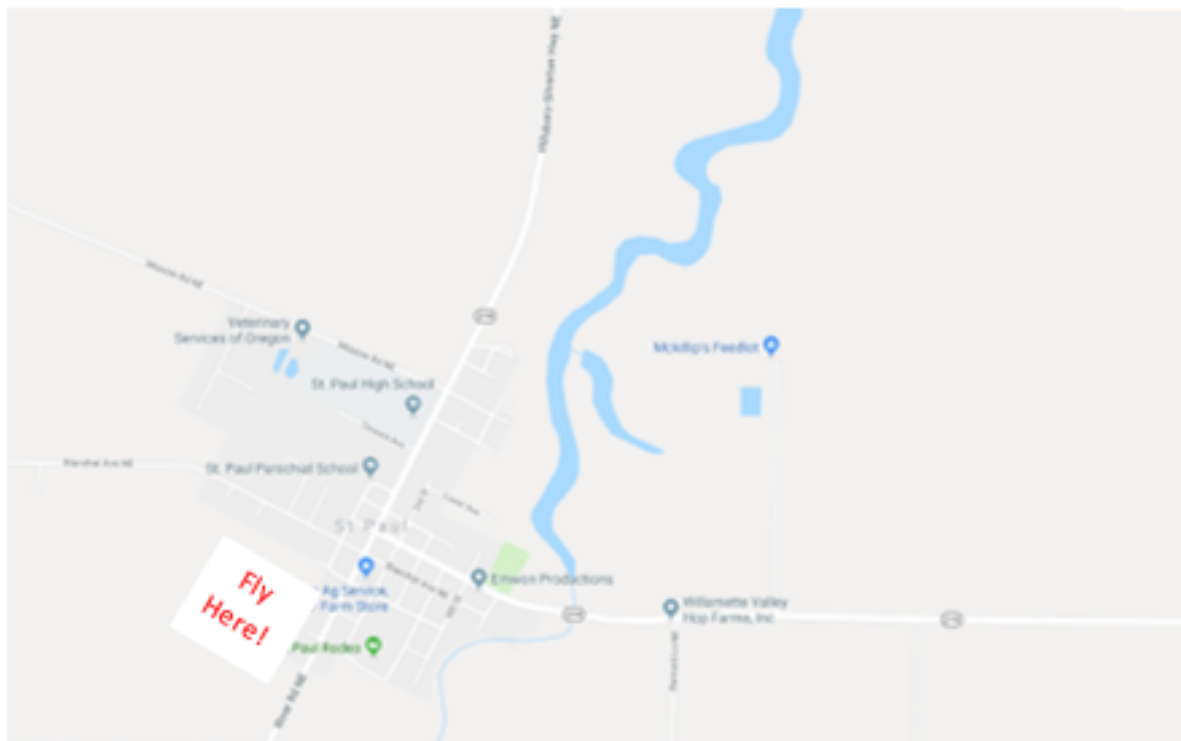
AMA or MAAC Membership Required

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



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



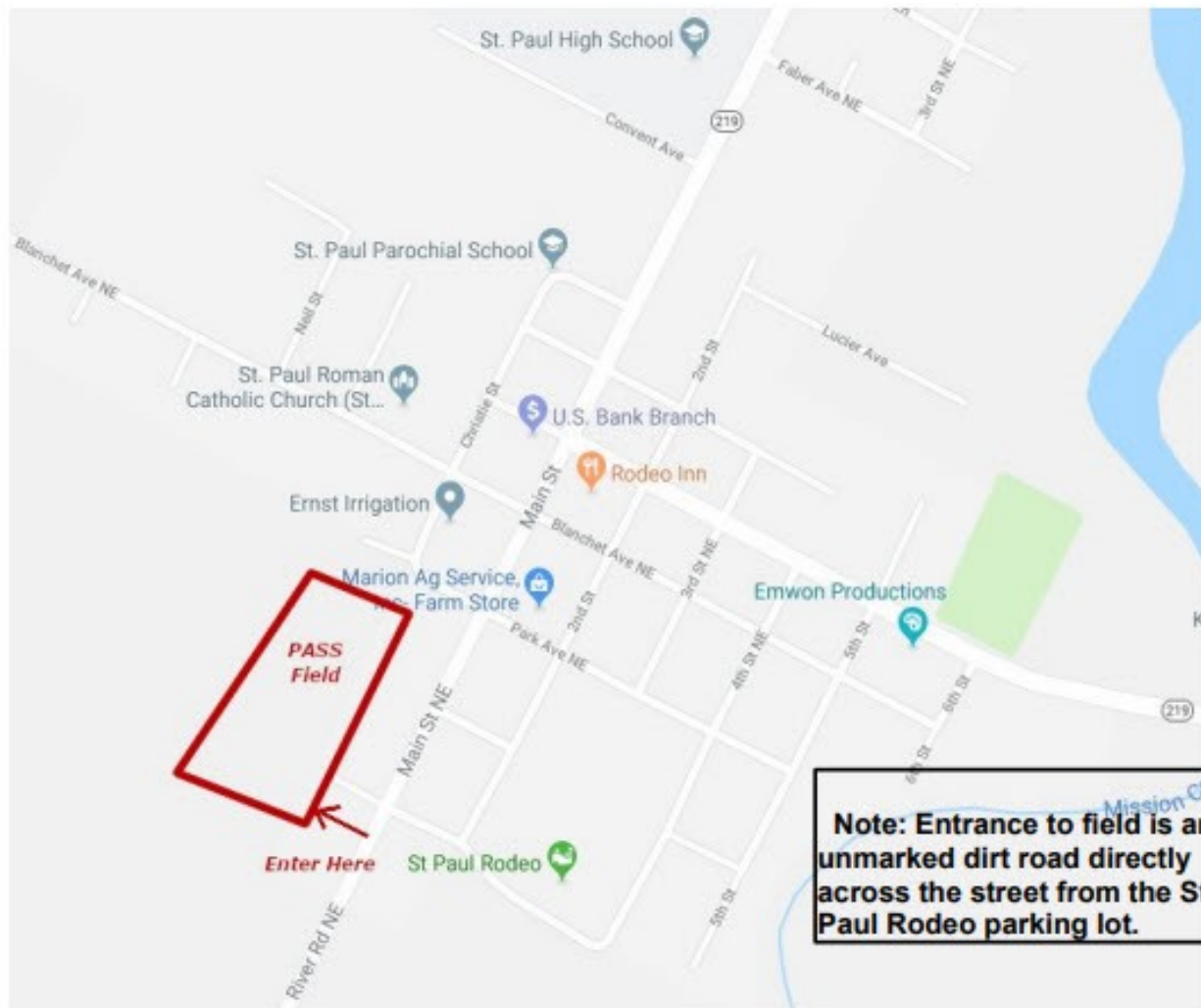
Dates:
Sun, April 16th Tuneup and Fun-fly
Sun, May 7th Contest #1
Sat, June 10th Contest #2
Sun, July 23rd Contest #3
Sun, Sept 24th Contest #4

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.



LSF — Thermalitis 2023

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Saturday and Sunday
June 17th & 18th, 2023

Location: PASS Club Field – St Paul, Oregon

Classes: Open Expert & Competitor, Combined NWSS RES, Combined 2-Meter
(Alternate Electric Launch Allowed, set altitude limiter to 150M or per CD update)

Events: Saturday and Sunday — 5 and 8 minute (any order) International Duration followed by a 3 for 23 minute add 'em up (no limit on last flight). Additional 5 & 8 minute I/D flights until approx. 4 pm on Sat. and 3 pm on Sunday. Landing lines (radiused at far end only) for all flights. 12v winches & retrievers available, approx. 600' length (matched to electric launchers).

Awards: Beautiful LSF mugs awards for each day for all classes. **2 separate contest days!**

Fees: \$15.00 per day for one class; \$5.00 for each additional entry (max 2)

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

Food: PASS Sandwich Shop will have **FREE lunch**, snacks & soda/water at the field both days.

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

CD: 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 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.

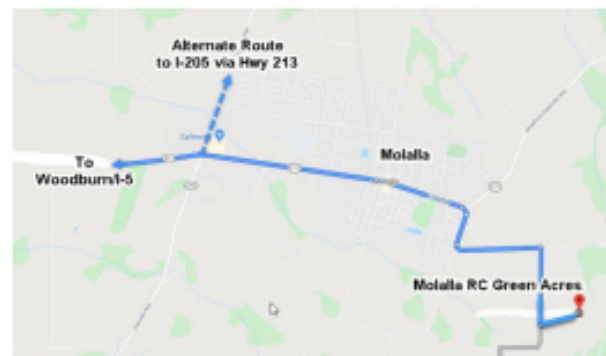
Weather Note: In the event of a forecasted rainout, the coordinator will cancel the event by the Thursday before the event. Coordinator will notify participants via the Scale Sailplane Forum on RC Groups(Thread-2020 Pacific Northwest Aerotow Schedule). The event coordinator may also be contacted for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



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](#)
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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

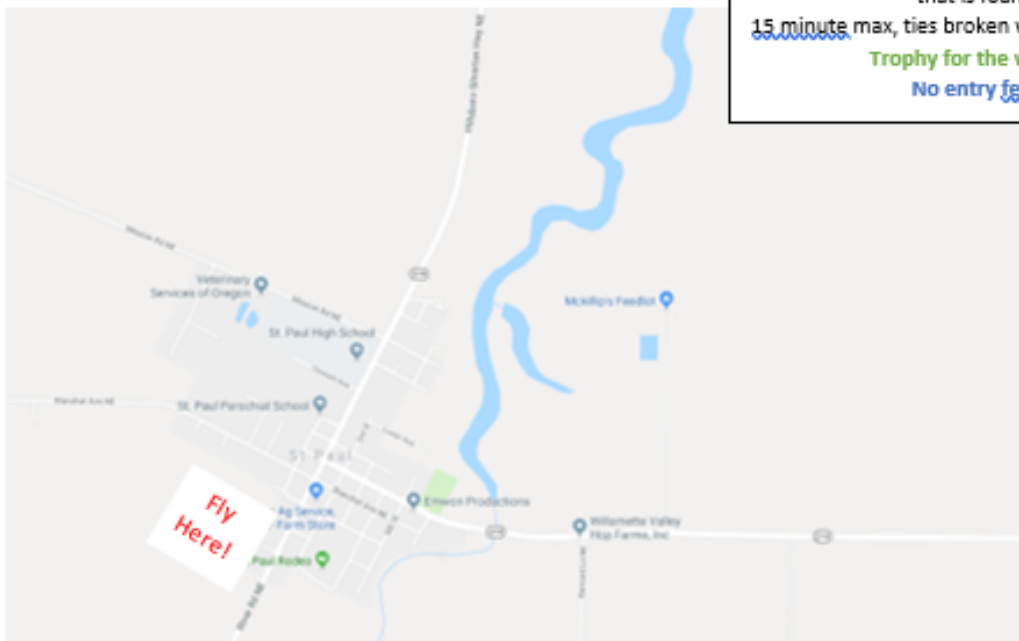
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The Foam Cup
Special event Saturday during the lunch break!
One round all up, last down, for any sailplane that is foam.
15 minute max, ties broken with a spot landing.
Trophy for the winner
No entry fee!





Portland Area Sailplane Society

PASS
P.O. Box 115
Molalla, OR 97038

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 10, 2023
F3RES Contest #2 – 9:30am
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
PASS Monthly Meeting @ TBD
Saturday, June 17, 2023
LSF Thermalitis Contest – 9:00am
Sunday, June 18, 2023
LSF Thermalitis Contest – 9:00am
Sunday, June 25, 2023
Scale Aerotow @ ???
Saturday, July 8, 2023
ALES Tournament – 9:00am
Sunday, July 9, 2023
ALES Tournament – 9:00am
Tuesday, July 11, 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.