



NWSAM In Idaho

Greetings from Idaho

Well, I can hardly believe it's time for another newsletter. I think Mother Nature still thinks its winter. Terri and I attended the Cascade Scale Rally in Snohomish Washington and it was good to see old friends and meet some new ones. Dave Rawlings, where were you? I had to take Ol Yeller since the jet is not done yet. I ran into some snags with the gear doors and didn't get it done in time. I managed a 3rd place in the Advanced class. Robert Terhune from Boise also attended and flew his Corby Starlet to a 1st place finish in the Advanced Class. Congratulations Robert! Terri kept score and I also flight judged. I hope this event will continue to grow in the future. Good group of guys and gals! On a very sad note, Wayne Stanford, the designer and builder of the CAP 20 I flew, passed away last fall. Wayne was a very strong supporter of scale models and a good friend. He will be missed.

Things are coming together for the Championship. I just picked up the official Championship banner and it looks great! Championship T-shirts are available, \$12 for NWSAM members and \$15 for non members. Chief Judge Rudy Z. has been very busy recruiting and training old and new judges. We have already started the first of 6 flight judge calibrations and Claude Tanner is overseeing the static judges. Members of the BARKS and ISS clubs have been busy trying to put in some start-up / taxi pads at the BARKS field. Once again Mother Nature has not been cooperative and we have been on rain delay. All the forms are set, just need more than 1 good day in a row to get the concrete poured. I need to start getting an idea of how many entrants plan on attending the Championship. I'm not looking for a firm commitment, just an E-mail letting me know you are planning to attend. E-mail me at firercer@cs.com

Several of this years' scale events are now in the record books. Things got off to a strong start with Gunsmoke in Arizona. I was told that the 49'er had low attendance and lots of wind. The Central California Qualifier is right around the corner and should be a well attended event since the SM Championship is also at this location in October. The Vernon contest is coming up in July, the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers are hosting a Fun Scale contest in August, as well as the Molalla contest in August. I hope everyone is getting a copy of their eligibility scores to bring to the Championship? See the event calendar at www.nwsam.org for a more complete listing of events.

As I am writing this, I am 30 days away from my long awaited trip to England. Terri and I have never traveled abroad and we are looking forward to our trip. We are attending the Legends Airshow in Duxford and I hope it lives up to its reputation. We also have the DeHaviland Museum and Dover on the agenda of places to see. I hope to get lots of pictures of rare WW II aircraft. I'll share my experience and pics when I get back.

Well, that's about it for now. If it ever quits raining, I hope to do some flying. I hope you can do the same.

GUMPs check complete, your six is clear!

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Spitfires over Duxford