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Northwest Scale Aero-Modelers Directors Corner - Roly Worsford

Hello All,

I hope your projects are down to checking out your radios and control systems. Your existing models are getting a thorough check; servos, control surfaces, hinges and landing gear to ensure all the bolts and screws are secure and ready for flight.

On a Safety note it's good to see that AMA and MAAC are both emphasizing the need to ensure those doing the spotter's role know what they are supposed to do. It's a good start to have guidelines for this important role however it's up to us to ensure the spotters understand.

Organizing is well underway for the North West Scale Aero-Modelling Championships to be hosted by the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers - website information:

<http://www.nwsam.org/nw-scale-championships.html>

The Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers are solidly supporting the event; hopefully we will do well in supporting them. The Shriners (Children's Hospital) are planning to be involved and we are looking forward to good public/city involvement.

Please do what you can to let the people in your areas know about the event.

I/we will be working more closely with Scale Masters; developing changes for the future are being set this year with changes to happen next year (my understanding).

- The focus for change is at the Fun Scale level; done well the hope is we will draw more people to participate at the advanced level.
- Judging innovation and how to accomplish without causing as big a drain on the clubs hosting events is also being looked at.

Overall I'm optimistic about the future of Scale Aero-modelling with thoughtful changes being made through input from the clubs and modellers who host and participate in Scale events.

Please do what you can to support Scale Aero-Modelling in your area, a couple hours of work over a weekend will contribute towards the success of Scale Aero-Modelling in the North America.

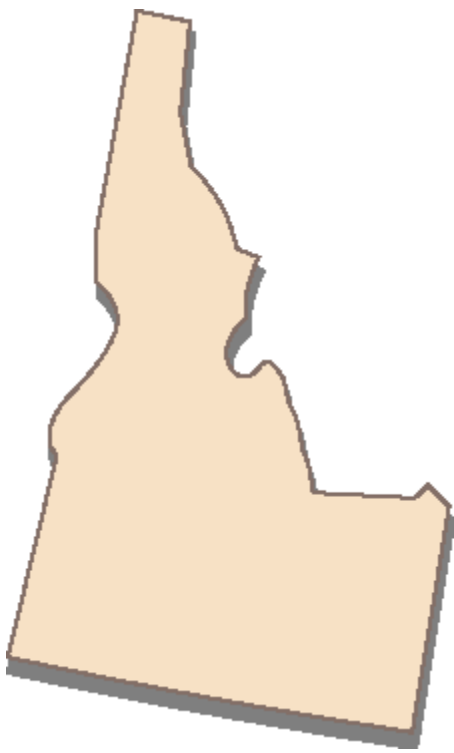
Information about NWSAM - <http://www.nwsam.org/index.html>

Best Regards,

Roly Worsford

Director, NorthWest Scale Aero-Modellers





NWSAM IN IDAHO

Greetings from Idaho

I hope everyone has had a good winter building season. Our winter here has been very mild and there has been quite a bit of flying going on already at the flying field.

I spent the winter refurbishing a Zero for the competition season. Unfortunately, last Friday I rekkitted it. I would like to blame it on equipment failure, interference, wind, etc., but the truth is dumb thumbs. The moral of the story is, take a practice plane out and get the cob webs out before going back to your favorite warbird. The good news is, now I have time to finish the jet!

The competition season is underway with the Gunsmoke Qualifier in Mesa, Arizona the first weekend in March. I have not heard anything on attendance or results. I am planning on attending the Cascade Scale Rally in May. I hope Paul Flemming has his P-39 ready. Check the calendar for other events and dates.

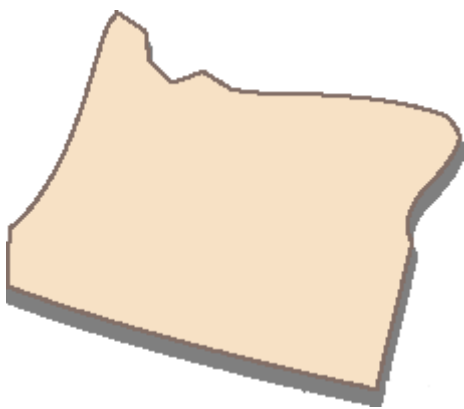
The 2012 rule book updates were completed and should be on the Web site. Remember, you do not qualify for the NW Scale Championship, you establish eligibility by bringing a score forward to the Championship.

Preparations are well under way for the 2012 NWSAM Championship in Wenatchee, Washington. Oregon Coordinator, Scott Enochs and Director, Roly have been working on the location for the 2013 NWSAM Championship in Molalla or Gaston, Oregon.

There is some scale activity in North Idaho and the Tobacco Valley Flyers are putting on a 4 day Scale/Warbird Fly-in at Farragut State Park. The event dates are August 31- Sept. 3. I have had a very positive conversation with one of the event CD's, Tom Valcore, about hosting the 2014 NWSAM Championship in either Farragut, Idaho or Eureka, Montana. More details and updates to follow.

There is also going to be an IMAA Mini-Fest in July in Zillah, Washington in July. Lots of good stuff going on!
It's time to dust them off and go flying!

Respectfully,
Mike Ingram
Idaho Coordinator NWSAM



NWSAM IN OREGON

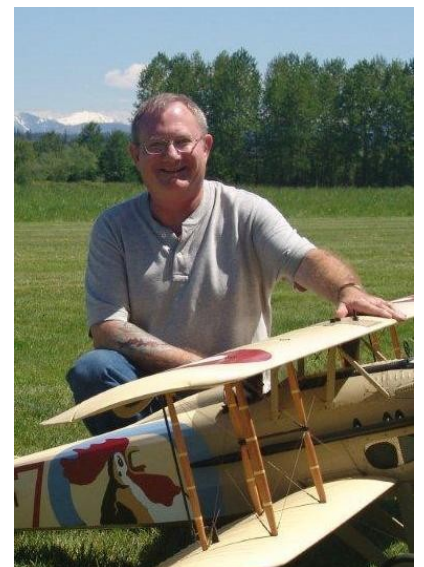
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I'm making my list and checking it twice. I know it's not Christmas, but it might as well be with the flying and event season just about to start. What better present to give yourself than to have a great scale flying weekend!

We're lucky in Oregon to have numerous scale events, both competitive and non-competitive, to keep us busy. I'm looking forward to "Bigger Birds Over Woodburn", a Duster's RC Club annual event. Fifth scale and larger models are preferred. This year's date hasn't been announced yet, but it is usually held in mid-to-late June.

August 3-5 brings the annual "Evergreen Scale Masters Regional Qualifier" hosted by the SkyKnights and held at Grant Sharp's field in Molalla. Evergreen has been an annual tradition for more than a decade, and is the only Scale Masters Qualifier held in Oregon. All scale pilots need to experience a qualifier.....so come on out!

Another Oregon scale tradition comes just one weekend later on August 10-12. That's the Dawn Patrol, with Bruce Harlow as CD. This year's event is at a brand new venue. Join Bruce and



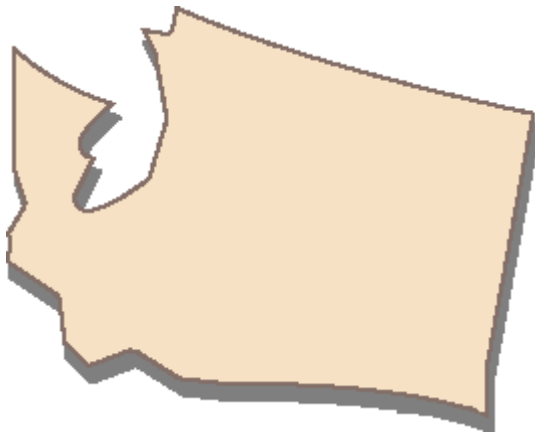
many others at The Henry Estate Winery just west of Sutherlin. Traditionally, Dawn Patrol has been a fun event for WWI, pre-WWI, and Proctor "Antic" class models of all scale sizes. Bruce has opened this year's event to include WWII models. Dawn Patrol fun also includes WWI and pre-WWI model pylon racing. Retire to the winery after flying for a great glass or bottle of wine! Yum! What a way to finish off a great day of flying!

A little later in the year the annual "Cub Nuts" will be held for lovers of docile yellow aircraft. These events are just the tip of the iceberg. There are many smaller, local scale events held annually throughout Oregon. Please contact me with your event listing so we can get it publicized.

I apologize if I haven't made contact yet with your Oregon club. I promise I will. In the meantime please don't be shy. Contact me at r.scott.enochs@gmail.com with your Oregon scale news or event and we'll get your news distributed to other Oregon clubs. Also, if there's anyone out there who would like to be a scale judge, either for flight, static, or both, let me know and I'll do my best to help get you the info and training you need to qualify.

Hope to see you soon! If it's not scale it's just a toy!

Scott Enochs



NWSAM IN WASHINGTON

See our event flyers elsewhere in the newsletter for this month's report. We are gearing up for a very fun summer season.

Bob Bailey,
NWSAM Washington Coordinator



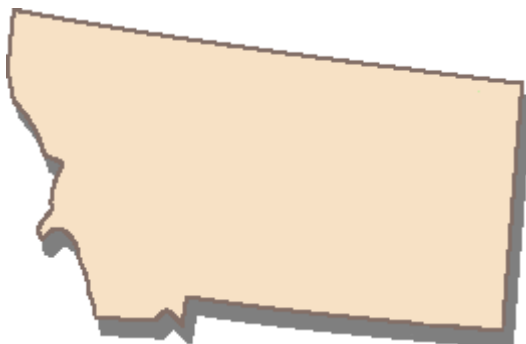
NWSAM IN ALBERTA

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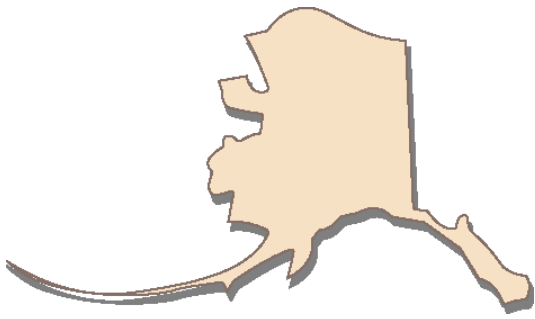
NWSAM IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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NWSAM IN MONTANA

Coordinator needed. Contact Roly for info.



NWSAM IN ALASKA

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MUSINGS FROM THE EDITOR

Here we are, well into the New Year and for the most part, winter is still hanging on with a vengeance! Here in the Portland – SW Washington area, we have had some very weird weather – snow on the ground when we wake up and sunny skies by noon and everything melted. And just when we think spring has finally arrived, it starts all over with inches of rain.

Flying weather has been hard to come by so far, but last weekend, we finally had a semi-break and Sunday saw lots of fliers at one of the local fields taking in what they could. For most of the day, there was little or now wind so I was able to take advantage of it and get in quite a few flights with my new micro GB with the 3-axis gyros. If you haven't seen the videos on Horizon Hobby, it's every bit as easy to fly as advertised. Line it up down the runway and hit the throttle. That's it – nothing to get freaked about. Just fly it.

Locally, we have a very excited bunch of guys hot and heavy into the new EF-1 pylon racing event. And since they too, have to be **SCALE** racers, we can talk about it here! Last year was the first year for electric racing and Pogo's dominated the field as it was the first of the approved kits available. Later, Sundowner's joined in and we even had a scratch built Pushy Cat. This year, we saw more of the new Shoestring racers as well as a few other kits; a Pole Cat (a Shoestring derivative) and a Nemesis. There are rumors of another scratch-built Shoestring type – a Ricky Rat- on the boards for late this year or for next season. If you're ever in the Portland-Vancouver area during one of the race days, come on out. It's sure to get your "need for speed" satisfied. Check out the race schedule [here](#).

This year's NW EXPO was held again in Monroe, WA on the weekend of Feb 10-12. It was well attended (spectator-wise) but some of the vendors were conspicuously absent. The only excuse anyone could come up with was the state of the economy – modeling and otherwise. Sometimes it's difficult to realize as a consumer, that a lot of the vendors do this as a part-time job and have to balance budgets down to the penny. Taking into consideration all it takes – gas, lodging, meals, set-up time, fees, possible low sales- sometimes it actually pays more just to skip the event. Personally, I know of one vendor who bowed out this year because he would lose 2 days in the shop producing product. Regardless of the sales, he would have lost money. Better to hope for a better 2012 and try again in 2013.

The number of static entries was up from last year by a bit and the variety was even bigger. I'm always inspired as to what to build next based on static entries at shows like this.

As most of you know, John Foglesong is no longer with us. This was the first Expo without his guiding hand, but you would not have noticed anything out of the ordinary as those who stepped up to carry on, did a great job. Those of us who attended this year are hoping for as good a show next year – if not better.

Before I get to my final thought, let me back up a bit to the economy and local hobby shops. I would encourage all of us to give our local shops and manufacturers first shot when we shop. We're all guilty of shopping online, me included. Sometimes it's just too hard to resist the plane you can't get anywhere else or that one scale item you just have to have to finish your latest endeavor. Having been on the other side of the retail counter, I can tell you that the shops rely on walk-in customers. Over the last couple years, I've gotten into the micro stuff using the Spektrum 6400 receiver/servo units. One of our local shops carries most, if not all the Spektrum stuff and can get it in 4-5 days if he

has to order it. The service this shop affords its customers is enough to patronize it. And I actually come out ahead with the shop discount and no postage. Sure, there are those items that shops don't carry that we have to go mail order, but that's only because there isn't enough demand for the shop to carry it. But that could all change if we, as scale builders, start asking the shops to carry those scale items. We all win; the shops stay open and we have a place to go for those last minute items before a contest (props, plugs, fuel, etc.) not to mention materials for the next project.

Finally, my apologies for the newsletter looking a bit "slimmed down". I've been using Corel to do all my newsletters since my first PC way back in '92. I've been able to keep up with a few newer versions since I started with V3. But since I've upgraded to Windows 7 that has changed. The version I've been using the last 5-6 years, won't work with the new operating system and I have to upgrade. But that takes bucks that aren't high on my "have to have" list. So, in the mean time, I'll fake it the best I can with what I have to work with. The content will be the same; just the look may be a little different.

Okay, one more final thought. This is **your** newsletter, not mine. If you have something cool enough to share with one of your club members, it's probably cool enough to share with the rest of the scale community. Throw together an article and stuff a few pictures in too, if that helps. Send it directly to me and I'll do my thing and make it all pretty for the rest of us.

Till next time – "the only thing not scale about our planes is the transmitter."

Dave

CASCADE

Dawn patrol & SCALE

THE SPRING FLY-IN & SWAP MEET



RE-SCHEDULE:

APRIL 21, 2012

(April 22 rain date)

Start time 9AM

Raffle tickets to be sold!

Starts @ 10 AM

All scale airplanes welcome. Non-competitive event

SWAP MEET INCLUDED! BRING YOUR STUFF!

Hosted by:
Washington Scale Squadron &
Cascade Family Flyers
Snohomish, WA

Directions and more info-

www.cascadefamilyflyers.com

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Cascade SCALE Rally

MAY 18-20, 2012

FUN SCALE COMPETITION & USSMA QUALIFIER.

Classes:

Fun Scale

Open

Advanced

Expert

Team

All categories will be judged per USSMA rules

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www.cascadefamilyflyers.com

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Dry camping and lunch available on site

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SCHEDULE:

Friday May 18	<u>Static</u>	<u>11:00-5:00</u>
Saturday May 19	<u>Flying</u>	<u>9:00-4:00</u>
Sunday May 20	<u>Flying</u>	<u>9:00-1:00</u>
	<u>Awards</u>	<u>2:0</u>

Start time 9AM both days

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