

Dusters News



Cliff Pemberton cobbled together this collection of Hangar 9 Sopwith Camel parts with the certain conviction that he was to just “crash this thing and be done with it”

Cliff was wrong, as this plane appeared to fly like a trainer, until landing of course, when it turned into a bouncing fool. Practice will make perfect Cliff.



Bob Hoover with his recently completed Weeks Special. It is powered by a DL 50 and was built from a kit he bought from the Club at the Big Bird 2 years ago. The kit was donated to the club by Sergei Dennenbaum.

The Dusters



Woodburn, Oregon

Wow

Flying season is in full swing, the bigger bird is upon us, events are happening everywhere, weather is basically co-operating and my planes are flying great.

What can be better than that??

I can only speak for Sunday flying so far, but I have to say attendance is not overwhelming me....there is room for plenty of more flying, guys, especially when the IMAC crowd has gone to an event.

Why sit on that project, waiting for a better day to fly it?

Better days are here my friends. Get out and enjoy them, as before you know it, the cold winds of October will be blowing again.

See you at Dusters Field !

-jay



Wally Tift and his DL-50 Yak gasser. A wonderful flying ARF with looks to match. Good job, Wally



Bob Hoover again, (I wish I had his building skill and time) with a recently completed Antic. 4 stroke powered and a sweet flyer

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Meeting Notes

The May meeting of the Duster's RC Club was called to order for our first meeting of the season held at the field. The windsock was pointing straight out in the high winds so it was also the first meeting we have ever held inside the Quonset . There were 18 members present .

We would like to extend a warm Dusters welcome to new members: Dan Williams, Charles Hagen, Jeff and Rex Majenrich, Jim McCord, Richard Shipley, Noel Proctor, Peter Renwick and Wayne Wagner.

The treasurers report was read by Terry, and revealed that in spite of everything we have done, we are still solvent...decidedly so.

Safety Officer reported one propeller strike to a member this month, relatively minor in nature.

Field Marshall Bale reported that he has new blades on the mower and it is running like a fine tuned Indy car. He cautions all to use the tail traps, don't park on them, and to move off of them when you are not using that others may do so. Bill also reported that the spring mowing season will consist of Monday, Wednesday and Friday mowing.

Membership stands today at 107. Associate members will not count against the cap.

IMAC committee reported nothing new on that front for this meeting. Reminded all of the IMAC at the Dusters event August 22nd and 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS:

Terry has agreed to pursue some items for a raffle at the bigger bird. It is assumed that Coyote Hobbies will sponsor a raffle also.

Reminder to all that the June meeting is a week early to accommodate the Bigger Bird planning..

NEW BUSINESS:

Insofar as the Bigger Bird is a two day event, we should consider some enticements to encourage attendance both days.

Should trophies be presented both days of the event??

Terry strongly encourages the participants to place the planes on the flightline over lunch and let the crowd enjoy the field and get closer to the planes. Pilots are encouraged to stay with them and answer any questions.

Helicopter Guys are asking for a 4 ft square helipad, preferably plywood , located on the field. Several sites discussed but no consensus reached at this meeting and the matter was tabled.

Meeting was then adjourned, as the membership scattered into the night.

Door Prize Winners:

Don Steigman: Gift Cert.

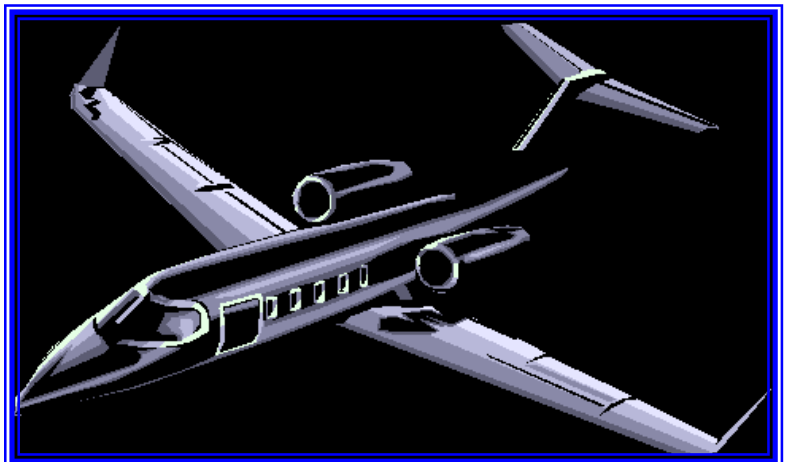
Earl Cox: Gift Cert.

We drew names on the \$100, participation raffle/drawing. Every meeting, work party or event that you attend puts your name into this drawing. After a year, we pull names until the winner, who must be present, is drawn.

Several names were drawn, non present, and then we came to JIM ROBB. Congratulations Jim, and thank you for your participation in our club activities.

**REMEMBER: THE JUNE MEETING IS MONDAY
JUNE 22, 2009 AT THE FIELD. WE WANT YOU
THERE TO ASSIST IN THE PLANNING FOR THE
BIOGGER BIRD AS WELL AS OTHER FUN
THINGS.**

DINNER AT 6, MEETING AT 7.



A Magnificent Flight

I recently witnessed a magnificent piece of flying at Duster Field.

It was unusual in that it was not a flashy flight of brilliant aerobatics, or a nostalgic flight of some scale masterpiece,.

It was a flight made by an airplane that was within a hairs breadth of being completely out of control.

It is a good thing that Steve Stricker's P-51 will not snap roll completely onto its back in a shallow stall, but will only stand itself on a wing tip.

That is exactly what happened as the plane, after a normal looking take off run, left the ground unexpectedly early, pitched up, was corrected and then pitched up again and snapped to the right.

With a wing tip 10 feet from the ground, no air-speed to speak of and stalled, everyone at the field wrote that plane off,.... except Steve.

Somehow he recovered, was still flying and the next few seconds were a blur of violent pitching, mild snap stalls and a lot of recovering

The only sound to be heard was Steve announcing the obvious..."I've got a problem here", amidst a desperate struggle for altitude.

As he brought it around to the downwind leg, 30 feet in the air, it is obvious that the problem is elevator. The slightest movements on the sticks result in severe pitching in the airplane. In the midst of this battle for altitude, a decision is made bring it around for an approach and try to land on the runway.

As the pattern is flown, it becomes obvious he is too low for any chance at a stable approach. It's a wonder he is still flying.

It's another lap around the pattern and this time, enough altitude is gained to roll out on a high final and , hope for some kind of stable glide.

Power back, no flaps, the nose drops, the precious altitude disappears and Steve lifts it back with power, not elevator,...just in time to get the plane level as it slams down on the mains....

One bounce, then down,....and in one piece!

An accident report, should one have had to be made, would have simply stated that the cause of the crash was pilot error. The pilot took off with a transmitter dual rate setting that was incorrect and not tested.

This may be true, but an accident did not occur , and it was only because of an experienced pilot and 30 years worth of RC flying,

In that time Steve has gained an immeasurable amount of experience recovering from unconventional attitudes with radio controlled aircraft.

An inexperienced pilot would not have been able to control the panic in a situation such as this. The urge to command up elevator and escape trouble would have been too strong.

Many pilots would have given up, thinking the plane was too far out of control.

Steve gave new life to the old adage that you don't stop flying until the crash occurs,....and that crash just never came.

Congratulations Steve, and after it was over, I failed to thank you, ! Thank you for providing those of us who watched, and held our breath the entire time, a most magnificent flight.

Jay Penninger



***Steve Stricker and "Ferocious Frankie",
his Nosen P-51***



Presented here is an unusual set of pictures that show a broken crankshaft on a DA 150. This one failed in flight, but serves as a reminder to beware of propeller arcs, even in the pits. Remember that the prop pulls away from the aircraft, so the safest place to be is behind the propeller arc. This occurred at the Surrey BC IMAC event.



Dan Lurvey flying and demonstrating the effectiveness of the sun block shield while caller **Tom Thomasian** does his best to shield himself, from the sun and the photographer. Flyers were competing at the Surrey BC IMAC event.

Club Members

Should you be disappointed because pictures of your plane are not included in the Newsletter, you only have yourselves to blame.

The digital age makes photography and the transfer of pictures between computers an easy thing. My e mail address is everywhere, and all you need to do is add as much information as you care to share about your project or picture and I would be more than glad to include it in the Newsletter.

Most of you know that I am primarily a Sunday flyer, and my pictures reflect the activity of the Sunday crowd.

Lets hear it from the Thursday crowd, the Saturday flyers and those of you that fly evenings.

Your efforts would be appreciated.

-jay

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 20, 2009: Warbirds over Washougal
Fern Prairie Modelers Field, Washougal, WA
www.fpmc.org

July 5, 2009: CCRCS Fun Fly 9 AM to Noon
(Flying open to public at noon, with trainers/buddy
boxes available)
Clark County Radio Control Flying Field, Ridge-
field, WA
www.clarkflyers.com

July 18, 2009: CCRCS Fun Scale Event (Sunday
July 19 is bad weather alternate date)
Clark County Radio Control Flying Field, Ridge-
field, WA

**June 27—28, 2009: Big Birds Over Woodburn
Duster RC Club, Woodburn, OR
www.dustersrcclub.com**

July 17—19, 2009: Helicopter Days
Fern Prairie Modelers Field, Washougal, WA
www.fpmc.org

July 23 – 26, 2009: Pacific Coast Freestyle and
American Aerobatics Grand Prix
Molalla RC Field, Molalla, OR
www.molrca.com or
www.pacificcoastfreestyle.com

July 31 – August 2, 2009: Scale Masters Qualifier
Molalla RC Field, Molalla, OR
www.molrca.com

**August 22 – 23, 2009: IMAC
Duster RC Club, Woodburn, OR
www.dustersrcclub.com**

August 28 – 30, 2009: Jets Over Whidbey
Whidbey Island Radio Control Society
www.jetsoverwhidbey.com

September 6, 2009: CCRCS Fun Fly 9 AM to
Noon (Flying open to public at noon, with trainers/
buddy boxes available)
Clark County Radio Control Flying Field, Ridge-
field, WA
www.clarkflyers.com

DUSTERS IMAC FLYERS In Action

For the IMAC Northwest region:

Standings are based on the points earned from each contest flown. The higher the pilot places at each contest will result in higher points earned. Only the best 5 contest results the pilot has flown during the course of the season will be counted toward regional points.

In the basic class Jim Robb is moving up in the standings each contest and is currently in 6th place.

John Eells is currently in first place in the Sportsman class, followed by Devin Byerley in fifth and Tom Thomasian trailing at 6th. Bill Goldspink and Dan Lurvey are 10th and 11th.

In the Intermediate class, Tony Thomasian is in 8th place after flying one contest this season.

There's still a lot of flying left this year and with seven more contests to go things are starting to heat up. IMAC at the Duster's promises to be a real show down.

Dan Lurvey



**R.C. Modeler N.W.
June 2009**

**10% off all Parkzone, Great
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Hanger 9 planes.**

Editors Note: This is an important story that has implications for us all. This could be any of us !

Billowing flames and smoke consumed a van in a dramatic blaze early Friday that was sparked by a battery and charger for radio-controlled airplanes at a field hobbyists use at the Jackson County Sports Park.

The fire, reported at about 9:30 a.m., also damaged a cover over some picnic tables in a seating area for spectators at Agate Skyways, a site on East Antelope Road near Agate Lake. Light winds and spring-green grass kept the flames from racing across the fields, Jackson County Fire District No. 3 Deputy Fire Marshal Don Hickman said.

Williams resident Ron Dilday said he had put a lithium polymer battery and charger on the passenger seat of his handicapped-accessible van. Then Dilday, who has been a paraplegic since 1972,



rolled over to talk to other members of the Rogue Eagles Radio-Controlled Airplane Club.

"In just a few minutes someone yelled 'Ron there's fire coming out the window of your van.' " he said.

Dilday said the lightweight, rechargeable batteries favored by pilots of radio-controlled planes can be dangerous, and they can explode or catch fire if damaged and burn at temperatures higher than 2,000 degrees. He said he was cautious with the batteries and hadn't had problems with them in more than three years of flying model planes.

Dilday, 59, couldn't safely reach a fire extinguisher in the back of his van, but he pulled a tub carrying 10 additional lithium polymer batteries from the vehicle, hoping to slow the intensity and spread of the fire.

"Then all hell broke out," Dilday said. "It went so fast." Three batteries on the seat exploded. The car battery exploded. Tires popped. The gas tank erupted, and flames shot 30 feet into the air, by Dilday's estimate. Burning debris rained down on the batteries Dilday had pulled from the car and stashed at what he thought was a safe distance away, igniting them, too, he said.

Firefighter crews with a fire engine and a water tanker quelled the fire within minutes of their arrival, but Dilday's van, valued at \$46,000 was lost. "It just knocked the wind out of me," Dilday said. "I'm still in shock." No one was injured in the blaze.

By [Anita Burke](#)

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2009 Northwest IMAC Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location	CD
24-Jan	Surrey IMAC Prep	Surrey, BC	Jerry Rusheinski
1/31&2/1			
2/7&8	Hobby Expo	Monroe, WA	
2/14&15			
2/21&22			
2/28&3/1			
3/7/09	Judging Seminar	Woodburn, OR	Bruce Hanley
3/7/09	Judging Seminar	Nampa, ID	Keith Bodeau
3/14&15	Aerobatics Seminar	Edmonton, AB	Chris Hammond
21-Mar	Judging Seminar	Issaquah, WA	Bruce Hanley
28-Mar	Judging Seminar	Spokane, WA	Keith Bodeau
4/4&5			
4/11&12			
4/18&19	Polar Bear	Snohomish, WA	Dan Vacanti
4/25&26			
5/2&3	Medford Madness	Medford, OR	Jeff Jarvis
5/2&3	Alberta Boot Camp	Edmonton, AB	Chris Hammond
5/9&10			
5/16&17	Richland Rampage	Richland, WA	TBD
5/23&24			
5/30&31	Twin Falls Tumble	Twin Falls, ID	Mike V
5/30&31	BC Coastal Wave	Surrey, BC	Jerry Rusheinski
6-Jun	Alberta Arabesque	Stoney Plain, AB	Chris Hammond
6/13&14	Olympia Capital	Olympia, WA	Rick Sowell
6/13&14	Idaho Spuds	Lewiston, ID	Brandon Peterson
14-Jun	IMAC at Wayne's World	Wasilla, AK	Tom Simes
6/20&21			
6/27&28	Zillah Zoomer	Zillah, WA	Bob Raforth Mike V
6/29-7/2	Nats	Muncie, IN	
7/4&5			
7/11&12	Cascade Crunch	Snohomish, WA	Frank Pellegrini
7/11&12	Calgary IMAC Stampede	Calgary, AB	Gordon Wilhelm
7/18&19			
23-Jul	Pacific Coast Freestyle	Molalla, OR	Grant Sharp
8/1&2			
8/8&9	Nampa Escape	Nampa, ID	Brandon Peterson
8/15&16			
8/22&23	IMAC at the Dusters	Woodburn, OR	Dan Lurvey
30-Aug	Thrilla in Wasilla	Wasilla, AK	Armand Marshall
8/29&30	Lethbridge Breeze	Lethbridge, AB	Chris Hammond
9/5&6	Cascade Fall Flyer	Snohomish, WA	Greg Zettler & Chris Strashour
9/12&13	Alberta Provincials	Edmonton, AB	Chris Hammond
9/19&20	High Desert IMAC	Redmond, OR	Jim Karmy
9/19&20			
9/26&27			
10/3&4	NW Regionals - CDA Heat	Couder d'Alene	Keith Bodeau
10/10&11			
10/17&18	TAS	Tucson, AZ	

THE ELECTRIC GOOSE

Electric Powered Model Airplane Event

Saturday, August 22, 2009

Location: Bibbee DeAlton Air Field located directly behind the Evergreen Aviation Museum.
500 NE Capt. Michael King Smith Way
McMinnville, OR 97128.

"Home of the Spruce Goose"

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.
\$25 landing fee (\$5 off with early registration)
All entrants will receive an award/gift

Lots of open flying,
Noon time plane line-up on the run-way
Buddy - Box available for novices

A Total Family Event: Visit local wineries, Casinos
Evergreen IMAX® 3D Theater, Antique shops, Ocean
RV parking available (dry only), please call for details



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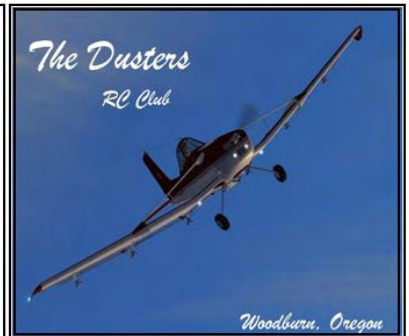
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Plan to Attend
The Duster's Annual
Bigger Birds Over Woodburn
RC Fun Fly Event
Held at our Field in
Woodburn Oregon
Sat. and Sun. June 27,28



Area Pilots, Families and Spectators are invited to attend the
Fifth Annual

Bigger Birds Over Woodburn

Fly at the Finest Flying Field in the Portland Metro Area,
Duster's Field

Fifth Scale or Larger Planes recommended

Current AMA required

Field Opens at 9 AM Both Days

\$10 Landing Fee

Field Conditions are perfect!

The Duster's Invite you to a relaxed weekend of sport flying and the camaraderie of area modelers at our conveniently located field off I-5 in Woodburn Oregon.

This is a non-judged, non competitive event featuring
People's Choice Balloting for Best Plane and Best Pilot of the Event.

NAVIGATION

I-5 Exit 271

West on 214 to Butteville Rd.

South on Butteville to Le Brun Rd

West on Le Brun Rd. until you
Cross the Tracks

Look left, towards Duster Field



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