

HOTAS

(Hands on Throttle and Stick)



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Hello All,

I hope all is well and you have had a good summer.

A couple of things to run by you-

1. The 2011 Northwest Championships in Boise went very well. The Idaho Scale Squadron and the Boise Area Radio Kontrol Society (BARKS) did an excellent job of hosting the event. Well organized, good weather and well run along with a very nice Friday night "Hangar Party" and Saturday night "Awards Evening". Dianne and I enjoyed our time at the event very much.

We had our first NWSAM AGM which consisted of introductions, a report from each area and input from those who attended.

Lots of area modellers showed up to see what was going on and one person from Nevada came over to find out the details.

The 2012 Northwest Championships will be held in Wenatchee, WA and for 2013 the Portland Sky Knights and the Evergreen Qualifier people are being approached.

Report on the event to follow.

2. Do you think this is feasible?

The NW Championships to be held in conjunction with qualifiers. (For the Championships portion, the score brought from another contest must be within the preceding 12 months of the Championships)

This means that any Qualifier/Contest in the North West region would be able to host the Championships at their Qualifier/Contest.

Please let me know by October 7th.

3. NWSAM - Area Coordinator elections:

Per the NWSAM bylaws every 2 years beginning Oct. 2011 there will be Area Coordinator elections.

Elected/nominated by members in their area (XL file attached; see tabs at the bottom to get to your area)

Please let me know if you are going to stay on, if not - you need to get/suggest someone to take over.

Next Year the Director and Vice Director will be up for election; these positions are voted on by the Area Coordinators.

We have had a great year and next year looks to be very good, thanks very much for all your efforts.

I'm looking forward to your input.

Best Regards,

Roly

From the VP's side of things-



There has been a great deal of activity over the last couple of months and I thought I would take a moment and share a few things we have been doing.

Website:

Our old website was very limited in what we could do from an innovation and automation point of view. We have been researching this problem for several months

and in August we decided to switch our hosting provider to a new one that we feel will give us the capability we need. We secured our account with the new provider, moved all of the content that was possible from the old site to the new. Made some initial changes to the layout and functionality and scheduled the transition; this was then communicated out to everyone so there would be no surprises.

We moved our site; within 24 hours people were access the new website and no one experienced any downtime that was reported to me. Another plus for this decision is we gained more functionality for half the price per month than we were paying for with the old provider. The site is now paid up for two years; so we should not have to worry about this portion of the organization for a while. I have assigned systems rights to people who will be managing their own small section of the website; this is beneficial for everyone as it allows us to update the website in a very timely manner.

Some of the new capabilities that we are now working on for future enhancements are:

Online Membership/Renewal Application.

Online Registration for our Championships Event





Greetings from Idaho

First of all I want to congratulate our new NWSAM Champions!

Expert Class-

- First place- Mike Brewer
- Second place- Dick Hansen
- Third place- Scott Enoch
- Fourth place- Don Schaefer
- Fifth place- Roly Worsfold

Open- (Advanced)-

- First place- Robert Bailey
- Second place- Robert Terhune

Fun Scale Advanced-

- First place- Randy Matley
- Second place- Mike Ingram

Fun scale Novice-

- First place- Don Latsha

High Static Award-

- Roly Worsfold

The scores from the NWSAM Championship are the start of the eligibility scores for the 2012 Championship. I hope to see all of you on the circuit in 2012 and at the Championship!



Secondly, I need to thank a lot of people for helping with the event.

BARKS members

ISS members

Chief Judge- Rudy Zuberbuhler

Static Judges- Al Culver, Carol Culver, Bryan Wood

Flight Judges- Chet Carpenter, Ron Durham, Don Erwin, Lorin Finney, Chris Ingram, Dane Prall, George Roth, Ray Schellekens, Mike Shanafelt, Lynn Street, Bryan Wood, and Rudy Zuberbuhler.

Score Keeper- Terri Ingram

Score runners- Gianne Erwin, Dani Schellekens, and Judy Zuberbuhler

Concessions- Lynn Street and Kim of the Sunshine Diner

Exterior decorator- Randy Matley
Championship Trophies- Roly Worsfold
Marketing- Cindy Dunn
Web site- Rick Dunn and Paul Flemming
PA system- Keith Adams

Prize donations- [Batteries Plus](#), [Hobby Town USA](#), [Boca Bearings](#), [Bob Smith Industries](#), [Balsa USA](#), [Bob Holman Plans](#), [Dremel](#), [Great Planes](#), [Williams Brothers Models](#), [Micro Fasteners](#), [Northeast Screen Graphics](#), [Omni Models](#), [Prop Wash Videos](#), [Tower Hobbies](#), [SIG](#), [Master Airscrew](#), [RC Models Inc.](#)

Please accept my gratitude to all that helped, and my apology to anyone I have missed. We could not have done this without you!

Well it certainly has been a very interesting, long, and exciting year. As this year's competition season draws to a close, I want to look at what we have accomplished and what we still need to do. I guess this is what you might call the Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

The Good- We brought our organization into existence. We developed a set of competition rules and thus set a new/old concept into motion. We proved that the concept really does work! We planned, held, and crowned our first NWSAM Champions. We have the location secured for the next year's Championship in Wenatchee Washington. We are working out the details for the location of the 2013 NWSAM Championship. We are still growing with new memberships. Numerous manufacturers and suppliers gave some awesome prizes for the Championship. (click to go to supporters' website - see list above)

The Bad- We ramped up for 50 contestants and only had 10 contestants show up to the Championship. This is where I am calling on all of you to tell us why we were not better attended and supported. Was it the Location? Was it the time of year? Is it our concept? Is it the leadership? Is it the economics of the times? Is it the fact that the Scale Masters Championship is also on the West Coast? We are all dressed up, where should we go?

The Ugly- break even, boy wouldn't that be nice! T-shirts, I got T-shirts!

General Business for NWSAM in Idaho

I am accepting nominations for the office of Idaho Coordinator. Per our By-laws, elections will take place this fall. If you are interested in this position, please let me know ASAP!

I am also taking input for 2012 rule book additions, corrections, or deletions.

Now that things are settling down, I am hoping to contact and promote NWSAM to other clubs in Idaho and beyond. It has been mentioned that a NWSAM Championship in Farragut, Idaho might be nice. If any of you in North Idaho have interest or contact info, please get in touch with me. The Qualifier in Farragut was an awesome event in years gone by and was very well attended. We are actively looking for Championship sites for 2014 and beyond.

I am looking forward to 2012 with a great deal of enthusiasm. As I plan my contest circuit for 2012, I always look forward to new challenges and meeting new and old friends. This hobby is awesome! I hope to get some much needed time in my basement this winter and emerge next spring with some projects completed.

I am sending our newsletter editor Dave Rawlings a plethora of pictures from the NWSM Championship and from the Legends Air Show in Duxford, England that I attended in July. I hope you enjoy the pictures as much as I do.

I think that about wraps it up for now! See you all in 2012!

Respectfully,
Mike Ingram



For WA we had a nice Warbirds Over the Cascades meet Aug. 27. Attendance was the best yet and at one time we had 8 warbirds in the air at once; mostly giant scale. Present were subjects from both World Wars plus other scale planes as this meet was open to all scale.

Several Washington Scale Squadron members also attended the NWSAM NW Scale Championships in Boise Sept. 8-10 and came away with first place trophies (more info in another article this newsletter); a great time was had by all and we look forward to next year's event in Wenatchee.

Bob Bailey

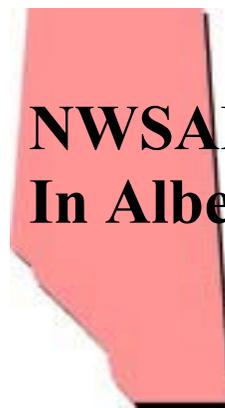


A very busy summer in Oregon, indeed. As noted in the last newsletter, I had planned on parading my Church Midwing to as many events as possible. I ended up going to the Big Bird event in Woodburn, 2 Golden Age racing events (bad weather for both), the Scale Masters regional in Molalla and to top it off, my first scale Masters finals in Fresno as a competitor.

Unfortunately, the Church will have to go through some pretty extensive repairs/upgrading before the next season. As luck (or the lack thereof) would have it, mine was the only plane to come home in more pieces than it arrived. But, a couple months of spare time (anybody know what that is?) and she'll be ready for next years' contest circuit.

The next Oregon Coordinator portion of the newsletter will be coming from your new Area Coordinator, Scott Enochs. Scott is not only a very fine scale builder and flyer, he is a certified Scale Masters Flight Judge. We have spent many years sitting on the flight line together going over numerous flights with a keen eye on picking out the best maneuvers you could give us. Not only has that helped you fliers do better the next time, it has made us better fliers as well. Having that kind of background and the passion for scale, Scott will be an added asset to Oregon and to NWSAM.

Introduce yourself next time as he may show up one of your events.



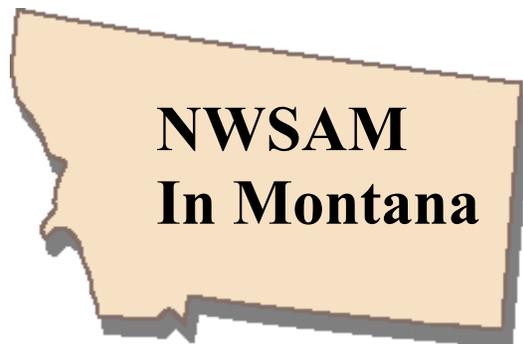
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Have you got a yen to see your name in lights? Okay, maybe not lights... how about in print? If you've got a gift for gab on paper, send us your latest, greatest article covering anything scale. It can be a simple tip on how to fabricate that final cockpit detail or a hint on how to scrounge scale parts from someone else's trash. Has your club undergone a field makeover or held a particularly successful scale event? Jot down as many notes and details and send it in.

Remember, this newsletter is your voice for things Scale. Don't rely on "the next guy" as we are **all** the next guy.

The building season is quickly upon us – now is the perfect time to share your building secrets before you forget them. Your simple article just may be the trick to getting a new, younger prospective builder/flyer to think twice about moving onto another hobby. We all know what the excitement is about R/C scale airplanes – share it!