



# Northwest Scale Aero-Modelers



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## ~ Director's Corner ~

It's hard to believe that contest season is almost upon us! I hope everyone has had a good building season over the winter. Tom Strom Jr. and the Sanderson Field RC Flyers are kicking off the season on May 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> in Shelton, Washington. I hope to see many new airplanes and contestants as well as old friends. Don't forget to check your batteries and give your planes the once over before flying.

The 2016 NWSAM rule book has been updated and posted on the web page. Thanks goes out to Paul Fleming for updating the rule book. As previously mentioned there are some rule changes for 2016. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the rule changes.

The 2016 NWSAM Championship event planning is well under way, and is shaping up to be our biggest and best yet. Make sure to save the date for the 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of September. Del Herring is once again the CD, and the event is being hosted by the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers. Make plans to attend the "Best in the West" NWSAM Championship!

Membership reminder cards have gone out. Dues are still \$20, and most contest events give a discount to NWSAM members.

I attended the NW Hobby Expo in Monroe, and gave a short presentation on scale activities in the northwest. There is a great deal of interest in scale here in the northwest, and I had conversations with several club representatives expressing interest in hosting either a scale fly-in

or a contest. I hope we can foster partnerships with these willing clubs, and add to the contest roster in the future.

Pretty short and sweet for this edition, I hope to see many of you in Shelton, Washington in May. As always, I look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones!

Cheers,  
Mike Ingram  
Director NWSAM



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## ~ Vice Director ~

The building season is almost over, and we are nearing the first of our competitive events. If you look at the event schedule, you will see we have five competition events scheduled with a really good spread on the dates. We are now in our sixth year and the competition events run pretty smoothly. We have developed some serious expertise in planning, and running quality events. 2016 looks to be our best year yet!

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to bring at least one potential pilot, or interested person to an event this year. Please speak to the membership of the clubs you belong to tell them of our events. Tell them we seek pilots of all skill levels. Just as importantly we need judges. Without them we can't have events. There are many modelers who have the skills and aptitude to be trained for judging. Explain the two different judging areas; we judge both pilot performance and quality of models. We need judges for both, and the training is easy, and the job quite rewarding. There is a good presentation called Scale Event ABCs in the Event information section of the NWSAM web page. If you are given the opportunity to make a presentation, it has about everything you need to tell them. Let your clubs know we are willing to set up training sessions for both pilots and judges at their facilities. Have any of the club officers contact me and I will get the ball rolling.

As we continue to grow and refine our organization, it is time to add another certified and trained position, that of Score Keeper. This year the score keeping program has been updated, and we will use it for the first time in Shelton. My goal is by next year to have at least one trained Score Keeper that is proficient with the program in each club or organization that hosts a NWSAM event.

Lastly I would like to hear from the membership about their thoughts of NWSAM sponsoring non-competitive scale events. Events such as Dawn Patrol, Golden Age, and Warbird fly-ins will be the focus. I believe it would help us

grow our organization, and give the scale airplane modelers a place to participate with their peers. I believe the upside to this would likely be more places and opportunities to fly with each other, and we could attract more people to the competitive side. I would love to hear your thoughts.

See you at the field!

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## ~ Western Washington ~

Since it is still "building season", I thought I would provide an update on some projects I have been working on.

The Jetco Navigator flying boat shown in the last issue is complete, ready for maiden. I love these old Jetco kits from the '60's, and picked up a stunt controlline Dolphin kit at the swap meet. I have always wanted to build one of these (or the Shark 45) but convert to R/C - should be rather unique. (If you have any advice on this conversion to flight let me know.) I am building the wing now while it is raining outside. I inherited an old partial-built Jetco 72" PT-19 from Earl Averill and am looking forward to finishing that as well.

I ordered a Phoenix Models Stinson Reliant ARF from Tower. 70" span, and power will be

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Thunder Tiger .75 FS. This is my first experience with Phoenix models, the quality looks good and very complete (dummy radial engine, full cockpit w/full length pilot).

This brings to mind the various desires modelers have for types of planes, power etc. I love all of them: Giant, big, small and in between! Gas, glow, or electric... doesn't matter. I feel there is too much out there to enjoy in this wonderful hobby to limit myself to just one type of model. But, I do have lots of room and lots of airplanes!

I am hoping to make all of the NWSAM qualifiers this year; we'll see if it happens! Hope to see you all there.

Bob Bailey



## ~ Eastern Washington ~

~ No Article Submitted ~



## ~ Oregon ~

~ No Article Submitted ~



## ~ Idaho ~

Hello everyone! Here are some quick updates from working on the field upgrades. The shower house for our out of town guests is being finished up. We will be fertilizing the field middle of May so we have a lush green field at the qualifier. The speedway for trucks and buggies is almost finished so if anyone has a gas, electric, or nitro vehicle, bring it along for end of day fun on the track! It's an approximately 800' long course and super oval elevated driver stations. That about sums it up for now! Looking forward to a great flying season, updates will come for some fun flies as I figure out the schedule.

Tim McGee



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## ~ Montana ~

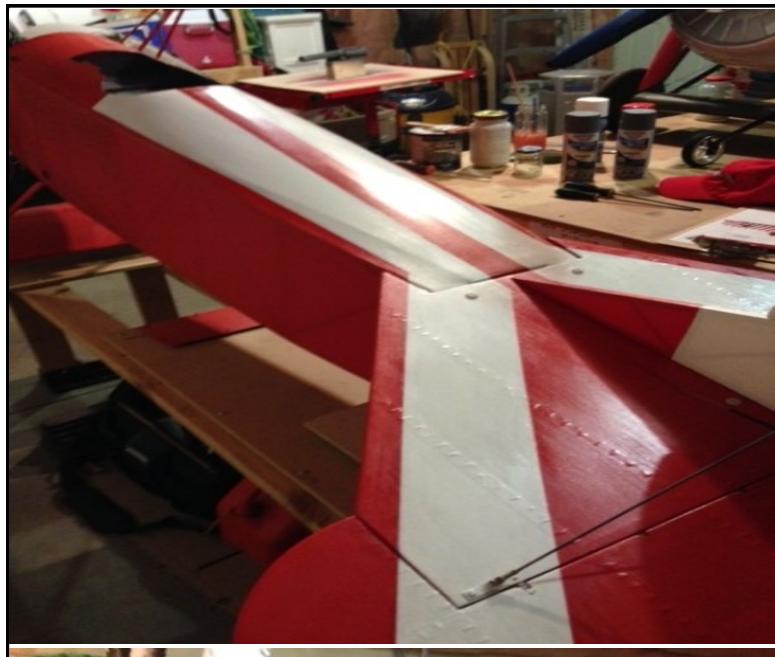
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## ~ Alberta, Canada ~

Hello from Alberta, Canada! The snow is melting and I'm sure everyone is getting ready and excited for the upcoming 2016 scale flying season! My 1/3 Udet Fokker DVII is almost finished! I have been working on the colour and national markings over the last few weeks. A good 3 view drawing of the original is an important must have in your scale documentation! Over the last few months I have taken the time to become a NWSAM certified scale flight and scale static judge. The certification process was very easy; my certifier Doug MacMillan was very helpful and supportive throughout the entire process. I know that taking the time to complete this has given me a better understanding of competitive R/C scale modeling. If you have not already started this process, I would recommend you do! There are several scale fun flys/scale competitions on the schedule this summer, and once they have confirmed dates I will forward those on to you! I myself will be competing in Vernon, B.C. on July 15-17. I am looking forward to the time with family and friends old and new!

Scott Crosby



Fokker D.VII 227-526/18  
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Source: Dan-San Abbott



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## ~ British Columbia, Canada ~

Our flying season is starting, and I am looking forward to getting my projects flying.

The British Columbia Scale Classic is happening July 15<sup>th</sup> –17<sup>th</sup>, and should be great fun! Here is a link to the poster;

[http://www.nwsam.org/uploads/7/4/8/8/7488280/2016\\_bcsc\\_poster.pdf](http://www.nwsam.org/uploads/7/4/8/8/7488280/2016_bcsc_poster.pdf).

There is a Giant Scale event near Kamloops, British Columbia where there will be optional judging. Here is a link to the event information;

[http://www.maac.ca/en/events\\_details.php?type=1&event\\_id=5095](http://www.maac.ca/en/events_details.php?type=1&event_id=5095)

Working with the Canadian RC Scale committee on developing a "Canadian Open RC Scale Championships". The event would happen at a different location each year.

Hope to see you all at the flying field this year!

Roly Worsfold



2015 North West Scale Aero-Modeling Championships - "Team Scale Champions" Dan Idorn builder, and Rob Dover Pilot - Dan Scratch built the 1/3 scale electric Piper Cherokee. He built everything himself from his own plans except the wheels, motor, and some control linkages.

## ~ Alaska ~

~ No Article Submitted ~



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~ Happy Flying Everyone! ~

Upcoming in the next issue;

Season Opener Results From  
Shelton, WA

District News

Build Threads

