



# Northwest Scale Aero Modelers



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## ~ Director's Corner ~

It is hard to believe that 2015 competition season is coming to a close. I attended our largest NWSAM Championship to date, and had a great time. I want to congratulate our 2015 NWSAM Champions; Expert Class- Tom Wolf, Team- Idorn/Dover, Advanced- Mike Ingram, Pro/Am Pro-Rick Stucky, Pro/Am Sportsman-Phil Tallman. I want to thank the Red Apple Flyers for once again hosting the NWSAM Championship, and putting on a world class event! Although the wind was bothersome this year, the enthusiasm went undaunted. I was very encouraged to see a lot of new faces in attendance, and also to see a lot of familiar faces. Total number of entries this year was 40! We made a decision this year to go with a 4 day event format, to accommodate the anticipated number of entries. Since we are anticipating even more entries next year, I think we are going to keep the 4 day format. I anticipate we will hit the 50 entries mark in 2016. We have grown into the premier North West event, and a must attend event. We have already received preliminary approval from the Red Apple Flyers for the 2016 NWSAM Championship on September 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Mark your calendars; it's going to be a good one!

I also want to thank all the Area Coordinators and Vice Director for their hard work & dedication. It takes any army to accomplish what we have accomplished in 5 short years. You guys have been awesome!

Paul Fleming and I are going to work with the CD's of the various Qualifiers & Fly-ins next year to coordinate the various event dates. Our hope is to maximize attendance at all scale events in the North West. There are more scale events in the North West than we have days. That's a horrible problem to have, right? I think I've died and gone to scale heaven!

Included in this newsletter are the meeting minutes from our Annual NWSAM meeting. Our membership voted to make a few rule book changes for 2016. The changes you will need to be aware of are; Touch and Go is now 1 maneuver, not 2, the Spot Landing was narrowed to 50 feet

instead of 100 feet, and the multi-engine option has been eliminated as a maneuver.

There has also been a new event class added which is the Pro/Am Unlimited Class. This class is being added on a provisional basis for 2016 to further encourage new participants to give scale competition a try, and offer a stepped event class as participants skill improves. This class does have a move up requirement if you are the NWSAM Champion in the Pro/Am Pro Class, you will be moving up. Paul Fleming is working on finalizing the rule book for 2016, and it should be posted on the web site shortly.

Paul Fleming continues to work on the score sheet improvements. Feedback is very important as a competitor as you strive to improve your skills. More on this to come from Paul later.

In accordance with our By-laws, we will be accepting nominations for Area Coordinators during the month of October & having elections the first week of November. Please send nominations to Paul Fleming or myself.

I was fortunate enough to attend Warbirds Over Wenatchee on the 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> of September. There was a great turnout, and some exceptional planes. I've included a few pictures from the event Including Bob Bailey's beautiful 1941 Packard One Twenty convertible. The Officers Club held Saturday night was a huge success. This event was a benefit for Veterans helping Veterans. I think the RAF was able to raise about \$1,700 for the cause. Our AMA District 11 VP even made it down, and I think he and his wife had a good time. I know I did!

As the 2015 season winds down, start dusting off those projects for the coming year. I look forward to 2016 with a great deal of enthusiasm. Together, we will make next year be even bigger and better than 2015!

Cheers,  
Mike Ingram  
Director NWSAM

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## ~ Vice Director ~

Well flying season is about over, and this year's Qualifiers and Championship were better than ever. We are consistently drawing larger numbers of pilots to our events, and quickly gaining a reputation for doing things right. Our real strength is not in the number of competitors' we attract, it is in the numbers of people who step forward to complete, and take care of all the small details so necessary to carrying out a successful event. I would really like to thank all the folks in the various clubs who spent countless hours maintaining the grounds, cooking the lunches, creating trophies, organizing the raffles, putting out the flyers and the thousand other little details that need to be completed just so an event can run. Then there are the event officials the judges, CD, the scorekeepers and air bosses think about the hours they put in! Considering this is just a hobby, when you look at what takes place from April through September every year, it is truly amazing what we accomplish.

As an organization we have reached maturity. NASA invites selected pilots from our Championships to participate in theirs. Our Championships are a selective qualifier for Top Gun, and US Scale Masters recognizes our judge's credentials. It has taken a lot of hard work to get this recognition. This year at our general membership meeting we updated a few of our operating rules to make things simpler and more logical. Over the winter we will be modifying our static and flight judging score sheets, to provide more meaningful information to the contestants. We will keep working to refine, and improve our organization. If you have suggestions for improvements, or complaints about anything we do, I would really like to hear from you.

This year we will be very active bringing new modelers into scale building and flying. We will offer contest flight training for the new pilots, and judges training for those trying to get qualified. I will encourage each member to bring one new potential scale builder/pilot to one of our events. Help us make 2016 the best year yet.



~ Paul Fleming ~

## ~ Contest Report ~

### 2015 NW Scale Championships Wenatchee, WA

The Northwest Scale Championships were held over the weekend of August 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> and hosted by the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers. There were a total of 39 entries, with some very nice "Top Gun" quality planes. The following are the NW Champions; Expert: Tom Wolf from California, Advanced: Mike Ingram from Caldwell Idaho, Team: Dan Idorn & Rob Dover, both from Canada, Pro Am Pro: Rick Stucky from Wenatchee, WA, Pro Am Sportsman: Tim McGee from Athol, Idaho. This was a great event, and looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!



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## Washington West

**Coordinator:**

*Robert Bailey*

Not a whole lot going on with scale on the west side this time of year. Warbirds Over the Cascades was a success last month, with about 20 airplanes in attendance at the new venue of CMAA. There were also scale meets held at the MRRCS, and Shelton clubs which I was not able to attend but heard they went well.

Speaking of venues, a bit of good news here, the Emerald field (ECRC) is now back open after over a year of closure due to a neighboring property owner's complaints to the county. A permit has now been issued, and the club is accepting new members. Thanks to Mark Hanson, and Ron Swift for their hard work on this matter.

Also worthy of mention, every Thursday the Lake Sawyer Hawks host float flying on the west side of Lake Washington, weather permitting. Some scale is flown there including our own Cubs and Beavers.



## Washington East

**Coordinator:**

*Del Herring*

Here are the results from the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyers Scale Rally: Expert: 1<sup>st</sup> TomWolf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rob Dover, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gene LaFond Advanced: 1<sup>st</sup> Del Herring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Ingram TeamL Dan Idorn & Rob Dover Pro Am Pro: 1<sup>st</sup> Rick Stucky, 2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ray Hoffman Pro Am Sportsman: 1<sup>st</sup> Tim McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stan Holecek, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phil Tallman



Warbirds Over Wenatchee was held over the weekend of September 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. There were 24 pilots and about 40 planes in attendance. On Saturday night there was an "officer's club" get together with military vehicles, decorations consistent with WWII, food, great big band music, and several pilots dressed in period uniforms. We raised about \$2,000 for our local "Vets Serving Vets" organization.

Wenatchee had a float fly on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of September at Lake Entiat, with about 15 pilots in attendance. One float plane made a carrier landing, right through the



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This year was fantastic! We had a great season with all the events here, and the last event was an IMAC competition that drew 23 registered pilots. That was the largest attended event this year. Our 2016 scale event will be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Also coming up next year, the second stage of sprinklers will be installed in the pit area and then we will have all green grass. I'm also putting in a 10x16 shower house with fully running hot and cold water, with vanity and mirror for the campers who need a shower. There also will be 10 water hook ups for RVs on pit row at the power posts. Looking forward to a super 2016 with no smoke! That's all for now, cheers!



British Columbia had 4 RC Scale Events in 2015, and all were well attended with most handing out various awards.

2016 is looking to be a good year, we will be promoting clubs to host an RC Scale event, explaining the benefits of doing so via, face book, e-mail, North West Scale Aero-Modelers, and the Model Aeronautic Association of Canada.

Attendance at the British Columbia Scale Classic was substantially up from 19 in 2014 to 29 this year! We had good weather, with participants from other provinces, and 3 states attending. Thanks to all participants, judges, and volunteers for contributing to the event's success.

Several modelers from British Columbia travelled to Wenatchee to participate in the North West Championships. We enjoyed our time there, along with other great modelling



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company, and the Wenatchee Red Apple Flyer's hospitality.

I am looking forward to working with the Northwest Scale Aero-Modelers in 2016. It is a pleasure to work with all the organizers, and participating in the events.

**Alberta  
Coordinator:  
Scott Crosby**

Hello all from Alberta, Canada! The summer is fading away to the bright colors of fall here in Alberta, and building season fast approaches. I myself, have a few projects on the go ....A 1/3 Balsa USA Fokker DVII and the build of a 3 piece wing for my 1/3

Ron Weiss Fokker DVIII. For me the research and building of a scale model is a great way to pass the cold snowy winter months!

The ERCS Scale Rally, June 27-28, was a great success with over 25 registered pilots and 6 scale competitors. The weather was hot and sunny, and gave way to some great scale flying. For 3 of the competitors, myself included, this was their first try at scale competition! I'm hooked now and I know the other 2 modelers are also. There was a lot of interest generated in the building, flying, and ultimately scale competition flying of model aircraft. I'm sure next year we will see an increase in the number of people competing. It's refreshing to see the look on some ones face when you tell them that they don't have to have a Top Gun quality model to compete. The more we talk about this aspect of the hobby the more people we will get competing!

The Fort Saskatchewan R/C Club Prairie Patrol, Aug 22-23 was also a great success with WW1-WW2 models filling the skies for most of the weekend! This was a great way to have a relaxed non-competitive event. A lot of good scale knowledge was spread around!

Happy Building!!



## ~ Northwest Scale Aero Modelers Staff ~

**Director: Mike Ingram**

**Vice Director: Paul Fleming**

**Membership/Treasurer: Terri Ingram**

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## ~ Happy Flying Everyone! ~

**Upcoming in the next issue;**

**More great scale event results and photos**

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