



# Northwest Scale Aero-Modelers

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## ~ Director's Corner ~

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, and 2017 brings all of you good health and success. As 2016 ends so does my term in office. The election results showed Tom Strom Jr. Director, and Marc Winz as Vice Director. These are two strong leaders and good competitors; the organization is in strong hands.

A few things changed this year to make NWSAM more responsive to the membership, and streamline communications. We now authorize each State and Province to have two Area Coordinators to better represent the membership. We are also going to establish a direct e-mail contact list for the members who wish to participate, that will quickly disseminate important information, notices and request special feedback if needed.

With a little luck, we will have the 2017 Competition Guide published by the end of January. We are upgrading all the NWSAM documents. Some are simply reformatted, while others will be re-written to be more easily understood. Along with this, we will be holding Judging and Pilot workshops to ensure our contests continue to run smoothly and professionally.

Please remember it takes a lot of effort and man hours to keep an organization like ours strong and running smoothly. Please help out where ever you can.

See you at the field

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## ~ Director's Corner Continued ~

Hello and happy New Year everyone! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season, and managed to get everything on your lists! As we head into this New Year, I am very excited to take on the new challenge and position of

Director of NWSAM. Although I am new to scale modeling, I have almost three decades worth of modeling experience that I hope will help me in this new adventure. I look forward to working with all of the club officers and membership to continue to grow and improve our organization, and encourage new pilots to try their hand at competitive scale modeling. So far we have a great schedule of events coming in 2017, and I can't wait to get started!

After the annual meeting in Wenatchee, and over the last several months, the officers of NWSAM have been discussing all of the input received at the meeting, and through communication from members to area coordinators, on everything from rules, rule changes, reformatting of documents, and a number of other topics. Several of these issues have been voted on and resolved, and I will include the results of the voting below. I would encourage all of the membership to provide feedback on these results to your area coordinators. Everything is welcome feedback whether it is a question, comment, concern, or complaint. I would also like to encourage you to email me with the same info you are providing your area coordinator, so feel free to add my address to those emails. For those of you that will be travelling to the Northwest Model and Hobby Expo in Monroe, WA at the end of January, I will be there at my swap meet tables so feel free to swing by and we can talk in person.

Over the next couple months we will be organizing and holding some judging and pilot clinics here in Western Washington, and I believe the same is being planned in Eastern Washington. These will be great opportunities to educate new judges and pilots, as well as refresh existing judges and pilots on rules, and maneuvers prior to the start of the upcoming season. The goal is for a classroom session for the judges, as well as inviting them to the pilot clinics so they get a chance to see the aircraft performing the maneuvers and ask any questions they may have regarding scoring. This will also give the pilots a chance to try out new routines, or brush up on old ones, as well as a chance to see some scores to gauge their progress prior

to actual competition. Our first competitive event will be April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Wenatchee, WA at the 2017 Spring Pro Am Opener, and I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Tom Strom Jr.

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## ~ NWSAM Voting Results ~

In 2015, creation of a Pro-Am Unlimited class was proposed. The class would open the Pro-Am Pro class by encouraging (not mandating) more experienced flyers to move up. It was approved on a trial basis for one year. Should we make this a permanent class?

Yes, approve: 7

**No, disapprove: 1**

The Model Aeronautics Association of Canada (MAAC) has asked to use our Judges Qualification process to qualify their judges. Is this acceptable?

Yes, approve: 8

**No, disapprove: 0**

Should the Dirty Pass be allowed at any place in the flight routine rather than only being allowed after regular Fly Past? Since the Fly Past has no speed requirement, there is no need for the judges to note any speed differential.

Yes, approve: 6

**No, disapprove: 1**

Section 4, Safety, Rule 10 Traffic Pattern; Should maneuvers be allowed to be started opposite of the traffic pattern?

**Yes, allow opposing pattern: 2**

No, all maneuvers must follow pattern: 5

The multi engine rule for bonus points has been removed, should it be restored to better align our rules with Scale Masters?

Yes, approve: 5

**No, disapprove: 2**

NWSAM Touch and go rules do not align with Scale Masters. Should the procedure be moved back to count as two maneuvers?

Yes, approve: 6

**No, disapprove: 2**

Change Section 1, General Requirements, Rule 5 to the following: In order to be eligible for the Northwest Scale Championships, each contestant must bring one (1) eligibility score forward in the event class he/she wishes to compete in. The score the contestant brings forward must have been awarded during the same calendar year.

Yes, approve: 8

**No, disapprove: 0**

Rather than using all five flight rounds to calculate the Championship scores, the following was proposed. Use the average of the best three (3) flight scores, but require one eligibility score from a contest other than the championship to be eligible for the championship.

Yes, approve: 7

**No, disapprove: 0**

The official Championships score shall be the final score (static score plus averaged flight scores) from one (1) other scale event in your event class combined with the final score (static score plus averaged flight score from three highest flight rounds) flown at the Championships. Example: Contestant Competed in the Cascade Scale Rally in the Advanced Class. The Contestant had a final score of **170** which was brought to the Championships. The contestant had a static score of **80** and the three (3) flight average total of **91** ( $89 + 91 + 93 = \underline{273/3}$ ) at the Championships. The final Championships score would be **170 + 80 +**

**91= 341.** To break a tie, the single best flight score will be added to the static score. If this does not break the tie, add the two (2) best flight scores to the static score. If this does not break the tie, add the three (3) best flight scores to the static score. In the event conditions prevent flying and the contest cannot be postponed, static scores alone shall be the official score. Ties shall be broken by the outline score plus color and markings followed by ½ the craftsmanship score.

**Yes, approve: 7**

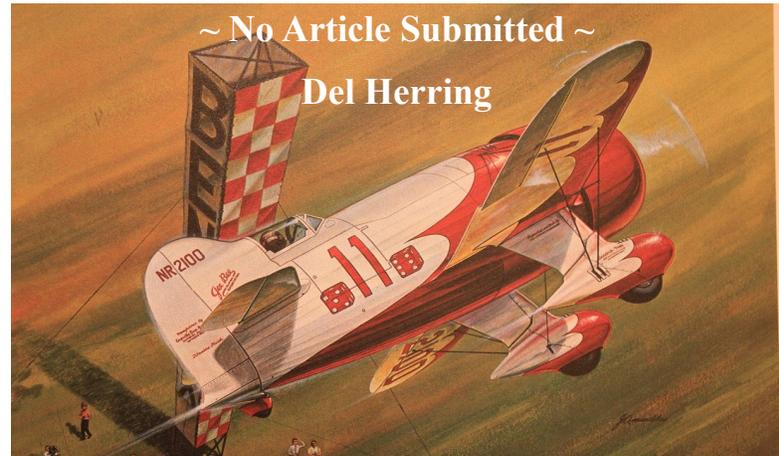
**No, disapprove: 0**

Voting on issues in NWSAM is currently restricted to the Director, Vice Director, and Area Coordinators. Should we amend the bylaws to allow the entire membership to vote?

**Yes, amend: 3**

**No, leave as is: 4**

## ~ Eastern Washington ~



## ~ Western Oregon ~



## ~ Western Washington ~

~ No Article Submitted ~  
Open Position



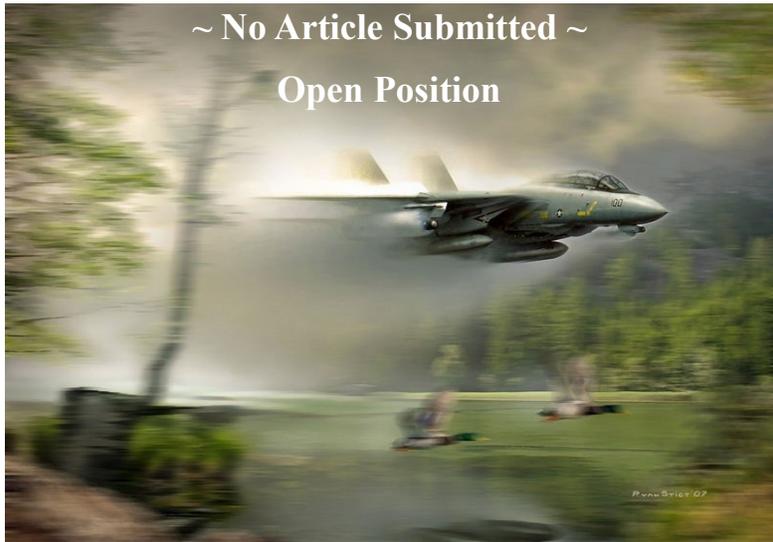
## ~ Eastern Oregon ~



## ~ Alaska ~

~ No Article Submitted ~

Open Position



## ~ Montana ~

~ No Article Submitted ~

Open Position



## ~ Idaho ~

~ No Article Submitted ~

Tim McGee



## ~ British Columbia, Canada ~

Hello, wishing everyone the best for 2017!

Looking back on 2016 we had a very good year in British Columbia with more RC Scale Activity in the area. Looking forward to 2017 we should see more Scale events from Fun Scale through to full contests.

This year the British Columbia Scale Classic will be replaced by the first rotating **"Canadian Open RC Scale Championships"** on July 14, 15 & 16, 2017. The same format will be used; US Scale Masters rules and it will be open to anyone in the North West and Canada. The rules/guidelines fit closely with the Northwest Scale Championships and Canadian rules. 2018 we will be back to the British Columbia Scale Classic

The 2018 Canadian Open RC Scale Championships will hopefully be located in the East Coast area of Canada 2019 to Central Canada and 2020 back to Western Canada.

The reason for the rotation is to promote RC Scale activity.

With the approval of more Northwest Scale Aero Modelers coordinators the hope is that we will have a coordinator located on Vancouver Island.

I hope that we are all promoting RC Scale with our fellow Aero-Modelers; it's the main reason for increasing the number of Scale events in your area. The events do not have to be full blown contests, one day/afternoon introductory club sessions will help to get more participants from your area.

I am very pleased to see more people stepping forward to help promote RC Scale Aero-Modeling in the North West, this means we are growing.

Roly Worsfold





~ Roger Martin's Beaver - very nice detail, the plane ~  
flew very well at the Fall Sushwap Lake Float Fly.



~ 2016 BC Scale Classic - Del and Dellas cranking her ~  
up for the next routine.

~ Alberta, Canada ~



~ No Article Submitted ~  
Scott Crosby

~ Northwest Scale Aero-Modelers Staff ~

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Newsletter Editor: Tom Strom Jr.

~ 2017 Contest Schedule ~

**April 15<sup>th</sup>~16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Pro~Am Classic Wenatchee, WA**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>~14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sanderson Scale Rally Shelton, WA**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>~18<sup>th</sup>**  
**North Idaho Scale Rally Athol, Idaho**

**July 14<sup>th</sup>~16<sup>th</sup>**  
**British Columbia Scale Classic/  
Canadian National Open Championship**

**July (TBD)**  
**Oregon Scale Qualifier**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>~27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Northwest Scale Aero Modelers Championship  
Wenatchee, WA**

