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~ Director's Corner ~

Our 2016 season has ended, and I think it was our best year yet! As we keep refining our process and improving our methods, things just keep getting better. A big improvement this year was the score sheets, with the maneuvers already printed, and the updated scoring program.

We added some new folks to our ranks and our future looks good. I would like to ask each member to bring at least one potential new member to one of our events, and hopefully have him or her participate. I would also like to encourage people to team up with a friend and enter the Team Competition.

One thing I noticed at the Championships this year was both Judges and Contestants were not fully up to speed on the rules. I include myself in the above in both categories. It is important we review the rules before each competition. Depending where the scale competition is held we could be flying under USSMAA or NWSAM rules. The differences are subtle, but an incorrectly performing a maneuver or a protocol described in the Competition Guide may degrade your score. Some of us are only able to attend one or two events a year and don't give a lot of thought to the rules before hand. Please go to the NWSAM webpage and download the current Competition Guide. The Guide for 2017 will be out by the end of January.

In 2017 we will try to host judges and pilot workshops to get everyone tuned up for the season. One more thing I would like to see is more people take the judges training test. Not only will it help out at events when the CD comes up short handed, but it will also improve your understanding of the event and help you position your maneuvers correctly to achieve the best possible score.

Lastly when you attend a Fly In, Dawn Patrols and other non-competitive scale events, put the word out about our organization and let people know our focus is on fun, sportsmanship, and friendly competition.

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~ Vice Director ~

We are about one month into our new home in Bonney Lake, and working on getting all settled in. We were in our previous home for 30 years, and that included an airplane shop, and auto restoration business. Now retired, having the two shops to move is a huge job. I have however managed to make two scale events this summer nonetheless, and have the new airplane shop set up fairly well. There are 15 airplanes hanging from the 16' high ceiling, which was a lot of work just to get those up out of the way. I am looking forward to more flying and getting back in the building spirit this winter! See you all next season!

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~ Western Washington ~

For the weekend of September 8th through the 11th, Bob Beatty, Marc Winz, Paul Fleming and I made the trek over to the Red Apple Flyers field in Wenatchee, WA for the 2016 Northwest Scale Championship event to represent the Sanderson Field RC Flyers. As always, the Red Apple Flyers field was beautiful and well prepped for this three day competitive event, and the hospitality was fantastic! If you have never been to this amazing flying site, it is well worth every minute of the drive.

We arrived at the field Thursday afternoon and were greeted by roughly 30mph winds! As there was obviously no flying going on, static judging also had to be moved inside as the airplanes were getting very hard to hold on to.

Competition flying began Friday morning with much calmer conditions, and two rounds were flown separated by the lunch break. A dinner was served Friday night prior to the annual meeting for Northwest Scale Aero Modelers, and consisted of a burger with chips and a soda.

As we moved into Saturday morning, again the conditions were near perfect. Two more rounds of competition were again flown, with a lunch break separating the two rounds. A fantastic barbecue dinner was served for anyone that wanted to buy a ticket, and featured pulled pork sandwiches, marinated chicken breast, coleslaw, baked beans, cake, and a soda. The food was fantastic!

The weather Sunday morning was wonderful again, and we only flew one round of competition. Although we did not perform as well as we would have liked, we all had a wonderful time competing and visiting with friends. The club had a great raffle with loads of amazing prizes to give away, the biggest of which was a new Top Flite Cessna 310 twin ARF, and the Robarts retracts to go with it. After the raffle and trophies were handed out, we said our goodbyes and made the 4 hour trip home. It is a lot of fun to travel around and compete, and making the trips with friends and club members makes it all that much better! Had a blast, and can't wait for the next one!

So this off season is going to be a busy one for me. I will be traveling to Los Angeles in early October for a Championship Pylon race, Florida in early December for a race, Las Vegas in middle of December for my mother's 60th birthday, and Arizona in January and

February for racing. On top of that, my brother has decided he wants to jump into competition scale flying and has purchased himself and ESM PC-9 that I will be helping him assemble. I have multiple projects I am going to hopefully get to including and ESM F8F Bearcat, ESM PC-21, and build myself a Top Flite P-51 Mustang as a B model. Yes, going to be a busy building season in deed! See you all at Shelton in May!

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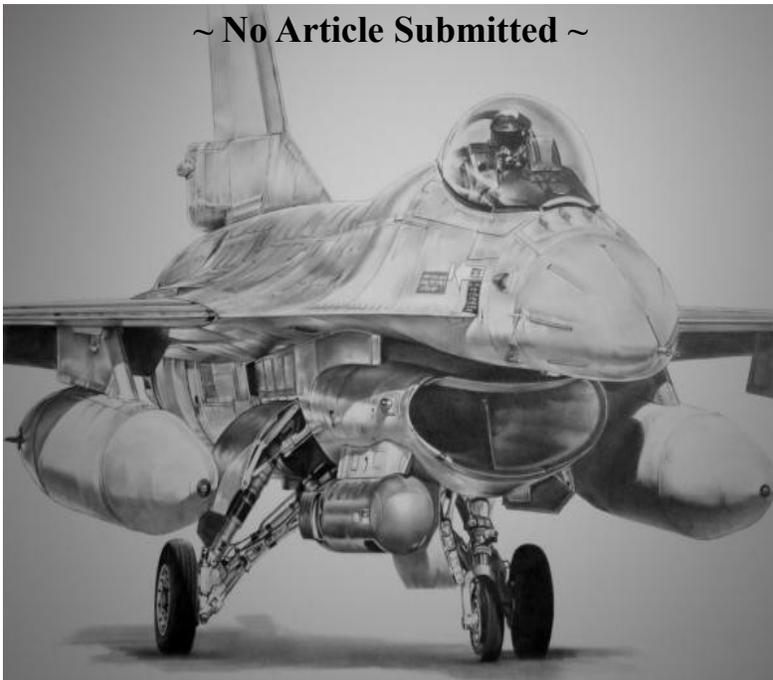
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Had an absolutely great time and the NWSAM Champ event this year! Good weather, great food, lots of flying! The event in Idaho will be the same time next year, June 17th and 18th. Look forward to seeing everyone again!

Tim McGee



~ British Columbia, Canada ~

Our flying season is starting and looking forward to getting my projects flying. The British Columbia Scale Classic was held July 15th through 17th, 2016 and was a nice success. Next year we hope the Vernon RC Aero Modelers will host the first Canadian Open RC Scale Championships on July 14th, 15th, and 16th, 2017. These would be the same dates that the British Columbia Scale Classic would normally be held. The same format will be used, and it will be open to anyone in the North West and Canada. Hopefully this event will help promote RC Scale Aero Modeling in North America. The plan is to have it rotate to different locations across Canada each year.

I hope you all have had a good flying year and took the opportunity to participate in a Scale event. Remember you do not have to have a fancy scale plane to fly in an event. The program is graduated; almost any plane can participate and do well. The entry level classes are focused mainly on flying with 5 static points awarded for a picture that 'sort of' looks like your entry plane.

Our NWSAM website has been updated due to the Provider upgrading their system. Send me any photos you would like to see on the website.

Looking forward to seeing you on the flight line!

Best Regards, Roly Worsfold

~ A rare sight to see a 1/4 Scale Tiger Moth D.H. 82c ~
(Canadian)



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~ Frank Mucil's Twin Otter making a Parachute Drop



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~ 12 year old Kay Freeman's D-Fun Cub Competing ~



~ Alberta, Canada ~

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