



McMinnville Aircraft Modelers

Invite you to participate in the

Second Annual Vintage Flyin

AMA Sanction #880

When: July 8th 2017 Time: 9:00am- 4:00pm

Landing Fee \$5.00

Pilots Meeting: 8:45am

Where: MAM Field

Events will be:

Free Coffee and Donuts

Our Annual Club BBQ

Displays and Flying of Vintage Aircraft

Prizes for Participating in the Vintage Event

Which Includes A Timed Event

With Your Vintage Aircraft

See reverse side for details of a Vintage Aircraft

Directions: 2 Miles SouthWest of McMinnville, Oregon

on Hwy 18 then West on Masonville Rd for 1.5 Miles.

Field GPS N45deg 10.411' W123deg 16.477'

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What Qualifies as a Vintage R/C Model?

By Bruce Tharpe, Northwest Fly-in Event Director

Here are two basic rules:

1. The model DESIGN must date back at least 35 years, and
2. The model must have been originally DESIGNED for radio control.

The word DESIGN is highlighted because that is what links it to the pioneering days of R/C. The model itself does not have to be 35 years old, it can be something you just built recently or even an ARF if the model design dates back far enough. This applies to sport models and scale models alike. The full-scale subject has nothing to do with whether a scale model is VRCS eligible. For example, a modern-day J-3 Cub ARF from Horizon is not vintage because the design of the particular model does not go back 35 years. But a J-3 Cub built from a Sterling or Berkeley kit is certainly vintage. On the other hand, the new Dirty Birdy ARF from Great Planes does qualify because the basic model design dates back to the mid 1970s.

Vintage models are allowed to use modern radio equipment and engines. They can be converted to electric. They can be scaled up or down as long as the basic model design is retained. Also note that the design must have been originally intended for R/C, which means that free flight old timers that have been converted to R/C are not technically eligible. However, at the Northwest Fly-In, we have always welcomed old timer models to fly with us. As CD, I have made a number of judgement calls the last couple of years allowing certain non-vintage models to fly because they fit the "vibe" of the event.

How do you know if your plane qualifies? You can check the Eligible Aircraft Listing on the VRCS website. Keep in mind that the list is far from complete – I don't think it has been maintained for a number of years. If your plane is not on the list, it may still be eligible. If it was a published design or a kit, perhaps you can do a web search and pinpoint the magazine construction article or ads. Or you can just ask me! I don't claim to know the history of every model, but I could do a little research if needed.

For this year's VRCS event, eligible models must have been designed in 1982 or earlier. For the fun of it, VRCS designates a theme aircraft each year. For 2015 and 2016 the theme aircraft is "any VRCS legal rudder-only design, with flight controls limited to rudder." To clarify, throttle control is allowed.

Looking for a vintage plane to build? Start by visiting the [Vintage R/C Resources](#) page on the BTE website. www.btemodels.com