



# SANDERSON FIELD R.C. NEWS

Pylon Race Aug 4-5th  
Fly-in Aug. 11th



CHARTER NO. 3079

## CLUB MEETING

*This months meeting will be held  
on Thursday August 9th at 7:00  
p.m.*

### *at The Field*

Jody Diaz talked about our display at the first weekend of drag races and asked for volunteers for the upcoming weekend. It was decided to display on Sunday. The secretary was asked to produce 25 more flyers for distribution.

It was noted that we need to have a donation can for Scale fly-in lunch. I will get one made and bring it.

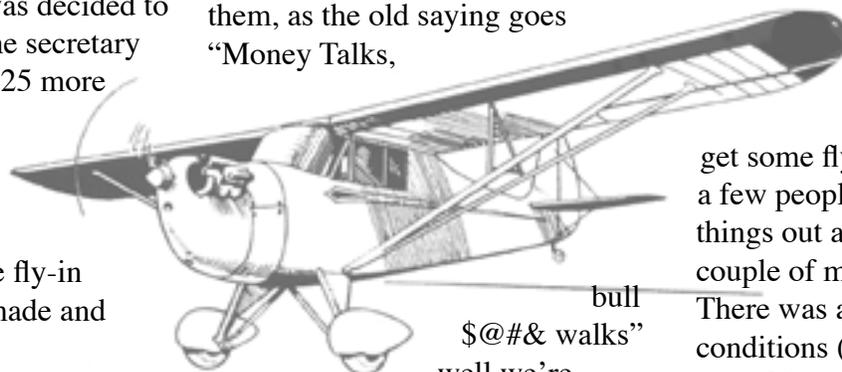
It was asked how the search for alternate flying sites was going. There is nothing concrete yet, some possibilities though.

John Tupper motioned to have the lock changed back to a combination lock. Motion was seconded. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Sharon Diaz motioned to have the August 11th fly-in a potluck. Motion was seconded and passed. We need a donation can for this one also.

Chuck Kentfield asked about getting the Sanican cleaned and got approval. Will have the company contact the secretary to let them in.

I know some people aren't happy with the decision to show our models at the drag races but we're not going to win any fight with them, as the old saying goes "Money Talks,



bull  
"\$@#& walks"  
well we're

walking! If we can still afford to fly there next year and they do get more races we can cope. Some of us have flown most of the 2 weeks they were set up, not the weekends, of course. We did get quite a bit of exposure, I guess I'd say if you don't like the way we are doing things, run for office next year! For the most part everyone

was very nice excepting for one guy who blew rubber all over our planes with a leaf blower, what a jerk!

You can see from the picture they gave us a good spot for exposure, the vendor's were behind the photographer.

Unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate for the scale fly-in. It rained pretty hard a few times but we did

get some flying in. There were a few people show up to check things out and I did hand out a couple of membership applications. There was a good turn out for the conditions ( see the pictures on page ? ) and we had a nice break in late morning through lunch.

Thanks to everyone who donated and/or brought food.



# FAA Official warns Port about drags

THIS A REPRINT OF AN ARTICLE IN THE SHELTON JOURNAL ON JULY 19TH 07

## FAA Official warns Port about drags

By JEFF GREEN

The future of drag racing at Sanderson Field may be in jeopardy despite two successful weekends of racing there earlier this month.

In a letter dated July 10 to Bob Robinson, managing director of the Port of Shelton, an official with the Federal Aviation Administration warned the port may risk losing the federal agency's future approval for the non-aviation activity and put grant funding for the local airport in question.

"We would caution you from entering into any arrangement that would give the community an expectation that racing events can always take place on the airport," Jeffrey W. Winter, a civil engineer with the FAA's Washington Section, wrote in an e-mail message to Robinson on June 11, which was reiterated in Winter's July 10 letter.

"We have allowed interim uses of closed runways for non-aviation uses, including drag racing, provided we can review and approve the proposed arrangement," Winter's letter read.

**THE RACING** should go in the direction away from the airport's operational area, the federal official wrote, adding that the area adjacent to the operational area should be fenced to keep vehicles and people out, and the fencing should be outside the object-free area for the airport taxiway.

Winter wrote that Robinson had not responded to his June 11 e-mail. He phoned Robinson after hearing on Friday, July 6, that racing was scheduled for that weekend and the next.

"You said the racing would be heading toward the runway area, though we had asked that it go the other way. According to reports we heard about the event last weekend (July 7 and 8), one car went through some hay bales, which were put just before the parallel taxiway," Winter wrote.

"Apparently they (race sponsors) had removed the perimeter fencing, which crossed the closed runway, but no other fencing or barriers were used except these hay bales. More is needed to keep the race cars and unauthorized persons from getting into the aircraft operational areas."

**IT IS APPARENT** from newspaper coverage and the turnout that the community may easily develop an expectation that racing on airport property will continue, Winter noted.

"It is important to establish the operating rules that protect the aircraft operational areas during an event, rather than giving the operators the impression they can do what

they want to do or that the public expects the event to look a certain way, which may be unsafe for the airport," Winter wrote. "It is also important that the airport receive appropriate revenue for the use of the ground.

"Unless you can show us an operational plan for these events in advance that we can accept, you are risking losing our approval for these non-aviation activities. This could lead to non-compliance with the grant and surplus property obligations and thus put future grant funding in question for projects you wish to do," Winter wrote.

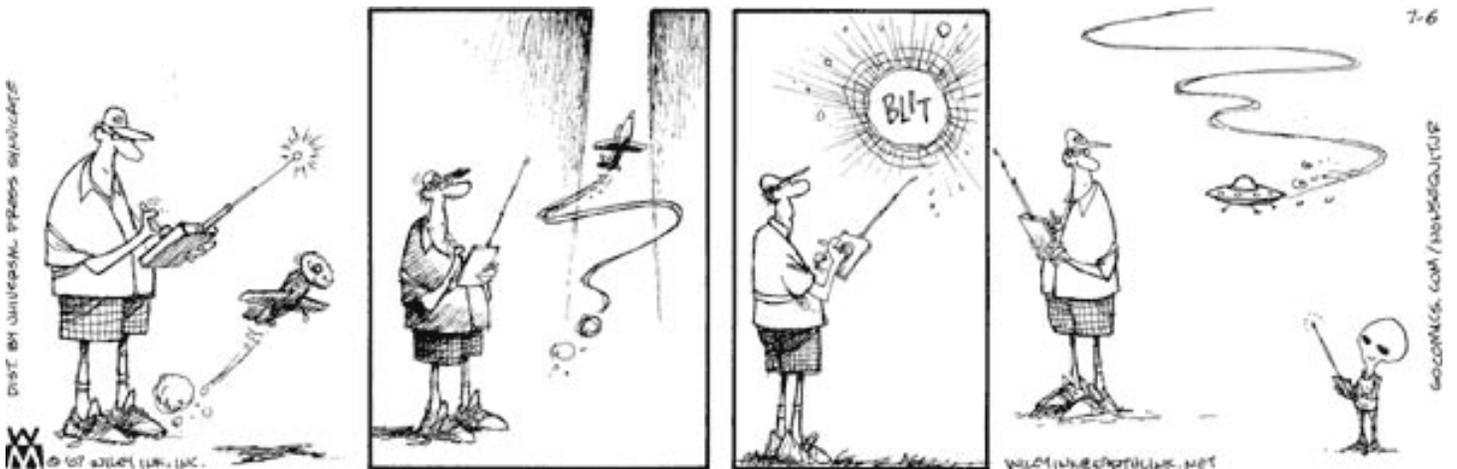
Winter's concerns were set off by an e-mail that Robinson sent him on June 5 about drag racing at the airport.

## FAA has issues with Port over drag-race operations

**"WE HAVE BEEN** under some local pressure to facilitate, to a greater extent, drag racing activity on the inactive runway here at Sanderson Field," Robinson wrote. "To date, our commissioners have resisted this pressure as it relates to structural modifications to the runway and to granting a long term lease for the purpose of drag racing. They currently advocate, somewhat hesitantly, dealing with (the) issue on an occasional event basis. "We are very aware of our primary mission, aviation, and of the deed restrictions that exist," Robinson wrote.

As the port's managing director, he wrote he needed some confirmation from Winter that "we are presently administering use of the inactive runway

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in line with FAA expectations, not modifying the facility and authorizing its use on an event basis until it becomes essential to our aviation development needs. Do you support our current management of the inactive runway and how would you respond to this ever-increasing pressure?"

As for any future high-impact events on the runway, Robinson told *The Journal*, "nothing's on the table whatsoever." The port, he said, is not entertaining any requests for using the runway until its airport planning process and marketing strategy moves forward.

**NINETY-FIVE** percent of the funding for the airport master plan revision will come from the FAA, he said. To date, the port has not received official notice from the federal agency that the project has been funded. The master plan revision will probably take one year to complete, Robinson said.

In early June, the Shelton Drag Strip Association, which has sponsored and promoted racing at the airport this summer and last, asked for a five-year lease for racing on the inactive runway. The port commission has not taken any action regarding that request and the FAA would ultimately have to approve it, Robinson said.

At Tuesday afternoon's Shelton Port Commission meeting, three residents complained about the noise level from the recent drag racing.

"It's very loud at our house. You can't even sit outside and have a conversation," Sharon Kadlub, a Springwood resident, told the commissioners.

**SHE ASKED** if the commissioners were considering requiring a sound barrier for future races. "I know you can hear it all the way to Island Lake as well," Kadlub added,

Joyce Evans, who lives at Island Lake Manor, said the noise from the drags was "horribly disruptive," labeling it noise pollution.

Evans said ironically that she enjoyed drag racing as a younger person,

but asked if the racing could take place elsewhere. She asked the commissioners if they would take this concern seriously.

Jeanne Story said she has an extremely well insulated house but could hear the public-address system inside her house, even though all the windows and doors were shut. She said that on Monday at the airport she could still smell what she termed the "dust" from burning tires on race cars from the weekend before.

**NOISE IS ONE** of the by-products of the races, countered Rahn Redman, executive director of the Shelton Drag Strip Association. So too are money and jobs, he added. Redman said the association is looking at trying to find solutions to the noise.

"We're working on those issues and we'll continue working on those issues," he said.

Marlene Taylor, chairwoman of the port commission, said the port received two letters from the FAA objecting to the drag racing. The port will talk to FAA officials later this month, she said.

Commissioner Jack Miles said the drag strip association is negotiating 12 or 13 drag racing dates for next year. "It's

not a done deal," he said.

**MILES SAID** he appreciates the residents' concerns, but added he's an advocate for the drag racing and sees the economic benefit from it. "I understand all of your concerns," he said. "This (racing) is going to help our economic stability in this community."

But Commissioner Rick Byrd said, while he likes drag racing, it could be harmful to the port. He said he won't see the airport shut down for things that are done there.

"We do not have any plans for any races next year," Taylor said. She said Sanderson Field has been designated a regional airport and it isn't the same as a municipal airport like Forks, which also has drag racing.

"It's amazing how quickly the FAA reacts when something bad happens," Miles said, adding that otherwise it takes the agency "forever and a day" to react.

"Be careful what you say," Taylor cautioned. "They hold the purse strings."

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# SCALE FLY IN



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## ***Tip***

**Protecting Hinges**-Petroleum jelly often has been used on pinned hinges to prevent epoxy glue from sticking to the hinge joint; however, it is difficult to get just the right amount on the hinge and to make sure the hinge is completely coated. A very cool way is to melt the petroleum jelly in a small dish such as a dessert dish (an oven safe type, of course). Use only enough to melt to a depth of about 1/6 of an inch. Fold the hinge and dip the pinned end into the melted jelly. Remove and touch the hinge and dip the pinned end into the melted jelly. Remove and touch the hinge to a paper towel to remove excess. In a couple seconds, the petroleum jelly cools and has penetrated the hinge. You now have a completely coated hinge joint that epoxy will not stick to. —

from Schoolcraft Skyhawks R/C Airplane Club, Schoolcraft, Michigan.

| August 2007   |        |         |                             |          |                          |                 |
|---------------|--------|---------|-----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday        | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                   | Thursday | Friday                   | Saturday        |
| 29            | 30     | 31      | 1                           | 2        | 3<br>Updated: SFRCF Firm | 4               |
| 5<br>Updated: | 6      | 7       | 8                           | 9        | 10                       | 11<br>SFRCF BBQ |
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| 19            | 20     | 21      | 22<br>WSP Skip Car Training | 23       | 24                       | 25              |
| 26            | 27     | 28      | 29                          | 30       | 31                       | 1               |

RIGHT NOW AUGUST IS PRETTY CLEAR, THE 22ND (AND 23RD) SAYS "SKIP CAR TRAINING". I'M SURE SHE MEANT SKID CAR TRAINING, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE AT THE NORTH END. ENJOY THE MONTH!

## Club Scheduled Events for 2007

- January 1st.....First fly of the year (success in the rain)
- February 11th.....Pylon Race
- March 18th .....Pylon Race
- April 14th .....Sanderson Field RC flyers annual swap meet 9:00 to 12:00 SHS Sub
- May 12th.....Fly-In - 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- June ?? .....Forest festival Parade float
- June 9th.....Display at Walmart - rained out
- June 10th.....Public Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- \*July 21st .....Scale fly-in - 9:00 a.m. to ????? Potluck bring your favorite side dish
- \*August 3rd - 5th.....Pylon Race
- August 11th.....Fly-in/BBQ 9:00 a.m. to ??? ? !!NEW!! Potluck**
- September 15th.....Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- October 6th.....Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- December ?? .....Christmas Party

These dates are subject to change with 1 week notice.

\*These dates are locked in

**It's time for 2007 dues, which are now \$40.00 .**

You can pay your dues before you get your 07 AMA card but you won't get a club card till you get the AMA card.

Check out our web site at <http://sfrcf.quintex.com>