



# SANDERSON FIELD R.C. NEWS

Fly-In August 14th  
Pylon Race August 21st-22nd



CHARTER NO. 3079

## CLUB MEETING

*This months meeting will be held on Thursday August 12th from 7:00 p.m. Doors open shortly after 6:00 pm.*

*at PUD #3*

*At 3rd & Cota*

Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Treasures report was read and accepted as read.

### Old business:

Bob Andrew said the grass field was back in shape, Dick Robb packed it with his van after all the cow dung was cleaned up. The issue of more help to clean it up was brought up. More calling before hand is needed. Eric will redo the signs. Troy Lanning brought up the possibility of using a few poles with twine between them to keep the cows off the runway, he will put together an estimate of the cost.

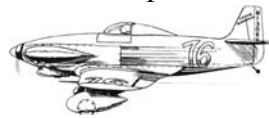
We will have food for the Scale fly-in and will charge a \$5 landing fee.

Chuck motioned to have judging by popular vote. Dick motioned to have prizes for the top 3. \$30,\$20 and \$10 gift cards from RC Hobbies. Motion passed. Bob Beatty

will make the certificates for first, second and third places for the scale event.

### New Business:

Chuck Kentfield brought up that there is still one open weekend day in July (the 31st) and that we should have a Fun fly. Bob Beatty will try to schedule it with the port and make some flyers to distribute and some certificates for first second and third places.



We will have food and games. Tom

Strom offered to get together a list of games. Dick Robb noted we should have a rule that you can only use one plane for all events. Prizes will be based on over all points and will be \$30 for first, \$20 for second and \$10 for third. Dick Robb will donate \$40. Chuck will donate Hog dogs and Buns and Dick will donate hamburgers and buns. Burt will bring coffee, pop and water. Chuck will pick up the gift cards.

Burt Daggett has a 16' trailer he will donate the use of to the club for the Forest festival float. He also has covered storage for it so it won't deteriorate when not in use.

Bob Andrew motioned to let the Olympia club use our field for a week with supervision. July 18-26. Motion passed, Chuck will let Thom know they are invited. Welcome new member Steve Mendenhall.

Royce Tivel suggested we have more events at Hunter Farms. Dick suggested a glider event using Radiens, a ready to fly glider.

Gordie Osberg suggested we keep looking for an alternate field as not many people help clean up Hunters which is in great shape now.

The suggestion was tabled for a later meeting  
Adjourned 8:00

### --WARNING---

JR Y-Harnesses **with an Amplifier** are not compatible with 2.4 radio systems. Horizon Hobby has confirmed this.

After spending 2+ years building a plane I was going thru set up and running the engine in. Initially all radio functions worked fine. Then I started to get some issues that would disappear if I re-bound the radio. Finally, all servos connected to a Y-Harness (w/ amplifier) quit working. Trouble shooting identified the problem with the Y-Harness in which Horizon confirmed. Fortunately I caught this issue before the first flight. Horizon Hobby now lists the Y-Harness with Amplifier as being compatible only with PCM systems. No were in the Spectrum radio instructions did it warn about this issue.

Mark F. Pentony

# July's Scale fly-in



## July Scale Fly-In Competition at Sanderson Field

Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to the cook and organizers

On Saturday July 17, 2010, the Sanderson Field RC Flyers (SFRCF) held a scale fly-in at their home field in Shelton, WA. Although it was a bit breezy, the many pilots who attended had some great flying. Both pilots and non-pilots had a vote for the best scale aircraft.

Randy Smithhisler won the first-place prize for a big, beautiful, Piper J4. Randy scratch built the fuselage and used a wing from Sig J3 kit. The J4 was electric powered. Ron and another pilot attending the event, Bob Benjamin, are both members of the Puget Sound Silent Flyers (PSSF), located in Olympia, Washington. Most amazingly, the J4 had a very realistic motor sound in the air.

Second place was awarded to Dick Robb for his scale Sopwith Camel.

Bob Andrew's scale Waco SRE took the third place place.

The prize winners were awarded a framed certificate and a gift card from RC Remote Control Hobbies, Olympia (\$30 for first place, \$20 for second, and \$10 for third).

# First Annual Lucky hand fun fly

First Annual "Lucky-Hand Fun Fly" at Sanderson Field

On Saturday, July 30, 2010, the Sanderson Field RC Flyers (SFRFCF), Shelton hosted a fun-fly competition at their home field in Shelton, WA. In spite of a bit of mist and a cross-wind of 12-15 MPH, the event got underway at 10AM.

At the pilot's meeting, Contest Director (CD) Tom Strom Sr. described the six events that were to challenge even the most experienced pilots present. The events required only basic flying and aerobatic maneuvers, and included one event to measure a pilot's ground-handling ability. The events were as follows:

(1) The Terrible Twos -- Pilots were required to do two loops and two rolls and then land in as close to two minutes as possible. The pilot that accomplished both maneuvers--and landed the closest to the two minute mark--earned the most points for the event. Bob Andrew did both maneuvers and landed in 1 minute and 58 seconds to "win" the event. As CD Tom Strom said, including the distraction of aerobatic maneuvers made it much more difficult for the pilots to keep track of the time.

(2) Touch and Go -- Pilots were required to takeoff, do repeated normal-landing approaches, perform a touch & go each approach loop, and at the end of two minutes, land the aircraft. The pilot who accomplished the most touch & goes

within two minutes won the event. Dan Nalley, flying an electric Hangar 9 Pulse, scored the most points with 8 touch & goes.

(3) Balloon Burst -- Pilots were required to takeoff, do a normal landing approach, land, and then taxi to and burst a balloon--all within 30 seconds. The pilot who burst the balloon in the least amount of time won the event: there were no points given unless the pilot managed to burst the balloon (with the plane's propeller). As with the other events, pilots found managing their aircraft in the strong crosswind a challenge. Even though the balloon was anchored to the runway, the balloon still moved around quite a bit in the wind and was not all that easy to hit and burst with a propeller.

(4) Taxi -- Two balloons were fixed to the runway several feet apart. Pilots were required to taxi around the balloons in a figure-8 pattern. The pilot who completed the most figure-8 loops in two minutes got the most points.

(5) Bomb Drop -- A regular-sized styrofoam cup was fixed to each contestant's plane. The CD placed a balloon containing several beans in the cup. Pilots were required to takeoff, turn, and drop the "bomb" at a balloon target attached to the runway. The last contestant, Tim Strom, won this event with an exciting low approach followed by a steep vertical climb above the target to drop his bomb.

(6) Bean Count -- In this event, the CD placed 15 beans in the cup.

Each pilot was required to takeoff, circle, and land. The CD awarded points to the pilots based on the number of beans left in the cup after touchdown. This event required a gradual takeoff, gentle turns, gentle approach, and smooth touchdown to keep the beans in the cup. Surprisingly, more than one of the pilots were able to keep all 15 beans in the cup.

After each event, pilots were allowed to draw a card from a deck of playing cards. At the end of the fun-fly, and before the awards ceremony, the pilots submitted their best or worst poker hand from the six cards they drew. A separate prize was to be given for the winning hand: the CD flipped a coin to determine whether the prize would be awarded for the best or the worst poker hand.

The first three events were concluded before lunch. After a barbecue lunch, the last two events were completed and the CD conducted the awards ceremony. The winners were determined by the accumulated points earned throughout the fun fly. They were as follows:

First Place, Dick Robb,  
Second Place, John Tupper,  
Third Place, Bob Beatty.



# First Annual Lucky hand fun fly

**DUES ARE \$100.**

Winners were presented with a framed certificate and a gift card from RC Remote Control Hobbies, Olympia (\$30 for first place, \$20 for second, and \$10 for third).

The best poker hand went to Bob Andrew. His prize was a Great-Planes Escapade ARF donated by RC Remote Control Hobbies, Covington, WA.



Tom Strom SR., the CD, was aided by Tom Strom Jr. and Tim Strom. The Stroms did a terrific job of organizing and running the competition.

The competing pilots were Tim Strom, Eric Ide, Dan Nalley, Dick Robb, Bob Andrew, Burt Daggett, John Tupper, Bob Beatty, and Chuck Kentfield.

After the award ceremony, Dick Robb expressed special thanks for the work done by Tom Strom and his sons. All participants of the event, including pilots and observers, were *\*very\** enthusiastic about making the "Lucky-Hand Fun Fly" an annual event at Sanderson Field and about including competitive challenges in other scheduled fun flies and fly-ins.

## Fixing a Dead Spektrum DX7 or DX6

If you own a Spektrum DX7 or DX6 and it suddenly goes dead and you can't charge the battery through the charge jack, the problem is most likely a blown fuse. The problem most commonly arises when a battery is connected in the wrong polarity. My radio went dead for some unknown reason while I was at the flying field. I suspect it had something to do with removal or insertion of the trainer cord to the buddy box. In any case, it is a simple job to remove the case retaining screws and the screws from a small daughter board to expose the 3A fuse. The fuse is short and can be obtained at Radio Shack: the local hardware store is not likely to have the same type of fuse. Replacing the fuse sure beats a long wait and the expense of shipping the radio

**IF YOU PAY BY MAIL SEND YOUR DUES, YOUR OLD KEY, PROOF OF 2010 AMA MEMBERSHIP AND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE TREASURER:**

**CHUCK KENTFIELD  
3122 Madrona Beach Rd.  
Olympia WA 98502**

**Make checks payable to SFRCF**

to Horizon Hobby for the fix. I now carry extra fuses with me while at the flying field.



## CLUB OFFICERS

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Alt Board Member .....	Chuck Kentfield .....	(360)866-9473

August 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 7:00p RC Board meeting	4	5	6	7 Viper Club
8	9	10	11	12 6:00p SFRFC Regular meeting	13	14 Fly-in
15 NWACC - Corvette	16	17	18	19	20	21 Pylon Race
22 Pylon Race	23	24	25	26	27	28 WWSCC - Sports cars
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There is only one weekend day open right now, Sunday the 8th. Be sure to check the Events page on the Web Site.

<http://sfrfc.quintex.com/event/events.html>



*Event dates in black or red are scheduled. Events in gray are proposed.*

## Club Scheduled Events for 2010

- January 1st.....First fly of the year
- April 25th .....Pylon Race - Come out and help officiate
- April 17th .....Sanderson Field RC flyers annual swap meet 9:00 to 12:00 SHS Sub
- May 23rd.....Pylon Race - Come out and help officiate
- May 15th.....Public Fly-In - 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- June 5th.....Forest festival Parade float
- June 12th.....Public Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- June 26th-27th.....Pylon Race - Locked
- July 17th.....Scale fly-in/ Public/ potluck BBQ - 9:00 a.m. to ?????
- July 31st .....Fun Fly/BBQ potluck 9:00 a.m. to ????
- August 14th.....Fly-In 9:00 am to ????
- August 21st-22nd ....Pylon Race North vs South- Locked
- September 11th .....Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- October 9th.....Fly-In 9:00 a.m. to ????
- December 9th .....Christmas Party 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (potluck)

**It's time for 2010 dues, dues are \$100.00**

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



*August 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010*

**Site:** Sanderson Field R/C Flyers site in Shelton, WA

Take I-5 to HWY 101 North. Follow 101 North through Shelton, and look for the airport on your left shortly after passing the Wallace Kneeland Blvd exit. Turn left onto Sanderson Way, and look for Model Aircraft Race signs.

**Note:** This is a full scale, active airport. There will be NO flying except for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There is a 300ft ceiling.

**Entry Fee:** \$35.00 per event/per day

Entry fee is payable by cash or check only. Make checks payable to **Jon Packer** (PROPS Treasurer) There is a four pilot per frequency limit. All entries must be current AMA.

**Contest Director:** Tom Strom Sr.  
1420 SW 160<sup>th</sup> St  
Burien, WA 98166  
206-246-4258

**Co-Contest Director:** Eric Ide

**Hotel Info:** Super 8 Motel  
2943 Northview Circle  
P.O. Box 267  
Shelton, WA, 98584 US  
360-426-1654

Little Creek Casino  
91 West State Route 108  
Shelton, WA 98584  
360-427-7711

**Camping Info:** Camping is available at the field. There are no hook-ups.

**Food:** Breakfast and lunch will be available Saturday and Sunday only.

**Schedule:**

Friday August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
10am – 6pm Inspection Open	7:30am Test Flying Open	8:30am Pilots Meeting
10am Test Flying Open	8:15am Test Flying Closes	9am First Heat
6pm Test Flying Closed	8:30 am Pilots Meeting	
	9am First Heat	

Please note that this schedule will be followed to the minute and no deviations will be made.

Also, the field is not shut down to sport flying on Friday so please be courteous of any club member wishing to fly.