

The Eagle

Newsletter of the Northwest Soaring Society

Holiday 2011

Merry Christmas for 2011!



Happy New Year 2012!

Congratulations to the 2011 NWSS Winners!

35th NWSS Tournament!

Steve Adams first

Season Points!

Jim Frahm first in "Open"

David Portwood first in "2 Meter"

Richard Van Dijk first in "RES"

Other Awards:

Sue Sayers "Most Improved Flyer"

Robin Kirkpatrick "Cliff Mink Service Award"

Duane Cassidy "Silver Cup"

Surprise on the Sod

Steve Adams Wins 2011 Tournament

By Tom Culmsee

Something very different happened on the sod in Eltopia, Washington this year that will bring a big smile to many soaring pilots in the Northwest. Steve Adams flying a near perfect four rounds in the finals, gave up only 20 points out of 4000, and won the Tournament on September 17th and 18th. Flying his venerable Stork, Steve edged out the favorites and previous tournament winners to post the impressive win. Steve is the hardest working guy at the tournament, always helping with the launch equipment, so it was pleasure to see him with a well-deserved moment of glory. Finishing in second was Curtis Headrick flying an Xplorer and Jim Frahm was third with his Aspire.

The tournament opened to cooler than normal temperatures on Saturday, with a mild 8-10mph breeze from the SW. This resulted in some wave action that most pilots adapted to fairly well and a majority was able to score max's most of the day. Five rounds were completed prior to the arrival of a rain/wind band which came through late in the afternoon, forcing an earlier than normal end to the day. Sunday was warmer and allowed a full tournament format to be flown with three more preliminary rounds in the morning and the final four rounds of man-on-man 10 minute ID for the top placing 12 in the afternoon. The finals conditions were good, with mild temperatures, low winds and some great thermals to ride, though the final round was tough for most pilots.

The top placing competitor class pilot (preliminary rounds) was Ken Eaton from Eugene Oregon who came in 15th. Kevin Martin, flying a Topaz, came in as the top placing RES. The team Kepler's Crew (Steve Adams, Richard Van Dijk & Dave Johnson) won the pie plaque for the experts while the top placing competitors (Ken Eaton, Rex Grace & Don Stewart) won another.

Many and considerable thanks to local host and co-CD Kirby Parker and the always wonderful Mary Ann Parker as scorekeeper, Cathy Boysen and Linda Hobbs for impound duty and the Eastside Fly Guys headed by Steve Adams, Les Grammar and Lee Urbaniak for equipment set-up and support. Also much thanks to the Portland Area Sailplane Society and the Salem Soaring Society for their loan of the Hands-Free Retrievers which worked awesome.

Final standings after 4 rounds

place	total	rnd-1	rnd-2	rnd-3	rnd-4	pilot name
1	3980	993	987	1000	1000	Steve Adams
2	3916	1000	1000	994	922	Curtis Headrick
3	3908	996	1000	1000	912	Jim Frahm
4	3820	985	879	956	1000	Richard Van Dijk
5	3480	501	979	1000	1000	David Webb
6	3480	672	939	939	930	Duane Cassidy
7	3410	571	917	978	944	Lee Urbaniak
8	3362	715	1000	899	748	Les Grammar
9	3187	650	994	872	671	David Portwood
10	3147	1000	725	480	942	John Burke
11	2597	1000	971	626*		Dave Johnson
12	2508	984	957	567*		Tom Culmsee

* Mid-aired, DNF

Preliminary standings after 8 rounds

Place	total	rnd-1	rnd-2	rnd-3	rnd-4	rnd-5	rnd-6	rnd-7	rnd-8	class	pilot name
1	6930	988	984	972	995	993	0	998	1000	E	Duane Cassidy
2	6900	978	997	988	998	0	993	986	960	E	David Webb
3	6873	0	971	990	983	990	970	1000	969	E	David Portwood
4	6850	990	983	1000	981	0	965	971	960	E	Dave Johnson
5	6747	973	995	969	997	0	873	945	995	E	Lee Urbaniak
6	6683	968	995	971	966	803	985	995	0	E	Curtis Headrick
7	6630	838	1000	984	998	836	993	981	0	E	Jim Frahm
8	6613	975	971	974	0	997	975	769	952	E	Les Grammer
9	6589	968	988	0	988	862	965	990	828	E	John Burke
10	6561	960	995	759	997	0	968	972	910	E	Steve Adams
11	6350	975	940	881	762	0	978	874	940	E	Richard Van Dijk
12	6340	948	988	0	991	791	860	776	986	E	Tom Culmsee
13	6330	938	998	979	859	0	958	845	753	E	Kelly Johnson
14	6323	968	938	833	969	848	0	819	948	E	Jim Pugh
15	6258	793	0	826	955	800	993	917	974	C	Ken Eaton
16	6046	868	767	976	0	981	918	741	795	E	Ron Turner
17	5784	965	974	603	0	776	858	622	986	E	Bruce Bumgarner
18	5713	0	776	576	972	974	985	733	697	E	Tom Brightbill
19	5699	985	0	695	829	660	865	924	741	C	Steve Ehrlich
20	5474	720	874	902	491	0	943	816	728	C	Kevin Martin (topRES)
21	5367	900	714	740	990	0	740	633	650	C	Don Stewart
22	5256	878	833	722	0	490	733	983	617	C	Rex Grace
23	5072	515	983	881	533	807	798	555		E	Art Boysen
24	4996	920	493	764	664	550	748	857	0	E	Bill McVay
25	4952	948	853	907	514	0	733	371	626	C	Robin Kirkpatrick
26	4879	895	959	698	955	629	743			E	Sandie Pugh
27	4804	838	826	597	664	476	750	653	0	C	Sue Sayers
28	2928	723	447	917	503	338				E	Kirby Parker

0 = Low round score thrown out

Team Results (prelim. rounds)

Expert

1 19761 Kepler's Crew

6561 Steve Adams
6350 Richard Van Dijk
6850 Dave Johnson

2 19242 Ptolemys Troublema

6323 Jim Pugh
6589 John Burke
6330 Kelly Johnson

3 18749 Galileo's Gang

6747 Lee Urbaniak
6930 Duane Cassidy
5072 Art Boysen

4 18645 Copernicus' Cohorts

6046 Ron Turner
5699 Steve Ehrlich
6900 David Webb

5 18122 Newtons Nuisances

4879 Sandie Pugh
6630 Jim Frahm
6613 Les Grammer

6 17582 Hawkings Hooligans

4996 Bill McVay
6873 David Portwood
5713 Tom Brightbill

7 15951 Hubble's Huddle

6340 Tom Culmsee
2928 Kirby Parker
6683 Curtis Headrick

Competitor

1 18632 Crows

6258 Ken Eaton
6900 David Webb
5474 Kevin Martin

2 18500 Buzzards

5256 Rex Grace
6683 Curtis Headrick
6561 Steve Adams

3 17736 Magpies

5367 Don Stewart
6323 Jim Pugh
6046 Ron Turner

4 17295 Vultures

4952 Robin Kirkpatrick
6630 Jim Frahm
5713 Tom Brightbill

5 16296 Hummingbirds

4804 Sue Sayers
4879 Sandie Pugh
6613 Les Grammer

2011 NWSS Tournament Banquet Report.

By Richard van Dijk

We all met at Tony Romas in Kennewick after a great day's flying – albeit a little on the windy side for the 2011NWSS 35th tournament banquet and presentation of the season's awards.

I started off the evening with a welcome to all and an explanation of how I ended up being the MC. President Doug Coleman could not attend as he was attending his little brothers wedding and had asked if I would do it.....has anybody ever tried to say no to Doug?

Reviewed the agenda and then moved on to remember the two great NWSS pilots who passed on during the year. Eric Eiche and Don Pesznecker fondly known as "Pesz" With a slideshow highlights their flying days, Jim Pugh recounted some of the memorable moments from Eric's flying days. Then Richard made a similar tribute to Pesz.

Introduction of the current officers and board of directors and those that were appointed to do specific items to help make things at NWSS runs smoothly.

This was followed by thanking the outgoing board members (Doug Coleman, Lee Urbaniak and Les Grammer) for their three years of service and announced the incoming board members. (Doug Coleman Jim Frahm and Lee Urbaniak).

All officers offered to serve another term. Doug Coleman was reelected as President with Kevin Martin as Vice President, Art Boysen as Secretary and Colleen Bumgarner as Treasurer. Along with the elected officials, the following agreed to continue with their appointed positions for another year. Newsletter – Jim Pugh, Scorekeeper – Les Grammer, Contest Scheduler – Richard van Dijk, Webmaster – David Portwood and Archivist –Colleen Bumgarner.

Special thanks were given to the following NWSS personnel for their help and support of the tournament.

Tom Culmsee tournament CD

Kirby Parker: for the tournament registration and logistics.

Mary Ann Parker: for keeping score.

The Heinen Brothers for allowing us to use their sod farm.

Although the NWSS does not have a Putz award, there were three events that could easily have made the hall of fame.

- Richard for toasting his Pike on a power line while on a perfect approach and forgetting about the wires.
- Tom Culmsee for not only putting his plane in a tree, but a very tall one at that and then right in the top of it.
- Jim Pugh for not staking down his sun canopy and crunching the center panel of Tom Culmsee's Xplorer when a gust of wind caught it.

Next it was time for awards and Art Boysen was called to start off with Cliff Mink Service Award. The recipient being Robin Kirkpatrick. Robin has been active in the gliding community for many years, among the many positive attributes; Robin is an active CD and works with the Boy Scouts to promote flying. Congratulations Robin.

Most improved Pilot

Les presented the award to an astonished Sue Sayers for her 17% year to year improvement. Les went on to say how Sue now points out the good air to him and how this was Sue's season. Congratulations Sue.

Silver Cup

Richard presented Duane Cassidy with the Silver Cup who he in the last round of the day beat out Dave Johnson.

Now it was time to present the season points awards for 2 meter, RES and Open. Les started off all the awards with third place for 2M and RES and fifth place for Open. The each recipient awarded the next higher place.

2 Meter Results

3 rd place	Tom Culmsee with 94.05 points.
2 nd place	Tom Brightbill with 98.97 points
1 st place	David Portwood with 99.22 points

RES Results

3 rd place	Art Boysen with 82.99 points
2 nd place	Kirby Parker with 86.37 points
1 st place	Richard van Dijk with 97.06 points

Open Results

5 th Place	David Portwood with 97.52 points
4 th Place	Tom Culmsee with 97.62 points
3 rd Place	Doug Coleman with 98.53 points
2 nd Place	Dave Johnson with 99.16 points
1 st Place	Jim Frahm with 99.96 points

As this was the 35th annual tournament, and a lot has changed over the years, Colleen Bumgarner gave an interesting look back and highlighted some of the high points of the NWSS history. An interesting tidbit was that in the days back then the winches had no turnarounds.

With that another successful banquet concluded.

**2011 Awards Banquet and
Tournament Pictures**
Courtesy of David Portwood



Silver Cup Winner- Duane Cassidy



RES Season Points Champ- Richard Van Dijk



Newly Minted Expert- Don Stewart



Open Season Points Champ- Jim Frahm



Most Improved- Sue Sayers



Cliff Mink Service Award- Robin Kirkpatrick



Two Meter Season Points Champ- David Portwood



Tournament Champ- Steve Adams

2011 Awards Banquet and Tournament Pictures (Continued)



Competitor Team Champs



Expert Team Champs



Colleen presenting NWSS History at the
Banquet.



Kevin Martin Top Gun in RES Class



Ken Eaton Top Gun in Competitor Class

Tips and Tools

From the SASS Google Groups Cutting Fiberglass Cloth By Richard Petters

For cutting Kevlar I have had great success with a pair of Gingher 8" Feather weight dressmaker's shears, black nylon handles with stainless blades from Jo Ann Fabrics. Use as is, don't need to modify the cutting edge at all. Don't remember the exact price, between \$12 and \$20. I have two pair, one I set aside and only use on Kevlar, the other for glass cloth, paper, thin plastic, etc.

As noted by others the Olfa rotary cutter used on one of those green cutting mats works great for glass cloth. Can also be found at Jo Ann Fabrics. I have not had any success using the Olfa on Kevlar. I too have also had great success using a light spray adhesive on wax paper to keep the edges of the Kevlar or glass cloth from fraying.

**NWSS BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
MEETING MINUTES
ELTOPIA, WA. SEPTEMBER 16
AND 17, 2011**

I. Since President Doug Coleman was unavailable to attend, Vice President Kevin Martin called the summer/fall meeting of the NWSS Board of Directors.

Board Members present: Kevin Martin – Vice President, Colleen Bumgarner – Treasurer, Richard Van Dijk – Schedule Coordinator, Les Grammer – Scorekeeper, Jim Pugh – Newsletter Editor and proxy for President Doug Coleman, Kirby Parker – proxy for David Webb, Rex Grace, Lee Urbaniak, and Sandie Pugh – proxy for Secretary Art Boysen.

II. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
Minutes of the Mar 5, 2011 were read. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT
Colleen Bumgarner reported that there is \$1,959.29 in the treasury plus an additional \$313.45 for Master Class Trophies.

IV. OLD BUSINESS
UPDATE BY-LAWS
The By-Laws will be further reviewed and updated as required (by next meeting). Once completed, they will be forward to Board Members for approval.

SEASON POINTS TROPHY
The Season Points Trophy was updated to add all the names from the front of trophy to a plaque on the back so additional names can be added. The removed plaques from the front still need to be forwarded to prior winners as mementos.

F3J DONATION

A donation of \$50 was made to the F3J Team with acknowledgement by the AMA.

V. NEW BUSINESS
COMPETITOR TEAM TROPHIES
Sue Sayers approached the Board to discuss Competitor Teams at the Tournament since there were not enough Competitors to have two full teams of three members each. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to make each Competitor Team to consist of one competitor and two experts. The competitors from the three highest scoring teams will receive a piece of the pie (the experts will only be used for scoring purposes). The motion was unanimously approved.

TOURNAMENT PINS
Richard Van Dijk procured special pins to commemorate the 35th annual Tournament. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate funds up to \$250 to pay for the pins.

PASSING OF DON PEZNECKER
A sympathy card for Don Peznecker's family was signed by the Board and will be available for others to sign at the Tournament.

NUMBER OF DAYS FOR SEASON POINTS

The Board had a lively discussion to revise the qualifying days for Open Season Points from eight to six days. It was decided to keep the qualifying days as written (top eight days).

HANDS-FREE RETRIEVERS
Tom Culmsee made a presentation to the Board about the reliability of the Hand-Free retrievers. Currently, the Seattle and Portland clubs have these. It would be nice to have two more

available for the East side. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allocate up to \$1,000 to purchase a Hands-Free retriever. Tom Culmsee will handle procurement while Richard Van Dijk will pick up retriever in Arizona to save shipping costs (approximately \$100). Lee Urbaniak and Rex Grace will work with the East side club to see about funding methods for a second retriever with details to follow by next meeting. An article will be in the newsletter requesting donations with Kirby Parker setting up PayPal account.

MASTER CLASS FUNDS

A motion was made, seconded and passed to move the Master Class Funds (\$313.45) to the general fund.

MASTER CLASS NOMINATIONS

There were no Master Class Nominations for 2011.

COMPETITOR TO EXPERT

Don Stewart fulfilled the requirements to move up to Expert Class.

STEVE YURCHEVICH MOST IMPROVED FLYER AWARD

After reviewing the data provided by Scorekeeper Les Grammer, a motion was made, seconded and passed to award the Most Improved Flyer to Sue Sayers.

CLIFF MINK SERVICE AWARD

A motion was made, seconded and passed to present Robin Kirkpatrick with the Cliff Mink Service Award for all he has done in promoting soaring in the Northwest.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

A motion was made, seconded and passed to keep the current Appointed Board Members: Les Grammer – Scorekeeper, Jim Pugh – Newsletter Editor, Dave Portwood – Webmaster, Kirby Parker – Newsletter Production, and

Richard Van Dijk – Scheduling Coordinator.

2012 CONTEST SCHEDULE

Richard Van Dijk reported that he will have the 2012 Contest Schedule by the end of the year.

RECONVENE BOARD MEETING UNTIL SATURDAY

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to reconvene the Board Meeting until Saturday. (Art Boysen and David Webb were present for Saturday's meeting.)

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The following are the outgoing Board Members after serving the last three years (2009 – 2011): Lee Urbaniak, Doug Coleman, and Les Grammer.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

After a close election, the following are the Board Members for the next three years (2012 – 2014): Doug Coleman, Lee Urbaniak, and Jim Frahm.

THANK YOU NOTES

A motion was made, seconded and passed to present the following with \$50 gift certificates for the 2011 Tournament: Tom Culmsee for CD'ing, Kirby and Mary Ann Parker for keeping score, and the Sod Farm Owners for allowing us to fly there

OFFICERS FOR 2012
Motions were made, seconded and passed to keep the same officers for 2012: Doug Coleman – President, Kevin Martin – Vice President, Art Boysen – Secretary, and Colleen Bumgarner – Treasurer.

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The next Board of Director's meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 17, 2012 at the Parker residence in Richland, WA beginning at 12:00.

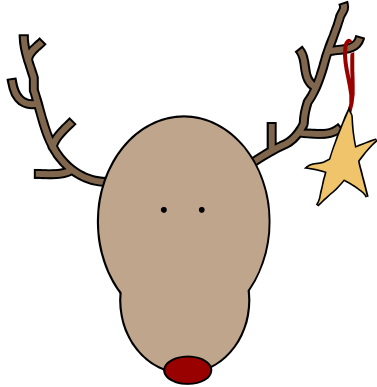
VII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectably Submitted by:

Art Boysen

NWSS Secretary



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2012 NWSS

Calendar/Coming Events

March 10 or 17, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting at central location.

June 1, 2012 Nominations for 2012 Board of Directors and Nominations for Cliff Mink Award are open.

August 1, 2012 Nominations Closed for Board of Directors.

August 1, 2012 Masters Class paperwork due for consideration for 2012.

August 15, 2012 Nominations for Cliff Mink Award closed. Masters Class nominations closed.

September 14, 2012 Board of Directors meeting before the Tournament at the flying field.

September 15, 2012 36th Annual NWSS Tournament

September 15, 2012 Board of Directors meeting reconvened after flying for election of Officers for 2013.

March 9 or 16, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting at central location.

Shavings from the Editors Desk
By Perry White (AKA JP)

Well the 2011 contest season is over and the 35th annual NWSS Tournament is in the books. This is the final issue for 2011 with a lot of contest reports and other news items. Also in this issue there is a memorial to Don Pezneckner contributed by Jim Riggle and Amy Pool.

First, Ye Olde Editor was saddened to hear that Gene Richardson had passed away on October 30th. Many of you may recall Gene, he was active in the Seattle and NWSS the soaring scene back in the 1980's until he developed eyesight problems. He was a Contest Director and a NWSS board member. He served as the NWSS President in 1983. He received the Cliff Mink Service Award in 1986. He is survived by his wife Rachel, her address is 1632 Beacon Way SE, Renton, WA 98058 in case you wish to send condolences.

In putting together the newsletter, there are a lot of folks in the NWSS that contribute articles, contest reports, tools and tips, contest flyers and the list goes on. So for all of you out there in the NWSS that contribute items to the Editor, a great big THANK YOU! This month I would like to thank the following for their inputs for this issue, Tom Culmsee, Lee Urbaniak, Roger Breedlove, Any Pool, Les Grammer, Richard Van Dijk, Sandie Pugh, Jim Riggle and David Portwood.

Here is an input that I received from Wifeperson. Also see September 2011 NWSS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes in this issue

NWSS Request for Donations for Retrievers

By Sandie Pugh

At the NWSS Board meeting Tom Culmsee who has contributed many hours as CD for the tournament expressed a need for the NWSS clubs to have hands-off retrievers to support the tournament and other NWSS contests. As of now, PASS has two retrievers, SASS has four retrievers and the East side clubs which bring the contest equipment to the tournament have none.

Tom recommended the Rick Bothell Hands-Off retrievers for being reliable and maintenance free and any timer can use them to retrieve rather than having a dedicated winch crew at events. The board unanimously agreed to buy one retriever now for the East side clubs to use, with the hopes that the East side clubs would actively pursue means of funding a second retriever.

This purchase greatly reduces the funds in the NWSS treasury and therefore the NWSS is soliciting contributions to replace the not to exceed purchase of \$1000.

Donations should be sent to Colleen Bumgarner, NWSS Treasurer

1020 Eid Road, #8
Moscow, ID 83843

Enough of the editor's ramblings for this issue and this year, here is wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2012. Smooth flying and fair winds to all.

Thermal 2x4's

Eugene Contest Report, Held August 27th and 28th

By Tom Culmsee

2011's version of this venerable contest (which I first attended in 1971 and was already going some prior to that) was a classic thermal stump puller. Eugene is known for it's legendary thermals and boy they did not disappoint. When your glider moves into a Eugene thermal, it is like you are hit in the side of the head with a 2x4, nothing subtle and does it ever get your attention. The glider just rockets up like still on launch. We had a whole weekend of that along with calm wind conditions and warm but not hot temperatures. One of the best contests in recent memory. Topped off by a mouth watering chicken and corn feed on Saturday evening and really what more can you ask for?

How about the famous egg bust event? It was held again on Sunday morning, and convincingly won by local hot-shot Jason Hood who absolutely annihilated the egg with a perfect nose strike on his first attempt. That was that as other pilots couldn't even begin to match the result. Well done Jason.

Thanks again go to the EGGS crew of Steve Ehrlich, Frank Bell, Ken Eaton and Jason Hood for preparing the field so beautifully, to Scott Goodman for his always magnamously hosting of the fabulous Saturday evening "Corn Feed" and to EGGS founders Barrett Jones and Dean Rea for moral support. Thanks also to Cathy Boysen and Daniel Fiedler for awards preparation and Sandie Pugh for the design and fabrication of the Egg Bust Master award shirt. Congratulations to all the winners (below) and hope to see everyone again next year.

Final Scores:

Place	total	Pilot
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Woodie

1	6306	Frank Bell
2	3704	Dean Gradwell
3	2814	Ronald McElliott

RES

1	8742	Jim Pugh
2	8520	Dan Fiedler
3	7624	Kirby Parker
4	7423	Scott Goodman
5	4332	Steve Ehrlich
6	3347	Kevin Martin
7	2733	Art Boysen
8	1106	Fred Spencer

Expert

1	10586	Dave Johnson
2	10412	David Portwood
3	9906	Tom Culmsee

(Expert Continued)

Place	total	Pilot
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4	9370	Sandie Pugh
5	9234	Tom Brightbill
6	4582	Steve Ehrlich
7	4133	Art Boysen

Competitor

1	10425	Don Stewart
2	9247	Dan Fiedler
3	9209	Ken Eaton
4	8628	Jason Hood
5	8535	Keith Ragsdale
6	3099	Sherrell Steinhauer

Two Meter

1	10128	Tom Culmsee
2	9537	Tom Brightbill
3	9289	David Portwood
4	8360	Jason Hood
5	8345	Keith Ragsdale

North Idaho Soaring Championships 2011 Contest Report By Lee Urbaniak

Soaring is usually not much of a spectator sport. The casual observer just sees people flying and for no apparent reason bringing their plane down quickly and driving it into the ground. If you are not watching the scoreboard you have little idea of who is doing what. But, if you are paying attention there is a lot of drama connected with soaring contests. As a contest proceeds it develops as if scripted. The lead changes a few times as pilots find thermals others can't. There are a few changes among the leaders, but you can count on certain people to be there at the end. At the North Idaho Soaring Championships expert class, everything was happening as usual looking to end up with no surprises. The "Old Guard" Dave Johnson was battling it out with the new "Guy to Beat" Jim Frahm. The lead changed a few times and was looking to be a one-two finish with one of these guys winning it in the final round. No one was paying attention to Duane Cassidy, who had a poor first round. He didn't let that affect him as he just went about his business flying each round the best he could. He moved into third place and no one noticed as all eyes were on the two that had dominated the meet. Frahm had moved into the lead in round 10 and Duane was in second at round 11, almost 200 points behind. In the last round Frahm failed to find significant lift and came in short of his time. Duane found a wisp of lift and went downwind with it, made his time, and to top that, he

pulled off a perfect landing for a 1000 point round, winning the contest by seven points. A very exciting finish for those paying attention.

R.E.S.: Kirby won in convincing manner over Frank Wheeler and Art Boysen.

Competitor: Don Stewart (now expert class) won out over Doug Russell and Rex Grace in a close battle.

Two Meter: There is an effort going on to oust David Portwood as the de-facto winner of two meter. Steve Adams Dave Moore, Bill McVay, and myself challenged Portwood for supremacy. Turns out it wasn't much of a challenge. Portwood won by almost 2000 points. The effort continues next year with some new planes and a bit of experience. I can feel Portwood shaking in his boots.

See ya next year, Lee



**Expert Winner Duane Cassidy with
CD Lee Urbaniak**

In Memory of Don Peznecker.

By Jim Riggle Graphic by Laura Riggle



Don is off to join eagles like Orville & Wilbur, Glen Curtis, William Piper, Lloyd Stearman, William Boeing and David Douglas ...

None of them had more aviation in their blood than Don did. It was literally his "life's blood". Don and I "reconnected" after not seeing each other for a number of years in about 2000 and his leukemia was in full bloom. What he told me was this, "the doctors tell me that the only thing that really keeps me alive is my desire to fly". He "cheated death" for another decade with his flying.

Here are some of Don's milestones:

- Born Portland November 23, 1933
- Graduated Franklin High School and excelled in photography.
- Paratrooper in the Army in the '50's.
- Played with model airplanes in the '60's.
- Wine steward by night and motorcycle racer by day.
- Family car was a Vespa with a sidecar.

- Started a custom photographic processing studio in '84.
- Enjoyed cycling. Called his son one day to say he was leaving on a bike ride, called again a few weeks later to say "hi" from Arizona.
- He loved big airplanes –began flying full scale in the early 70's obtaining a CFI.
- Loved golf.
- Loved Citrons. Had a 2CV with an engine front and back.
- Was president of Portland Area Soaring Society for a decade beginning in 1997, always finding new ways to cultivate people's passion for flight.
- Brought F5B to the northwest and it remains a staple in the glider community, electric gliders that draw around 250 amps for but a few seconds. Eventually, he figured out how to crash them less and fly them more and was competitive at the national level.
- Was one of the few pilots in the northwest to achieve League of Silent Flight level 5. Required a 2 hour thermal flight, an 8 hour slope flight, and a 6 mile x-country flight.
- According to his son, Ralph, "he spent the last and best years of his life flying radio controlled gliders".

The big question in his life was, ‘should the correct spelling of the family nickname be “PEZ” or “PESZ”?’

He loved “all up last down” events, so that’s what we’re going to do ...

Meet The Man Who Taught Me How To Fly...



Don Launching His AVA

I’d like to introduce you to someone special. His name is Pesz and he taught me how to fly.

For the newer members of the club, a little history is of value here. See, I didn’t start flying when I first started hanging out with the PASS and NWSS groups. I attended my first contest in 1992 and quickly learned to time, retrieve, score-keep, and call air, but I just wasn’t that interested in flying. I was a member of PASS and AMA and I became a CD, but I didn’t fly. It wasn’t until June of 1997 that I actually started flying.

So what was I doing in that time between 1992 and 1997? Well among other things, I was getting to know some wonderful people and one of the people I spent the most time with and got to know the best was Pesz. I thought I’d share some of my favorite stories about him with you.

When Pesz joined PASS, there were a group of us that travel to many of the regional NWSS contests. Pesz was easily convinced to join the NWSS travelers. Pesz, Barry and I travelled to as many out of town contests as we could squeeze in between our favorite PASS contests. We often had other pilots traveling with us, but sometimes it was just the three of us. When we stopped our two trucks at a rest area or restaurant, we’d switch who was riding with whom. When I would ride with Pesz, I would quiz him... How does a rudder affect a plane versus ailerons? Why do RES planes have bent wings? How do flaps actually work? What’s crow? What’s all this “tail dragging” stuff? How does a plane act if it’s tail heavy versus nose heavy? We also talked about the rules on those drives. After all, “how can you play the game if you don’t know the rules?” I was good with the rules. As a scorekeeper and CD, I had learned the rules early and my mind had a natural tendency to consider the implications of specific rules. We would talk about why one would choose one task over another at a Pilot’s Choice contest, or what the best strategy would be for a particular event. We would talk about how likely it would be that a random matrix would put him in a man-on-man group against Ron Wagner several times in one contest, and whether things could be more fair in a non-random matrix .And we talked about new contest formats, designing tasks and rules for them, or just talk about how we could improve an existing contest.

I learned a ton on those drives, enough so that I already had lots of useful knowledge crammed into my head before I ever started flying in 1997.



Pesz, Tom Brightbill and Amy Pool



Amy and Pesz

I think much of how I fly now reflects how I was taught. From the beginning he would have me fly as far as I could stand in one direction before turning to return home. I think that's why I am comfortable flying so far away from the field. He also made me do left turns, right turns and figure eights, so I never

developed a preference for circling in a particular direction. I also learned to think of figure eights as a perfectly normal choice of flight path. Where another pilot might open up their circle to re-center in lift, I often do what Doug Coleman of Tri-Cities teasingly refers to as "the patented Amy Pool figure eight." Perhaps it's not as energy efficient as opening up the circle, but it sure feels natural to me! And Pesz and I both felt that landing was an important skill for contest flying, so he had me work on landing in the point zone from my second day of flying. For years I felt better skilled at landing than thermaling. Pesz also did a ton to support me pursuit of LSF. He's witnessed task for me many, many times. One year the two of us decided to support other club members working on LSF by instituting a Wednesday evening, biweekly contest called the Wednesday Night Fish Fry that was specifically designed around the tasks for LSF levels 1-3. Now I'm working on level 5 and hope to soon join Pesz on the list of pilots who have completed this challenging program. And there are so many other things Pesz did for me beyond just teaching me to fly, including feeding me well (ask Culmsee about the prime rib), making sure I got out to fly when life was crazy and being my friend.

Thanks Pesz.

Love,
Amy

Random Thoughts of a Random Mind

By Doug Coleman

If you have ever had writers block and a newsletter editor on your case to turn in an article NOW, you understand what has led me to produce what for lack of a better title I will call “Random Thoughts of a Random Mind.”

My first random thought to share with you is “fly something different”. Last weekend, I was invited to the model airplane airport by a friend who knew that I flew gliders. I was busy and almost blew off the opportunity but decided the day was nice and I really should get out of the house. I threw my radio and box of hand launch gliders in the car and off I went.

I had never flown with this bunch, but they were eager to introduce me to “real” flying. They all knew that gliders go slow and are designed for those lacking in the reflex department, and were eager to show me how model aviation is really done. I explained that I had never owned or even started an internal combustion model engine and we don’t have runways with gliders. In other words, I played dumb, a natural talent of mine, and the formalities of the pilot station, nitro verses gas and the buddy box were soon explained to me.

After watching fuel spilling, glow plug lighting, prop flipping, test running, motor dying and *more* prop flipping and test running I eventually found myself at the pilot station with the buddy box in my hand about to commit aviation. My instructor took off and got the plane to a comfortable height and told me that I had it. I jammed both sticks into the upper right corner of the gimbals travel and was quickly relieved of control. As the plane was returned to a comfortable height it was explained to me that I didn’t have to move the sticks quite so far to get a response. I felt that I had played the game of student as far as I should and did a couple of figure eights of the field to help my instructor relax, followed by a few loops, rolls and touch and goes. After landing my instructor was congratulated by his buddies on my rapid progress.

I relate this silly story for a couple of reasons. First, after I was released from the buddy box I got to fly some really cool planes that I would never own. Second, while more prop flipping and fuel spilling was going on I put the hand launches together and was able to give a little demonstration of what a sailplane is really about. Then I threw the plane for them and was able to let them drive it around the sky. They really perked up when I started the stopwatch and timed the first guy and suggested that the second guy couldn’t beat his time. Now we had an interesting game and the quarter scale gas jobs were, for a time, forgotten. I don’t know if I have new sailplane pilots but I do know that I opened some eyes and I will have a sore arm for a week. So fly something different. Power or indoor electrics or even the simulator are all good to keep the flying juices flowing.

My second random thought is to “shake up your practice”. When my small band of merry flying men get together to practice, we almost always turn it into some sort of game or contest. We have flown the same Zagi off of a short bungee for the best time. Flying an electric plane under the goal post the most times in a set amount of time is fun. Right now we have an emphasis on TD and have been gearing the fun toward contest work. We have a traveling trophy that started off as an electrical insulator found at the sod farm. Each winner has to embellish the trophy with

something found or scrounged. The last winner and owner of the trophy also gets to pick the days contest format. Contests have included: most flights for the day (hand tosses don't count), single best landing, longest flight of the day, etc. One of my favorites is closest to an even minute for 60 points plus 100 landing points. So if you land at 2:00 or 4:00 or any other even number up to 10:00 you get 60 points and you lose a point for every second you are over or under. That way we can go one at a time and not have to worry about launching into a thermal. So, keep it fun and shake up your practice.

My final random thought is to set goals. Even if your goal is to not set goals you are more likely to succeed if you set that as a goal, or not. Try and keep the goals reasonable and achievable. Winning F3J worlds is not a good goal for most of us. Setting a goal of a certain number of days of practice or flying in weather that has deterred us before might be a worthy goal. LSF is another way to set goals and see real progress. And I do have a cross country flight to get out of the way this year. Ha! I have a goal. That, and to see you all next year. Have a great winter season..... Doug



Doug and the "Wolf" of Woodburn

**Picture contributed by Roger Breedlove: Can anyone identify the glider and the pilot?
Who said landing in a tree top the only way to go!**



Visalia 2011 Report

There were a total of 19 pilots representing Pacific NW at this annual flight fest put on by the Central Valley RC Soaring Club in Visalia, CA. Thanks to Tom Culmsee for providing the standings info from the contest. Here is how they stacked up.

OPEN Class

Dave Beardsley	2 nd
Brenden Beardsley	7 th
Jim Frahm	14 th
Brian Keefe	17 th
Connor Laurel	19 th
David Portwood	37 th
Dave Johnson	40 th
Davie Webb	42 nd
Sherman Knight	56 th
Tom Brightbill	63 rd
Tom Culmsee	71 st
Seth Arlow	77 th
Mike Knight	80 th

Mark Vance	89 th
Doug Brusig	90 th
Richard Van Dijk	116 th
David Kalamen	120 th

RES Class

Richard Van Dijk	33 rd
Kevin Martin	64 th

2 Meter Class

Tom Brightbill	4 th
Dave Beardsley	7 th
David Portwood	11 th

Youth Class

Alyssa Wulick	3 rd
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Final Season Points Standings for 2011

2-Meter Season Points Standings

Name	Class	Days flown	Days counted	season pts	% of perfect	seas pts avg for all days
Portwood David	E	13	6	99.22	91.23	93.05
Brightbill Tom	E	12	6	98.97	85.82	87.78
Pool Amy	E	2	2	98.00	93.63	98.00
Culmsee Tom	E	12	6	94.05	78.96	80.79
Johnson Dave	E	2	2	91.63	87.40	91.63
Hood Jason	C	4	4	85.78	82.73	85.78
Webb David	E	1	1	82.23	81.12	82.23
Adams Steve	E	2	2	73.10	71.68	73.10
Pugh Sandie	E	3	3	70.67	70.22	70.67
Urbaniak Lee	E	2	2	59.73	58.55	59.73
Kong Barry	C	4	4	53.44	52.92	53.44
Mc Vay Bill	E	5	5	49.43	47.94	49.43
Kirkpatrick Robin	C	2	2	42.15	40.88	42.15
Lorimor Rodney	C	1	1	20.60	20.30	20.60

RES Season Points Standings

Name	Class	Days	Days flown	season pts counted	% of perfect	seas pts avg for all days
Van Dijk Richard	E	12	6	97.06	87.05	89.04
Johnson Dave	E	2	2	96.15	91.81	96.15
Ehrlich Steve	C	1	1	87.64	86.64	87.64
Parker Kirby	E	10	6	86.37	77.18	79.47
Boysen Art	E	11	6	82.99	70.19	71.85
Brightbill Tom	E	2	2	82.99	79.41	82.99
Pugh Jim	E	7	6	82.18	78.67	79.95
Hood Jason	C	1	1	82.14	80.97	82.14
Eaton Ken	C	1	1	79.09	73.07	79.09
Sayers Sue	C	11	6	77.98	66.48	68.02
Martin Kevin	E	3	3	71.13	70.36	71.13
Goodman Scott	E	2	2	69.47	67.84	69.47
Mc Vay Bill	E	4	4	50.90	50.06	50.90

Open Season Points Standings

Name		Class	Days flown	Days counted	season pts	% of perfect seas	pts avg for all days
Frahm	Jim	E	17	8	99.96	94.43	97.00
Webb	David	E	4	4	99.26	98.16	99.26
Johnson	Dave	E	16	8	99.16	93.93	95.45
Coleman	Doug	E	15	8	98.53	92.57	95.35
Laurel	Connor	E	2	2	97.79	96.59	97.79
Culmsee	Tom	E	14	8	97.62	88.79	90.29
Portwood	David	E	12	8	97.52	93.76	95.17
Cassidy	Duane	E	11	8	97.08	90.69	93.83
Brightbill	Tom	E	10	8	96.79	92.26	93.96
Grammer	Les	E	10	8	96.11	91.40	93.82
Pugh	Jim	E	4	4	93.88	92.41	93.88
Headrick	Curtis	E	11	8	92.83	85.23	88.24
Ehrlich	Steve	C	1	1	92.70	91.64	92.70
Urbaniak	Lee	E	11	8	91.73	80.23	82.54
Adams	Steve	E	13	8	91.25	83.77	86.66
Pugh	Sandie	E	7	7	90.93	89.54	90.93
Burke	John	E	8	8	90.87	88.93	90.87
Van Dijk	Richard	E	10	8	90.64	86.63	88.19
Stewart	Don	C	13	8	90.02	82.69	85.49
Laurel	Jim	E	2	2	88.99	87.95	88.99
Eaton	Ken	C	2	2	85.95	83.90	85.95
Buchanan	Doug	E	2	2	81.96	79.24	81.96
Hood	Jason	C	2	2	80.84	78.96	80.84
Boysen	Art	E	3	3	74.21	72.60	74.21
Turner	Ron	E	2	2	74.13	74.13	74.13
Grace	Rex	C	6	6	73.62	72.46	73.62
Sayers	Sue	C	1	1	72.89	71.80	72.89
Bumgarner	Bruce	E	5	5	70.94	68.08	70.94
Campbell	Joe	C	4	4	67.43	65.68	67.43
Kong	Barry	C	3	3	66.41	65.79	66.41
Parker	Kirby	E	2	2	57.47	51.99	57.47
Kirkpatrick	Robin	C	4	4	57.45	55.72	57.45

DRAFT 2012 NWSS Contest Schedule

April

28/29	Mission, BC	Vancouver Tune-Up
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May

4/5		
12/13	Lewiston, ID	Orrin Crooks Memorial
19/20	Willamette Turf Farm, Brooks, OR	Barry Kurath Memorial 2M/RES
26/27	Farragut, ID	Ed Huffman Soaring Classic

June

2/3	Spokane, WA	Paradise Fly Off's
9/10		
16/17	Pasco, WA	Fry fly
23/24	Woodburn, OR	Thermalitis
30/1	Pasco, WA	Sun Fly

July

7/8		
14/15	Spokane, WA	Soar At Paradise
21/22	Carnation, WA	Soar Korey
28/29		

August

4/5		
11/12	Willamette Turf Farm, Brooks, OR	Thermal Search 2012
18/19	Carnation, WA	Dennis Otter Memorial
25/26	Eugene, OR	Rippin' Thermals

September

1/2	Farragut, ID	N. Idaho Championships
8/9		
15/16	Pasco, WA	NWSS Tournament
22/23		
29/30		

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