

The Eagle

Newsletter of the Northwest Soaring Society

August 2020

**The 44th Annual Tournament
is coming on September 19th
and 20th!**

**Please note that the PASS Thermal Search contest
date has changed to August 8 and 9, 2020**

Please Note: Nominations are closed for the NWSS Board of Directors. The outgoing board members this year are Anne Stimers, Jim Frahm and Don Stewart.

Nominations are open for the Cliff Mink Service Award but close on August 15, 2020.

NWSS Eagle August 2020

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Calendar/Coming Events

June 1, 2020 Nominations for 2020 Board of Directors and Nominations for Cliff Mink Award are open.

August 1, 2020 Nominations Closed for Board of Directors.

August 1, 2020 Master's Class paperwork due for consideration for 2020.

August 15, 2020 Nominations for Cliff Mink Award closed. Masters Class nominations closed.

September 18, 2020 Board of Directors meeting before the Tournament at the flying field.

September 19, 2020 44th Annual NWSS Tournament

September 19, 2020 Board of Directors meeting reconvened after flying for election of Officers for 2021

March 2021

Board of Directors Meeting

Tentatively in March 2021 at central location.

PASS Thermalitis/LSF Regionals 2020

Rain gives way to a great time in St Paul

By Tom Culmsee

This year's contest got to a slowww start on Saturday as we were rained out until about 1pm. But when it did finally stop, mild conditions and great flying continued through the end of the contest on Sunday. Saturday, we had to improvise and flew a mixture of international duration tasks. Sunday though we could fly the signature 3 for 23 event. Ken Eaton was the big winner on Saturday taking the top places in both Expert and RES classes. Chris Staats dominated in 2-meter and Terry Erickson took Competitor. Sunday Tom "Grampa" Brightbill was tops in Expert while Ken Eaton was the highest overall score and won in RES. Sherrell Steinhauer was first amongst the Competitors and Keith Ragsdale outlasted all the remaining 2-meter flyers.

Thanks to everyone who came out to compete and especially those that helped in some way putting on the event. Special thanks go to Linda Hobbs who came out all the way from Vancouver to help with the PASS Sandwich Shop, Chris Staats who keeps the grass looking so great and Ken Eaton for help with Friday set-up.

Saturday

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	Total
Ken Eaton	E	977	972	970	962	3,881
David Portwood	E	910	983	985	993	3,871
Tom Brightbill	E	940	986	965	903	3,794
Jim Frahm	E	768	991	983	993	3,735
Chris Staats	E	958	977	923	795	3,653
Tom Culmsee	E	990	998	781	881	3,650
Martin Baumer	E	663	1,000	879	971	3,513
Keith Ragsdale	E	802	985	641	979	3,407
Jim Gibson	E	985	790	614	814	3,203
Jason Hood	E	848	908	445	703	2,904
Anne Stimers	E	715	578	566	447	2,306

Ken Eaton	RS	820	972	969	962	3,723
Kevin Martin	RS	710	934	956	916	3,516
Jason Hood	RS	973	789	913	693	3,368

Chris Staats	2M	843	940	566	976	3,325
Tom Brightbill	2M	986	988	694	483	3,151
Jim Gibson	2M	748	790	900	424	2,862

Terry Erickson	C	852	902	983	974	3,711
Steve Owen	C	971	802	750	940	3,463

Sunday

Name	Class	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Tom Brightbill	E	988	950	1,316	1,221	438	4,913
Jim Frahm	E	998	973	1,257	1,096	559	4,883
Jason Hood	E	933	967	1,296	1,332	334	4,862
GD Portwood	E	976	993	1,264	1,277	341	4,851
Jim Gibson	E	981	913	563	1,245	1,145	4,847
Anne Stimers	E	966	948	1,282	1,127	513	4,836
Chris Staats	E	914	1,000	1,241	1,007	641	4,803
Keith Ragsdale	E	888	826	720	921	1,307	4,662
Ken Eaton	E	969	993	407	1,289	993	4,651
Shaun Berkheimer	E	981	965	1,305	1,043	354	4,648
Richard Van Dijk	E	979	898	1,196	1,038	311	4,422
Tom Culmsee	E	935	578	584	1,304	993	4,394

Ken Eaton	RS	997	955	1,288	1,252	439	4,931
Jason Hood	RS	974	998	1,327	557	1,064	4,920
Jim Gibson	RS	945	969	1,216	1,191	561	4,882
Kevin Martin	RS	838	735	393	686	1,771	4,423

S. Steinhauer	C	974	958	1,246	1,275	441	4,894
Terry Erickson	C	812	963	848	1,236	661	4,520
Bill Keenan	C	740	922	950	1,282	513	4,407
Steve Owen	C	960	888	752	1,289	518	4,407

Keith Ragsdale	2M	934	960	993	511	1,345	4,743
Tom Brightbill	2M	991	595	0	0	0	1,586
Chris Staats	2M	730	776	0	0	0	1,506

Shavings for August 2020

By Perry White

Well here we are August 2020 and still surviving. Yea! The summer of 2020 has been interesting(?). Well the 44th annual NWSS Tournament is just around the corner coming up on September 19th and 20th.

Here is something that you might find humorous regarding the FAA and “Drones”.

An email was sent to the Feds by a member of a local club.

Here is the email

Subject: Geese are drones too?

Canadian Geese operate in Low-altitude airspace and are capable of knocking down an Amazon or Federal Express delivery drone onto children and pets. Therefore, all Canada Geese should be equipped with remote identification or stopped from entering the United States at the northern border.

Believe it or not here is what the FAA sent in response.

From: **9-NATL-US-Help (FAA)**

Subject: Re: Geese are drones too?

Thank you for contacting the FAA Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Support Center.

At this time, the FAA has no proposed rule-making activities planned for Canadian geese.

Should we see the need for such regulatory action the FAA will certainly solicit your comments.

Please follow up with any further inquiries at UAShelp@faa.gov or call 844-FLY-MY-UA.

Additional information is also available at <https://www.faa.gov/uas>.

Follow us at the new @FAADroneZone on Facebook and Twitter for the latest FAA drone news, safety tips, and educational information.

We appreciate your feedback. Please select: UAS Safety and Integration Division AUS0400.

I hope that you got at least a chuckle out of that one, again you can see that our government is busily spending our tax money really wisely by answering the email. Thanks to wife-person Sandie for digging up the FAA Drone email.

Thanks, this month to Anne Stimers for her two yes two, newsletter articles. Will publish one this month and one in September. Thanks also this month to Tom Culmsee for the Thermalitis Contest report and the Barry Kurath Contest report.

News note, SASS members can now fly at Carnation Farms, however if you want to fly there, you have to go on line and reserve a flying slot, also there can be only 5 people flying at one time, and the list goes on and on. Well at least we can get out there and fly if so inclined. Also, the glider eating tree by the Cattery has been cut back, it is now a 20-foot stump. 😊

Hope to see you all at the tournament.

That's All Folks.

Fair Winds and Strong Lift.

Jim

Montana Summer ALES 2020

By Anne Stimers

Once again, Jim, Rex and I went to Helena, MT for their weekend ALES contest. Friday's format was F5J, although CAM units were allowed, with Saturday and Sunday combining the best of ALES and F5J.

The drive to Helena is absolutely lovely. The variety of scenery and some very nice rest stop facilities makes for an enjoyable drive. Even if you can't get there Thursday night for the Friday morning contest, there's still plenty of daylight to practice Friday afternoon and evening.

The format for the F5J was rocky, due to the clock draining its batteries so it couldn't be seen, and it stopping and starting oddly during the flights. The speakers that were set up along the flight line were buzzing and sometimes didn't give you the times you needed during the flight window. But once the bugs were worked out, it went quite well. We had nine pilots, and we were scored by the number of seconds we flew, plus our landing, minus our launch height, which was then normalized to 1000 points. Sound confusing? Yup. But that's what computers are for. If you go over your time, you lose your landing points, too. Ouch! This was my first time attempting F5J and Jim's 2nd. There's a lot to get used to; mostly the robotic woman counting down my time at intervals I'm not used to. We had a good time, and the pace was fairly relaxed. Most participants received cool flashlights, too. Jim came in 3rd and I came in 4th. The weather on Friday was perfect. Only one way for the weather to go for the rest of the weekend....

Saturday morning was looking grand weather-wise...little did we know. We had our pilots' meeting (16 pilots turned out) and learned that the F5ALES contest would consist of the 10 second launch window, penalized launch heights, and keeping your landing if you land after 10 minutes. Turns out the average launch height was maybe 100 meters. We flew three rounds in very agreeable conditions. The very first round I got to bury Jon Garber. That set the tone and after the 2nd round, Jim and I were looking good. Then in the 3rd round, we flew incredible flights with amazing low-level saves. As we were congratulating ourselves on our awesome round, Curtis, the CD, came walking out to us, all the way across the field, and informed us that we were both getting zeroes for the round because we flew in the wrong flight groups. Good call, Curtis. Completely our faults. But man, there was some blue air out there! We still flew amazingly well, so we were happy with that, but lesson learned! As soon as the 3rd round ended, the wind came up out of nowhere. Pilots decided not to fly, some attempted and it didn't go well (sorry Rex!). After the fourth round, Curtis decided to call it a day. Within five minutes, the rains came. It poured and thundered the rest of the afternoon and into the evening. Even with a 0 round, Jim finished in 5th, Rex was 9th with his zero in the last round, and I brought up the rear in 12th with two 0 rounds.

Sunday came and the weather was about 20 degrees cooler, somewhat overcast, and somehow getting colder as the day went on. The average launch height was over 160 meters. There was so little lift anywhere-very few pilots got close to 10 minutes. The winds were light though, which was nice. We had 9 pilots, flew in two flight groups, and had 6 rounds in by 12:30. That meant we got home at a very nice time, with the time zone change included. Jim finished 4th, me in 7th and Rex in 8th.

For the overall two-day, Curtis Suter placed 1st, Jon Garber 2nd, Jim 3rd, Rex 8th and myself in 10th

Even though we didn't place as high as we wanted, we still came away with valuable lessons. Always carry your own card and look at your own round, never give up - there's always a mouse fart somewhere that you can ride to the top, and communication with your timer/pilot is very, very important.

The Helena Flying Tigers are a good group of people, and we highly recommend coming out to fly with them next year.

2020 BK2M

Report

Modest Turnout at the One-Day Make-Up Event

By Tom Culmsee (substitute CD)

Due to the virus lockdown, the original May date for the annual Barry Kurath Memorial 2m/RES contest had to be postponed. Then with the cancellations of most soaring contests throughout the Northwest in June and July and a reopening of our field in St Paul, we were able to reschedule the contest as a one-day event on July 5th. Normally we can't schedule a contest on 4th of July weekend as our field is used for overflow parking for the big Rodeo. But that was cancelled too and so we were able to make use of our field.

On my way to the field on Sunday morning, I received a message that CD Dave Portwood was experiencing a medical emergency with his wife Jackie and couldn't make the contest (the emergency room visit took care of the problem.) So, when I got to the field, we gathered up what equipment we had and put together a contest that tried to emulate the spirit and intent of the contest Dave ran for so many many years.

The weather was mild with nice warm conditions and only a very slight breeze. Thermal conditions started off good, for the first round of 5-min duration, but then got a bit more difficult for the subsequent rounds of 7, 9, 8, 8 and 8 min. Overall a bit of

searching and you could find enough to make your time, but there were few "gimme" type flights on this day.

Congratulations to Ken "RES Master" Eaton for taking the top spot in Expert RES. But the true story was the performance of Competitor RES class pilot Kyle Kroker, who won that class and was the overall high scorer for the day. Nice going Kyle! ... who flew his F3res class glider off a hi-start! In addition, Dan Fielder placed 2nd in the same class and was 2nd overall for the day. In 2-meter class the battle between the two entrants was settled with Jim Gibson taking the prize with his new Model A e-launch 2m.

Many thanks to all the helpers, equipment wranglers, set-up people and especially master field mower Chris Staats!! We'll do it all again next year.

Saturday:

(6 rounds, 6000 points possible)

Pilot	3	4	5	6	1	2	Total
Expert R.E.S.							
Ken Eaton							5,633
Tom Culmsee							5,561
Jason Hood							5,301
Richard Van Dijk							5,173
Jim Gibson							5,101

Competitor R.E.S.

Kyle Kroker							5,810
Dan Fiedler							5,649
Bill Keenan							5,110
John Long							4,974
Terry Erickson							4,025

Combined 2M

Jim Gibson							5,500
Tom Brightbill							5,028

ThermalSearch 2020

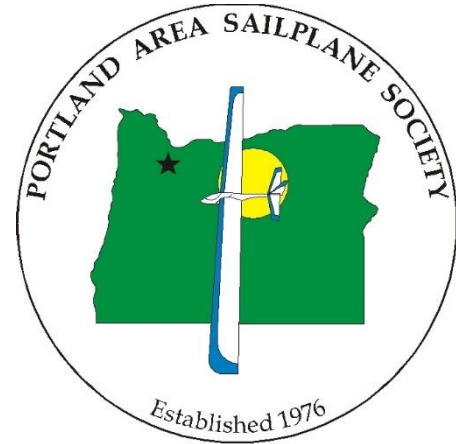
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Portland Area Sailplane Society

AMA Sanctioned

Saturday and Sunday

August 8th & 9th, 2020



Two One-Day Contests!! Come Either or Both Days!

Location: PASS Club Field – St Paul, Oregon

Classes: Open Expert & Competitor, Combined NWSS RES, Combined 2-Meter (max 2 per pilot)
(Alternate Electric Launch Allowed, set altitude limiter to 150M or per CD update)

Events: Saturday and Sunday — 5 and 7 minute (declare on landing) International Duration followed by 10 min Variland event until approx. 4 pm on Sat. and 2 pm on Sunday. Landing lines (radiused at far end only) for all flights. 12v winches & retrievers with approx. 550' length.

Awards: Beautiful PASS mugs awarded for each day's flying for all classes. **2 separate contest days!**

Fees: \$15.00 per day for one class; \$5.00 for each additional entry (max 2)

Times: Registration — 8 to 9 AM both days, pilots meeting then flying starts at 9:30

Food: PASS Sandwich Shop will have FREE lunch, snacks & soda/water at the field both days.

Facilities: Overnight camping allowed for self-contained RV's Friday and Saturday night.

CD: Kevin Martin (503-358-4424) .. email = kg7xg@aol.com

Directions:

The Pass Club Field is located just behind
(West) of –

20029 Main St. NE

St Paul, OR 97137

Lat 45.207703 Long -122.979323

- Follow I-5 S to Ehlen Rd NE/Fargo Rd NE. (Near Aurora, OR)
- Take exit 278 from I-5 S
- Continue West on Ehlen Rd NE which turns into McKay Rd NE
- Turn Left onto French Prairie Rd NE
- Turn Right on OR-219 N (St Paul Hwy)
- Once in St Paul turn Left on Main St and continue about 5 blocks. Turn right onto the gravel road (see pic.)



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NWSS Membership Application --- 2020

New Member/Renewal

Name: _____ AMA/MACC # _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ State/Provence: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Can we publish your email address on the NWSS webpage? (Anti-spamming measures are taken) Y/N

Dues: Individual \$20.00/year Family \$25/year Junior \$12.00/year

Please select the type of newsletter delivery you want.

Please mail me a hard copy: Y/N

Please send me and email telling me when a newsletter is available to download from the NWSS webpage, (Acrobat pdf format): Y/N

Please email the newsletter directly to me, (Acrobat pdf format): Y/N

Use email address above: Y/N

Use an alternate email address: Y/N

Mail application and Check made out to the NWSS to:

Colleen Bumgarner, NWSS Treasurer

Good Samaritan Society Moscow Village Apartments

Apt # 106

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Moscow Idaho 83843

2020 NWSS Contest Schedule

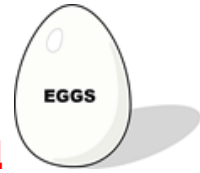
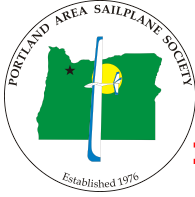
	Contest	Date		Location	CD
PASS	Barry Kurath Memorial	07/5/20	07/5/20	St Paul, OR	David Portwood
IEQF	Soar Paradise (Cancelled)	05/09/20	05/10/20	Pasco, WA	Curtis Headrick
IEQF	Pioneer Memorial (Cancelled)	05/23/20	05/24/20	Farragut, ID	Robin Kirkpatrick
IEQF	Bruce Bumgarner Memorial **	06/06/20	06/07/20	Lewiston, ID	Jim Frahm
MCS	Fry Fly (Cancelled)	06/13/20	06/14/20	Pasco, WA	Don Stewart
PASS	Thermalitis	06/20/20	06/21/20	St Paul, OR	Tom Culmsee
	<i>Montana ALES</i>	<i>06/27/20</i>	<i>06/28/20</i>		
MCS	Sun Fly (Cancelled)	07/04/20	07/05/20	Eltopia, WA	Joe Campbell
PASS	<i>ALES Tournament</i>	<i>07/11/20</i>	<i>07/12/20</i>	<i>St Paul, OR</i>	<i>Chris Staats</i>
SASS	6 th Annual ALES Contest (Cancelled)	07/18/20	07/19/20	Carnation, WA	Sandie Pugh
	<i>Soaring NATS</i>	<i>07/23/20</i>	<i>08/02/20</i>		
PASS	Thermal Search (Back to original date)	8/8/20	8/9/20	St Paul, OR	Kevin Martin
SASS	Dennis Otter Memorial (Cancelled)	08/15/20	08/16/20	Carnation, WA	Jim Pugh
PASS	Rippin' Thermals	08/29/20	08/30/20	St Paul, OR	Tom Culmsee
IEQF	N. Idaho Championships	09/05/20	09/06/20	Farragut, ID	Lee Urbaniak
NWSS	Tournament	09/19/20	09/20/20	TBD	Tom Culmsee

****Canceled Weather**

2020 Aerotow Schedule

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3511241-2020-Pacific-Northwest-Aerotow-Schedule>

- Aug 14-16 (Fri-Sat-Sun) Hot Lift Aerotow, Othello WA (Wil Byers, CD)
- Aug 21-23 (Fri-Sat-Sun) PASS 3-day Woodburn Dusters Field, Woodburn OR (Jim Gibson, CD)
- Sept 12 (Sat only) PASS Woodburn Dusters Field, Woodburn OR (Jim Gibson, CD)



Regular Rippin' Thermals In St Paul

Presented by **A EUGENE GLIDER GUIDER** and
The PORTLAND AREA SAILPLANE SOCIETY
AUGUST 29 & 30th, 2020

REGISTRATION: BEGINS AT 8:30 AM SATURDAY

FLYING: STARTS ASAP ON SAT. AND at 9 AM on SUN. NO NEW ROUNDS after 2:00 PM on SUNDAY

EGG BUST: SATURDAY PM (optional Egg Bust Event)

CLASSES: EXPERT, COMPETITOR, Open 2-METER, NWSS RES . . . (electric nose-launch allowed all classes, altitude limiter required, set for 150m)

AMA SANCTIONED - AMA OR MAAC MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED (can join at field)

AWARDS: EXPERT (all classes awarded for both days combined)

Beautiful Photo >> PLAQUES RES, COMPETITOR, 2 METER and Thermal Wizard

ENTRY FEES: \$15.00 - FIRST AIRPLANE, \$5.00 - 2ND AIRPLANE PER DAY (2 max per day)

TASKS (both days): 3-5-7-9-11 ID – Pilots choice Thermal Wizard Format (Top cumulative time gets a special award)

WINCHES: 12 VOLT WITH 180# TEST LINE, 200 METER LAUNCH LENGTH, RETRIEVERS: Handsfree design

Launch Windows, NWSS LANDING Lines both days

PLEASE BRING Plenty of water – might be warm

PASS Sandwich Shop at field both days – FREE LUNCH! & Candy Corn Treats

CONTEST DIRECTOR: Tom Culmsee 503-358-8421 teculmsee@gmail.com

continue about 5 blocks. Turn right onto the gravel road (see pic.)

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Inland Empire Quiet Flyers Farragut State Park Athol, Idaho Sept. 5, 6 2020

Classes and Tasks:

Open (expert and competitor), Two-meter, R.E.S.,
Pilots limited to two classes
All rounds will be flown as CD's choice

Equipment:

12 volt winches and retrievers, 50' landing lines
ALES launch planes compete in their respective classes

Times and Entry Fee:

flying will begin at 9:00am. Pilots meeting at 8:45am.
AMA or MAAC membership required to fly
\$15 per day 1st plane, \$5 per day 2nd plane
Two day total score: Last round will be 3:00pm Sunday

Location:

Farragut State Park- Flyers Field. 4 miles east of Athol, Idaho.
Everyone pay the park usage fee at the park entrance.

Other Stuff:

Due to Covid19 please respect those around you in the pits and while flying
lunch will not be available please bring your own food

CD: Lee Urbaniak
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