



The Evergreen Aero Modelers

TEAM Talk



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From the Presidents Model Cockpit

Hello everyone;

From all reports, and from my view of the recent “Spad” event that Terry suggested and then put together, and then made happen, it was a success. For a first time event, the numbers were not huge, but they were ok: somewhere around 8 contestants, and just as important, many, many spectators came and saw what was going on, and how Spad planes are built, and then flown. Next year I am sure it is going to be bigger and better. Dates are being set right now, and other parts of an event are in the beginning planning stage. Keep up the good work, Terry.

The next event is “The Electric Goose,” scheduled for August 22, a Saturday a few weeks from now. We have no idea how many will show up, but we hope as many or more than last year. We had 18-20 contestants, and around 50 aircraft last year, and we hope more planes and more pilots show up this year.

Again, Hangar 9 is supporting us; we have three planes and a 2.4 radio system donated by Hangar 9 to be won by some lucky ticket buyers. Also, Coyote Hobbies with Russ Holtz will be with us, and Russ always brings a bunch of goodies for sale. Also, he brings with him the “gifts” each contestant receives. As you might remember, each contestant for his/her \$25.00 landing fee, if he didn’t win another prize, took home around \$37.00 worth of goodies. We are looking forward to a wonderful and great set of “goodies” from Russ and his great hobby shop in Oregon City.

I am going to need some help again this year: someone to check contestant in and take their landing fee monies: someone to run the transmitter impound (as last year we have decided to do an impound even with more 2.4 radios around), someone’s to run the PA system and to put up the signs for parking, entrance gates, and the like. I would also as someone to do the drawings for the prizes from Hangar 9.

So, come and participate. We had a great time last year, and look forward to the same this year. I sent flyers out this spring, and then another complete set of flyers out this summer: we hope, as we noted above, numbers increase. Also, if you are around, and see people from out of town, go up to them, introduce yourself, and share with them all about TEAM, and all about The Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum complex including the IMAX theater, and the two buildings full of planes, rockets, and so on. Thanks guys, and I hope to see you at our meeting Thursday. Fly safely; fly with joy, and many happy, safe and smooooth landings.

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A note from the Editor:

I want to thank those who helped make the first annual SPAD fun fly a resounding success! I would also like to remind you all of the upcoming Electric Goose Fun Fly the 22nd of August (this month). Be there if you can, fun will be had by all!

The next TEAM Meeting:

The meeting will be held at the TEAM flying field, weather permitting. The meeting will be on Thursday August 13th at 7pm. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it!

Flight line:

SPADS Over The West Coast Fun Fly July 25th and 26th

For me the event started Thursday morning, July 23rd when Andy arrived. We went to breakfast, and then started building planes even though he'd driven all night from California. We talked a lot and got to know one another a bit better, then Friday we started shopping for things one might expect to need while flying RC all weekend.

Friday was a rush of last minute preparation. We ran to Tammie's Hobbies, Andy spent more than either of us expected I think, but got a lot of things he would either need or could use later. We were running around getting things. Then Jack called, he arrived earlier than we expected. We rushed through the Lowes and Wal Mart run and headed to the air field.

Jack and Aaron were there, and spent some time walking around outside the museum while we waited; this was the interesting part since neither I nor Andy had a clue what Jack looked like. We arrived, phoned him, and met up. Then we headed to the field.

After introductions and some unloading we decided to fly for a while that evening. At this point it was Andy, his two boys, Jack, his son Aaron, and I. Andy had quite a few airframes that needed its maiden voyage, and I had my new Corrostang to test out so we did this. I also flight tested my H9 Arrow, that had been repaired after a bad landing. Dave Bibbee came that evening to mark out the runway and set up the limbo poles, he brought his SPAD to give it its maiden flight, turned out a bit nose heavy. We flew a lot, and talked a lot and in general set the pace for things to come that evening.

Saturday morning the club officers arrived, Dave Bibbee, Cecil Mead, and Roger Weeks. We had our morning pilots meeting and then started general fun fly. The combine was running in the oat field so we



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decided to wait for any real contests till he was done, so that we could prevent any accidental over flights. We ended up waiting till Sunday for them all.

Dave brought a sweet little SPAD he patterned after the A-10, he called it an "A-10 Wanna Be". He'd already had the first flight the previous evening, and had adjusted the CG, so it flew quite well for him. We at the contest gave him "The Most Unique" Award as all our other birds were pretty much Spad normal by now.

Saturday afternoon I got to fly my Corrostang in my first ever combat event, mimicking open-b class combat we ripped the sky up in an awesome show. I had another first in that round. As I executed a split S dive to g after an opponent I had seen flash beneath me out of the corner of my eye, he pulled strait up. The result was a head to head midair that put us both out of the match. His plane, a Draco as I recall, was destroyed, broken wing spar and engine mount. Mine surprisingly enough was ok; I gilded her in about half way before she ran out of altitude and came to rest on the cropped oat grass.

We finished the evening with fun flying that included me knocking my landing gear off my SPADstick, an easy repair. That night we built Jack his own Corrostang in a build demo put on by Andy. Corrostang built in two hours or less; add engine and radio gear and she's ready for combat! I also made the minor repairs my Corrostang needed to make her ready for the Sunday events.

Sunday we ran some fun-fly and some contests. We started the morning with a new concept; SPAD bowling! (A side note, if this contest is tried again it should probably be the LAST contest of the event) In spite of the limited footage we were able to get on video the carnage was high, and alas I blew the gear off my stick again, and buried the motor in some mud. I chose to bench that aircraft till I could clean the motor.

We went on to try Ribbon cutting, and Spot landing. I didn't have a ship with gear left for the landing, and my bowling failure was still fresh so Spad or not I decided not to fly the graciously offered Pete-n-Poke Jason had. (Spad original by the way, one of many of Andy's concepts brought for display) Ribbon cutting was AWESOME! (Even if I didn't get it) and Limbo was fun too, but my poor Corrostang got its second ding as I missed my pass hitting the outboard Limbo Pole. This sent my plane into a rather cool looking spin as it bounced off into the grass. Damage: one ripped leading edge, add tape and fly again!! GOTTA LOVE A SPAD! (After putting the wings back on strait of course..)

We broke for lunch, gave awards, and finished up the BBQ goodies we'd gotten for Saturday. Then we had a couple of rounds of combat, (I got my first cut, meaning I got an enemy planes ribbon), and called it a weekend so the guys could get home.

Throughout both days there were museum goers and spectators that had come over to see us and our unique style of aircraft. We had several people from other clubs nearby who came to check us out. Dave,



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(West Coast Flier), an acquaintance from the website RCuniverse.com made an appearance with his friend Dale, they rode motorcycles down from Portland where he's from.

One gentleman whose name I never got was here because he thought the SPADs we were flying were models of the WWII fighter of that name, perhaps next year we will build one! He got a real kick out of the combat event, and enjoyed visiting with all of us. We in turn had a really good time showing off our things and talking to him and others.

All in all Spads Over the West Coast 09 was what I would call a fantastic event! I would like to have seen more pilots, but for our first year we had plenty. Next year we will have more, and bottom line we all had one heck of a great time meeting new RC friends, and flying our aircraft.

Many thanks go out to those who made this happen:

The evergreen Aeromodelers, www.teamrc.org

www.spadworld.net

www.spadtothebone.com

www.midcalspads.com

Andy Erwin, AKA Draftman1 (Midcalspads owner)

C. Mead (AMA event coordinator)

R. Weeks, (TEAM President)

D. Bibbee (TEAM Treasurer, and museum liaison)

And all the others who showed up to make this event the success it was, without you we would never have seen this event become a reality!



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TEAM Meeting Minutes – July 9th, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Weeks in the oak grove.

There were 6 members and one guest in attendance.

Since there was not a meeting last month there were no minutes to approve.

The treasurer reported that we have \$2,203.17 in our fund. Report approved.

Old Business:

The **SPAD event** scheduled for July 25th – 26th is progressing per plan. There will be a BBQ for participants that Terry will over-see. Each entry will require a \$20 landing fee which Cecil, the CD for the event will collect. There are a few contest events planned, and the most unique SPAD will be awarded a prize. Camping in the oak grove is available for \$7.00 a night payable at the front desk. Flying gas powered planes ends at 8:00 PM per flying field rules. This does not apply to electrics.

The Electric Goose event will be held on August 22nd. Roger can use some help with the event, i.e., frequency control, general support, etc. A flyer advertising the event has been sent to the Washington and Oregon RC clubs. There should be a good turn-out judging from the responses so far.

New Business:

The 2nd weekend in august is the exhibition/fun fly at Rock of Ages retirement center sponsored by the MAM club.

Show-N-Tell

Terry brought in his work-in-progress SPAD biplane. It should be an interesting model to see completed, and watch fly.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM, with the raffle following. Terry was the lucky winner.



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Upcoming events

The Electric Goose:

August 22, 2009 See or talk to Roger Weeks (503) 554-8187 or cell (503) 332-8376

Rock of Ages Exhibition / Fun Fly

August 8th 2009 (the second weekend in August) Rock of Ages retirement center, sponsored by the MAM club.