

# Salem R/C Pilots Association

## Newsletter → S.P.A.N.



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If you need flight instruction, call one of these instructors and find out when they are available to help you. Please make arrangements to meet them at the field. Do not assume they will be available when they are at the field.

Meeting night, bring any project to show and tell. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information about the club, attend a meeting as a guest or contact any of the club officers. Club dues are \$75.00 per year. We are listed with the local hobby shops.



Kent Garrett

### In Case of Emergency:

Tell the 911 operator you are at the radio control model flying field.

### Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 21, 7:30 PM

### Garmin Industries

2345 Turner Rd SE, Salem, OR

Please wait at the main entrance for an escort into the building

## **SALEM R/C PILOTS**

General Mtg, Oct. 17 2019

The monthly meeting of the Salem RC Pilots Association was called to order by Prez Alan L. in the Great Hall at Garmin (yes we are back inside for the winter) at aprox 7:31pm and there were 27 pilots in attendance. I believe that this is about the most members we have had at a meeting in a long time and it was great to see so many familiar faces. AND one of those in attendance was Greg Meyers (a new member to be) and we welcome him to the group.

**Minutes:** the minutes of the last meeting were so well taken by Kent and used in the newsletter (the secretary was away again as usual). We want to thank Kent for doing this chore. The minutes were approved by the group and we moved on.

**Treasurers Report:** Stephen told the group that YES we still did have money in the cave. NOW remember that it is the starting of a new membership year SOOO get your membership app filled out with the \$75 fee and get it in as soon as possible. There were several pilots who paid their dues tonight and that was great.

### **OLD BUS:**

Ted Foster (who is the chairman of the Aircraft Build Challenge) let the group know that he had signed up 30 pilots for this event. The idea is to build (from a kit or scratch) a plane of your choice and have it ready to show and fly on May 9 at the field. At that time (and not before) you will fly your aircraft in front of a crowd of your peers (and we hope all goes well). This is an AMA sponsored event and other groups or clubs from other areas will also be doing the same thing. SOOOOO, get a plan, a kit and get going and have fun. Thanks Ted for all your work on this and we will see you all in May. Also, each entry will

get ONE vote that day. If you have questions about this event, please feel free to call Ted and he will explain it all.

There will NOW be 3 new signs at the field and they will say NO SMOKING OR VAPING WITHIN 25' OF THE STRUCTURE. WE hope that this will deter those who like to smoke within the confines of the ready area. ALSO, you may have noticed that there are NO MORE large round tubs left in the ready area. WE found so much trash when we set up for GAME that it was decided that they would be put away for the winter AND the saying goes your MOTHER does not work here for you SOOOO take you TRASH home and thanks.

Matt M bought an idea that HE would weld some  $\frac{1}{4}$ " rods about 10" apart across the flight station safety fences, as the orange mesh is getting really beat up. The idea is good BUT some have qualms about any aircraft that would come in contact with the rods. This will be discussed again next month so think about the idea and come with suggestions.

Al C. brought an activity calendar from the Dallas Club and would like us to add our schedule to it so we can all see what is going on and maybe participate back and forth. We will also take a look at this and see what we want to add. It may be fun to have a few duel club events let us see????????????????//.

Ted Foster (again) brought up the float flys we had this year which were 9 of the 10 scheduled. The 10<sup>th</sup> was rained out and the water was really too low to get planes in and out. There was good participation and a lot of fun. The club took in \$435 and Ted is sending a check for \$400 to Phil, as agreed, and we made a whopping \$35 for the club. If you have not come out to fly off the water, PLEASE plan on doing so next year as it is a real fun time. Even if you do not have a

float plane plan to come out and watch and relax on a Saturday or Sunday. See you at the pond.

**GAME:** the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual event was attended by 26 pilots and a lot more folks for 3 great days (was to be 4 days this year, BUT). The flying was awesome and there were no losses (WHEW). The BBQ on Sat night was well attended and the night flying for at least 3 nights was fun. It is lucky we packed up late on Sat. night as the Rain Gods came in and drowned the area. There were only 4 of us on Sunday to sit around and watch the rain and bad weather. BUT, we have decided to make *GAME* a 4 day event from now on SOOOOOOOO plan on getting any type of aircraft ready for next Sept and we will see you on Thurs thru Sunday.

#### **NEW BUS:**

Dave Dibble passed around the sign-up sheet for food etc. for the annual Polar Bear event this Jan 1. If you have not been, YOU will have to come out on Jan 1 (rain, shine, snow or whatever) and fly with all of us nuts. There will be chili, soda, and other great things to eat and a lot of fun by all who dare to brave the elements. This is the start of the new year of flying and it is a blast. We want to thank Mr. Dibble for starting this event many years ago and we have continued it for ever more. See you in the cold on New Years Day.

Stephen has done his techy thing and got the officers a new password so they can access the site and other rare items of interest. I don't quite know what this is all about BUT I am sure I will learn and be amazed. Thanks Stephen for always keeping this club up on the latest tech stuff.

It was asked by some to have PETE get more club badges SO again we will go down this road and have some made. BUT I ask you to

make sure you come to the meetings so you can get your badge if needed as they cannot be sent thru the mail----- It will take a month or so but they will appear.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Yes Santa the club is having it's annual Christmas party on the 19<sup>th</sup> of Dec. It will be held at Garmin around 6:10pm and we will eat at 6:30. As usual the club will furnish the ham, soda, plates, utensils etc. WE would like all of you to bring a dish to share and also the pilots bring a NICE (useful -ed.) white elephant present and the spouses bring an ornament to exchange. Alan L says he will (as usual) think up a FUN game to play down the hall or maybe in the parking lot. This is a great annual event and a way to see many of our pilots and family that we may not see much of during the year. See you there.

Dan A says that it is a pain in the a\_\_ to get the BBQ out of the shed each time we want to cook hot dogs SOOOOOOO he is proposing to WELD something to it to make it difficult for any thief to take it off the property. WE think this is a great idea and I think Matt is going to help him with this task.

John Stroup sent changes to our by-laws (he was in attendance). They were read by the Prez and a copy is being referenced in the newsletter. This mostly has to do with the NEW way we key our way into the field by not having to give each pilot a key and charge them a \$5 fee. After you read the STUFF as printed we will vote on this change at the next meeting.

## Suggested Changes to Article III of our Bylaws regarding Keys by John Stroup

Current Text:

### **Section 3,**

Dues shall be as follows:

- a. **Adult Membership:** \$75.00 per year
- b. **Family Membership:** Free. Family members who wish to have a key must pay the key deposit. Family members who desire a nametag must pay the nametag costs.
- c. **Youth Membership:** \$30.00 per year.
- d. **Reciprocal Membership:** \$30.00 per year.
- e. New members joining after September 30 receive membership paid through December 31 the following year.

### **Section 4,**

Each member desiring a key to the field gate must pay and maintain on deposit with the club, a \$5.00 key deposit in addition to the club dues. If a member loses or does not return the previous year's key by the February meeting, the member forfeits his/her key deposit and must pay an additional \$5.00 to obtain a new key. If a member leaves the club and returns the current key issued, the \$5.00 key deposit will be refunded.

### **Section 5,**

Members may not loan their key to others for the purpose of opening the gate to use the Salem R/C Pilots Association field.

### **Section 6,**

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If you have any suggestions to John's changes please bring them to the next meeting and tell the group. This has been brought about by the use of the new key box at the gate. Thanks John for taking the time to go over the by-laws and making the update for current club times.

Aw YES and then there was a voice from out of the back that said AND how about nominations for club officers and that same voice also said LEAVE THE SAME DARN BUMS IN and the crowd went Yeh. There was also a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Ted Foster SO right now we would have Alan Lasneski for Prez, Dan Anderson for VP, Pete Melin for Secretary and Stephen Miller for Treasurer (and tech geek). Al Cleveland is our safety officer and if I missed someone they are nominated. You are

welcome to come to the next meeting and nominate anyone you think would want to do a job for the club or just come and vote.

There is a new program from AMA called TAG or Take Off and Grow. WE decided to get better versed in this program as there is some money for help etc. More on this as we LEARN about the program, BUT it does sound very productive and interesting for the clubs.

Merle H bought up the date of Mar 14, 2020 as the date for the Mac Swap meet. It will now be held in a different location out on highway 18 in one of the buildings that house old farm type museum type stuff. There will be at least 20 more tables BUT the price is going up, \$20 for tables in the center and \$30 for wall tables. Also, if you have had a table in the last year you get first choice on this year's tables. This is a great event and a way to connect with other like-minded RC fellows. There will be a food truck this year and way more parking SOOOOO plan on getting a lot of your GOOD STUFF and come over and make all that money. See you there.

#### TECH TIME:

Lee Cufchak brought his SCRATCH almost built Spad from plans drawn by Peter Rake. Very well constructed and lots of balsa and glue and time. It will be covered in fabric and have a 600 watt elec motor. Can't wait to see it soar thru the air. The site for plans is Monzano lazer I believe that is right.

Dave (Dizzy) Dibble brought a very nice Lanier Mariner float plane in white and yellow. It has a engine pod and looks like it will just hop off the water. He wanted to sell it and Stephen Miller paid him cash so they were both happy. The plane is set up for either glow or electric and Stephen is elec so we will see it at the pond this summer.

Kent brought 2 Arf kits; a Kaos .40 and Spitfire Mark II. These were for sale and Chris Dudley went home with the Spitfire. He uses glow mostly so we will see him at the field at warbird time.

Dan A says that he found (in the box at the field) a Cessna Skymaster and he (with too many projects ahead) says he would like to sell the kit and move on. SOOOOO if you are interested and have LOTS of money, give Dan a call and have a winter project.

Well that was all the fun we could have in an evening so we decided to adjourn and head off into the dark of night. Hope to see YOU all at the next meeting and if you get a chance get to the field and fly while we still have some good weather-----  
adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted  
Pete Melin, Secretary  
Oct 19, 2019

DJI has come out with a Mavic Mini. Watch the video here:  
[https://store.dji.com/product/mavic-mini?site=brandsite&from=buy\\_now\\_bar&vid=84621](https://store.dji.com/product/mavic-mini?site=brandsite&from=buy_now_bar&vid=84621)

I wonder where they hangar this thing...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JtykQpATbA>

Oops, even experienced pilots get bit when they are careless:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YydkHy2POdU>

Want to catch up on the FAA rules? Start here:  
<https://www.faa.gov/uas/>