

ORCA FLIGHT NEWS

Newsletter of the Olympic Radio Control Association

March 2012

Pylon Racing has Resumed

Three Classes to Choose From

Next Pylon Races are **March 10th**

Slow Sticks at 8:30

E-Snipes ten minutes after the Slow Sticks have completed (9:15ish)

Guttersnipes a half hour after the E-Snipes have completed (10:30ish)



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ELECTRIC PYLON RACING

Paul Below



The first race of the season started out under blustery conditions, and the gusts increased as the morning progressed. The rain held off, though, and we got our races in. Attendance was down due to both the weather and the hobby event in Monroe.

Slow Sticks

Seven SlowStick pilots gave it a try, and the planes were a real handful in the wind gusts. As last year, we had 4 planes per heat. Even so, there were only 3 DNF: John crashed in his first heat, and was able to affect repairs in time to DQ his second heat with two cuts, but then came storming back and won his last two heats. Bob crashed in his first heat and was out for the day. Mark didn't finish his last heat.

Rick W turned a perfect day, winning all 4 of his heats (followed by winning his first three ESnipe heats!)

Here are the standings. At the end of the year, the final points will be the sum of your six best days, so if you missed the Feb race you have plenty of time to make it up.

SlowStick Standings

NAME	Feb
Rick W	16
Kregg	12
Dave	9
Paul	9
John C	8
Mark L	6
Bob	0



E-Snipes (Sneeps)

The very first E-Snipe race had 6 planes entered. We will be running 3 planes per heat this year.

Again, the wind caused some excitement as John crashed in his first heat and was out for the day. Paul and Dave collided in their third heat while rounding a pylon, and they were done as well. Rick W didn't finish his fourth heat.

As with the Slow Sticks, we will be using the 6 highest scores for each pilot for the final standings.

E-Snipe Standings

NAME	Feb
Rick W	9
Kregg	8
Mark L	7
Dave	5
Paul	4
John C	0



Guttersnipe Race Report

February 11th; First race of this year.

The best thing that we could say about the weather is that it was dry and not too cold! But the wind was strong from the south and seemed to gain in intensity all morning. It definitely had an affect on the outcome of the racing today, where five Guttersnipes were on hand after the electric pylon races.

While John sat the first race, Dale and Rick W. were caught up in some turbulence coming around the south pylon in the first lap. The results can be seen in the pictures below. Kregg won the heat followed by Dave. Dale was done for the day, since it was not a good day to test the electric Guttersnipe. Rick sat out the second heat to ready his back-up Snipe. Dave crashed, and Kregg won again followed by John. In heat number three, John flamed out at the start, and Rick crashed on take-off with no power. Kregg finished ahead of Dave.

Rick was also done for the day. In heat four, John got off to a good start and ran away for the win, followed by Kregg and Dave. In the fifth heat, Kregg managed to overtake John, although both cut the north pylon once. Kregg finished first, followed by John and Dave.

Kregg finished with 19 points, and John and Dave picked up 10 each. Dale and Rick have rebuilding to do.

Guttersnipe Pylon Standings after 1 race

Kregg	19
Dave	10
John	10
Dale	0
Rick W.	0



Why did it have to happen in the first race? Rick had a spare, but the conditions were not amenable to testing Dale's electric guttersnipe today.



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February 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes

President John Castleman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with 13 ORCA members.

John explained the Quarter Draw whereby members can put a quarter into the pot. Latter in the meeting a number would be picked from a can. If that number corresponds to a member's number, that member gets all the quarters. If that member is not at the meeting, then the quarter pot carries over to the next meeting. The member's number is his position in the club roster.

John went over the event schedule to see if there were any changes from the tentative schedule sent out in January. There were no changes save any unknown non-ORCA events that could impact our field use. The May 5th event will be a combination of a fly-in and fun-fly.

It was reported that last Sunday's flyers found the entry gate and the lawn mover shed door were open. Members are reminded that the last member out is to always lock the entry gate.

A discussion on locking the port-a-potty door came to the conclusion to keep the door unlocked. The port-a-potty serving company said that locked doors suffer damage and vandalism. A sign will be made and posted on the door front informing non-ORCA users that ORCA owns the port-a-potty and is open as a public courtesy.

Rick Welsh reported that the red lawn mower is in need of service. It needs tires, an oil change and a tune-up. Dale Olson will handle this as time allows. Rick said that the old green mower is not working and we should consider a replacement. Dale said that replacement parts for the green mower next to impossible to obtain. A search for a good second hand mower will be made.

Paul Below emailed members rules for the slow stick and E snipe races. A discussion to hold the electric races on a different day was held. Some members could not participate the gutter snipe races if the electric races were held before the gutter snipe races. The result was to use the February planned race day as a test case, with the electrics starting at 8:30 and the 90-second count down clock was enforced in the gutter snipe race.

Peter Havens gave a summary of his update on the North Kitsap Trails Association, which was earlier emailed to members (copy attached). Briefly, we need to emphases that we have a shared use with the Trails Association. Also ORCA should be a participant in the Association. However, it appears to be a challenge to get into the Association inner workings.

Last yea's idea of an entryway sign was re-introduced. Quotes will be obtained along with the port-a-potty sing.

Bill Kumpf read an AMA announcement regarding Congressional action to remove model aviation from pending FAA unmanned flight regulations.

For show n' tell, Floyd Dunaway had an Albatros with a "TxR" system. The TxR system allows any transmitter to be used by plugging in the TxR module into the transmitter's trainer port.

The club's web site needs to be updated and the port-a-potty serviced.

John had information on the upcoming Monroe model expo.

The meeting was adjourned. 8:07 p.m.

Obits and Pieces

Besides the Guttersnipe carnage mentioned earlier, a midair collision took down Paul's and Dave's E-Snipes in one of the later heats. Fortunately, the pieces go back together better than Humpty Dumpty.



Olympic Radio Control Association
 2012 **TENTATIVE** Activity Schedule
 Subject to change due to OPG scheduling

DATE		EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
March	10	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	14	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
April	7	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	11	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Hostmark Community Center
May	5	Fly-In	10:00	Field
	9	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
	12	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
June	2	Float-Fly	10:00	Crocker Lake
	9	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	13	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
	16	Electric Fly-In	10:00	Field
July	7	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	11	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
	21	Crap Shoot Fun-Fly	10:00	Field
August	4	Float-Fly	10:00	Crocker lake
	8	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
	11	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	18	Scale Meet Fly-In	10:00	Field
	26	Float Fly	10:00	Crocker Lake
September	8	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	12	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
	22	Pattern Fun-Fly	10:00	Field
October	10	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
	13	Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
November	10	Final Slow Stick and Guttersnipe Races	8:30 and 10:00	Field
	14	Club Meeting	7:00 PM	Poulsbo Fire Station
December	12	Annual Club Dinner	7:00 PM	Hostmark Community Center

The Poulsbo Fire Station is located at 911 NE Liberty Road (10th Ave and Highway 305)
 The Hostmark Community Center is located at Hostmark Street and 6th Ave., Poulsbo



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Next Events

March 10 Stick and Snipe Pylon Races

March 14 Club Meeting

April 11 Club Meeting/Swap Meet

April 14 Pylon Racing