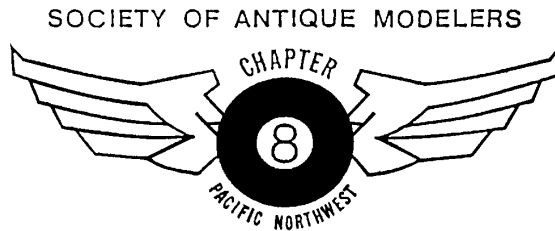


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Roster of the old dawgs....

STEVE DONA.....'THE PREZ'

WILL TILSE.....VICE PRESIDENT

HOMER SMITH.....SECRETARY-TREASURER

DAVE GARDNER.....SCRIBE OF THIS RAG....

Notice: Next Meeting:

**September 8, 2016, Rainbow Café, 112 E. Main St., Auburn, WA,
10:30 am-1 pm..(or thereabouts....)**

Presidents message.

***The Prez is off the premises and probably out of the building! VP Tilse will be standing in.
NEVER FEAR, HOWEVER!***

***We have an extensive report of the activities of the WMC NW FF Champs on August 20-21,
in Albany, Oregon. We have individual reports from Tom Cashman, Will Tilse, Bob Harper
and our illustrious Prez, along with the WMC results and many pics!***

Reports follow, right after the meeting minutes:

SAM 8 Minutes for August 11th, 2016

President Steve Dona opened the meeting to a group of 21 members at 12 noon.

***It is official! The R/C club that flies at the Snohomish field has been informed that their access
will end at the end of this year. It seems that they have violated rules and policy for the last time.
What other changes will happen for next year is not clear yet.***

***Bob Harper brought a nice Jasco Rebel for show and tell. The model was partially built by Randy
Purdue. Bob has modified it with floats to fly in the ROW event and has powered it with an AM
diesel. Nice job on the model, as usual.***

***Jerry Morrison brought the bones of a P-30 he is building. The model is called the Fenger IIRC.
It should be a really good flyer when complete.***

***Tom Cashman brought a newly complete E-20 model. The plan was reduced from KIWI plans
and looks really great. A WMC power kit is used for power and control.***

David Higgins brought a new Super Sniffer model covered in Hemp tissue. It looked really great and David is in the process of getting it flying.

Tom Cashman won the free lunch by popular vote as the best model of the show.

The Finn Hill season starts in October and runs through June, 2017. At the last session the kids built nearly 20 Mountain Lion laser cut Kits and they all flew quite well. The kits are not expensive so the plan for the next season is to have kids build and fly laser cut kits and to have competitions between the kids and adults. More information will be available next meeting so be thinking about it.

There was a small auction of magazines brought by Nick.

Prez Steve closed the meeting after the auction at 1:37 PM.

ACTIVITIES: ...2016 WMC FF Championships, August 19-20-21, 2016

Tom Cashman Report.....

The Willamette Model Club contest at Albany on 19-20-21 August was a sizzler! The modelers, from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, British Columbia, Salt Lake City, and points East were hot, and so were their models which filled the air for three days. But the real sizzler was the weather, with the thermometer on the CD table reaching 116 (!) on Friday afternoon. We took photos of that reading. Finally we cooled to the 80's on Sunday, with a jacket needed for comfort that morning.

Will Tilse and I had traveled from Seattle on Thursday, arriving VERY late thanks to a perfect storm of traffic accidents closing down I-5 in Tacoma (#1) and then Federal Way (#2). We came in Will's 88' GMC Suburban rig, pulling a trailer with his newly acquired 4-wheeler Yamaha previously owned by Jim Walters and lots of other stuff. Will had planes stacked on planes in the Suburban, floor to roof. We looked like something out of a Mad Max flick. Always the innovator (the McGyver of SAM 8) Will also had improvised a misting system for the SAM 8 sunshade – which worked to perfection. Sunbaked fliers came by regularly to moisten and cool in the Seattle fog being emitted from our canopy.

Friday we flew "FAI style" rounds for both Vintage FAI Power and P-30. Sam 8 did well with Steve Dona taking first in the power event, and Dave Higgins taking 3rd in P-30. Steve's bother Gordon from Minnesota took second in P-30. That evening we restored our bodies in Corvallis with pizza and adult beverages on the rooftop of the Great American Pizza Co.

Saturday all the other events were scheduled and a multitude of events were flown. Flights were put up by SAM 8 members Neil Householder, Roger LaPrelle, Bob Harper, Steve, Gordon, and even Tom Cashman posting his first contest flight since 1991 -- in E-20. Full scores will be recapped in the WMC Patter, but the Donas trophied in several additional events. The day ended as it usually does with the spaghetti feed at the Grells with a groaning table of food, plenty of liquid refreshment and the now customary CL combat demonstration by the guys from BC. Everyone definitely maxed out at the table!

Sunday was a bit cooler and we all were grateful. Even so, the hot weather produced some prodigious thermals with Steve's Nos unlimited getting almost too high to be seen, but not quite specked out. The perpetual motion flying that Steve and Gordon employed was amazing to witness – multiple events, an endless supply of models coming out of the Dona archives, maximum effort every flight. We all know how energetic Steve Dona is, but brother Gordon may even have an additional gear on his competition mentality when competing alongside his brother. These guys had models in the air constantly and burned a helluva lot of calories flying and retrieving over the weekend.

After a series of back luck episodes with large snarly ignition models, Will finally got it going on Sunday. His last flight of the day resulted in a mammoth thermal – no DT observed – and a lost model waaaaay down the field. It was the old Chalker model (.60 Super Cyc?) covered in floral design silk, mostly pink. Any farmer who finds this in his field will initially think he is hallucinating. Hopefully it will come back to Will (farmer to WMC to Will). Sunday noon we also had an ex-officio Island Flier mass launch with five of us flying. I flew with an IF graciously loaned to me by Bob Harper.

Awards and prize giving went off promptly at 3:00 on Sunday. Sunday night traffic was slow but not nearly as traumatic as the trip down Thursday. A good time was had by all. There will be another WMC contest in September and their final contest of the season in October. It was great to be able to fly on the old original Parker Field again.

Will Tilse Report

Spent all day Friday trimming and flying dad's 406 sq in T-Bird scaled up from 1/2A with an OS Max 15 III in the FAI competition.

Didn't manage to catch many thermals, but I did catch the thermal streamer on launch. Bruce Grell wasn't too happy, but Bill Swift was pretty amused as the plane went on to a Max with thermal streamer in tow.

The 116 degree weather was made bearable by the addition of a misting system added to Dona's canopy by VP Tilse. The system consisted of a small electric 12v marine pump, a car battery, a 55 gallon barrel of water, and a patio misting system tied to the perimeter of the canopy. It was received quite well as the gang sat under the mist as needed all 3 days. I was praised quite heavily for my contraption and also received a cash bonus from an anonymous Dona.

Ray McCotter C size Hayseed with Super Cyke made an appearance, and was flown by Will Tilse. It flew great and would have gained first or second had it not blown over on the flight box and busted the wing, not once but twice. I had the what turned out to be a not so great idea of using packing scotch tape to mend the covering. the first test flight of the day was perfect, but as soon as the tape heated up in the hot sun it seems to have shrunk and cause a tremendous amount of wash in on the left wing, almost causing it to spiral in to the right. But fortunately it didn't. However it did manage to hit a small pup tent on landing

Bob Harper musings on the NWFF Champs (didn't Bob Meuser use that term??)

It was a memorable weekend in many ways...some good, some bad but mostly good.

The drive down to Portland was horrific both Thursday and Friday. Thursday at about 11AM there was a fuel spill on I5 near Fife which closed the highway from Federal way to Tacoma. The traffic slowed to a crawl as motorists sought to find alternative routes around the mess. Most drivers took I 405, Highway 167 and 512 which caused a backup of monstrous proportions. It took us 3 hours to drive from Renton to Olympia. Those who left for Albany on Friday found driving conditions to be not much better. The driving around the Seattle area on almost any day is getting close to gridlock.

We stayed with our son in Portland Thursday night and left for Albany about 10AM Friday. The traffic in that area is not much better. Portland was having some of their hottest weather ever...over 100 degrees everywhere. Thank goodness for air conditioned cars. (I remember when no one had air conditioning in their cars).

We arrived at Albany about 2 PM and did some shopping, then off to check in at the Super 8. We then drove out to the flying site at Parker's field to set up our canopy and leave some flying paraphernalia at the field. It was unbelievably hot out there... 105 degrees, jumping to 109 when a thermal went through...dust devils all over the place! In spite of the heat, the FAI guys were out there doing their thing. Their stamina and resilience under such conditions is truly amazing. Steve Dona beat all comers in Vintage FAI with his "Love Me Or Leave Me". He's a tough competitor. We put up our canopy frame and got the hell out of there... went back to the motel and got into the pool. Aaahh! Cold water never felt so good.

Back out on the field at about 8 AM on Saturday the temperature was in the high seventies... much more comfortable but, it didn't last. Very soon the temperatures worked their way back up to the low 100's and the thermals were abundant. We moved the canopy frame to be near the SAM 8 guys and set up next to Steve Dona's big shelter. Clever Mr. Will Tilse had installed a misting system under their canopy with perforated tubing around the perimeter and a pump with a 50 gal. water barrel in their trailer. Amazing, and it worked!

The contest was well-attended with over 47 entries listed. There were flyers from California, Canada, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. Wow...and the contestants stood up well under the heat to put in some fantastic flights.

The spaghetti feed at Grell's was another great evening with great food, lots of socializing and wonderful show by Greg Davis and Mel Lyne putting on a fantastic C/L combat demonstration out in Grell's field.

Sunday was a much more comfortable day with temperatures in the mid to high eighties. Thermals were scarce in the morning but by 11AM they were popping up all over the place. I gave my Jasco Rival on floats a try but without much success. It took off from the makeshift pond nicely but then veered off to the left crashing right next to Chuck O'Donnell giving him a fright. I didn't have time to properly trim the thing and was just hoping for some good luck...silly me. Chuck Bower was having a good time with his K&B Infant powered Sniffer which flew beautifully. It was also nice to see Greg Davis flying his Old Timers again. That Super Quaker and Playboy just keep flying wonderfully as always and are very tough to beat. A fun contest but too hot for me.

Steve Dona report

A fine report as always but you failed to mention that Gordon Dona got second and David Higgins got third in a HARD FOUGHT pro P-30 event. Dona lost the coveted first place by ONE second! Higgins was close behind. Tom Cashman and Dave worked as a tight team with Cashman picking air and Higgins arguing (while launching). Higgins was nearly exhausted by the end as he chased on foot (all five rounds).

By the end of round five, it was blowing 20 mph with gusts to 30! Temp were over 105 with some claiming 115 on the flight line.

Will Tilse flew his dad's FAI model. Those on the flight line got a good laugh as Will did a textbook VTO into Bruce Hanna's thermal streamer. The streamer wrapped into his prop and away they both went for Will's first max of the day.

After we all cooled down with a beer or two up on the roof top deck at American Dream Pizza, I finally got a chance to ask my brother Gordon how he managed to lose by one second....all I got was a bit of muttering about short DTs...later I found out that his girlfriend was the one who timed the flight...glad I wasn't in the car on that ride home...

Dona (Steve), Dave Higgins and Will Tilse all lost models. Tilse is the only one who went home with a lighter car load. All other models were found by other modelers or one of the friendly locals from the Tangent area.

Yes...it was a hot one. ...Yes it was a blast!! Glad I went!

The Prez



AT THE (HOT!) FIELD...!

2016 NW Free Flight Championships Report

Event	Entry	First/Score/Model	Second/Score/Model	Third/Score/Model
1/2A Gas	5	Mike Schwartz 480 <i>Satellite/TD 049</i>	Ray Pope 470 <i>Starduster X/TD 049</i>	Eric Strengell 293 <i>QBit/TD 049</i>
A Gas	7	Jack Murphy 550 <i>Leapin' Lizzard/Electric</i>	John Buskell 480 <i>Own Design/OS 15FP</i>	Michael Thompson 401 <i>Satellite 450/K&B 3.25cc</i>
BCD Gas	5	Jack Murphy 577 <i>Leapin Lizzard/Electric</i>	Michael Thompson 452 <i>Satellite 450/K&B 3.5cc</i>	Steve Dona 120
ROW Gas	2	Bill Vanderbeek 326 <i>Hydrostar/TD 049</i>	Bob Stalick 41 <i>Hydrostar 350/OS Pet .049</i>	
P-30 Jr.	0			
P-30 Open	6	Mark Sexton 518	Larry Norvall 488	Ted Vernon 326 <i>Titan/</i>
HLG - Jr.	0			
HLG-Open	7	Tim Batiuk 808 <i>Raven</i>	Bill Koran 414 <i>Mumbo Jumbo</i>	Bruce Kimball 408 <i>Hoosier Daddy/</i>
CLG- Jr.	1	Oliver Pope 77 <i>Scout</i>		
CLG- Open	5	Tim Batiuk 526 <i>Original/</i>	Lee Hines 360	Bill Koran 307 <i>Playgierist/</i>
1/4A Nost.	5	Bruce Hannah 360 <i>Ramrod/TD 020</i>	Glenn Schneider 326 <i>Creep/TD 020</i>	Bob DeShields 312 <i>Crescendo/TD 020</i>
Early Nost.	4	Glenn Schneider 360 <i>unlisted</i>	Bill Vanderbeek 330 <i>Fortastrop/OK Cub 049</i>	Bob Stalick 233 <i>Jasco Streak/Wen Mac 049</i>
1/2A Nost.	7	Glenn Schneider 840	Jerry Rocha 480 <i>Top Banana/Fox 049</i>	Bob DeShields 445 <i>Frisco Kiddie/H. Hornet 049</i>
A Nost.	6	Mel Lyne 386 <i>Y-Bar/Webra Mach 1</i>	Greg Davis 319 <i>Civy Boy/K&B 19 GH</i>	Glenn Schneider 318 <i>Slim Zeek/OS Max 1</i>
BC Nost.	6	Bob DeShields 480	Bruce Hannah 360 <i>OME-009/OS Max 35</i>	Greg Davis 350 <i>Civy Boy/K&B 23 GH</i>
Golden Age	6	Bob DeShields 355 <i>Cherny Orbiteer/ TD 049</i>	Bruce Hannah 343 <i>Orbitneer/TD 049</i>	Bob Stalick 355* <i>Space Rod/TD 049</i>
Sm. Nos. Rub	2	Robert Hauk 540	Bill Swift 120	
Lg. Nos. Rub	2	Steve Dona 540	Gordon Dona 388 <i>Thomas Nos/</i>	
Wock	4	Ray Pope 360	Robert Hauk 315 <i>Gollywock</i>	Ted Vernon 311 <i>Gollywock/</i>
Mulvihill	5	Gordon Dona 509 <i>Urchin/</i>	Bill Gannon 430 <i>not listed/</i>	Larry Norvall 426 <i>Twin Fin/</i>
Sm. Mulvi.	4	Tom Kopriva 540 <i>Airshark/</i>	Robert Hauk 495 <i>Osprey</i>	Neil Householder 120
ROW Rubber	1	Robert Hauk (Heron) 313		

Contest Report for NWFFC 2016 by George Gilbert, CD

This years contest was a great flying event. Here's the stats... Total # of entries was 47. Number of entrants and their State of residence: 9-Calif, 9-Wash, 4-Canada, 3-Nevada, 2-Utah, 2-Idaho, 1-Minnesota with Oregon supplying the remaining 17. Saturday as usual began with a light Northerly wind. Some folks were courageous enough to put in some early flights, thus encouraging other to join in. Thermals were small but available to those who waited long enough. As noon time approached the wind became a bit stronger and finally swung around to a Southerly direction. Temperature at noon time was in the mid 90's and it definitely felt HOT. See Bill Swift's comment on the real hot day. The noon mass launch for Island Flyer was postponed till Sunday and regular flying continued to the end of the day. Sunday began much the same as Saturday with the exception of a lot less heat. Lots of flying was recorded both days, Bruce Grell and I found that we had to constantly rearrange the score sheets to add room for more entries. It was good to see so many events with 5-7 entries each. There were no real notable fly aways or crashes. There were some however and those that I was aware of were not severe. To my knowledge only two airplanes were unaccounted for, that of Bob Stalick and Tom Kopriva. I sincerely hope they are found. As usual it was really great to have Bruce as a Co-CD and we both really enjoyed both days as your CD's and the chance to talk to all of our modeling friends from around this Great Country.

George Gilbert, CD



Sunrise Breakfast

Wayne Tilse's T-Bird



It floats!



T-Bird with thermal streamer!



Chuck tunes Infant .020



Gord launches Buzzbomb...

...



Ascender Launch...



Lee Hines With E36





SAM 8 Camp...



Staying cool under the misters



Will Tilse's Magic MacGyver Misting Device



Pup Tent Airplane Catcher



Steve Dona and Record Hound

**Kids, don't try this at home.
This is a professionally 'certified' rider!**





**Up, up and awaaaay....
(see page 7!)**



A Ralph Cooney Gem!



Mark Sexton times for Will....



**VTO (as if it
needed any
explanation!)**

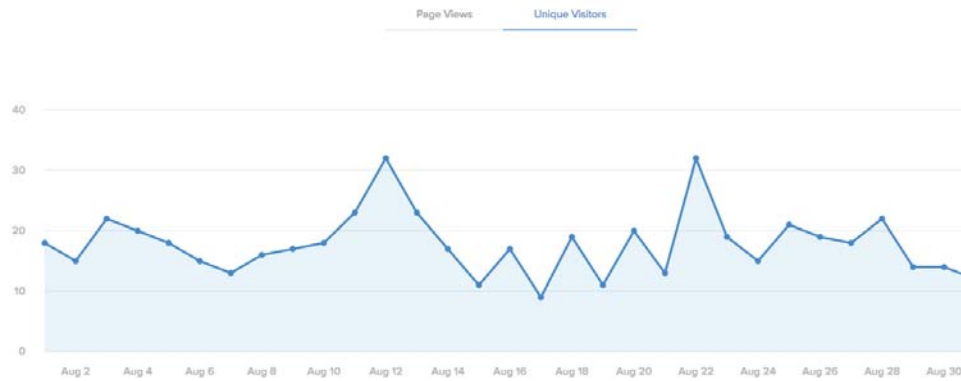
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Bob Harper, Steve Dona, Will Tilse**

Some other notices of informal gatherings of 'Antique Modelers':

There's a group, including many SAM 8 members, who meet for lunch every Thursday (except SAM 8 meeting days) at the Pancake Chef, 15215 Military Road South, SeaTac, just a bit north of the SeaTac airport.

In addition, the informal group, NxNw (North by Northwest), also comprised of some SAM 8 members from further nawth, meet at the Royal Casino, 13010 WA-99, Everett, WA 98204 at 10 am, each 4th Wednesday, for brunch/breakfast/lunch (the menu works for all!). Note the address doesn't work on all GPS's, but will put you in the area, near 128th St.

SAM 8 WEBSITE REPORT:



This is the new website (www.sam8.org) activity for August, with a new high of 30+ unique visitors, courtesy of our webmaster, Roger LaPrelle

2016 Old Time, Free Flight, Control Line and Club Modeling Event Schedule

Date	Event / Time / Location	Activity/Location	Contact
September 8 th	SAM 8 Luncheon - Rainbow Café	Auburn, WA	SAM 8
September 9 th	WMC Vintage FAI/Pro P-30 Challenge #2	Parker's-Tangent	WMC
Sept 10-11 th	WMC Annual SPOT meet	Parker's-Tangent	WMC
September 13 th	NW Skyraiders Meeting - Denny's on Central	Kent, WA	NWSR
Sept 28 th , 2016	NxNW Gathering - Royal Casino	Everett	Dave G.
October 11 th	NW Skyraiders Meeting - Denny's on Central	Kent, WA	NWSR
October 13 th	SAM 8 Luncheon - Rainbow Café	Auburn, WA	SAM 8
November 8 th	NW Skyraiders Meeting - Denny's on Central	Kent, WA	NWSR
November 10 th	SAM 8 Luncheon - Rainbow Café	Auburn, WA	SAM 8
December 17 th	SAM 8 Christmas Banquet	Angelo's-Burien	SAM 8

For additional Northwest FF and CL activity, see the following websites for more detail.

For SAM 8 Activities, look on the SAM 8 Website, <http://www.SAM8.org>

For SAM National activities, look on the SAM Website, <http://www.antiquemodeler.org/>

For WMC Activities, check on their website, WillametteModelersclub.weebly.com, or contact Bob Stalick at freeliter@aol.com.

Really Great SAM 8 meets every second Thursday each month the Rainbow Café in Auburn at 11:30 AM. Come join us for lunch!

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