

Pfeiffer Field R/C News

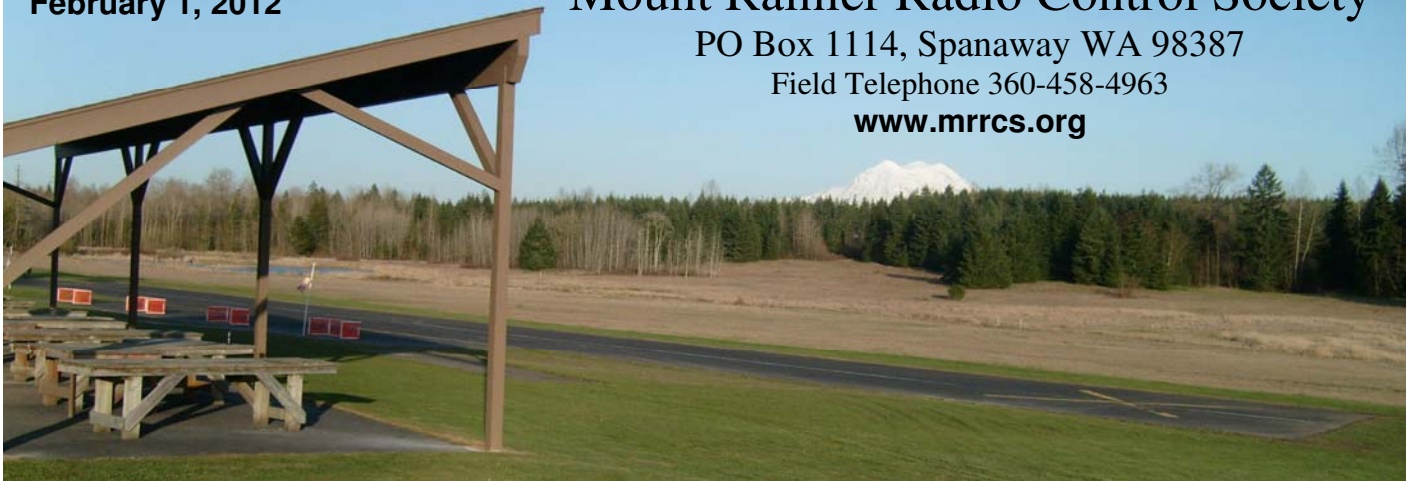
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It looks like winter finally decided to arrive with a big bang. I arrived back from Las Vegas Wednesday the 18th and the weather was so bad that I didn't know if we could land in Seattle? Freezing rain came Wednesday night and Thursday morning our power went out and did not come back on until Sunday afternoon. With no power in the south Tacoma and Puyallup and ice and snow on the side streets and roads I made the decision to cancel the Saturday meeting. I would not want anyone to take a chance of getting hurt trying to make it to a meeting when we really did not have any urgent business to attend to. There will be plenty of time for meetings and flying in the coming months.

I would again like to urge members that are contest directors or want to be one and are thinking about holding an event this year at our club to be ready to bring it before the membership at the February meeting. I would like to see three events this year, a fun fly, scale event and a big bird fly in. I myself would like to CD a big bird fly in for our club. Many have shown interest in a scale event and some in a fun fly. Please remember that holding these events are a lot of work for the CD and if you decided to CD an event you first decide on a date and then get the sanction to the AMA. Now the work starts so please make sure that you are committed to see it through. I also believe we should only have one day weekend events, probably Saturday would be good. I don't like to see our field tied up for the whole weekend when members want to fly and they do not want to participate in the event.

Tom Denney

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Notice

The 2012 membership dues are now due. As per the change in our by-laws that states there will no longer be an additional \$20 late fee if not paid before January 1st but your renewal will still be \$100 if you pay it now or wait until mid summer. I know that most members have already paid but it will be much better for our Registrar if we can get it out of the way at the first of the year.

Thank you

A word of caution for some of you that are getting into larger gas airplanes and get outside the normal manufactures for purchasing. Please be aware of that some manufactures are very hard to get replacement parts from or if you can get them the cost is very high. I know of a couple of manufactures that charge around \$400 for a 50cc size airplane and if you need a replacement cowl it will cost you a \$100 plus shipping, this is more than one fourth the cost of the airplane. Please understand that for larger airplanes **price does matter!** A bargain \$400 airplane is not much good if on the first flight you damage the cowl and cannot get a replacement. Don't get me wrong it is OK to buy these airplanes but make sure you know going in that what you buy is all you may ever get. It is really best to pay an additional \$100.00 or more and get an airplane that you can get replacement parts at a reasonable price and are located in the USA. Yes I have purchased airplanes from company's that charge an arm and a leg for replacements but I did know that and took the chance. I later decided it was not worth it and now fly what I know I can get replacement parts for and get them quick.

Gas engines are the same way, you get what you pay for. There are many very cheap Chinese engines but there are also very good Chinese engines. If you decided to purchase an engine please do some research, there are many forum's about airplanes and engines on RC Universe, Flying Giants and Team Flying Circus. If you are thinking about buying a DLE engine there are threads of more than 300 pages about the engines. There is a lot of information on any engine you may be interested in buying. Please understand that I am not saying the most expensive engine is the best but I would caution you that maybe a company that is selling a 50cc engine for \$198.00 needs to be looked at very closely. Find out if there is an authorized dealer in your area? Is there an authorized repair center that carries an inventory of parts. What is the warranty? What does the warranty cover? How long have you been selling this model engine? Where do I send it for warranty repair? These are some of the questions you need to ask. I have a Chinese 38cc engine that I have been waiting two months for a cylinder and piston? They tell me that they do not have stock of cylinders now but do have engines in stock?

In conclusion, just be careful; talk to club members who fly the type of airplane you are wanting to purchase, get good information. Good research will save you a lot of dollars when moving into the larger airplanes.

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Members please attend our monthly meetings and have a chance to win a new Futaba radio system or a gallon of glow fuel. Also at every meeting we have our normal gourmet lunch provided by our Chef Mike Nagley.



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What the heck is this thing?



Many Chinese dealers are trying to get into the USA market, please support your local hobby dealers.

Hobbytown
402 Garfield St. South
Tacoma, WA
253-531-8111

Remote Control Hobbies
7837 Martin Way Suite 101
Lacey, WA
360-456-4517



Trivia Question for the month



Name this airplane?

DH-4 Liberty plane
The DH-4 was the only American made airplane used in combat by the US Air Service during WW-I



What airplane is this guy shooting from?



Yes this is a B-17



In Remembrance of our good friend *Sam Mires*



Thanks to Gene Iwanski for the pictures



North West MODEL HOBBY

EXPO!

February 10, 11, 12, 2012

Friday: 2 - 8 pm Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: 10 am - 3 pm

Evergreen Fairgrounds - Monroe, WA
53,000 sq.ft. Arena Building on West end of grounds



Tickets:

\$12 Friday
\$10 Saturday
\$7 Sunday

Sunday after 1 pm - FREE

\$5 any day with Military ID

Kids under 10 FREE
with Certifiable Adult

All Indoors ~ All Weekend ~ R/C Airplanes, Helicopters, Boats, Cars!

- ~ 3-Day Indoor Fun Fly with prizes
- ~ Battle Bots - - - PARTS WILL FLY!
- ~ Tank Battles - Every 2 hours!
- ~ Indoor Sail Boat Races
- ~ Biggest Hobby Swap Shop West of the Mississippi
- ~ Red Devil Raceway with Big Track for racing all weekend & Rental Cars available
- ~ Scale Model Displays of Airplanes, Boats, and Cars with \$\$ prizes
- ~ New Vendors
- ~ Door Prizes

Many local clubs with display booths to tell you about these great hobbies.

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