

March 2009

The
Inside Loop



Safety is our most important Product!

Spring is approaching, now is a good time to check your battery packs that have been asleep since November!

President's Soapbox

We had another great turn out for our monthly meeting. Thanks to all of those who came out to celebrate President's Day with us! As an added incentive for more members to share the 3rd Monday of every month with us (7 PM at the Kinton Grange for those who need a reminder), we'll be starting a \$10.00 award to go to the club member with the best crash story. \$10 isn't much, but it may take some of the sting out of losing a plane, and joking about it with the rest of the club will help even more. Remember...the award doesn't go to the worst crash...it goes to the best story....visual aids are allowed! And don't worry, we'll also be continuing our monthly raffle for a \$30 gift certificate from a local hobby store....with free tickets going to members that bring show & tells. Yes, we do work through some regular club business items...but then it's social hour.

Len Merritt has made a great offer to the

Club. He has volunteered to paint the FAW club logo onto the runway! Len works hard at Tammie's Hobbies, but still came out to the field on evenings last year and power washed the runway, sealed seams in the mat, and re-painted stripes. He used highway paint (stripes...get it?) for that, and that's what he plans to use for the logo. It should hold up well to the weather and all those wheels racing down the runway at supersonic speeds. Painting should start in June, when we hope to be able to count on dry weather....paint a little bit in the evening....paint dries overnight...happy fliers in the morning....I like it. When the logo is done, FAW is gonna look really sharp! Take a look at the logo on this newsletter....see the red circle in the star?....I see a new spot landing target for Club Day! We are going to need an aerial photo.

We're going to try to get rid of the leaves and debris during March this year, to take best advantage of the burn season. With the leaves gone, we can concentrate on other projects on our annual clean-up day later in April, and through the balance of the year. It's probably

Meeting March 16, 2008
7:00 PM Kinton Grange



Well guys, it's happening, the Dumbcrudes are raising the beer tax. Happy Hour's gone to hell, all we got left is Jimmy Carter contaminated Georgia Beer Nuts and high tax suds to wash en down with. See ya SQ Earl V

time to paint the benches again. I'd like to see the impound structure removed. We don't use it, and it's in the way...it's only real use seems to be holding the fire extinguishers and first aid kit. If we get rid of the impound structure, I can see us re-designing the pin board to manage the frequency pins, extinguishers, and first aid kit. I'd like to add pins for 2.4 GHz so there's something to take when 2.4 GHz fliers leave their AMA card....so they have something to return to the board and help them remember their card....speaking from personal experience. Anyway, removing the impound structure and rebuilding the pin board would make more room in the pits and open up visibility. The chairs, wooden benches, and Plexiglas table at the field can only be described as "dumpster quality"...I'd like to see them moved "to the dumpster" and replaced in some way, shape, or form. I like the safety features of the tall safety net in front of the pilot stations, but I personally don't like the orange netting or what it does to visibility....replace with a larger mesh metal fencing? Redesign all the safety fencing? I'll bring these projects up with the rest of the board and see what we can do.

In the meantime, keep your engines running and get ready for drier and warmer flying weather ahead!

Scott E.

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Spring is coming. Be ready for the Arribada! Arribada is an elemental, powerful, and even violent force that brings RC Fliers to the flying field when the winter weather breaks. It starts when the sun breaks

through the clouds and builds when temperatures exceed 50. Arribada is more commonly used describing baby turtles hatching and crossing the beach to the ocean.

Ken Gullberg's PCC class is open for Spring registration! What's happening at the class? We're flying Embers, Vapors, mCX, Blade CX and some bigger foamys inside the gym. We do a Pylon race too. Its great fun! Join us by registering.

The class details Friday nights at PCC Rock Creek's gym.

6:00 PM to 8:30 PM April 10 through May 29
To register call 503-977-8888 and reference the Radio Controlled Aircraft class as CNR 26739.

Kudos to John Putnam article in Model Aviation's Feb. 2009 edition. Check out "Off with the old, on with the new".

My new glider is a Speedy Glider ARF and made of foam. It's a clone of the Easy Pro Glider. I saw foamy gliders last summer when Bob Beardsley volunteered for tow plane duty at a fun fly. Foam gliders work great and go together fast. Mine is from www.r2hobbies.com. The glider with a 2.4 radio, servos, and brushless motor was less then \$200 including shipping. You supply the battery and small (9 amp) speed control. By the way, the manual forgot to mention that the wings need more then a friction fit. My mod is tapeing the wing to the fuse where they join.

Ready for a new hobby adventure in Beaverton? Visit Beaverton slot car club at www.beavertonslotcarclub.com. The cars and controllers are supplied at the track . Currently the cost is \$7.00/night (\$2 for treats, \$5 to keep the cars and track running smoothly). Is anyone interested in teaming up for an Enduro?

I wouldn't invest in any media outlets at this time. Santa left me a PS3. It brings an internet browser, my personal pictures and mp3s to the living room. Standard equipment is wireless networking, hdmi(1080p) blue-ray player, optical sound output- High quality stuff. I browse to www.movie6.net and watch recent and first run movies on my TV. Another enjoyed feature is running slideshows of all those digital pictures accumulated over time and forgotten on my pc.

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Till next time, "don't forget the glue".

Visit abcht.com for the best R/C links on the net.

Open House PCC Rock Creek GYM

**Friday March 6th
6:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

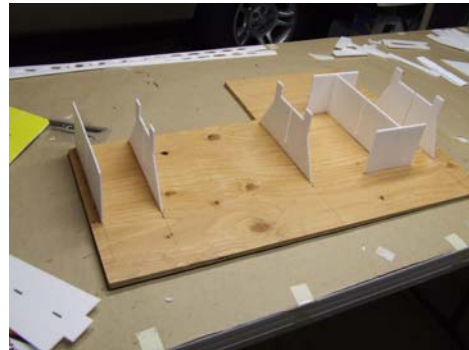
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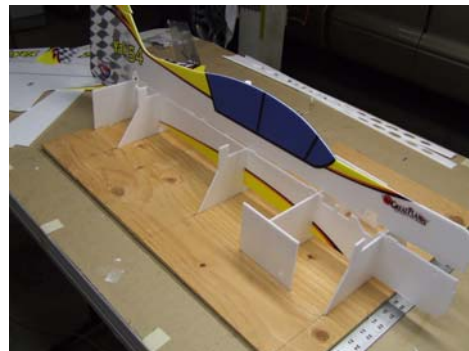


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