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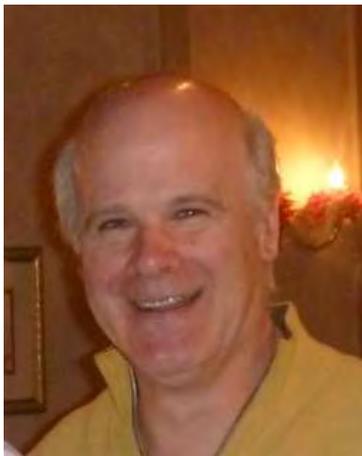
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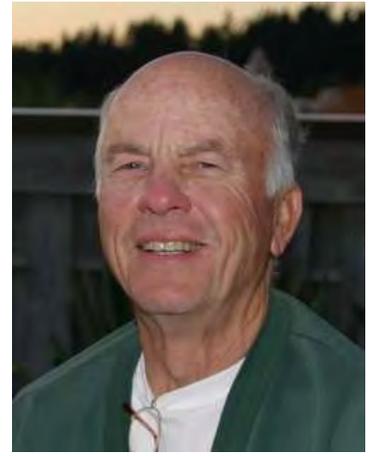
Pres – Steve Dona



VP – Robert Hatch



Sec/Tr.- Homer Smith



Editor – Bob Harper

Bob Harper test flying Brooklyn Dodger at Tangent, OR



President Steve Dona opened the meeting at 12:03 PM with his latest version of the infamous Crosetto opening that is getting better over time. After greeting the group of some 32 members he called for guests to be identified. The first was Joe Pontecorvo who is a modeler of indoor and other interests. He has recently been flying electric R/C and is interested in getting back into indoor flying. The second guest is Bill Hooper, who is a long-time friend of Steve's and an off and on member of the club. He has been away for many years doing the Airline thing and is now ready to get back to modeling. Welcome gentlemen and we are pleased to have you with us.

Steve announced that Kirkland Middle School is building a large gym near his house. The good news is that the Principal is a fraternity brother of Steve's and has expressed interest in finding out what we do and how we can work together. The discussions are just beginning and there are many issues to discuss including security. Steve will keep us informed of his progress and he hopes the effort will result in a place for us to fly.

Bob Hatch told us that he had met some guys near the Mt. Si Golf Course that fly indoor R/C at a nearby North Bend High School gym. Bob will dig further into the matter to see if it is possible for us to fly there as well.

Walt Johnson informed the group that he has been having medical problems for many years and has recently been diagnosed with Myelo Displasia (a form of leukemia). This is a disease where the bone marrow does not work, leaving your immune system in dire straits. There is no known cure so Walt is going to dispose of much of his modeling material. If you are interested, give him a call.

Steve reminded us that just because you cannot chase you models any longer is no reason to give up flying. Many of us go to contests and just watch. Many of those individuals are more than willing to help with the chasing. He urged us to both ask for help when we need it and to offer help when you have the time and energy.

Bob Hatch reminded us all that the annual Banquet is December 8 at Angelo's in Burien. He has been promised that the previous problems with insufficient help will be resolved with 2 waitresses and 2 cashiers. Give him a call to verify or get on the list.

David Higgins brought a fan type balsa prop to demonstrate the ease and quickness of this type of prop. An article is available online that discusses and pictures

the steps involved in making this type of prop. David also had a carbon fiber rod that is very stiff and light. A variety of these are available in many shapes and sizes at a kite shop near you. The factory for the one David visited is in Mount Vernon.

Rick Vaux had several clever gadgets and tools that he has fashioned from material readily available around the house. You do not have to spend a lot of money to get useful tools and modeling aids.

Walt Johnson mentioned that good magnets can be obtained at Harbor Freight stores and they are cheap.

Bob Harper brought his Ebenezer type Flea to show us. The original airplane was a home built with tandem wings but there were a number of problems. Several people were killed before the problems were sorted out. This is a small model with a 1/2 size English style diesel on it.



Bob Hatch informed us that he had talked to Tom Cashman. Tom has had a hip replaced and is doing the recovery and therapy thing. He will be back with us. Give him a call and give him some encouragement.

Steve brought a plan on one page for a sort of helicopter. The name did not get recorded but it is a stick with an engine on one end and it rotated up sort of like a boomerang when you start the engine and twirl it. They do thermal and fly away. Rick mentioned that some guys in CA have an event for these where they see how much weight the thing will carry.

Paul Morris mentioned that he still has some of the stuff that was put together when we sent packages to the military overseas. Steve said that we are still working with the AMA and Army over the use of Fort Lewis.

The auction this time was for some of the remaining material from the Ted Lomax estate. Everything sold.

President Steve Dona opened the meeting at 12:03 PM with his latest and best version of the infamous Crosetto opening that is getting better over time. This time he had help from notes provided by Bob Harper. This meeting was designated as our annual business meeting. After greeting the group of some 35 members he called for Treasurer, Homer Smith to make some announcements.

Homer offered a proposal for a single model event for 2013 to the group. The proposal was put together by a small group of members that fly at Meadowbrook Farm and were waiting for the rain to stop so they could fly. The basic premise is that we use the Island Flyer for the single model for 2013 with a smaller motor to keep the performance down. More details are contained elsewhere in this newsletter and the final details will be ironed out by the club next year and after some testing can be done.

Last summer the club voted to use the performance at the WMC contests in Albany to award the Annual trophies for club events. The overwhelming winner of the High Point Power Trophy was President Steve Dona with more than twice the points of the second place finisher. With the trophy went a Rocket 45 ignition motor donated by Greg Tutmark. The Rubber High Point Trophy was won by Jon Sayre who also scored more than twice the points of the second place finisher. With the Trophy went a very complete kit by Star Line for a very competitive rubber model, also donated by Greg Tutmark.



Homer then offered a summary of our treasury status for the group. We made a modest amount of money in spite of our numerous donations to charitable causes during the year.

Steve asked Ray Chalker to give us a status report on his efforts to get us permission to again use the prairie on Fort Lewis. To say that Ray is frustrated would be putting it mildly. Ray found out that the paperwork to authorize our use of the prairie was lost—not once but twice while making its way to the Commander’s office. Ray has resubmitted the paper work. Maybe the third time is the charm. Steve and Ray have been talking to the AMA officials that help with this type of problem and they say that they will try to help if the latest effort fails. Ray deserves a pat on the back and a “Job Well Done” for all his efforts in our behalf.

Bob Hatch reported that the annual banquet/party was a success with a full room. All the usual suspects showed up with few exceptions. The restaurant had adequate help this time so service was very good and timely. Thanks, Bob for doing the work for this event each year.

Steve announced that the Kirkland Middle School use of their large gym near his house has moved forward. The good news is that the Principal is a fraternity brother of Steve’s and is solidly behind our participation and detailing how we can work together. A lengthy discussion took place about how we might get the kids interested and what kind of obstacles we might face. Steve will keep us informed of his progress and he hopes the effort will result in a place for us to fly.

Steve mentioned the WMC indoor sessions held in Albany and those interested should get ready. A detailed list of events and dates is found on the WMC web site. Steve also mentioned that he has been getting inquiries about the van idea for contest attendance. It seems that we hit a chord along these lines and other clubs are interested in exploring. <http://willamettemodelersclub.weebly.com/>

Steve also mentioned that he and Jon have started building Nostalgia Wakefield models. If memory serves, we have heard from others also building this type of model. Steve is considering a build and prop session at his house after the holidays to push things along.

Bob Harper made a motion to reelect the club officers for next year. There were several seconds and there was no discussion. The motion passed.



2012 IN PICTURES



Breakfast at Jon's August at Tangent - August



Steve Dona launches Cab-Ruler - Aug



Ron Reed launches B sized Kiwi – September



Steve launches his big Hustler - September



Engine run clinic at Harper's - October



SAM 8 Annual Banquet at Angelo's - December



## Pacificoupe II

By Tom Cashman - April 1985 Bat Sheet

Late in 1985 I built Pacificoupe II based on a design of Dave Hipperson of the UK. The motor tube is rolled 1/16 balsa sheet while the tailboom is 1/32th rolled on a pool cue. The joint between their unlike diameters is simple; a bulkhead is hot-stuffed to the large end of the boom and then sanded until it's a tight slip-fit into the motor tube. Then epoxy the bulkhead in place making sure it all lines up straight. Soft balsa is sanded and Hot-stuffed to "fillet" the joint – a joint that will not let go with a broken motor or hard DT.

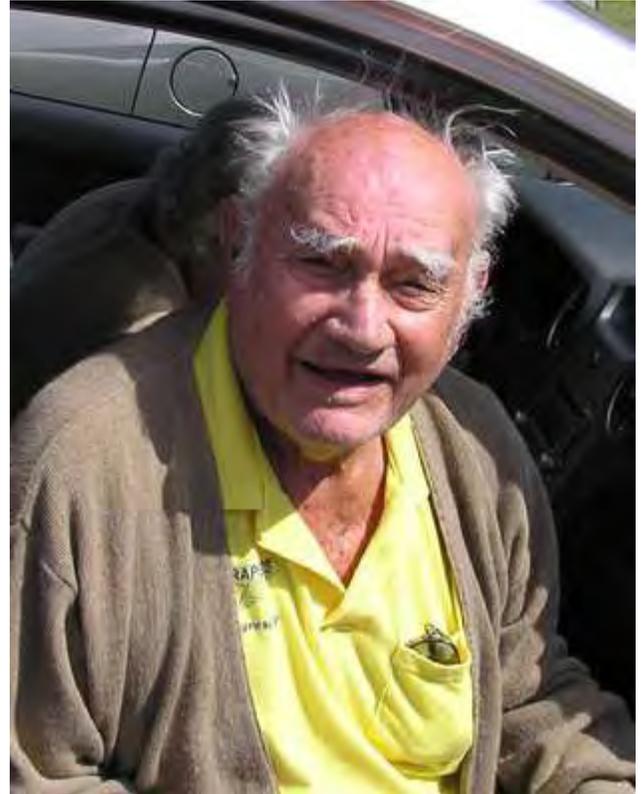
The front end is the "Vol-Libre" wire Montreal stop. Prop blades are the excellent molded 3/32<sup>nd</sup> blanks from Blue Ridge FAI Supply. The stab is covered with ¼ mil Mylar.

Flying: The CG is 70%. I try to always wind to 30 in. oz. torque using 6 strands of ¼ FAI or 6mm Pirelli. The launch is nearly straight up with a hard throw. With 1/8<sup>th</sup> in. washin in the right panel it will roll nicely into the cruise. Trim is right-right and still air times are 135 – 150 seconds depending on the rubber.



Tom Cashman – Designer of Pacificoupe

## Sal Taibi 1920 - 2012



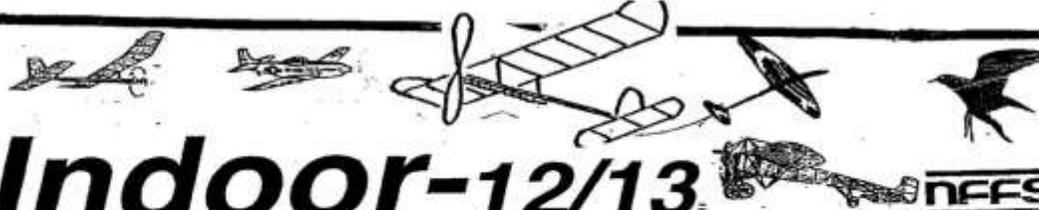
Sal was probably the best known modeler of the past century. He was the consummate builder and designer of more than a dozen freeflight models which are seen at nearly every old-timer and nostalgia contest. Some of his old timer designs are: the Powerhouse, the Hornet, the Pacer, Brooklyn Dodger, and the Winged Yankee. One of the best known Nostalgia designs is the Spacer and a more modern version is the Starduster.

His models were always well-trimmed and reliable. His method was to get out early and put up his flights saying, "catch me if you can". He had a way with engines and was famous for his "one flip" starts. He also was a kind and generous man and would stop to help anyone who asked.

Sal was a member of the AMA since its inception in 1936 and started the well-known club the Brooklyn Skyscrapers. Sal went to every AMA Nationals and SAM contest except for 1946 when he was still in Germany. Some of his honors: elected to the Model Aviation Hall of Fame, the NFFS Hall of Fame, the SAM Hall of Fame and was an AMA Fellow. He was a winner!



February 9, 10 & 11 Evergreen St. Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA – 9AM – 5PM  
Swapmeet – Vendors – Demos See you there!



# Indoor-12/13



*The Willamette Modelers Club announces the 2012-2013 indoor contest season at South Albany High School*

**The Dates:** December 2, January 13, February 3, February 24, and a two day extravaganza with an Indoor Building and Flying Symposium on April 13 & 14.

**Times:** The site will be open around 8:15 AM with competition beginning at 8:30 AM and ending at 3:30 PM. On Saturday, April 13, the gym will be open from 10 AM. We will break at about 5 PM for dinner. Afterwards, a symposium will be held followed by night flying. On Sunday, April 14, flying will begin at 8:30 AM and end at 3:30 PM as on other Sundays.

**Sunday Schedule For All Meets:**

8:30 AM - HLG and Catapult start the day-flying continues until finished or 9:30 AM.  
 9:30 to 11:55 AM - Specialty Events. Scale judging, if done, ends at noon.  
 Noon: Mass Launch for A-6 with Perpetual Award given at end of season. (see back for details).  
 12:05 to 3:30 PM - Duration Events  
 3:35 PM - Prizes and awards are made. (you must be present to win)  
 Saturday, April 14 will feature established times for heavyweight and lightweight models depending upon flier interest.  
 \*The CD reserves the right to change times to accommodate event entries.

**Contest Events:**

*Specialty:* Peanut Scale, AMA Scale, NoCal Scale, Bostonian, Moorhead, and Senior-Open Science Olympiad Helicopter. Elastic Launch S.O. Gliders will be flown if demand exists.  
*Duration:* EZB (1/4 motor), AMA 1.2 gram EZB (1/4 motor)\*, Limited Penny(1/4 motor), 1/2A, A-6, Ornithopter, Ministick, and A-ROG. \*See back of this announcement for event rules.

**Contest Entry Fees**

\$8.00 per Open and \$2 for Junior and Senior age contestants for all who fly. A site donation will be accepted to defray rental and supervision costs. Occasional other donations will be requested to cover costs as they arise. Entry fee for the April contest is \$8.00 for Open for one day and \$14.00 for two days and \$2 for Junior and Senior age groups for either or both days. Contestants will be expected to assist with cleanup after the meets.

**Contest Prizes:**

Nominal merchandise awards presented to all contestants in order of placing. Awards will be made at 3:35 PM each Sunday. A-6 mass launch times will be accrued for an end of the year trophy.

**Contest Site:**

South Albany High School is located at 3705 So. Columbus St., Albany, OR. Ceiling height in the large gym is nominally 36 feet. The small gym is a Cat. 1 site. All contestants are required to wear gym shoes. **NO SMOKING ALLOWED ON CAMPUS!**

**Contest Sanction:**

All contests will be AMA sanctioned, however AMA membership is not required to enter and fly.

**Contest Directors**

Contest Directors: Dec. 2 is Bob Stalick; Jan. 13 is Glenn Grell. February 3 is George Gilbert, February 24 is Ed Berray and April 13 & 14 is Andrew Tagliafico. For contest info, contact Bob Stalick, 1930 NW Heron Pt. Ct., Albany, OR 97321. Ph : 541 928-8101. <freeflyer@aol.com>

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Dues for 2013 – Don’ forget...Give Homer a check for \$15 or \$25 for two years. Stay with us!

### SAM 8 Activities Calendar

Jan 2013	Luncheon at the Rainbow	Auction	11:30 AM
Fev 8,9& 10	NW Model Hobby Expo - Monroe	Vendors, Demos & Swap Meet	9 – 5 PM
Feb 14	Luncheon at the Rainbow	Show & Tell – Demos	11:30 AM
March 14	Luncheon at the Rainbow	Auction	11:30 AM
April 11	Luncheon at the Rainbow	Show & Tell – Demos	11:30 AM
May 9	Luncheon at the Rainbow	Auction	11:30 AM

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

The RG SAM 8 newsletter is published every month, (more or less) and is posted on our website: <http://www.the-great-sam8.com> Notice of the newest newsletter will appear via e-mail on our Yahoo mailgroup. Join the group by contacting our Webmiester: Bob Macklin – [macklinbob@msn.com](mailto:macklinbob@msn.com). Subscriptions by mail are \$10/year, membership is \$15 per year or \$25 per year for two years. Note: 2 years with newsletter mailed is \$45. Send your check made out to SAM 8 to Homer Smith, 14719 32<sup>nd</sup> Dr. SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012 3851. Phone 425-338-3851

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