



KITSAP Aircraft Radio Control Society



Aires Newsletter for April

Opening "Competition Saturday" was held on April 5th. The weather fully co-operated and allowed for pretty nice day actually. Turned out to be very sunny and it warmed up nicely. The wind wasn't too bad and we were able to take off North racing immediately. We had over 38 people to come out to the field for our first competition day. We had 12 T-28 racers, 11 actually racing so we had to have two heats per race. Our Reno racing was a full 6 plane single heat. There was a lot of carnage and fun that was had by all. Good races. Reno had some strong fast competition even with the lengthened course.

Combat was good also with a couple of newer entrants. Of special note, Kesten flew his first EVER combat. He flew all three sessions and really got in there mixing it up.

The April meeting was held Tuesday April 15th at the Sunnyslope Improvement Association Hall. Attendance was very slack for the meeting with only nine members including club officers present. With over 70 members in the club it would be nice if more of the membership would attend the monthly meetings. The May meeting will most likely be held at the field with the weather improving.

Other upcoming events this spring include: • 31 May - Warbird Fly-in hosted by Paul Fleming. Mark your



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calendars and come out to compete. There will be arrested carrier landing, precision spot landing, bomb drops, and maybe other events. I've seen several people with their bomb drops system installed and practicing.

As a reminder to our existing members and a "heads up" to any new members we need to let you know that the FAA requires all drones to registered with them and an FAA number displayed on the craft. They also require that you have on your person while flying the "TRUST" certificate showing completion of the "TRUST" on-line test.

Do not be confused by the FAA site referring to "DRONES" for registration. According to the FAA definition of a drone: "Any unmanned aircraft system (UAS) that is radio controlled". This includes quads, Helicopters, gliders, and all fixed wing remotely controlled aircraft. Learn more or register with the FAA here: <https://faadronezone-access.faa.gov/#/> Make sure you get the right site and not some vendor site selling FAA registrations at much more cost than the FAA.

You can learn more about the TRUST requirement by clicking this link:

<http://www.kitsaparcs.org/trust.html>

Remember this is an FAA requirement that you must have the "TRUST" card in your possession when flying.

Also be aware that the FCC requires you to have as a minimum a Ham Technician's license to operate the video transmitter for FPV flying on 5ghz. There are no video transmitters that do not require this license in use in the USA.



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Duane and KC attended the Military Appreciation Day on 15 Mar. The event was beyond what we were expecting. There were vendor booths throughout the Pavilion and they were all full. KC and I brought our flight Simulators and we were both kept busy throughout the entire 4 hours of the event. This is definitely worth attending in the future.

Young Eagles (YE) completed their latest build and Greg T. did the maiden for them. On 22 Mar, we had the YE's to our field to fly their airplane. There were 6 YE's that came to the field. Each one of them was able to get in two flights each.

With many new members coming on board I thought I would review our "Gate Etiquette" procedures once again.

First at the field (gate is locked), unlock the gate take the lock and lock bar with you to the field, close the gate behind you making it look like it is locked. At the field place the lock and bar in the container on the Kiosk. If you are the last to leave the field be sure to take the lock and bar with you. At the gate, place the lock bar and the lock into the gate behind you as you leave. Be sure to roll the numbers off the combo and check that the lock is locked.

Don't forget the "Nick @ Nite" fly in every Wednesday evening at the field. Bring something to munch, something to fly, and get together fly and have a bite to eat. All Weather permitting of course.



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