

From the Left Seat

February 2011

Plan to attend the General Meeting this coming February 8th and get full details on what is to follow.

Our trees are a growing problem (literally) and the new Board is taking a new direction with Kitsap County towards a solution to the problem. Hopefully, we will have some answers sometime this spring and we are working hard to make those decisions in our favor.

Pylon racing, for whatever reason, did not really catch on last season. So ... We are considering a different approach, as described on page 127 of the current issue of *Model Aviation* under the pylon racing section where they compete with "one design" T-28s. Please read the article and be prepared for a discussion at the February 8th meeting. We'll have a sample model to show at the meeting.

Another new event under consideration is a decathlon which runs from January 1st through December 31st. In short, it gives you a full year to complete all of the ten required events. I competed in this event when I was a member of another club. That was over 15 years ago and the event is still going strong with them. I have a set of their rules that we can go over and see if this is for us.

Our guest speaker this month is Larry Maxwell from the Victoria, B.C., R/C Club. Most of you will probably remember Larry from last year when he spoke to us about their club's Air Show. (Larry and I share a booth at the Monroe Model Expo plus he's an old fishing buddy of mine.) Although he's a lousy fisherman (ha) he's one hell of a scale model builder and scale modeling will be his subject. Hopefully, he will inspire more of us to get involved in scale models!

Attendance was down a little at this year's Club Banquet. I have a feeling some of you were nervous about the price and/or the distance to La Quinta Inn. The pricing this year was all inclusive covering tax and gratuity. This also included salads and deserts. In the past, tax and gratuity were not included, so when comparing the over all cost, they came out very close. Now, what made the difference was that we had a very private dining room with table seating (no benches) and an excellent waitress. No buffet line. About the distance: For some people it was farther and some it was a little closer, but it was worth it. We took an informal show of hands and it was almost a unanimous decision to return to the La Quinta Inn for the 2012 Banquet. I know by this time next year, this will have all been forgotten. But don't worry. When it comes time for the 2012 banquet, you'll be reminded and reminded and reminded!!!

The "don't forget" section

Every Thursday is "**Old Fart's Day**" at the field. We can fly for a while in the morning and then if you have the desire, we can stop off somewhere on the way home and have a cup of coffee. NOTE: Even "Old Farts" in training are welcome!

Remember, the first Saturday of the month is the **club breakfast** at the Bremerton Airport Diner at 8:00am. The prices are reasonable and the portions are generous. If you fail to show up, it leaves the door open for you to be talked about, so it's wise to be there to protect yourself from any malicious gossip.

The **Northwest Hobby Model Expo** starts on Friday, February 11th at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. Friday's hours are 2 until 9 pm, Saturday's are 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday's are from 10 am 'til 3 pm. Adult Admission rates are \$12.00 Friday, \$10.00 Saturday and \$7.00 on Sunday. Do yourself a favor and when you come through the main entrance, make a hard left and visit Larry's and my booth against the far wall where the BRIGHT lights are. We'll be having some swinging deals!

AI