



# *KITSAP Aircraft Radio Control Society*



## *Monthly Meeting: Sep 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes*

*Call to order: 7:00 pm*

Tonight, 10 members were in attendance at the Club's general meeting at the KARCS Field.

### **New members**

None.

### **Meeting Minutes**

- President asked if all had a chance to read the Aug minutes. then asked for a motion to approve them.
- Motion by: Floyd Dunaway                      Second by: Duane Barrett
- The Aug meeting minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Floyd provided the Aug report on the Club's accounts.

- President asked for a motion to approve them
- Motion by: Paul Fleming                      Second by: Duane Barrett
- The Aug financial statement motion was approved by a vote of the attendees

### **General Announcements:**

The Wednesday with Nick and Tim has been going extremely well. They've been averaging between 8 – 12 members to fly, discuss airplanes (setup and running) and enjoying the time together with hotdogs. Come on out and give it a try. Currently it's scheduled on Wed, from 5-7. Be sure to check your email between 12 – 3 to see if the event is cancelled due to wind/rain.

Tim advised that the YE winter build will start on 20 Sep. We'll be building another Falcon 56. Currently, we're projected to have between 10-12 YE builders. We'll have a better tally after the first meeting. The mentors will be Tim Stebbins, Rick Ellis, Mike McIntyre and KC Patton.

I've recently been advised that Greg wishes to step down from Head Instructor. First of all, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for all of the years that he's willingly assisted many new members with his expertise in flying. We have many members that can attribute their enjoyment in flying directly to him. Thank you so very much for all you've done! Secondly, we have had three other members that have volunteered their time and service to teaching new members – Terry Hubbard, Duane Barrett and Paul Fleming. I'll also continue in this capacity. When you see Greg, please thank him and also a hardy welcome to the three new instructors.



I also have some bitter-sweet news. Jacob Brown and his lovely family will be relocating to Tennessee. They're in the process of purchasing a very beautiful place just south of Nashville. It has 5 acres and he's already planning his runway and new shop. The good news is that he still has relatives in Gig Harbor and does plan to come back periodically. When here visiting, he's still planning to fly here.

### **Safety:**

A couple of members have had some nasty experiences recently. Three of the incidents are: First - Loss of signal. There's something you can do to possibly prevent this from happening, as you arm your system, ensure that your receiver has a solid light. Also, periodically, range check your system to verify signal strength. Second – Ensure that you have fuel tubing over your clevises to your servo arm/control arm. Nick was flying his beautiful L-19 Birddog and as he was coming around to final, it appeared to tip stall. When he retrieved his airplane (relatively unscathed) he found that the elevator linkage had become detached from the servo arm on the elevator. Third – a reminder, there's NO ARMING of the airplanes on the assembly tables. Please arm on the proper tables.

### **Competition Results -**

Posted on the website.

### **Regional Events (tentative)**

Sep 13- There'll be a Golden Era Fun Fly. If you haven't got an airplane bi-wing, 30s – 50s era airplane, bring what you have and participate. Duane's already sent out a contest agenda. Come one, come all.

Oct 11/12 is the tentative planned date for the Nitro/Gas Fun Fly. The schedule day is 11 Oct, with 12 Oct as a backup day. Paul Fleming will be the CD for this event, assisted by Nick. More details will be release as the day approaches. This event will be advertised to local clubs and advertised in the AMA magazine. Nick has reached out to Big Foot Hobbies to possibly have a table to sell nitro fuel and accessories. The proposed food truck will not be possible due to cost. We'll either have grilled hamburgers/hot dogs, or pizza.

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### **Field Maintenance:**

On Friday, we had 8 members show up early to patch all of the rips and tears in the runway. A huge thanks to all that came out to repair the runway.



### **Old Business:**

ADDITIONALLY, Nick has reached out to SIG Manufacturing regarding the proposed release of the SIG 4 Star – 20. This will be a new airplane designed to fly on a 3S 2000mah battery. We all have a ‘butt-ton’ of these batteries. Nick’s goal in this is to see how many may want this model, as well as establishing a ‘Winter Build’ in his shop. Please research this model to see who may want to join Nick in this endeavor.

### **New Business:**

### **Show and Tell:**

Ron Vadnais brought his Bestek 300W Sine Power Inverter to the meeting. He purchased it from Amazon between \$38 - \$45. The price is between He’s had a great deal of success charging his batteries at the field with it. Some of the charge times for his 3S has been less that 30 minutes and the larger batteries takes just a little longer.

### **Comments from the Membership:**

None.

*Adjourned: 7:45 pm*