



OMAS Insider

Spring

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Icy Carb Day!



The new year started off with a very nice turnout for Icy Carb day! It was great to see so many members brave the cold to come out to the field. There was chili and hot cocoa, donuts, and a few other goodies to be had such as Dave & Christina's chocolate toffee.



Sam, Dave & Lance on the flight line

COMBAT/LIMBO



The combat wings were out in force. John Vanloo strung a tape across the runway and combat limbo was in effect, followed by a number of other aircraft.

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What's In Your Hangar?

This issue we are trying out the first of some new content. Beginning this issue we will travel to our members and take a few photos of their aircraft. They will also answer a short questionnaire that will be asked of everyone interviewed.

Dave Noel has kindly volunteered to be the first member interviewed for this column. I had not been to Dave's home prior to this and was not sure what to expect. I had seen some of his aircraft at the field. When I arrived Dave met me at the driveway and welcomed me very cordially into his garage. Dave hangs most of his aircraft suspended from the ceiling in his garage. His collection is mixed with elec, fuel, warbirds, and sport planes.



Q. When did you start flying RC?

A. 2011

Q. What was your first aircraft & what is its current flight status?

A. I still have my Harbor Freight wild hawk. It flew when I put it away, but it may need a new battery.

Q. Who introduced you to the hobby?

A. I wasn't interested in rc planes at first, I was into rc car racing a bit and I thought I would just end up spending even more money if I got started with rc planes. Phil Cameron introduced me to the club and now I have proved myself right, I do spend more on plane stuff than I did on cars. Thanks a lot Phil.



Q. How many aircraft do you currently have in your hangar and of them, how many are airworthy? (include everything that flies)

A. 14, that includes some Micro stuff. Two of them would need some work to get flying but the rest are ready to go.

Q. Which one is your favorite & why?

A. My latest addition to my hanger, the aero works Extra 260 is becoming my favorite. It's my most stable and predictable plane. I'm still a bit uneasy about flying nitro planes because most of my experience has been with electrics. Every time I hear it sputter I worry about having to do a dead stick landing.

Q. How would you describe your taste in aircraft? (scale, war birds, heli, gas, elec, KIT, ARF, etc.)

A. I currently like acrobatic planes. To me they are the easiest to fly, you can fly fast or slow, they're predictable and they don't stall that easily.

Q. What is your newest aircraft acquisition/build?

A. The assassin wing, a different kind of rc flying fun.

Q. What is an aircraft you hope to own/build/fly in your RC future?

A. Not sure right now but probably another aerobatic plane like a MXS or Extra but a bit bigger, around 25 percent. I don't feel I'm quite ready for that investment yet. I'll try to improve my skills with what I have for now.

Q. What is the most challenging part of the hobby for you?

A. Finding time to have fun flying out at the field. It's always a balancing act between family, work and hobbies. As for the hobby itself I'm not a great builder/repairer, I do alright but I think it takes me a bit more time than some.

Q. If you could pilot any RC aircraft of your choosing from the current memberships' club wide hangar, which aircraft would you be most curious/interested to test fly?

A. Darin or Dave's 40 percent Extra. I don't have a good track record for flying other peoples planes though so I better stick with my own.

Thanks Dave for sharing your hangar with OMAS!

I am always looking for the next hangar to visit. If you would like to volunteer for a quick interview and some photos please let me know. -Dennis

***Your OMAS board
members working hard for
you to ensure your flying
field and flying experience
can be the best it can be!***

With the new year and the annual OMAS banquet recently passed, it is time to welcome your new board members. Its also a good time to reflect upon your contribution to the club. It is, after all, the participation of members that make the club what it is. This year brings the possibility of new growth to the club and new opportunities to share our hobby with the community.

If you have any interest in the direction of the club, please attend the club meetings and bring your ideas.

From The Cockpit

Greetings OMAS members,

Welcome to another edition of the OMAS newsletter brought to you Dennis Wright. It is great to have an active newsletter to bring information to all of our members. The brain child behind this is Dennis and I want to thank him for taking on this challenge. I really appreciate his efforts and I think all of our members do too. Keep up the good work!!



As we end another flying season and get ready for a new one we have a lot of fun ahead of us. The cold weather is over and as we endure the spring showers our flying season is off to a great start. We are kicking it off with our annual spring clean up April 5th and 6th. The last day, Sunday, is followed up with our first BBQ of the season. We are starting to plan all of the fun fly events for the rest of the year and we have many ideas and plans to lay out. I am sure all of us will have a great time this year!! We hope to have at least one fun fly event per month and maybe more. We will start to set these events up at our monthly club meetings.

The air show this August 9th and 10th is the biggest one we have ever planned so far. This is our 33rd year of the air show and we just keep getting bigger and better every year. Donations to the Oregon Food Bank will happen again this year and we will even bomb ships in the lake with some war birds. We have a really exciting line up for the air show and I am sure everyone will have a great time.

I encourage each member to attend our monthly club meetings to help steer our club and fun fly events. Also, come out and fly as much as you can and have fun!

Wishing you clear skies and low wind.

***Jay Fonville
OMAS President***

A Note From The Editor

Hello OMAS Friends,

Just a few words to thank you all for your support. I devote time to this newsletter because I believe members are interested to know what happens at the field and within the club. The meeting minutes describe clearly what order of business is discussed, but the newsletter is an opportunity to connect with the club members on a more personal level. Should you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see in the next issue of the club newsletter please feel free to send feedback to dennislwright@comcast.net

-Dennis

SAFETY



I've been taking on a few more responsibilities within the club and have agreed to try on the role of Safety Officer this year. I will be doing what I can to represent the club's safety interests throughout the year. Please join me in maintaining a safe and considerate flying atmosphere.

Upcoming Events

- April 5 & 6 field clean up, BBQ and meeting
- April 27 OMAS Fun Fly (TBD)
- May 25 OMAS Fun Fly (TBD)
- June 14 & 15 "War Birds Over The West" Aurora Airport Fly In.
- August 9 & 10 OMAS Air Show

Just For Laughs



An 80-year-old man went to the doctor for a check-up and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm an R/C pilot and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up just after daylight and out chasing thermals up and down the mountains."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?" The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?" The old timer said, "He's 100 years old and, in fact, he flew Zagsis with me this morning, and that's why he's still alive, he's an R/C flier."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?" The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! How old is he?" The old timer said, "He's 118 years old." The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went flying with you this morning too?"

The old timer said, "No, Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he got married." The Doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Why would a 118-year-old guy want to get married?" The old timer said, "Who said he *wanted* to?"

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