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## The Clark Flyer October 2008



Well, I know it's fall for two reasons. One, because I just picked all the gourds from my garden, and two, because I also just flew in our October Fest Fun Fly. There was a good turnout for the fun fly and fun was had by all. The weather was perfect, a little cool in the morning, and the sun in the afternoon; perfect! I know that it was the first time I ever dropped a plastic Easter egg filled with flower and beans, and had it actually explode on impact; way cool. I think many others including myself, could have done that all day and been happy, but we had to move on to get all of the other cool events done too.

A big thanks to Randy for organizing and running the October Fest Fun Fly; and he brought chips and his home made salsa, oh so good. Also, a big thanks to Jim for cooking all of those hotdogs and sausages. You see, after we finished flying, we were able to eat sausage and sauer-

kraut; another oh so good! All and all, a very successful day was had by all at the flying field.

On another note, October, and November are nominations for club officers. All positions are open for you to volunteer for, or to nominate someone for. If you want to help the club by volunteering yourself for a position, or know someone that would make a good nominee, just email any of the officers or come to the November meeting to make ideas know. It's because of volunteers like you that make our club a fun and successfully group of people to be a part of, along with providing the community with a good place to fly our RC planes and to interact socially with others that have the same interests as you do.

Enough with the political pitch, it's all about having fun, and I hope that is what all of us are having, because I sure am.

One last thing to keep in mind, the Christmas party is going to be December 10, so make your calendars. It will be fun for all.

Luis

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## Meeting Minutes October 8th, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:33 by President Luis. Guests in attendance were Ken Macdonald, Bob Scott, and Riley.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved as posted on the web site.

Steve Piper gave a treasurers report. He stated that we have \$1,395.76 in the checking account and 5 \$1,000.00 CD's that have and are still accruing interest.



Dick Teson and his Bob Hoover P-51

He also stated that we have 102 paid members. Nominations for officers were made:  
 President: Luis Munoz  
 Vice President: Randy Boardman, Merrill South  
 Treasurer: Steve Piper  
 Secretary: Dave Agar  
 Tom O'Neal was appointed as the new club safety officer.  
 Randy Boardman is our CD once again.  
 Dave Anderson is the club PR official.  
 John Shirron is the club newsletter editor and raffle official.

The Cub Scouts have contacted the club about another flying day. Dave Agar will call them and set things up. The Holiday party is going to be set up by Jim Taylor. He will post a date and time on the web site.

Randy Boardman has an October fest planned for Oct. 12 at 9:00. Hot dogs and pop will be served for a fee during the fun fly.



October's Raffle:  
 Seagull Models Ultimate Biplane ARF  
 Won by The Great Pumpkin (Again!)

The criers raffle was won by Jim Faull, however he was not at the meeting so the money carries over into next month.

Jim Taylor won the raffle.

Jim Taylor also told us that he will have flight deals once again for the AMA convention. He will give more details soon.

### Show and Tell:

Dave Yardes: His Kantana

Frank: His retired JR Helicopter

Jim Haskins: His P-47 that he donated to the club for a future raffle. Thanks ever so much.

Dick Teason: His P-51

Mike Scott: His P-51

Chuck Graves: His Miester plan's.



Mike Scott's Beautifully detailed P-51

The Final Fun Fly of the year was held on Sunday. Here are some photos



Photo taken with a 53' mast  
Contac Herb Reidlinger for more info



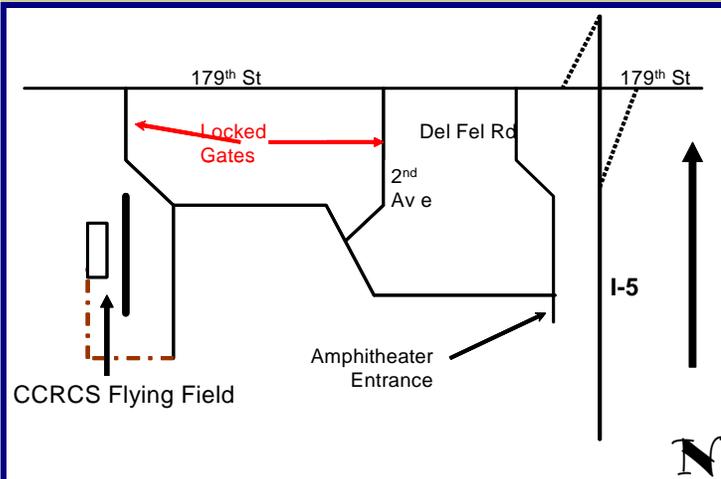
Dave Agar's Ugly Stick after a bout with the tree monster



Jim Taylor won the raffle not the Great Pumpkin. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

The Cascade Cup/NAMBA World Championship were held at Kline Pond on Saturday. Here are some photos. Go to [www.e-rcu.org](http://www.e-rcu.org) for more info.





### Directions:

Exit 9 from I-5 (Battle Ground Fairground exit) Head west to 2nd Ave. There are two ways to get to the field. Spectators and club members can use the Amphitheater entrance (open from 8 AM. until 9 PM. most days).

If locked club members can use the club entrance off of 2nd Ave. You must be a member and know the combination of the lock!



### November's Raffle:

#### **Model Tech Mach Racer 25-36 Size Delta ARF**

**Wing Span :** 43 in (109cm)

**Flying Weight :** 6-7 lbs

**Fuselage Length :** 44.8 in (113.7cm)

**Wing Area:** 589 sq in (38 sq dm)

**Engine Requirements :** 46-.55 2-stroke, .72-.82 4-stroke

**Radio Required :** 6 channel radio system with 6 standard servos.

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**Commons):** The only real hydroplane race ever run in the state of Oregon, at Dexter Lake in 1971, was won by Billy Schumacher. We celebrate the race as an annual event.



**ERCU Gold Cup (Lake Wilderness, Maple Valley):**

Just like the real thing, this is the most coveted trophy of the season. The ERCU Gold Cup Trophy is an actual Gold Cup award that was presented to an unlimited driver to commemorate the event.

**Rose Festival RC Regatta (Westmoreland Park, Portland):** An official event of the annual Portland Rose Festival, the RC Regatta brings model boating to the attention of many.

**Columbia Cup (Lake of Tualatin Commons, Tualatin, Ore.):** Recognizing one of the grandest traditions in the sport of hydroplane racing — the real Columbia Cup, which has been run in the Tri-Cities in SE Washington for nearly five decades.

**Cascade Cup (Horseshoe Lake, Woodland):** First run in 2006 in the spirit of the Seattle-Detroit rivalry that grew from the Gold Cup, and raised the awareness of hydroplane racing in the West, the Cascade Cup is a challenge race, where the winner gets to choose the site where he or she will defend their trophy the following season. The event is charged with a rivalry between Seattle and Portland, and is raising awareness of ERCU and 1/10-scale hydroplane racing in Portland and SW Washington.



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For more information, please visit

[www.e-rcu.org](http://www.e-rcu.org)



## What is ERCU?

Electric Radio Controlled Unlimiteds is a group of dedicated hydroplane enthusiasts who have decided to recreate the thrill and excitement of unlimited hydroplane racing in a 1/10-scale electric radio controlled format. We do it because we love the nostalgia of seeing our favorite old hydros once again thundering down the race course.

We currently have more than 50 members — most of

whom live in the Puget Sound area. A few of our members either currently crew on actual unlimited hydroplanes that tour the national circuit, or have at some point in their boat racing “careers”. There is a strong connection between ERCU and the hydroplane and Raceboat Museum in Seattle. Many of our members have donated hundreds of hours — and lots of money — helping to restore the old boats and support the museum.

We are proud to be the largest 1/10-scale fast electric hydroplane club in the world. We strive to foster the ongoing philosophy of a family-oriented and community-friendly hobby. This is an organization where all of our members have an equal voice and compete on an equal level.

## “Rules of the Road”

The goal of ERCU is to recreate the excitement of unlimited hydroplane racing in a 1/10-scale format. For instance, a scale paint scheme and lettering is mandatory. A miniature driver with a helmet and life vest must be in the scale cockpit.

All boats are formally registered with the organization’s registrar to prevent duplication of boats. For variety sake, only one version of each original hydro is allowed to compete at each regatta. This also prevents confusion during the competition.

We currently race two separate classes of scale hydros: The vintage class is made up of shovel nosed (round bow) unlimiteds that typically ran from the 1950’s to the 1960’s. The idea is to keep boats of



similar hull designs together. The modern class is dedicated to “pickle fork” designed boats from the 1970’s to today.

The power plant for both classes is a specific electric motor designed for model boating. In order to keep a fair playing field, an AstroFlight cobalt 25 motor, with “five turns” is the only brushed motor design allowed in this club. In 2006, the club tested, and later approved, the use of a brushless motor — the Himax 3630-1500 — which became the only brushless motor allowed for competition in the club.

Over the last few years, the technology of batteries have greatly improved. Both of our classes are “fueled” with rechargeable batteries mostly either NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride) or Lithium Polymer (LiPO) styles of batteries.

## Races

We normally run a schedule of 14-15 race season, increasing the visibility of the club all around the Pacific Northwest.



**Champion Spark Plug Regatta (Fort Borst Park, Centralia):** The first race of the season, this race brings back the historic old race that the big boats used to run in Miami.

**Stan Sayres Memorial (Cherokee Bay Community Club, Maple Valley):** In honor of Stan Sayres, the famed owner and sometime driver of the Slo-Mo-Shun hydroplane-racing dynasty. He was a major force in bringing hydroplane racing to Seattle in the 1950’s.

**Bill Brow Memorial (Twin Lakes Park, Marysville):** Sponsored by Seattle Services, this race is held each year in honor of the late Bill Brow, who was killed in a



hydroplane racing accident in 1967’s Champion Spark Plug Regatta. Bill’s son, Doug — a former unlimited hydroplane driver himself, currently races with ERCU.

### Silver Cup (Lake Tye,

**Monroe):** The Silver Cup was one of the first major trophies to be offered for unlimited hydroplanes after World War II. Raced in Detroit each year between 1946-61, it was discontinued after driver Bob Hayward was killed in a racing accident. ERCU runs the Silver Cup as a nod to hydroplane history.

**Vandenberg Challenge (Twin Lakes, Marysville):** This race annually honors former Miss Bardahl crew chief Leo Vandenberg.

### President’s Cup (Lake Wilderness, Maple Valley):

Run on the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., the real President’s Cup was an important stop on the unlimited hydroplane circuit from the 1940’s up until the 1970’s. It’s now an important stop on the ERCU circuit every year. This event is always held in conjunction with the annual Maple Valley Days.

**Diamond Cup (Cherokee Bay Community Club, Maple Valley):** The actual Diamond Cup for unlimited hydroplanes took place at Lake Coeur d’Alene, in Idaho from 1958 to 1968.

**Bernie Little Memorial (Bellevue Downtown Park, Bellevue):** Honoring Bernie Little, the long-time owner of the Miss Budweiser Racing Team, this race has become ERCU’s annual honor to the sport’s most successful owner.

**Seafair Trophy (Lake Tye, Monroe):** This event takes place as close to Seafair weekend as possible, and is ERCU’s homage to the community organization that keeps hydroplane racing in Seattle.

### Oregon Emerald Cup (Lake of Tualatin



## CCRCS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2008

Applicants must be a member of the ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS (AMA) before they will be accepted for membership in the Clark County Radio Control Society. (CCRCS)

The initial initiation fee and dues must be paid at the time of submission of application.

Dues are \$56.00 per year, or \$4.67 per month. (If you were to join in June your dues would be \$32.69) plus \$20.00 initiation fee. Any renewal sent in before March 1<sup>st</sup> will be discounted \$5.00. (\$56.00 less \$5.00 early renewal= \$51.00)

Any member of the same household or any person holding a Junior AMA Membership receives a 50% discount on dues!

YOU MUST submit a photocopy (or show proof) of your AMA card with this APPLICATION.

### **Applicant Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

AMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Radio Frequency (s) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Applicant Agreement**

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code, and will abide by the CCRCS By Laws. Before flying my aircraft I will thoroughly understand the boundaries and rules of the CCRCS flying field

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send this application and a check made out to CCRCS (along with a self addressed, stamped envelope if possible) to

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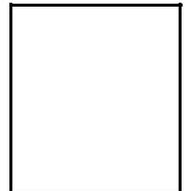
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7, 2008: Sky Knight's Pearl Harbor Days  
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