

## The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Vintage R/C Society

September 4 - 5, 2015, at Agate Skyways, Oregon

Vintage Radio Control Society means old airplanes (at least 35 years old) and sometimes very old radios. Twenty-nine pilots showed up for two days of relaxed cordial fun flying. CD'ed by Bruce Tharpe, this event seems to grow each year. We even had a few out of towners who drove a few hundred miles to fly with us.

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### The Pilots

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Left to Right: Rod Graham, Jim Spurlock, Bruce Harlow, Rich DeMartini, Ryan Rahm, Rod Elledge, Phil Baehne, Clark Wolf, Martin Sherman, Jack Shaffer, Gary Neal, Les Simmons, Bruce Tharpe, John Gaines, Bob Campbell, Dale McCuiston

Not Pictured: Rick Lindsey, Cecil Mead, Jess Walls, Dave Bartholomew, Jay Strickland, Richard Schwegerl, Larry Myers, Matt Cody, Jason Snyder, Calvin Emigh, Bob Stamm, Joe Geiger, Gary Jenks, Bill Bevels

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### Pilot's Choice Voting

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Photo by: Corina Wentworth

Each morning started with a quick line up of the models so pilots could vote on their favorites. Planes that were there for both days of the event got to collect votes twice - a distinct advantage.



Photo by: Corina Wentworth

Rick Lindsey campaigned for his Sweetater.



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The variety was amazing!

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## Our Sky on Friday

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The Rogue Eagles have their airstrip in what is known as the Agate Desert. Local rainstorms have a habit of missing the actual runway but sometimes the skies can be threatening. Occasionally, someone (Bruce Harlow here) dares to brave the elements and sometimes there are a few exciting moments.

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### New This Year - A Reed Emulator

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Bruce brought out a big docile 3 channel plane to give the boys a chance to try their hand at flying RC using the old 'click' type toggle switches instead of proportional sticks.



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(L-to-R) John Gaines, Bruce Tharpe, Jay Strickland, Dave Bartholomew

[Vid of pilots using the reed emulator.](#)



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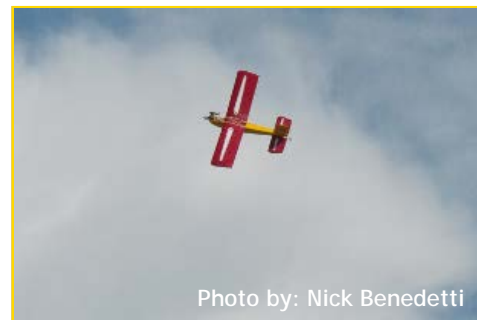


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Note the blue control box held by Bruce (above, left). Pilots took turns trying to fly with elevator on the left (toggle up / toggle down) and rudder on the right. This was the modern way to fly R/C 50 years ago.



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The plane used for this grand experiment was a Digester. The model was built by Bruce Tharpe Sr.

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### Some Great Flight Shots

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Photo by: Rick Lindsey

Ron Kelso's El Gringito "Old One" is a past winner of Pilot's Choice. It's a vintage design with retracts!



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The gull-wing Spook flown by Clark Wolf is actually a free flight design that's been converted to RC. Old timers like this are welcome at the VRCS Fly-In.





Photo by: Rick Lindsey

Bruce Tharpe's Super Pacer that shows what is possible with Monokote.



Photo by: Rick Lindsey

Jason Snyder's Sun Fli 4 was a serious pattern ship back in it's day. Now it's more of a typical Sunday Flyer.



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Another picture perfect landing for John Gaines and his Candy.



Photo by: Rick Lindsey

Dirty Birdys were the pattern ship to have in the mid-seventies. This one is an ARF with retracts that flies very well.



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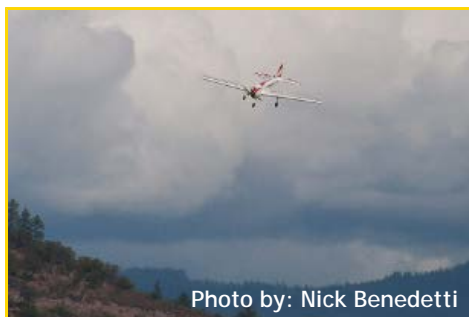


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Southern RC kitted a plane called the Sweetator that actually pre-dates the Dirty Birdy. Since form follows function, the two planes are very similar. This one was built by Stu Tittle years and years ago, survived a house fire after it was framed up, was given to Joe Hasler and finally given to Rick Lindsey as a sad little orphan. Rick painted it and now flies it proudly. An OS .55 for power, and retracts, of course.

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## More Planes

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Half the fun of the VRCS is seeing what the other guys bring.





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This is an R/C powered by a Cox .010. The ignitor dwarfs the engine!



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Richard Schwegerl's vintage PT-19.



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Richard DeMartini's Mustang built from a Sterling kit.



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The Super Pacer gets a needle setting check.



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How about a Taube French monoplane sporting a split rudder? Half the rudder is above the elevator and the other half is below.



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Photo by: Bruce Tharpe

Bruce Harlow just calls this one "Oldie".

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### The Aeromasters

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The Aeromaster, designed by Lou Andrews in the mid 1960s, just might be the most popular RC biplane of all time. The kit remained in production for over 40 years, first by Andrews and later by Great Planes.



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Cecil Mead flew up a storm with his Aeromaster, powered by an OS .70 four-stroke in a radial cowl. It was obvious that Cecil has spent a lot of time with this bird judging by his low-level snaps and spins.



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Rick Lindsey brought several planes to the event including this faithful Aeromaster. Check out the long antenna on Rick's transmitter - it almost seems "vintage" nowadays. His biplane is held together with rubber bands and powered by an OS .61.





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It flies! Note the weird shadow!

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### Year of the Astro-Hog

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There were four of them at the event this year. The Astro-Hog was the first truly successful low-wing RC design and became super popular in the late 1950s. It was kitted early on by Berkeley Models and later by Sig Manufacturing.



Photo by: Corina Wentworth

Joe Geiger came up from Eureka, CA and brought this gorgeous Hog. Joe is the brother-in-law of new club member, Jess Walls.



Photo by: Corina Wentworth

Martin Sherman taking his venerable Astro-Hog to the judging line. His was among 4 Hogs at the meet.



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The Astro-Hog was big in 1957 and so was Barbie. Jack Shaffer decided they belonged together.





Photo by: Bruce Tharpe

Rod Elledge fires up his Astro-Hog with a helping hand from Les Simmons.



Photo by: Rick Lindsey

Rod Elledge helped "Hog" the sky on Friday.

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### Award Winners

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#### PILOT'S CHOICE AWARD



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Rod Graham's adorable Aeronca C-3 was the clear winner this year. He presented the plane along with its old kit box, engine box, and a vintage transmitter. The kit was made by Joy Products which was later bought by Balsa USA. Rod kept his bird safely on the ground - flying is not required for this award.



Photo by: Bruce Tharpe

The CD presented 80-year-old Cecil Mead with this award for his enthusiasm and good nature. He drove down from Lafayette (near McMinnville) and flew with us both days. He used dancing thumbs, body English, and running commentary to control his plane - a very entertaining pilot!

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### Conclusion

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The VRCS is a great event made even better by the participants. Thanks to Bruce Tharpe for running this event for the past three years. And thanks to Nick Benedetti, Corina Wentworth, and Bruce Tharpe for contributing the majority of the photos for this web page. All photos are credited including those taken by your webmaster and VR/CS enthusiast, Rick Lindsey.

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