

Salem R/C Pilots Association

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Salem R/C Pilots Assn.

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April 16, 2026

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If you need flight instruction, call one of these instructors and find out when they are available to help you. Please make arrangements to meet them at the field. Do not assume they will be available when they are at the field.

Meeting night, bring any project to show and tell. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information about the club, attend a meeting as a guest or contact any of the club officers. Club dues are \$75.00 per year. We are listed with the local hobby shops.



In Memory of Pete Melin, Our Club Secretary

In Case of Emergency:

Tell the 911 operator you are at the radio control model flying field.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 16, 7:30 PM

Turner Flying Field

Turner, OR

	Treasurer's Report		
From			
03/01/26	Balance Forward		\$5,774.87
to	Income		375.00
03/31/26	Expenses		477.00
	Balance		5672.87
	Dedicated Funds		0.00
	General Fund		5672.87
	Total Income This Year		4365.00
	Total Expenses This Year		1512.76

	Treasurer's Report		
From			
04/01/26	Balance Forward		\$5,672.87
to	Income		375.00
04/08/26	Expenses		283.00
	Balance		5764.87
	Dedicated Funds		0.00
	General Fund		5764.87
	Total Income This Year		4740.00
	Total Expenses This Year		1795.76

**SALEM R/C PILOTS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL CLUB MEETING
March 19, 2026**

Pete Melin is in room 315 at the **Salem Transitional Care** next to Bonaventure assisted living facilities on Kuebler just East of I-5. The building is a single-story building.

The Treasury's current balance is \$5916.87, \$200 to go to field maintenance. There are 62 current paid members.

It was asked that the rolling combination box be changed to a punch code box. Matt will do this.

Fiberglass panels donated by **Al Cleveland** will be put up along the back west two bays of the building.

The next meeting: April 2026 will be at the flying field. Meetings there will be April - September. The indoor meetings will be starting in October at the **Scottish Rite Temple** on South Commercial Street, **7:30 on the 4th Tuesday of the month**. The date change is due to lack of availability of our normal schedule.

The **swap meet** is March 21, 2026, at 333 Armory Way in McMinnville across the street from the Evergreen Museum at the **National Guard Armory**.

Alan Lasneski will be taking over as CD for **Melon's Follies** and **GAME (Big Bird)**

First **Float Fly** of the year is May 9th. Saturday, April 25th Float Fly Retrieval Boat maintenance day will be at **Ted Foster's** house 10:00 am, and entails cleaning the aluminum hull, oar lock maintenance and trailer maintenance....

Other Meets:

EAA Willamette STOL at the Independence airport, August 21, 22, 23.

Jet Jam over Salem, our field, August 22nd.

Warbirds over Salem, our field, July 25th.

Club pylon racing will happen this year.

Umpqua Valley Modelers July 10-12. **Jamboree**. Off of Kingery Ranch Lane.

NEW BUSINESS:

Temporary new club Secretary, and of course, a new club secretary is needed.

Ted Foster put down **Dimension** weed killer last fall. Working well.

Justin Clare would like a 3D, "Tucson shootout" style aerobatic event to be hosted at our field. If anybody is interested, especially a CD, please get together with Justin.

Tech Time:

Dave Dibble brought a Wide Body interesting looking electric aircraft. Beautiful Mighty Mouse covering scheme! Nice work!

Alan Lasneski gave a talk about his AMR "style" 33% WACO YMF-5 biplane. Based on a partial kit from AMR aircraft of Canada. Approximately 50 lbs. around 12-foot wingspan, 7-cylinder 4-stroke radial engine. The talk centered on the custom molded carbon fiber landing gear, designed to take 110 lbs of landing load, and more discussion about the entire mold creation process and design.

Minutes done by Vice President **Matt Myatt**. Thanks Matt!

Ramy RC builds another big one!

[Building the world's biggest RC AIRBUS A380-800, PART 1](#)

[Building the world's biggest RC AIRBUS A380-800, Part 2](#)

[Building the world's biggest RC AIRBUS A380-800, Part 3](#)

[Ready for the first flight, World's biggest RC Airbus A-380, Final](#)

Big F5 Test Flight:

[BIG F5: FIRST FLIGHT with a SINGLE OFFSET TURBINE!!](#)

A Big Red Fokker DR-1, pray for a call day!

[GIANT FOKKER DR-1 WITH 7 CYL. 820cc VALACH RADIAL ENGINE](#)

Peter Sripol loves to build. Enjoy!

[Modifying CargoJet for Extremely Short Runways!](#)

Here are a couple of WII era videos:

[Black Cats of WWII: The Flying Boat That Outsmarted the Enemy & Other Flying Boats](#)

[Bell XP-59A: The Classified Birth of American Jet Power](#)

Here are some rare aircraft landing:

[Incredible Rare Aircraft Landings | Hahnweide Airshow 2025 | Vintage & Warbird Classics](#)

For you 3D printer guys: Prusa Printables Awards for 2025. There is a lot more you can do besides 3-D printer aircraft:

[\(4007\) Printables Awards 2025 - The Best 3D Printable Models - Chosen by You! - YouTube.](#)

See you at the meeting.

