

Salem R/C Pilots Association

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AMA Charter # 535



Salem R/C Pilots Assn.

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May 21, 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.



**Matt is checking out the retrieval boat
(or did he slip?)**

In Case of Emergency:

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

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 PM

Turner Flying Field

Turner, OR

Treasurer's Report			
From			
04/01/26	Balance Forward		\$5,672.87
to	Income		750.00
04/30/26	Expenses		327.00
	Balance		6095.87
	Dedicated Funds		0.00
	General Fund		6095.87
	Total Income This Year		5115.00
	Total Expenses This Year		1839.76

**SALEM R/C PILOTS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL CLUB MEETING
May 21, 2026**

Attendance: 18 members present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasury current balance of \$5839.87

\$200 paid to **Kent Garrett** for field maintenance.

Porta Potty \$63, Electricity \$44, and Club Registration, Turner field and Independence float fly sites: \$220.

Approximately 63-64 current paid members.

OLD BUSINESS:

McMinnville Swap Meet went well. They are thinking about having it in the same location next year, 333 Armory Way in McMinnville, across the street from the Evergreen Museum, at the National Guard Armory. To be decided.

Fiberglass panels donated by Al Cleveland will be put up along the back west side three bays of the building by a work party. Time to be decided.

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

Alan Lasneski will be taking over as CD for the **35th Melon's Follies**, June 27th and the **20th GAME** (Big Bird) September 16th - 20th.

The **First Float Fly** of the year is May 9th.

April 25th is **Float Fly Retrieval Boat** maintenance day at **Ted Foster's** house at 10:00 am. Cleaning the aluminum hull, Oar lock maintenance, Trailer maintenance....

The **EAA Willamette STOL** is at the **Independence airport**, August 21, 22, 23. Full size aircraft. **Al Cleveland** is looking for people who want to night fly R/C Saturday night of the STOL from around 6pm. The window of time is still pending by allowability.

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

Warbirds over Salem, our field, July 25th.

Club pylon racing will happen this year July 7th - August 25th, eight consecutive weeks. Starting time will be around 6pm. Racing will begin after setup and if enough racers are ready for the first heat.

The **AMA Jamboree** will be at the **Umpqua Valley Modelers** on July 10-12. The field is off of **Kingery Ranch Lane**.

One of our members wanted to verify that evening telescope activity is allowed to members. That established use was verified (allowed).

NEW BUSINESS:

John Bard, volunteered to be an interim secretary under **Alan Lasneski's** supervision. The club voted to allow this even though the by-laws state a member has to have been a member for three consecutive years for board eligibility. Motion to allow: "John Bard to be an interim Club Secretary under Alan Lasneski's supervision until three years of membership has been established". Motion introduced by **John Stroup** and seconded by **Bob Crump**.

Tech Time:

Matt Myatt: Hobby King Aerostar rvs G2 160 amp ESC for 12S F-22. Also needed is a 12S capable BEC. Matt used the Castle BEC for this. This conversion works for the **Motion RC 8S F-22 90mm** version. The 1350KV motor fan combo tolerates this upgrade. The 8S F-22 from motion hits 119 mph out of the box. With this upgrade it's around 150mph. Motion in no way recommends this and this violates the warranty. Fyi

With our larger batteries becoming more common Matt now uses a Hobby King sold: **ISDT FD-200 discharger**. It will discharge 2-8S batteries at up to 200 watts. Matt doesn't think this takes more than 5 minutes to reach store charge, about 50-70%, on even his largest batteries.

End of Minutes

Float Fly Retrieval Boat Maintenance





All Done

You might want to look at the Tech Time section at the end of the minutes before you watch this video:

[Freewing 90mm F-22 Flight by Sean O'Connor At The Frank Tiano All Scale Fly-In 2026 | Motion RC](#)

Want to know more about how your motor and ESC work together:

[Timing Explained for Brushless Motor and ESC's](#)

Tough Jets T-14 website: [ToughJets - The Home Of the T-14 Radio Controlled Airplane](#)

Tough Jets T-14 Review by Hobby View:

[\(4048\) Way better than we deserve - Tough Jets T-14 | HobbyView - YouTube](#)

Here are a couple of Slope Soaring videos:

[TOSS @Signal Hill 1 May 2026](#)

[Flying off a small Riverbank in a narrow band of lift.](#)

This is one big heavy R/C aircraft. Appears to fly great!

[\(4048\) 83KG! WORLDS LARGEST YAK 55M RC MODEL IN SCALE 1:1,6 / 62% - YouTube](#)

Now we transition into full-scale aircraft:

[Smallest Homemade Planes In the World](#)

[Why Did the Mosquito Have Triangular Wings? The Mystery Explained](#)

[Big Black CORSAIR stuns crowd at Hahnweide 2025 | Flying Legends](#)

[75 Unbelievable Aviation Moments Caught on Camera](#)

[Incredible and RARE Warbirds Touch Down at Hahnweide | Cinematic Grass Runway Landings](#)

[Daily Sun 'n Fun Airshow Highlights! - Wednesday - Sun 'n Fun 2026](#)

[Daily Sun 'n Fun Airshow Highlights! - Thursday - Sun 'n Fun 2026](#)

[The Best of AERO Friedrichshafen 2026](#)

See you at the meeting