

Salem R/C Pilots Association

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AMA Charter # 535



Salem R/C Pilots Assn.

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June 18, 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.



Aaron Dominguez's Winning WBC Aircraft

In Case of Emergency:

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

Next Meeting:

Thursday, June 18, 7:30 PM

Turner Flying Field

Turner, OR

	Treasurer's Report		
From			
05/01/26	Balance Forward		\$6,095.87
to	Income		475.00
05/31/26	Expenses		3928.09
	Balance		2642.78
	Dedicated Funds		0.00
	General Fund		2642.78
	Total Income This Year		5590.00
	Total Expenses This Year		5767.85

	Treasurer's Report		
From			
06/01/26	Balance Forward		\$2,642.78
to	Income		0.00
06/01/26	Expenses		63.00
	Balance		2579.78
	Dedicated Funds		0.00
	General Fund		2579.78
	Total Income This Year		5590.00
	Total Expenses This Year		5830.85

Salem RC Pilots Association
May 2026 Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: May 21, 2026

1. Meeting Called to Order by Alan Lasneski at 7:30pm. **Seventeen people** were in attendance.
2. April Newsletter was received and read by most members and approved as written by a vote.
 - a. A few members reported not having received the newsletter.
 - b. Al Cleveland and others reported having some problems with the website.

3. **Treasurer's Report** by Al Cleveland

- a. Active Members 71. Unpaid Members 16. Four or five people have filled out paperwork but never paid.
- b. Bank Balance approx. \$5400
- c. Approx. \$500 in expected bills for boat battery, Honey Bucket, and PGE
 - i. Ted asked if Dallas bought the battery. Greg answered that Dallas bought the last battery and will be on the hook for the next battery.
- d. Mailbox fees for either 6 months or a year are due. More details to come.
- e. \$1200 field lease due in June. Payable to Justin Gross.
- f. Website lease/annual fee was discussed. Matt said that Tyler has probably been paying it. Matt will have Tyler text Al C. the amount.

4. **Old Business**

- a. **Float Flys.** Next one is on June 6. April had the best turnout, but high water. May proved to be much better weather and the water was as smooth as glass. Matt added to the entertainment factor.
- b. **Boat Day.** Ted thanked Al Cleveland for organizing Boat Day. Matt and Al thanked Cohen and Everett for their hard work.

5. **Upcoming Events**

- a. **Wings Over Willamette** - EAA Willamette Stol @ Independence Airport on August 21, 22, and 23. Sign up at the next meeting to volunteer, please!
- b. **Salem Jet Jam** on August 22.
- c. **Warbirds Over Salem** on July 25.
- d. **Pylon Racing** - Tuesday evenings from July 7 through August 25 at 6:00pm.
- e. **AMA Jamboree** - July 10 - 12. 500 Kingery Ranch Lane, Yoncalla, OR 97499

f. **Melon's Follies** - 35th Annual - June 27. Precision Landing Challenge to follow.

g. **Winter Build Challenge** - May 30 at 9:00am

6. New Business

a. **Mower Replacement** -

- i. Club members praised Kent's fine work in maintaining the field. Kent said that he plans to get the grass another $\frac{1}{2}$ " shorter after upcoming mows. Thank you Kent!
- ii. After 17 years in service and with excellent maintenance by Kent it has been determined that the best plan is to replace the current zero turn mower ASAP.
- iii. Ted showed a number of options and suggested that discounts could be leveraged at Home Depot and Lowes. Prices between \$4200 and \$5300.
- iv. Kent mentioned a mower he likes. The Ariens Icon has a Kawasaki engine and is available at Lowes for about \$3900.
- v. Mark said that the Lebanon club had recently purchased a Cub Cadet from Tractor Supply with a welded deck for about \$3900.
- vi. Brian, Kent, Mark, and others agreed that a **welded mower deck** is far superior to a stamped deck for durability and longevity.
- vii. Dan Anderson moved that the club spend up to **\$4000 for a new mower** with a contingency that Kent, Al Cleveland and Dan agree on which mower to buy. John Degaetano seconded the motion. Upon a vote of the members present the motion passed.
- viii. Al Cleveland suggested that the club **seek donations from club members** to help pay for the new mower. He offered to kick off the fundraiser by donating \$100 himself.
- ix. Alan Lasneski said that the club should publish an open fundraiser in the next newsletter.

b. Polycarbonate panels for the back side of the building - John

Degaetano asked about planning a work day to install panels. A list of

materials including 2 X 4's, screws (Matt?) and a team of approximately four volunteers would be needed. John, Matt, Merle, and Dan were named.

7. Safety

- a. **Ticks** - John Degeatano reported that people entering the taller grass of the field should be careful and inspect themselves for ticks after returning.
- b. Al Cleveland shared the story of a **motor kick** that broke a propeller. The plane was on a Harbor Freight motorcycle lift that weighed 180 pounds and upon starting the motor for the first time it kicked hard enough to pop the throttle linkage off (which Al didn't notice). Without that linkage attached, the motor defaulted to **full throttle**. Upon the second start the motor revved and began pulling the motorcycle lift across the room. Al said that this was a reminder that we should always double check everything especially on these much more powerful planes. Matt added that we should respect the hazards from working with electric motors as well.

8. Tech Time

- a. Greg offered a newly discovered feature on his Spectrum radio. Within the flap menu in his radio he was able to **program trim settings** within the three switch positions for flaps. While he offered detailed instruction, this secretary suggests contacting Greg for further information. It sounded cool.
- b. Justin spoke of the durability of his **Tiny Whoop quadcopter**. After having crashed and fully submerged underwater he was still able to fly. Justin has found that the Tiny Whoop is quite capable and fun.
- c. Ted showed the club a **cowl** that had been previously modified to accommodate a glow engine. He used fiberglass backing and bondo glazing putty to cover and fill the holes that are no longer needed. Ted

added a flow additive to his paint slow the drying process and allow the paint to level out to minimize brush strokes. The cowl looks really nice.

- d. Alan Lasneski shared the process for building **carbon fiber landing gear**. After the epoxy pour over the carbon fiber material, Alan tested the strength of the gear he built. He was able to put his entire body weight on the gear without breaking it which exceeds the need for the 50-60 pound plane he will use it on. Estimating a 2g landing maximum, the gear will need to withstand a 110 pound impact.

9. At approximately 8:30pm the meeting was completed.

This Month's Videos

A R/C 1924 Dormoy flying bathtub and the full-scale aircraft:

[1924 Dormoy Bath Tub](#)

[1924 Dormoy flying bathtub racer aircraft](#)

Model aircraft videos:

[We built a giant RC Boeing 777X Complete build and flight](#)

[Big Dog on the Block - Legend Hobby 156" L-19 Bird Dog 120cc | HobbyView](#)

[Gee Bee R2 , Maßstab 1:2, Large Scale, Moki 400, Wolfgang Niederstrasser](#)

[Fischer P51 Mustang Kolm IL310cc](#)

[HUGE TWIN ENGINE DE HAVILLAND DH88 COMET RC MODEL PLANE FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION](#)

[Vanessa Center of Gravity Machine](#)

[TBRC Community RC Airplane Crash Compilation 2024, 2025, 2026](#)

[21kg Beast Takes Flight! Stearman PT-17 Maiden](#)

[Engineering a Tail-less Flying Wing](#)

[4KG ULTRA LIGHTWEIGHT RC BOEING 777 ELECTRIC AIRLINER MODEL FLIGHT DEMONSTRATION](#)

Full-scale aircraft videos:

[A Closer Look at Blown-Lift with Electra's Ultra Short Aircraft](#)

[Archaeopteryx: Fusslandung \(Foot landing\)](#)

[Jet Age Icons That changed The World: From The Boeing 707 To The Boeing 747 | Aviation Documentary](#)

[Why Is the Boeing 777X the Most Insane Airplane Ever Built?](#)

See you at the Meeting