

## **Skagit R/C Club – Minutes of meeting for July 2017**

The Skagit R/C Club held the scheduled monthly meeting on July 18, at the Burlington Library. It was called to order at 7:00 PM by president, Tom Ward. 17 members were present, with 3 family members. June, 2017 meeting minutes were accepted without reading.

Treasurer's report – The report was supplied by Harlan Brown; Current balance is \$4152.72.

Field Report: The field is in excellent condition. Cattle are elsewhere, so gates are open and unlocked. If you come in via Hwy 9, note that the berries to the north of the dirt road are dust sensitive, so drive slowly when going by them.

Tom Ward suffered a medical emergency at the field which soon required a hospital visit. Although he is hitting on all cylinders now, he will require ongoing attention. The medical emergency was not flying related, but reminds us of human fragility. Tom is compiling a list of interested members' emergency contact information so these contacts can be identified and contacted if needed. The list will be distributed when complete.

A fly-in is scheduled for June 24; club will provide hot dogs; bring a dessert or other dish. Tom W. also reminds us to announce taking off and landing, especially when more than a few are present; this will allow everyone to be aware so as to take evasive action as required.

\$85 was netted in the silent auction for C. Chausse's donation of engines and assorted flying stuff. Thank you Clarence!

Another flying date with hamburgers, at the field – July 30.

A non-club flyer, John Holmes, has several ARF's for sale. Contact Tom Ward if interested.

Tip of the month---Don't paint the interior of plastic canopies opaque black and expect them to survive 85 degree days in mid-June without deforming. Ask me how I know, twice.

Charles Smith, new member from Anacortes, has been bitten by the tree monster to the east of the field. He has an ARF awaiting leaf drop and November winds due east of the middle flight station.

The un-recollected close call from last month was worth recounting. Harlan was helping with a buddy box; after a successful flight and after taxiing in, he activated the throttle kill switch. Unfortunately, he activated the buddy box transfer switch instead. The student had the throttle on full, the last position it was in before Harlan landed

the plane, so it lurched forward. No one was hurt and damage was minimal. So, here's another RC detail to keep you awake at night.

John Malmberg lost RC equipment in a recent theft from an outbuilding in E. Mt. Vernon. Let him know if stuff shows up at garage sales, especially if the seller is ignorant of RC matters. John can provide details of what was lost.

Don Schlumberger has a full kit and electric power system of the Sig Hummer for sale.

Show and Tell: Harlan brought his Sig Hummer , built to stock standards for a pylon type competition.

**Next meeting, Sunday, August 13, at the field. (About 11AM - Noon).**

Submitted, John Eades, Secretary