



AMA Chapter 534,  
Medford, Oregon



## Pylon Racing

The weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of August, a very important pylon race was held at Agate Skyways. This was the first North South Shootout race in 8 years. The event drew people from many western states including Arizona, southern and northern California, Washington, Oregon, etc. There were 34 entries. Several Rogue Eagles members, Mike and Gino DelPonte, Joe and Tom DeAscentis and John Colwell were entered.

There were some prominent participants at the races. Among them were Darrol Cady, National Miniature Pylon Racing Association President; Fred Burgdorf, the developer and manufacturer of APC propellers; Henry Barttle from the USA Formula 1 team; Bruce DeChastel, Australian world champ 10 out of 12 years; and Randy Bridge, AMA champion.

There were three classes of racing miniature aircraft: Arizona Pylon Racing Association (APRA), 428 Quickie 500 and 422 Q-40 (Quarter Midget). APRA is an entry level class where all planes use Thunder Tiger .40 Pro engines. The planes are virtually alike in all respects. Differences in race times are mostly due to pilot skill. These models go about 125 mph. The 428 class uses Nelson engines and these craft do about 160 mph. The hot class, QM (Q-40), use similar Nelsons but can do around 200 mph. Approximate fast times for these three classes for a 2.5 mile heat race are 1:45:30, 1:09:30, and 1:02:30, respectively.

Racers in each class race five heats and each race consists of ten laps around the course for a 2.5 mile total. Each heat consisted of not more than 4 racers. Points were awarded for first, second, third, etc. A maximum of 20 points could be picked up each day by a racer who won each of his five races. Our local racers did very well. Gino DelPonte collected 12 points on day one in QM and 17 points in the 428 event (second place), just one point behind the winner, Fred Burgdorf. Tom DeAscentis received 12 points in APRA. Joe DeAscentis got 6 points in 428 on the first day. The second day was good for Tom who picked up 17 points in the APRA event and a second place trophy; and Joe collected 14 in 428 and a third place trophy. Gino made first place and fast time in the QM class the second day. Well done, guys!

The pylon race was CD' by Mike DelPonte and Dave Ferrell (from Klamath Falls). Dave's wife, Alice, kept the lap counters/timers in line and recorded all race times, etc. These officials did an excellent job. Thanks, guys! Many club members helped with the race in many capacities such as starter (Bud Shirley), assistant starter, cut observers, cut judges, head judge (Bill Grove), lap counters, etc. Several members from the Klamath Falls club also helped both days. Many thanks to all these workers – the event could not have been conducted without your help! Many thanks, also, to the Colwell's and others who helped them with food preparations and refreshments throughout both days. The workers were provided with free lunch and refreshments both days as well as an ex-

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cellent steak dinner Saturday evening. Thanks John and Cheryl Colwell and Marilyn. Last but not least, many thanks to Joe DeAscentis and his helpers for getting the field in shape after the concrete pours. Everyone appreciates the good shape the field is in. Thanks, Joe!

*(Please let me know if I have omitted any important points or made some serious errors so I can issue a correction in the next newsletter).*  
 Editor

## More News From the Home Front

Another one of our members, Fred Sargent, has been busy in the mid-West, racing his bi-plane and Formula 1 plane. And he has been doing very well. Fred belongs to the Unlimited Scale Racing Association (USRA). This association conducts three races each year. This year, two races have taken place, one in El Dorado, Kansas, the second in Ashtabula, Ohio. The third race will be in Los Banos, California Sep 26-29. A cheering section of Rogue Eagles for Fred at Los Banos would be very much appreciated.

USRA races are run using several series (classes), two of which are Formula 1 and Bi-Plane. These are the two series Fred entered. Each series at each race generally consists of five heat races. Points are awarded as follows (see [www.usrainfo.org](http://www.usrainfo.org) for details): First place – 20 points, second place – 15 points, third place – 11 points, fourth place – 8 points, fifth place – 6 points, no show – 0 points. The pylons in USRA are 1600 feet apart and each heat race consists of 6 laps, or a distance of about 3.6 miles.

As I mentioned above, Fred did very well. In the Bi-Plane series in Kansas he came in second, while in Ohio he made third, which puts Fred in second place with 97 points for the season. With good luck at Los Banos, Fred will be the top racer in USRA in the nation.

In the Formula 1 series in Kansas Fred won all his heats giving him first place. In Ohio he had some bad luck. He came in second in his first heat but hit a runway light on landing. He and his crew discovered a broken header (unrelated to the landing mishap). As satisfactory repairs could not be made, Fred decided not to continue racing. However, his standing for the season is 4<sup>th</sup> with 115 points. At the Los Banos race Fred should be able to improve his national standing. Lot's of luck, Fred!

Editor

Check out Old Age and Treachery Racing. It's Fred's F 1 racing plane.



## Future Events

### Fun Fly Saturday October 12, 2002

Our final event of the year is for all our members, family and guests to socialize, fly and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks supplied by the club. There will be NO CONTESTS!

Sign up is \$2.00 which includes lunch and ticket for the door prizes. I request you bring a salad or desert dish.

To improve our door prizes, please donate a large or small hobby item. Call me at 776-5153 to pick up donated items. A drawing will be held after lunch.

Let's have a good showing.

Chuck Holden, CD

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**Rogue Eagles Airshow** at Agate Skyway September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

**OMPRA Pylon Race** September 21<sup>st</sup>. Helpers will be needed to ensure we have a well-run, safe race.

### Airshow Promotion Day at Wal-Mart

I bet everyone who helped with this event to advertise the airshow, will agree that it was a huge success. Club members displayed many models, talked to the public, sold raffle tickets and handed out airshow flyers. Joe DeAscentis flew a couple of his control line planes, Randy Banta flew his Zagi and Danny Watson put one of his heli's through its paces. These live acts were crowd-stoppers and drew many people to our tent and to watch the action. KDRV Channel 12 even stopped, took some video and announced the airshow on the 11 PM news.

#### 2002 Events Schedule

Puyallup Trade Show  
February 2nd & 3rd

Wet and Windy Fly-Fun  
March 24th

Grants Pass Swap Meet  
April 20th

Spring Fun-Fly Contest  
April 27th

Float Fly at Lake Selmac  
May 4th and 5th

OMPRA Spring Pylon Race  
May 11th

Builders Contest  
May 18th CANCELLED

Ashland EAA Demonstration  
May 19th

Lee Renaud Memorial Contest,  
June 1st

Plat-I Float Fly  
June 15th and 16th

Military Fly-In Contest  
June 22nd

Bid Bird Fly-In  
July 6th and 7th

Selmac Float Fly  
July 20th and 21st

Kids Day at Hawthorne Park  
August 3rd

Airshow Interest Day at  
Wal-Mart, Medford  
August 31st

Airshow Media Day  
September 5th

Rogue-Eagles 2002 Airshow  
September 7th and 8th

OMPRA North-South Shootout  
Pylon Race  
August 24th and 25th

Fall Fun-Fly  
October 12th

OMPRA Championship Pylon  
Race  
September 21st

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**NEXT MEETING is Tuesday September 10th at the Lions Sight and Hearing Center,  
228 N Holly, Medford, OR. Bring your show and tell projects.**

### **LOST Transmitter**

**Several weeks ago a Hitec Focus 4 transmitter on channel 59 was left at  
our flying site. If you picked it up hoping to return it to its rightful owner,  
please contact Jack VanEk, 664-9353.**

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