

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting was Sunday December 18 - held at Wings restaurant. Election of officers - Incumbents were re-elected.

Outside was COLD, overcast, no wind. After the meeting Mike Massey got in a couple flights.

Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Tom Kopriva, Mike Massey, Gene Pape and Jim Corbett attended the meeting.

Friday December 23 - John Thompson reports - Mike Massey flew.

Saturday December 24- John Thompson reports - Mike Massey flew.

Saturday December 30 - John Thompson reports - Three of us had a good flying session at our Eugene Airport field. Gene Pape, Gordon Rea and I got flights in.

Saturday January 7 - Mike Massey reports - Today Dwayne, Gordon, Gene, Jim and I were at the field. Gordon, Jim and I flew. It was very cold at first but began to warm. By the time I left at 12:45, the temp was at 50. Much nicer than the 43 of earlier. The wind started to pick up as I left but was still quite flyable.

Sunday January 8 - John Thompson reports - The Eugene Prop Spinners have not missed out on some excellent flying days in early January -- even though a few extra layers of clothes have been required at the Eugene Airport site.

Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Gene Pape and I flew. Jim Mackin also drooped by. It started out foggy but broke through to partly sunny, and was almost dead calm. Floyd

flew several stunters, Mike flew one of his profile stunters, I flew my Dawg stunter and a couple of combat planes, and Gene flew combat planes. Love to see those retracts work on Floyd's Mustang.

Out of town - John Thompson reports - The Fireballs had a great turnout for their New Year's fun-fly in Portland. Mike Hazel represented the Prop Spinners at that event.

February 11 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg.

May 25-26-27 - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. Full array of CL events. Sponsored by the Northwest Regionals Management Association.

A reminder about Field protocol: If the rental car agencies are moving cars to the overflow lot, in most cases we can fly. You can tell that they're rentals because they will all be lined up in a row at one end or side of the field. If the booth is manned and they are charging the public for parking, we do not fly. If the booth is not manned, but there are cars scattered all over, those are public parking and we do not fly without getting Ops permission.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, January 15**, at the field. Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad.

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Dues - Please bring them to the meeting.

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At the Field December 18



At the Field January 7



Start it



Fly it Gordon



A bit of wind



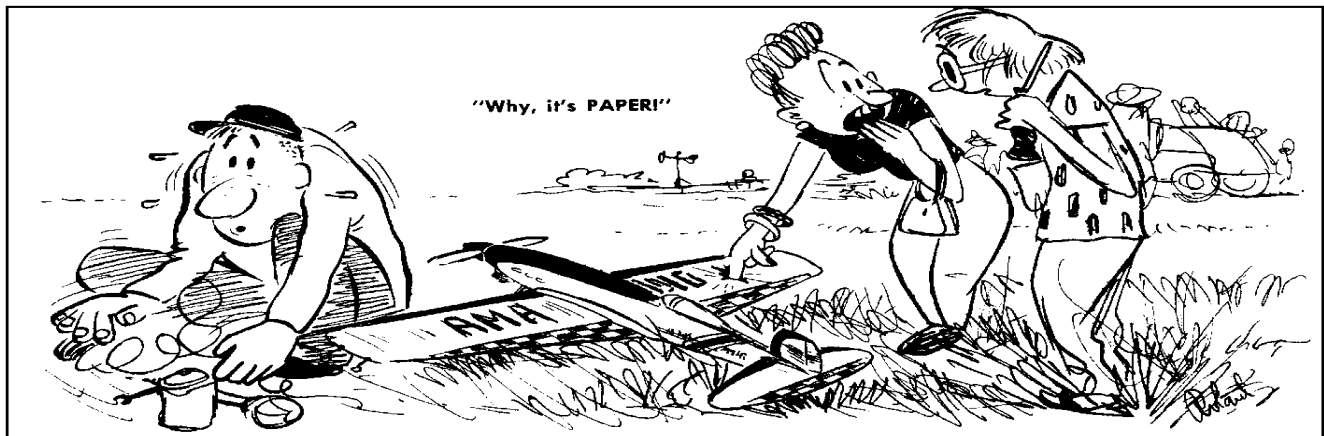
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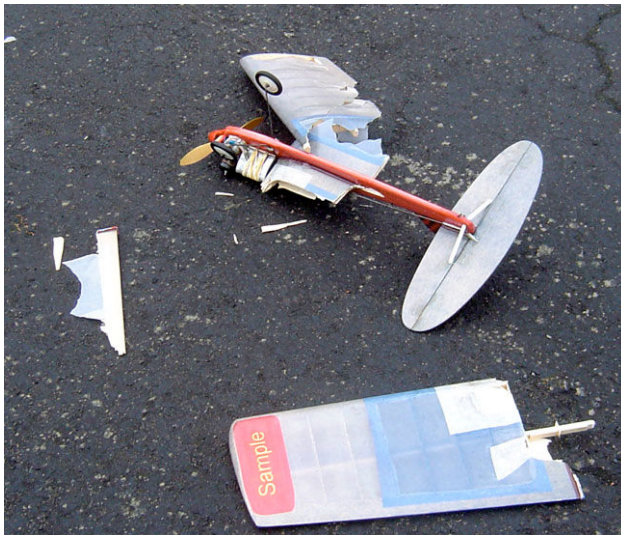


Other way Mike!





What was the model's name? Got the right answer?



Visit <http://flyinglines.org/crashes.html> to see if you got the right answer



The Tale of the Two Props! by Mike Massey



Both of the above props are balanced.

What happened to the “good ‘ol days” when you bought a 10x6, bolted it to the Fox .35 on your Ringmaster and went flying? Well...flying perhaps not quite so well as today but...

Anyhow, I decided to experiment with props. I wanted to try an 11.5x5 wood prop on my green Wrong Path airplane. So, I did what anyone would do, I took a brand new Zinger Pro 12x5 Prop and very carefully trimmed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch off of each tip. I then put it on my too seldom used prop balancer and voila...one blade “rocketed” to the bottom side of the balancer and swung side to side about two times before pointing straight down. After a few fruitless attempts sanding the heavy side, it became only too obvious that this prop was never going to balance.

But being of the curious nature that I am, I continued to cut the heavy side off just because I wanted to see what it would take to get it balanced. You see the results. The lesson in all this is that I will now balance every prop I get before it goes on an airplane. By the way, what of the old 11.5x11x5 prop? Anyone need a paint stirrer?

Oregon flying fun! Three of the four in the series have their dates set

Northwest Fireballs, Eugene Prop Spinners, Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Roseburg area CL fliers present ... **Oregon flying fun!** A quartet of control-line fun-fly events **Everyone invited** — No entry fee! 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

If the weather is bad, go to the alternate site listed for “hangar flying” socialization!

Sunday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Bad weather meeting site: Delta Park Burger King; cell 503-995-1158

Info: Fireballs: Mark Hansen, fastcombat@comcast.net, 503-234-1971

Saturday, Feb. 11 at Sunshine Park, Roseburg

Bad weather: Elmer’s restaurant at I-5 Exit 125; cell 541-537-0061

Info: Dave Shrum, 541-672-8893, dnpshrum@charter.net

Saturday, March 3 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Bad weather: Flight Deck restaurant, 1 block south of the flying field; cell 503-871-1057

Info: WOLF: Bruce Hunt, bhunt@swbell.net, 503-361-7491

Saturday, April 7 at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Bad weather: Wings Restaurant at the airport terminal

Info: Prop Spinners: J. Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, 541-689-5553; cell 541-554-8848



Oregon Flying Fun No. 1 January 1

Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Portland Fireballs hosted the Happy New Year fun fly. Mike Hazel represented the Prop Spinners at that event.



Flying Lines photo

About 20 control-line fliers celebrated the new year at Oregon Flying Fun No. 1 in Portland, on Jan. 1, sponsored by the Northwest Fireballs. The event included lots of sport-stunt type flying, and a chili cook-off with five contestants. Door prizes were awarded in a drawing.

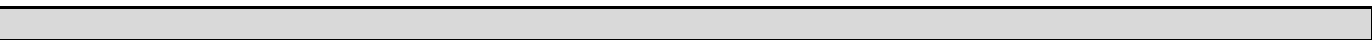
The Oregon Flying Fun series moves to Roseburg on February 11th.

Last Year - February 12, 2011 Oregon Fun Fly #2 at Roseburg Oregon

Roseburg Area CL Fliers held the event at Sunshine Park
Fifteen people brought at least 36 airplanes, and 52 flights were made.



The last couple February events have been great, weather and hosts were exceptional!



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Upcoming Model Activities

February 11 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg, Ore. Second in the four-part Oregon Flying Fun series, includes flying raffle.

March 3 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Third in the four-part Oregon Flying Fun series, includes flying raffle.

March 10 - McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Swap Meet, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 2070 N.E. Lafayette Ave., McMinnville, Ore.

April 7 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. Fourth in the four-part Oregon Flying Fun series, includes flying raffle.

Prop Spinner Club officers

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John Thompson, Treasurer
Tom Kopriva, Secretary
Mike Massey, Safety Officer
Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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