

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

**March 17<sup>th</sup>** – at Orchard Point Park. Attending were Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Dave LaFever, and Wayne Esauk.

Those of us who were able to make it had a great time flying the little 1/2-A airplanes.

We used the grass circle and part of the asphalt parking lot and did lots of flying.

### Next Club Meeting (Note - change in date)

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>**, at the Ranch, or at the Kozy at 1600 Coburg Rd, Eugene, if the weather is not good.

### Local flying

**March 25** – John Thompson reports – After we agonized about the weather and switched days a couple of times, we ended up having Half-A Day No. 2 on Sunday at Orchard Point.

Flying the little planes (and some big ones) were Gene Pape, Russ Hester, Floyd Carter and me. Weather was calm and not too cold. We got lots of flights in. The honor for the smallest plane flown had to go to Floyd Carter, whose Tiny Fry powered by an .020 diesel performed some wild stunts.

**March 25** – John Thompson reports - We had a delightful, well-attended flying session last Saturday at Orchard Point. Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Wayne Esauk Dave La Fever, Russ Hester, Tom Kopriva, Gene Pape and I were all there. Weather was nice (as usual for Orchard Point) and the circle was busy all the time.

**April 14** – Good session at Orchard Point. John Thompson, Mike Denlis, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, Jim Corbett and Wayne Esauk.

### Ranch update

John Thompson reports - The weather allowed us to mow: Jim used the old riding mower to groom the periphery and knock down the circle, and then we ran the circle mower to get it down to flying height. Our flying at Orchard Point ends at the end of this month, and it looks like the ranch will be in tip-top shape for the beginning of our flying there — much better than it was last year at this time. We're thankful for some stretches of dry weather that allowed us to keep the grass under control during the winter. We also have the weeds under pretty good control. More good news: Ranch owner Phil has given the OK for us to put up the wind sock that we retrieved from the airport, and Jim is making brackets to mount it to one of the gateposts. So we'll always know which way the wind is blowing.

In other club news, we have purchased a nifty new riding mower and it is now stored at the Can Do Ranch. This is a top-notch piece of equipment that will make it so that Jim and Gene don't spend half their time underneath the mower doing repairs. And — any one of us can operate this one. It was a considerable expense for the club, but a couple of members already have made donations to help cover the cost. The club treasury was able to handle the purchase, but donations have helped lessen the impact.

### Out of town event

**April 7** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, was canceled due to wind and rain.

### Upcoming Out of town event

**April 20-22** - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up.





**Flying at Orchard Point Park - March 17**



Hard to see, but it is flying



Landed right side up



Ready to chase the clouds



Prepping with assistance



Ready



Waiting





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Advice coming



It should start now



Mixed hangar



Dave gets it in the air

**Flying at Orchard Point Park - March 25**



John fueling



And flying





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1/2a coroplast Bat waiting



Sometimes it takes three to start a 1/2a



Hangar 2+



John launches for Gene



Russ and Gene talking elevator



Russ flying





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Floyd runs the "Tiny Fry" diesel



then flies it.

### Flying at Orchard Point Park - March 31



Mike's 1/2a Biplane in the air



Safely back on the ground



Aircraft ready to be flown



Changing the prop





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Russ and John talking fuel



Dave flying



John flying



Mike flying



Wayne, Tom and Mike talking 1/2a's



John, Gene and Russ discussing engines





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Gene ready to land



It is NOT snow, it is spring flowers

**Ranch looking good – April 3**



Circle and pit area mowed. Barrels placed around the circle. The ground is still very soft.





Flying at Orchard Point Park - April 14



Gene trimming a combat plane



Dave starting the biplane



Gene, Dave, Mike and Wayne chatting



Gene prepping



John's aircraft waiting



Dave's Biplane in the air





**Book offer - To Caress the Air**

**Greetings Aero Modelers!**

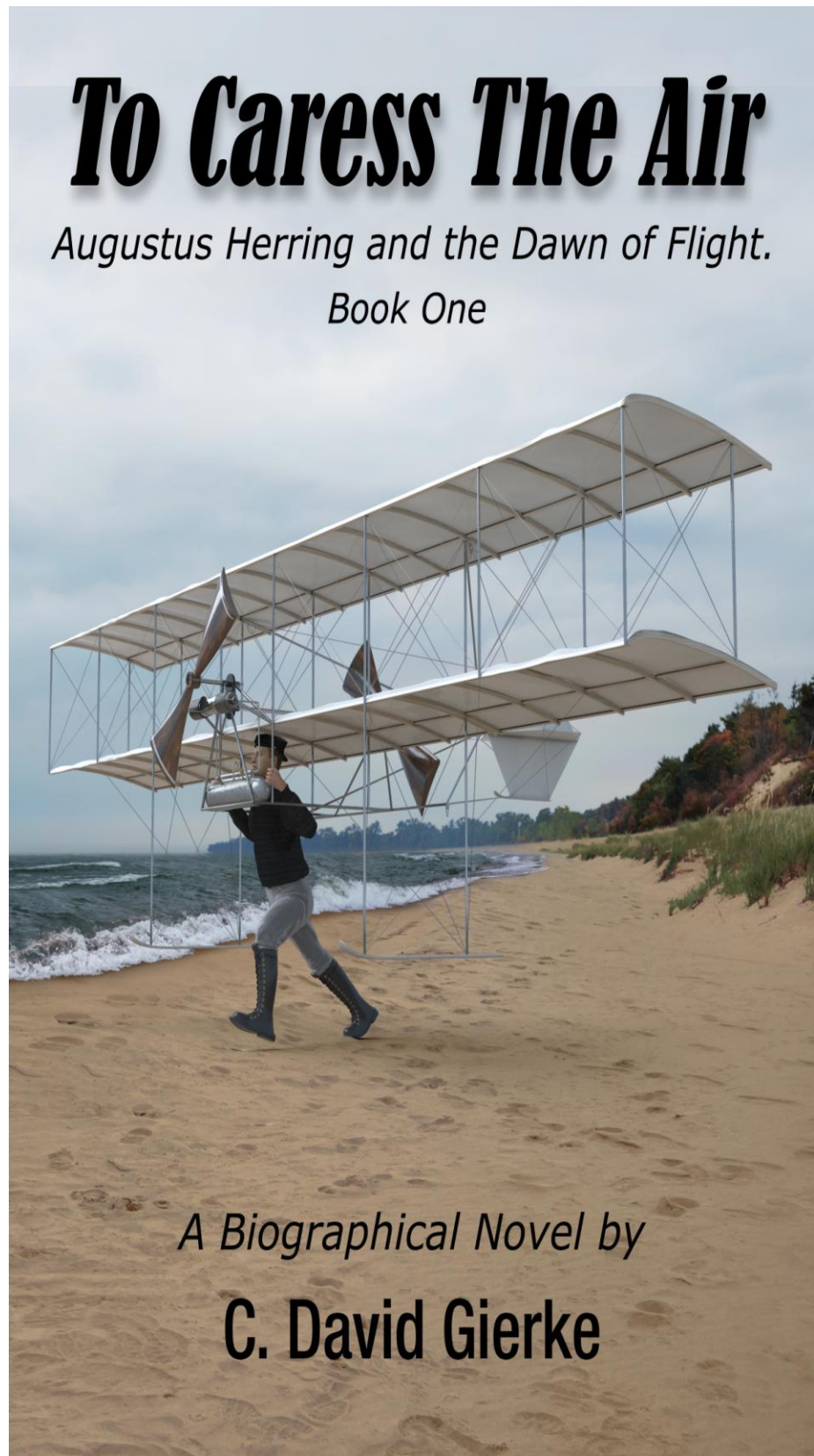
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**New mower – ready for the spring growing season**



This should make the task of mowing the outside of our flying circle more pleasant.

We have made arrangements to be able to park it inside the barn.

It will have a cover to keep it dust free.

*John Thompson photo*

**Windsock retrieved from Airport overflow parking lot - March 19**



At the overflow parking lot.



Top two sections removed



Bottom section cut off at ground level



Stored at the ranch



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## Upcoming Model Activities

**April 20-22** - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Jim Walker Memorial CL Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Speed. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

**May 25-27** - 47th Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore. Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale, Speed.

**June 10** - NS with BS fun fly, Mission Wings Flying Club flying site, 10259 Farms Road, Mission, B.C. Balloon Bust, Bladder Bust, Longest Flight, Vintage Combat and other antics.

**June 23-24** - Stunt-a-Thon, Chehalis-Centralia Airport, Chehalis, Wash. Saturday: Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt. Sunday: Precision Aerobatics, Northwest Sport 40 Carrier. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

**July 1** - 1/2-A Flying Fun, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

**July 15** - Old-Time Stunt and CL Swap Meet, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C., hosted by Vancouver Gas Model Club.

**Aug. 10-12** - Bladder Grabber XL AMA Fast Combat Tournament and 1/2-A Grabber, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash. Friday: Double-elimination High-Performance 1/2-A Combat. Saturday-Sunday: Seven rounds of AMA Fast Combat, plus semifinals and finals. Food provided. Line-tension shutoffs required for Fast Combat.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President  
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John Thompson, Treasurer  
Gene Pape, Safety Officer  
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