

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Saturday February 20th, John Thompson reports - We had a good club meeting and a great flying session at Orchard Point. March meeting postponed.

### Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be this coming Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. at Can Do Ranch. If the weather is not good, we will postpone the meeting.

### Local Flying

**March 13** - John Thompson reports - We had a great flying session. Weather at Orchard Point was beautiful — sunshine and very light breeze. Dave La Fever, Mark Schluter, Gary Weems and I did a lot of flying, and Jim Corbett was there for support. It was entertaining to watch Mark's Navy Carrier plane fly. Mark also flew his Magician stunter. Dave's new all-cardboard construction plane flew well. Gary and I flew our usual stuff.

**March 20** - John Thompson reports - Saturday dawned sunny and calm, so we made a last-minute decision to try to sneak a flying session, but we should have heeded the weather forecasts. Three of us arrived at Orchard Point at about the same time as the wind. And we could see the raindrops coming across the lake. We stayed and visited for about an hour and a half, but finally gave up and went home — just as the downpour started.

**April 3** - John Thompson reports - Saturday was a beautiful day to inaugurate our season of flying at the Can Do Ranch. Mid-60s, very light steady breeze. Dave La Fever, Gary Weems and I did all the flying but Mike Denlis and Dean Rea also visited.

**April 10** - John Thompson reports - We gave it a try Saturday and we did have a flying session at the ranch, but we had to dodge a few raindrops and it was pretty windy, so we ended up

shortening the session a bit. Gene Pape, Gary Weems and I did all the flying, and Jim Corbett was there for support.

### Orchard Point

John Thompson reports - Our permit at Orchard Point has been renewed for another three years. Same fee, \$125 for the three years, has been paid.

### Can Do Ranch

**March 25** - John Thompson reports - Just an fyi. The weather allowed me to mow the ranch today. It is dried out and good to go for flying. So, unless we get significantly more rain, I assume we'll inaugurate the season there on April 3. We will begin charging the \$5 per flier fee to cover the costs we pay the ranch owner. Spectating is free; donations accepted.



### Out of town flying

**March 27** - John Thompson reports - A great time was had by all at the WOLF Fun Fly last weekend in Salem. Perfect weather and a great turnout of fliers from Seattle to Medford. Prop Spinners attending included Craig Bartlett, Floyd Carter, Mike Denlis, Dave La Fever, Mike Hazel, Gerald Schamp, Mark Schluter, Dave Shrum, Gary Weems and me. A full report and photos can be found on [flyinglines.org](http://flyinglines.org).



## Shop talk - March

**March 17** - Gene Pape reports - Some of you are not on Facebook and others are probably not on the group I got this from. I believe Bob Mears created this model. Bob Mears may be the most creative of all control line modelers. He has created everything imaginable including of course models, shutoffs, stooges, and the list goes on. When you see me write about something or some method of doing things on Flying Lines chances are it was either copied from or inspired by Bob.

When the Air to Air combat circuit was created in Texas which awards bonus points for scale appearing warbirds and electric models Bob started creating some really great models.

The only wood I'm aware of is a thin wooden crutch running the length of the fuselage with a wooden motor mount glued to it and wing and elevator spars. Be inspired by it.

This is a picture of his latest electric powered all foam warbird.



## Trainer talk - March

**Gene Pape reports** - I'm hoping to get together with you guys sometime before we start having contests to go to to talk about club trainers. There are some models that are taking up space in our trailer that have been graciously donated to the club as trainers that may not be the best things to use for that purpose. What John has communicated to me about how he is working with our latest prospective new flyer and the article by Tim Hobbins which I expanded upon a bit in Flying Lines ( <http://flyinglines.org/gp.col17.html> ) has me thinking we may want to prepare to do things differently in the future than we have in the past. I have all kinds of ideas spinning around in my head about what to do with all of it possibly being strongly affected by the dramatic change in the cost of glow plugs. If possible, I would like to attend the next meeting whenever it is so we can talk about this. If you haven't, please read the article I referenced.

**John Thompson reports** - Recent experience and past events have me thinking about a strategy for training. There are three stages:

**1. Basic flying.** The coroplast trainers work good for this, as does the little Shoestring. The drawback of those is that they sit for a long time between uses and can be cranky to get going when you need them. That's why I have thought of making an electric plane that can be available on demand. But the basic flying trainers are only needed one or two days per student, which leads to ...

**2. Stunt.** I think it's really important to teach maneuvering to beginners as soon as possible so they don't develop the habits that make it hard to stunt after a lot of round/round flying. This is what I've been working on lately — finding a sturdy plane that will stunt. I think I almost have it with the Yuvenko setup now. An old dBat plane will work, too; once again, engine issues can crop up, so an electric version might be more useful. This is the kind of training that the planes in the trailer are best for — expendable planes that will stunt. The issue with those is that someone has to maintain them and have them ready for use.

**3. Building.** This is the real challenge. Each beginner needs a mentor who can help them move from flying to building. I've done a lot of it in the past but am not really set up for it now. At one time, I suggested that the club assign an experienced modeler to work one/one with each newbie as an official mentor. This can be helpful not just with kids but for adult novices who might join up. We lose some of them because they more or less have to fend for themselves and may get frustrated along the way.

One reason I have not pursued new airplanes for the above ideas is that I have a shop full of beater airplanes that can be used up in this way. But a thoughtful club effort might be a more effective approach.

Food for club meeting discussion!





Can Do Ranch - April 3 - John Thompson photos



Dave's new All American Sr.



Overview of the pits, with Dave watching as Gary's Flite Streak passes.



Dave's biplane takes off.



Closer view of pits.



Gary landing.



The bench broke with two people sitting on it. Gary says he will fix it.

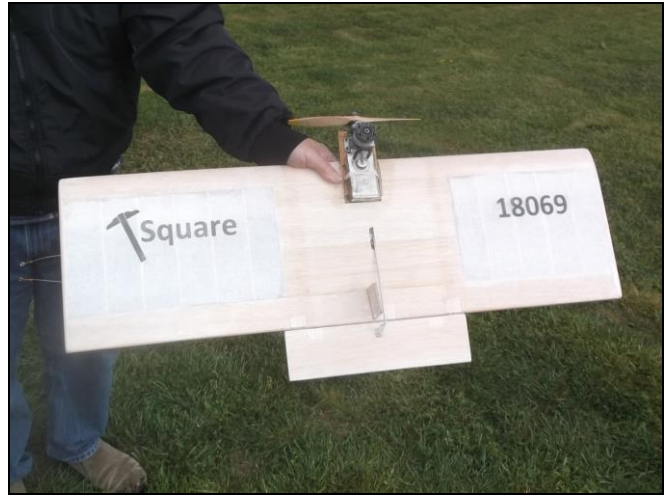




Can Do Ranch - April 10



Gary repaired it.



Gene's T-square.



Gary readying launcher.



John flying.



Gene's Sneeker.



John getting ready for prop test.





Can Do Ranch - April 10 - continued



John has three waiting.



Gary taking off.



What wind?



Gary flying.



Gene flying.

Dues-R-Due

It's \$25 a year. You can give me cash or check at a flying session or meeting, or mail it to me at:

John Thompson  
2456 Quince Street  
Eugene, OR 97404

Make checks payable to Eugene Prop Spinners.



**KITS FOR SALE** - See <http://flyinglines.org/fleamarket.html>

Gerald Schamp has a number of kits he would like to sell in one lot for a total price of \$600.00. (See photo) Arrange for pickup only; no shipping.



**This is a description of the kits listed in the photo:**

SIG 1/6th scale J-3 Piper Cub;  
SIG 1/6th scale Clipped wing J-3 Cub;

**Guillows Giant Scale kits:**

P-47D (2) one is unwrapped,  
Corsair,  
SBD Dauntless Hellcat,  
Stuka (unwrapped),  
B-17 (unwrapped),  
DC-3,  
P-40 x 2,  
P-51D,  
P-40 x 2,  
P-51D,  
Spitfire,

Sopwith Camel,  
PT-17 Stearman,  
DUMAS Kits,  
Ercoupe,  
L-19 Bird Dog,  
Aeronca C-3;

**Smaller Guillows kits:**

Aeronca Champ.  
Super Cub,  
Cessna 170,Cessna 170.

If interested in purchasing the lot, email [geraldschamp43@gmail.com](mailto:geraldschamp43@gmail.com)





**WOLF Spring Fling Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. - March 27**



*Flying Lines photo*

Sunshine and light breezes made for a perfect flying day in Salem for the WOLF Spring Fling Fun Fly. See Flying Lines for the full report



*Flying Lines photo.*

Dave La Fever (right) and Gary Weems helped keep the grass circle busy.



*Flying Lines photo.*

Fun fly organizer Mike Hazel tests the radio-control system on his Cro Magon Air Force Two. Moving the controller like a CL handle controls the elevator and a trigger operates the throttle.



*Steve Lindstedt photo.*

Floyd Carter's fleet; the Wildman .60 in the foreground is a Carter design available as a kit from RSM Distribution. Spark ignition.



*Flying Lines photo.*

John Thompson's fleet included a vintage Half Fast III, a Super Ringmaster, and the Scrub J profile stunter.

**Food for Thought**

The body of an organization has four kinds of bones: The WISHBONES, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; the JAWBONES, who do all the talking, but very little else; the KNUCKLEBONES, who knock everything that everybody else tries to do, and the BACKBONES, who cheerfully get under the load and do the work. Check carefully! What kind of bones are you rattling this year?



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## Upcoming Model Activities

**April 16-17-18** – **CANCELED** Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-up, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. **Friday:** Sportsman Clown Race, Northwest Clown Race, NW Sport Race, NW Super Sport Race, Record Ratio AMA and NW Speed. **Saturday:** NW 80mph Combat, Old-Time Stunt, Classic and Nostalgia 30 Stunt, NW Profile Stunt. **Sunday:** NW. .15 Fast Combat, PAMPA Skill Class Precision Aerobatics, Sport 40 Navy Carrier. Contest Director Gary Harris. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.  
**Aug. 13-14-15** - Bladder Grabber Combat tournament, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

**Friday:** 1/2-A Combat double elimination  
**Saturday-Sunday:** Seven rounds of AMA Fast Combat.

**Sept. 3-4-5** - **New date!** Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President  
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor  
John Thompson, Treasurer  
Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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