

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

April 25th, at Wings. Attending were Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, Gene Pape, John Thompson, Jim Mackin.



Nice auto focus shot....

Out of town Flying

Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore.

Roseburg flyers had several good days of flying.

Northwest Control-Line Regionals

May 22-23-24 - 44th Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Municipal Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

Setup Thursday May 21st, volunteers welcomed.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday May 16th**, at the field. After flying (about 2 p.m.), several volunteers are welcomed to head to John Thompson's house for the Regionals shirt-folding, packet-stuffing.

Flying dates reserved

Flying dates: The field use days for May are the 9th, 16th (Club Meeting), and 30th. I'll be out of town on the 16th, and hope to see many of you in Roseburg for the Regionals the following weekend! Mike D.

Control Line Competition Newsletter

Several of you might enjoy this new, comprehensive control-line newsletter published by Charlie Johnson. If you would like to receive it regularly, e-mail Charles Johnson (hislordship924@yahoo.com).

Floyd Carter is in the news

See the article in the May issue of Model Aviation, page 107.





At the Field – May 9 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos



Combat practice circle.



Stunt circle had lots of planes.



Mike Massey flies.



John's fast combat planes for testing.



Mike Denlis and Dave LaFever



Inspecting skid marks.



Gene's planes: 1/2-A Combat on left and fast combat on right.



John's one stunt plane on the left, Mike Denlis' Trival Pursuit on the right foreground; all the rest are Floyd's.



Big Spin



Gene about to test his new airplane.



Floyd launches for Mike Massey



Ready to fly.



At the Field – May 9



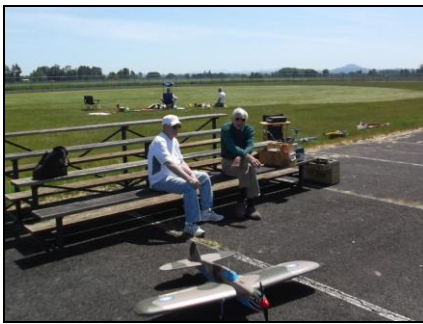
John and Tom.



Engine talk.



John and Mike Denis starting.



Discussing lunch.

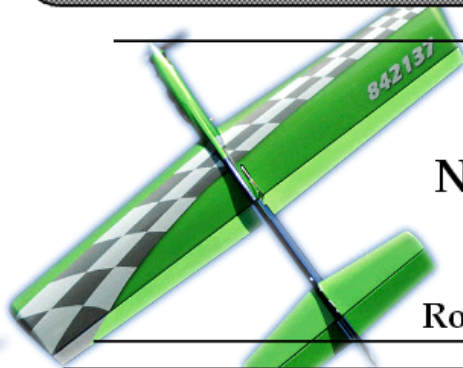


Shadow chasing.



Out of electrons ?

The 44th ...



Control-Line Northwest Regionals

Roseburg, Oregon

May 22-23-24, 2015

Championship Control-Line flying competition

With **41 events**, the Northwest Regionals provides the largest selection of CL competition events and awards available in a single contest in North America.

New location: Roseburg Regional Airport!

Just off Interstate 5 -- take Exit 127

Jim Walker Memorial – April 17-19, 2015, Portland, Ore. *From Flying Lines report*



Action in the Navy Carrier pits, including competitors and one interested spectator. *Daniel Johnson photo.*

Nice weather, excellent organization, good food and top-notch competition got the Northwest contest season underway at the 2015 Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up.

It was a busy three days with Speed on Friday, three classes of stunt and two classes of combat on Saturday, and combat, stunt and carrier on Sunday.

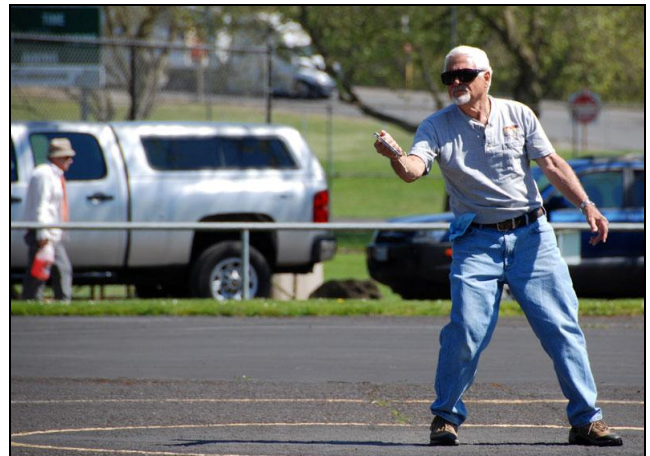


The AMA Fast Combat guys.

From left, Gene Pape, Buzz Wilson, Jeff Rein, Robert Smith. *Daniel Johnson photo.*

Richard Entwistle was the capable contest director, assisted by Dave Royer. Barbara White handled the registration / scoring table, Richard Entwistle at the airplane weighing station, Robert Ladd and several assistants at the food buffet, and lots

of other Fireballs and other volunteers helping along the way.



Mike Massey's concentration is evident as he makes a Classic Stunt flight. *Flying Lines photo.*

Several of us had a great time at last weekend's Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up. The Fireballs put on a great contest for us.

Gene Pape, Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, Mike Hazel and I were all there from the Prop Spinners. See a full report on the contest on Flying Lines. - John Thompson



LAGO-C “hunting” - Mike Massey reports - April 23rd

Just a follow-up on the LAGO-C “hunting” at the contest, but a little background first.

First, this was a brand new problem. Up to this time the plane had been flying very well. No hunting of any significance. So, the day before the contest, I looked the plane over and found that the tape on the hinge line was coming off near the fuse on one side. So I removed the loose part and applied some new tape. It was only about 2 to 3 inches long.

After applying it, I rubbed my finger over the entire wing, both sides, to make sure the tape was smoothed down. I also took my finger nail and ran it down the entire wing, both sides, in the opening between the trailing edge and flap. I did that thinking I was insuring there was enough tape in that groove to allow full flap flex in each direction.

I did the same to the elevator. Generally when I install new hinge line tape, I spray wax into the hinge line, from the top, so as to make the exposed tape in the hinge line, less sticky or no stick at all. As a note, I have been using hinge taping for a very long time.

After that, I put the newly painted landing gear for black top on and sprayed Pledge wax on the plane, but not directly into the hinge line. All seemed well.

As some of you observed, the plane was almost out of control, “porpoising” up and down on my first flight. I could not make it fly level. After the first flight, I removed the 2 to 3 inch hinge tape path that I had put on the day before. On my second flight, it was better but still hunted way more than it had ever. Marshall and I discussed the problem and he was sure the hinge tape was causing a bind in the controls although it was not real obvious when we were exercising the controls while looking at the plane.

After getting home from the contest, I removed all of the hinge tape (my flap and hinge line is very “tight” on the LAGO-C). I cleaned the hinges and put a drop of oil on each one.

I test flew the plane yesterday at Roseburg, without any hinge line tape at all. The wind was very active, even more than it was at Portland. So I thought the conditions were somewhat similar. The long and short of it is, the plane once again flew great. So even though I think taping the hinge line is probably advantageous, you must be very careful that the tape does not bind the flaps/elevators when deflecting in the direction that causes the hinge tape to stretch tight and lift out of the hinge line groove. The bind, if any, is subtle.

Mike Massey

The Northwest Control-Line Regionals

Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg Oregon, May 22-23-24, 2015

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Upcoming Model Activities

May 22-23-24 - 44th Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Municipal Airport, Roseburg, Ore. The Regionals returns to the site where it was held from 1996 to 2001.

June 6 - Lucky Hand Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Fly any kind of plane, get a poker card for each flight -- best hand wins prizes. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control Line Flyers.

June 13-14 - Stunt-a-Thon, Dick Scobee Field, Auburn Airport, Auburn, Wash., sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

Saturday: Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt, Northwest Sport 40 Carrier.
Sunday: Precision Aerobatics.

Note that this is a change of venue from past Stunt-a-Thon contests.

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