

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>, at Orchard Point Park, John Thompson reports - The weather finally cleared and allowed us to have our meeting/flying session at Orchard Point. It turned out to be a beautiful day, perfect for winter flying. Temperature got to about 50 degrees, and there was almost no wind.

Attending the meeting were Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Wayne Esauk, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Jim, John and Gary did all the flying, and we got lots of flights in.

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10 a.m. Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>, at the ranch. We will “social distance” and wear masks (if you like). Watch your emails on Friday or Saturday morning if the weather looks bad.

### Ranch Update

It has been mowed several times in the past month and looks good. The water is back on and may be needed to water later this month.

### Local Flying

**May 16** - John Thompson reports - We had a nice flying session last Saturday — perfect weather and a growing turnout of flyers for our “social distance” style of model aviation. Dave La Fever, Gary Weems and I did a lot of flying, using stooges whenever possible. Jim Corbett, Floyd Carter and Dean Rea also were on hand. Jim almost flew, but engine trouble required a trip back to the workshop.

We got to see Gary’s beautiful new Peacemaker make its maiden flights. Dave

made multiple flights on his Old-Timer built by Floyd, and I flew a lot of different planes.

**May 23** – John Thompson reports - We had a great flying session last Saturday. Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gary Weems and I did a lot of flying, and Gene Pape and Gerald Schamp also dropped by to visit.

Weather was perfect, in the 70s with a light northerly breeze. Gary has his Peacemaker flying really well, and we were all entertained watching Floyd’s spark-powered 1949 Taurus — that thing is huge!

**May 31** - John Thompson reports - We had a great flying session - weather in the upper 60s and a mild, slightly shifty breeze from the north. Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, Gary Weems and I all got flights in. It was very entertaining to see Gene’s new remote-controlled, electronic combat launcher work flawlessly on its first outing.

**June 6** - John Thompson reports - Well, we had a flying session — briefly, then the rains came. Gene Pape showed off Prototype 2 of his combat plane launcher, which worked flawlessly. I got in one flight on my little electric combat plane. Gary Weems and Jim Corbett also were on hand.

But before we could do any more flying, the clouds moved in and the rain started. The last of us to flee got drenched putting away the takeoff strip and closing the gates. Better luck next time.

**June 14** - John, Gene, Floyd, Gary and Jim flew. Peggy assisted Gary on a couple launches and Dean Rea visited.

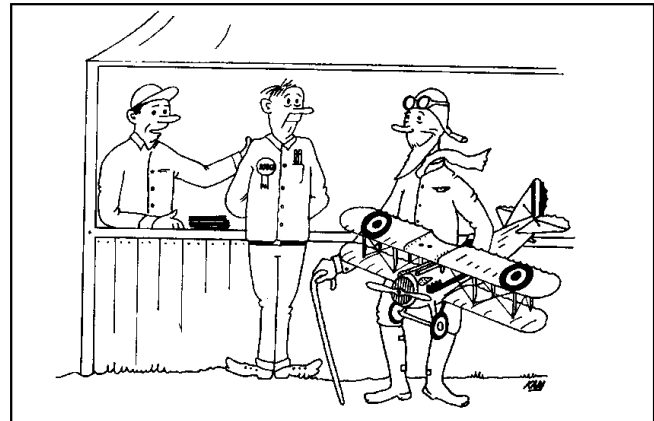


**Building projects and miscellaneous musings - May - June**

**May 18** - Gene Pape reports - Here's my latest stay at home and build instead of going flying model. John may recognize it as a clone of the Devastator combat models I flew starting in about '78 complete with Fox Combat Special. I'm guessing this is the model I flew until I designed the Underdog for the Reno 'Nats in '84. I don't understand why I don't remember this clearly since it was only about 40 years ago. Wait, I can't be that old!



We called that combat confetti. I also remember Gene building fast combat planes for the Jive Combat Team back in the 70's. As far as the Fox 35 combat specials, I still have two of those new in the box.



HE SAYS HIS NAME IS EDDIE AND HE WANTS TO ENTER SCALE COMBAT!

**May 19** - John Thompson reports - Yes, I do remember the Devastator. Here is another picture of a yellow Devastator, held by my daughter Heather circa 1979 or so. (Also a picture of the "model" now, for comparison.)



*Another event cancelation.*

**May 22** - Mike Hazel reports - After considering many factors a decision has been made to cancel the Salem Summer Tune-Up contest that was scheduled June 26-28.

**May 21** - Jeff Shelby reports - It's funny the things you remember in life. Fast combat at the NW Regionals back in the 70's was always a moment of phase. All eyes would turn to the far back corner of the field when you heard the unmistakable sound of two planes flying in random directions, like they were on the end of a bull whip. Sometimes occupying the same space at the same time.







**Flying at the Ranch - May 16 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos**



Flight line



Floyd watching John fly



Jim starts the engine on his Ringmaster.



Dean Rea watching the action



Gary Weems' new Peacemaker, a George Aldrich design, powered by Brodak .25.



Dave La Fever's new Akromaster, from a Sig kit, powered by O.S. .19.





Flying at the Ranch - May 16 - continued



Dave waiting



Dave flying



John's planes ready



Something fell off ?



Planes ready to fly



Dave's latest build





**Flying at the Ranch - May 16 - continued**



Landed where it took off from



Gary flying



Gary using the launch deck



Jim's Ringmaster about ready

**Flying at the Ranch - May 23 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos**



This proves that Jim flies!



Jim's Ringmaster in the air!





Flying at the Ranch - May 23 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos - continued



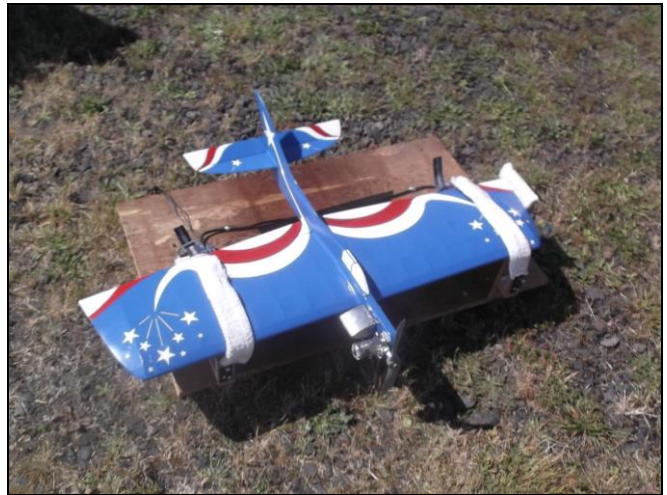
Can Do Ranch flying field neighbor Justin Porter visited the field with daughters (from left) Emma, Abby and Rachel.



Gary flying



John flying his electric combat



Gary demoing his stooge



Gerald Schamp and Gene Pape talking







**Flying at the Ranch - May 23 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos - continued**



Gary's Buster



Dave and Gary at the ready line



Gary's latest plane.



Dave's fleet ready



John flying



Floyd adjusting





**Flying at the Ranch - May 23 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos - continued**



John assisting with the launch



Gary launching



Floyd flying



John going the other way

**Flying at the Ranch - May 31 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos**







**Flying at the Ranch - May 31 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos - continued**



Floyds 1949 Taurus



Over the top



Floyd in control



It flies nice with the wheels up...



Wildman getting fuel



Flying





**Flying at the Ranch - May 31 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos - continued**



Gene Pape's combat launcher



Attaching the restraints



Ready to start



And launched



John getting the launch photo



Gene flying it.





Flying at the Ranch - June 6 - John Thompson and Jim Corbett photos



John, Gene and Gary discussing weather



Gary putting the stooge away before it gets wet



Wind coming up from the south



John's planes about to get wet



Gene launches



And flies





Flying at the Ranch - June 14 -



Gene prepping to launch



Gary's planes ready



John's planes waiting



Floyd assembling his Taurus



Wild and ready



John's landing approach





Flying at the Ranch - June 14 - continued



Jim's Ringmaster ready to launch



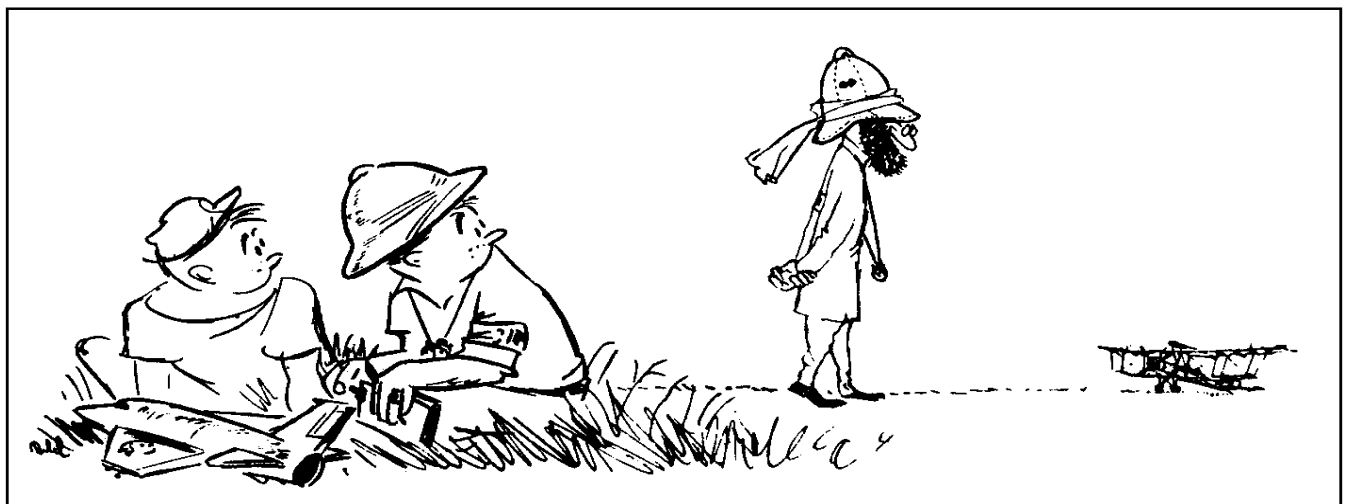
Gary's electric stooge



Gary's electric stooge ready for a launch



Successful launch





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## Upcoming Model Activities

**June 26-28** - CANCELED! Salem Summer Tune-Up for Carrier, Racing, Speed and Combat, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.

**June 28** - Vancouver Gas Model Club 85th Anniversary Celebration and Fun Fly, Rice Mill Road field, Richmond, B.C.

**July 4** - Nearly 1/2-A Fun Stunt, Rice Mill Road field, Richmond, B.C. Sponsored by Vancouver Gas Model Club.

**July 5** - Early 50s B.C. Fun Fly, Rice Mill Road field, Richmond, B.C. No entry fee, no prizes.

**July 11** - Expo Summer Swap at Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, Wash.

**July 12** - CANCELED! Combat Graffiti, Mission Wings Club Flying Field, Mission, B.C., for Vintage Combat and Diesel Combat.

**July 25** - Lucky Hand Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.

**Sept. 18-19-20** - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President  
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor  
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