

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Saturday June 20th, at the ranch. John Thompson reports - We had a good meeting and a nice flying session. We dealt with a couple of business matters — mainly arranging for regular maintenance of the portable toilet and the trailer (thanks, Gary!), and reviewing what's happened since our last meeting in February.

Attending were Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Dave La Fever, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

Then we got busy flying: Dave, John, Gary and Gene Pape did all the flying, but lots of it.

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10 a.m. Saturday July 18th, 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

John Thompson reports - Good things keep happening for us at the Can Do Ranch.

Thanks to the ranch owners for fixing the faucet so that our sprinklers can keep the circle nice and green. We asked them to shut off the water so we could repair the faucet, and they did the whole job! Thanks also to Gary Weems for assembling the parts for the faucet repair — he was on his way to fix it when we got word it already was done. Jim Corbett had worked on it earlier, too.

More thanks to Gary for cleaning up the storage trailer and portable toilet. Everything's spic and span!

Picnic table top has new treated wood, seats need to be replaced. Soon it may be like new again.

Thanks to Gene Pape's work, we now have the sprinklers set up on the circle. We move the sprinklers off the circle when we mow on Thursdays, then put them back after Saturday flying sessions.

### Local Flying

**June 27** - John Thompson reports - We had another nice flying session, though the wind scared off one or two of the regulars. It was breezy and a bit shifty, but we still got in lots of flights.

It was nice to have Mike Hazel make the trip to the Can Do Ranch from his own Zoot Ranch up the valley. Mike, Gary Weems, Gene Pape and I did all the flying. Jim Corbett and Floyd Carter dropped in but did not fly.

**July 4** - John Thompson reports - We celebrated the Fourth of July with a nice flying session at the ranch. Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Dean Rea, Gary Weems and I were there.

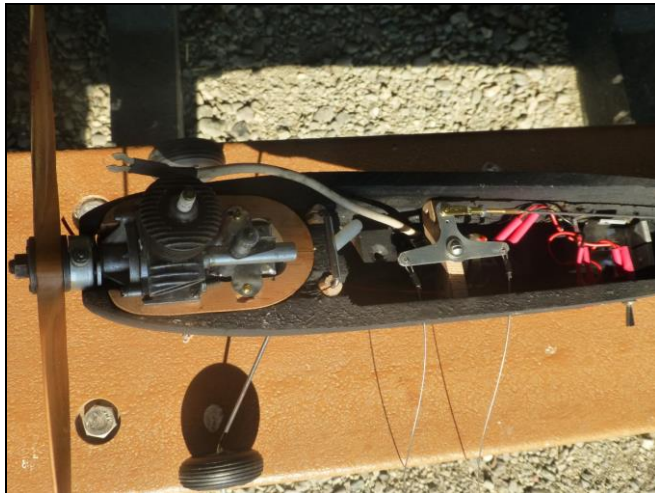
Gary's flag-themed Flite Streak was the start of the show. Dave also flew his WWII trainer. A couple of photos are now on the Prop Spinners page on Flying Lines. Weather was perfect and the field was in great shape.

**July 11** - John Thompson reports - We had a very nice flying session on Saturday, July 11, with Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, John Thompson and Gary Weems attending. Lots of flying in good weather! John checked out the club's Shoestring trainer to make sure it flies. Gary flew John's Vector 40 to get a feel for a big stunt plane. Gary also flew his Flite Streak and Buster. Dave flew a stunter. Floyd flew an old-timer and a modern stunter. Just a good day out flying, all in all.



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

**June 17** - Mike Clancy reports - Another nice newsletter. I really enjoy them. Great photos. I'm currently getting two Jim Walker Fireballs with Ohlsson .23's on spark ignition for power.



Have hired a pilot due to dizziness problems. Both Fireball's were built by my old friend Tom Ball who recently passed away.

Maybe I'll see you folks again later in the year. Mike Clancy, Novato CA

**Miscellaneous field photos -**



Before and After  
Gary did a great  
pressure wash job.







Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - June 20



John & Floyd.



Dave & Gary. Mike & Jim were there also.



John taking off



John flying



Floyds fleet



Two of John's planes



**Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - June 20 - continued**



Gary launches



Gary flying



Gene and John about ready



Dave about ready

**Flying at the Ranch - - June 27**



Gary ready to launch



Gary flying





**Flying at the Ranch - - June 27 - continued**



Mike Hazel's new Kansas Twister speed plane. See a article on Flying Lines.



Five of John's planes ready



Ready to launch



Gene has three waiting to fly

**Flying at the Ranch - July 4**



Dave's flight line



John's flight line





Flying at the Ranch - - July 4 - continued



John's flight line



Ready for lines



Gary flying



Floyd's warbird



Floyd attaching lines



Gary's ready for fuel

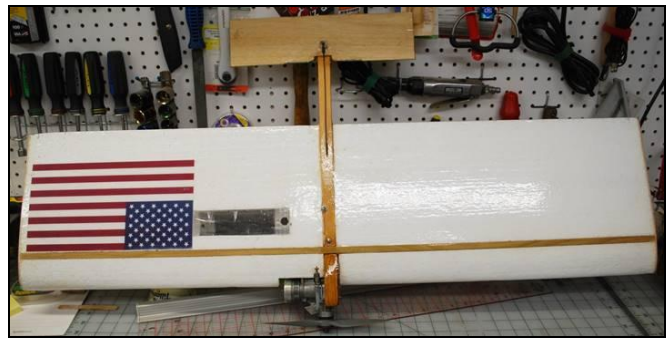




Flying at the Ranch - July 4 - continued



Gary's red, white and blue



Gene Pape photo

Something to fly on the 4th of July

July 3 – Gene Pape reports - This seemed like a good answer for what to fly on the 4th of July. I finished getting it ready this morning.



Gary's Buster



Dean getting a photo (see next page)



Floyd flying



Dave's three point landing





Flying at the Ranch - July 4 - continued - Dean Rea photos



A little breeze



Press the button



Fly!



Start it



And fly

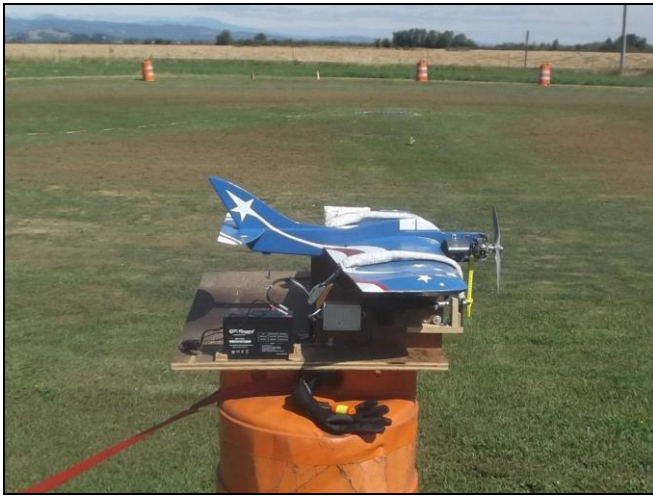


Tune it





Flying at the Ranch - July 11



Ready to launch



Dave taking off



Gary, Dave and John



Floyd taking off



John test flying a trainer



Floyd making a landing approach





Flying at the Ranch - July 11 - continued



Gary in the air



Good view of the bottom color



John trying to catch a shadow



Gary flying John's Vector 40



Floyd taking off



Gary flying Buster





**Flying at the Ranch - July 11 - Floyd carter photos - continued**



**Miscellaneous field photos -**



Top - new treated wood, seats should be replaced.





**Self launch**

**Fly by yourself** - By Gene Pape - June 2020 <http://flyinglines.org/gp.col11.html>

This is about my remote-controlled self launcher. I have been intending to build a self-launcher that would work for all kinds of hand-launched control-line models for many years.



Flying Lines photo



Gene Pape photo

Gene Pape's Dogfighter leaps away from his electric launcher, which employs automotive power door lock mechanisms. This is Gene's first prototype; See flying lines for construction details that describe the second, even better, launcher..

My second prototype uses a 3-cell LiPo battery which is more compact. Where the first one was built to clamp to the heavy-duty Keter table, this one is screwed to a collapsible sawhorse. It requires the extra weight of my heavy toolbox to hold it down.

**Self launch** - manual



John has provided us with the old fashioned manual stogie, works great! (but your plane needs wheels)



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## Upcoming Model Activities

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

**Aug. 1** - Skyraiders Summer Swap Meet. Location to be announced. Details tentative.

**Sept. 18-19-20** - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore. Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale, Speed.

**Oct. 3-4** - Northwest Skyraiders Ringmaster fly-a-thon, site TBA. Details tentative. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders. Email for information.

**Oct. 10-11** - New date! Fall Follies, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore., for Stunt, Combat and Racing. Details tentative.

**Nov. 28** - After-Thanksgiving Racing Contest, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore., sponsored by Northwest Fireballs. Sportsman Clown Race, Northwest Clown Race, Northwest Sport Race, Northwest Super Sport Race.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

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

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