

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

**July 28<sup>th</sup>** – at the Ranch – John Thompson reports - We had a great club meeting and flying session last Saturday at the ranch. Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Wayne Esauk, Jim Morton, Gene Pape, Gary Weems and I were all there. (Hope I didn't forget anyone). It was great to see planes in the air from our new members, Gary and Jim.

At the club meeting it was reported that the new owners who will be taking over the ranch in August appear to want us to continue flying there. There are details to be worked out and everything is tentative at this point, but early signs are encouraging.

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>**, at the Ranch, or at the Kozy at 1600 Coburg Rd, Eugene, if the weather is not good. Update on Ranch status.

### Local flying

**July 21** – Gene Pape, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gary Weems all flew, Jim Corbett watched. Gary flew his McCoy .35-powered Buster. Russ finished getting all his planes ready for the upcoming Bladder Grabber contest, Dave's P-39 had another crash but he got some flights in on his Squaw.

**August 4** - We had another great flying session at the Can Do Ranch last Saturday.

Floyd Carter, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, Gary Weems and John Thompson all put up flights in perfect flying weather and with the field in great shape.

**August 11** - Mike D, Jim C, Floyd C, Dave L and Wayne E attended, Dave and Floyd flew. Dave Flores stopped by and let us know he appreciated the card. He still has two horses stalled there and Phil Richey has a garden.

Dave said the new owners visited the Ranch on Friday, we did not see them Saturday.

### Out of town events

**August 10-12** - Bladder Grabber XL AMA Fast Combat Tournament and 1/2-A Grabber, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

John Thompson, Gene Pape, Russ Hester and Mike Hazel attended.

### Upcoming Out of town events

**Sept. 8-9** - R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup, Chehalis-Centralia Airport, Chehalis, Wash.

**Sept. 22-23** - Northwest CL Speed Championships, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.

**Oct 20 - 21** - GSSC In Madera, CA. Information: Brian Massey 559-908-9431 [bjmassey2@gmail.com](mailto:bjmassey2@gmail.com) Ongoing updates at: [www.californiacarclubs.com/gssc.htm](http://www.californiacarclubs.com/gssc.htm).

**Bladder Grabber 2018 - August 10 -12 – Snohomish, Washington - *Flying Lines photos***

Bladder Grabber Fast Combat top four, in order of finish, left to right: Champion Mel Lyne, Mike Hazel, Lee Letchworth, Mike Evans.



The 1/2-A Combat winners' "podium." From left, in order of finish, Gene Pape, Pete Athans, Robert Smith (with Combat dog Sparky), Don Jensen.



Russ Hester of Florence, Ore., launches a Fast Combat plane at the 40th Bladder Grabber Combat tournament in Snohomish, Wash.

The Bladder Grabber followed the format of recent years by having all contestants fly seven matches, with match records used to determine semifinalists. Letchworth went 7-0 in the rounds, Lyne and Evans went 6-1, and Hazel 5-2.

Gene Pape of Eugene, Ore., topped a field of 20 entrants in Friday's preliminary event, double-elimination High-Performance 1/2-A Combat. Pape had a 6-1 record, topping Pete Athans of Pine Mountain Club, Calif., in the final match.

Robert Smith of Roy, Wash. finished third and Don Jensen of Pomona, Calif., was fourth.

Winners of both the Fast and 1/2-A events went home with \$1,000 cash prizes, along with souvenir mugs and a bottle of fine wine. All others in the top four of event got cash, mugs, wine and other prize.

See Flying Lines for the full report  
<http://flyinglines.org/BG.2018.html>





Flying at the Ranch - July 21



Gary flying



Dave flying



Gene ready to land



Wing discussion



Gene launching for Russ



Gary and Dave discussing a U-Reely





**Flying at the Ranch - July 28**



Two visitors



Floyd's Larceny



Wayne explaining



Jim Morton's electrics



John's Hangar



John flying Jim Morton's plane





**Flying at the Ranch – August 11**



Floyd's Ringmaster electric



Floyd's warbird



Dave flying



Dave launching it



Car fire on Hiway 36



Floyd about to land it

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## Upcoming Model Activities

**Sept. 8-9** - R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup, Chehalis-Centralia Airport, Chehalis, Wash. Saturday: Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt, dinner at the Rushes' Sunday: Precision Aerobatics, 1/2-A Combat, 80mph Combat, Northwest Sport 40 Carrier.

Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

**Sept. 22-23** - Northwest CL Speed Championships, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.

**Oct. 6-7** - 32nd annual Fall Follies, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. , for stunt and racing.

Saturday: Classic Stunt, Old-Time Stunt, Profile Stunt, Northwest Sport Race

Sunday: Precision Aerobatics and the Zoot Barbecue

Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

**Nov. 24** - Portland Northwest Sport Race, Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Field, East Delta Park, Portland, 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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