Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Saturday, July 16th - Meeting well attended. Present: Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, Gary Weems, Russ Hester, Dave LaFever and Tom Kopriva.

We discussed a Ringmaster fly-a-thon at Can Do Ranch on, October 1 or 2

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Thursday, August 25th 10 a.m. at the Can Do Ranch.

Local Flying

July 16 - John Thompson reports - It was a great day for flying - temperature in the 70s and very light breeze. We had good turnout for the meeting and flying.

Tom brought his Lieutenant for show and tell and a lot of supplies and accessories to give away to club members; leftovers went into the club supply of fun-fly prizes.

July 23 - John Thompson reports - We had a good flying session despite a bit of wind. The breeze ranged from about 3 mph (mild) to about 9 mph (getting uncomfortable) with some gusts and swirls. Nevertheless, lots of flights were made and no mishaps!

Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

July 30 – John Thompson reports – We had a good session, though we stopped a little early because of the heat. Attending

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August 4 – The wind came from many directions and would change a time or two during a flight.

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Out of town Event

August 12-13-14 - Bladder Grabber Combat tournament. EPS members Gene Pape, Russ Hester and John Thompson attended.

Can Do Ranch

John Thompson reports - As you know, a change of ownership is impending at the Can Do Ranch. We have met with the new owners and have reached an agreement to continue our flying there for the time being under the current financial arrangement

The new owner will be the owner of the Eugene Livestock Auction next door to the ranch. He has asked that we not fly at our usual time on Saturday mornings because, he says, our noise bothers the animals. Therefore we are exploring other times for flying.

The first idea we are going to try is a weekday session. That means that we will be flying at the ranch this week on THURSDAY, at 10 a.m.



Can Do Ranch - July 16 - Meeting and Flying



Meeting begins



Mike Denlis shows a Headmaster Sport 40



Gary's Flite Streak



Tom Kopriva joins us



Mike is adding a twin to power it.



John's hangar



Can Do Ranch - July 16 - Meeting and Flying - continued



Gary purchased this Cardinal from Tom



Tom has a Lieutenant for sale



John flying his electric combat



Russ launches for Gene



Gary making a landing approach



Gene about to land



Can Do Ranch - July 23



Gary's Buster



John has three ready to fly



Gene and Russ discussing lines



Gary flying



Russ has one waiting



Still ready



Can Do Ranch - July 23 - continued -



Camouflaged security



Yes there was wind

Can Do Ranch - July 30



And sometimes no wind



Gary flys inverted also



John launches for Gene



It looks good on the ground



Can Do Ranch - July 30 - continued -



John's ready line



Dave's planes are waiting



John taking off



John flying



Gary flying



After a great landing



Can Do Ranch - July 30 - continued



After a smooth landing



Dave taking off

Can Do Ranch - August 4



Dave taking off



Russ making a landing approach



Hard landing resulted in anhedral wing



Great use of the launch pad



Can Do Ranch - August 4 - continued



Ready to fly



Russ's plane ready



Gene's plane waiting



Wind discussion



Gary making a landing approach



Cat waiting



Can Do Ranch - August 4 - continued





Gene launches the Cat for Gary

Waiting

Bladder Grabber Combat Tournament - Aug. 12-13-14 - Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

Bladder Grabber 2022



Contestants and officials were joined in a group photo for a couple of Bladder Grabber celebrities. Seated at left is longtime Grabber sponsor and contestant Bob Carver, and with him is former Combat superstar Norm McFadden. Both enjoyed watching the action. Behind are (from left) Mike Alurac, Greg Carter, Russ Wilcox, Robert Smith, Ken Burdick, Dan Armstrong, Tony Huber, Jim Green, John Knoppi, John Thompson, Fast Champion Russ Hester, Gene Pape, 1/2-A Champion Greg Machen and Buzz Wilson.

Russ Hester wins Bladder Grabber

Russ Hester of Florence, Ore., came on strong at the end to capture the Big Block championship at the Bladder Grabber Fast Combat Championship. Russ went 4-3 in the rounds, beat Greg Machen in a flyoff to make the semifinals, then beat Robert Smith in the semi and topped Greg Carter in the final match.

Greg Machen, still in recovery from serious multiple injuries suffered in a pyrotechnics accident only a few weeks ago, won the 1/2-A Grabber double-elimination 1/2-A Combat preliminary event on Friday.

The top four in both events took home a variety of prizes that included cash, fuel, certificates and commemorative mugs. See Flying Lines for the full report - http://flyinglines.org

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Upcoming Model Activities

Aug. 27 - Zoot Ranch Fun Fly, in the Hazels' backyard flying field, Mehama, Ore.

Sept. 24-25 - Fall Follies, Bill Riegel Model Air Park, Salem, Ore. Event lineup tentative but likely to include Aerobatics, Combat, Carrier and Racing. Watch this space for a flyer with all the details. Sponsored by Western Oregon control-Line Flyers. Note that this is earlier in the year than the traditional October Follies date.

Nov. 26 - A Day at the Races, Jim Walker Memorial Field, Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

Oct. 1-2 - 15th annual Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon. This is a worldwide event in which people everywhere fly various versions of the most popular control-line model airplane ever created. Worldwide event sponsored by Brotherhood of the Ring.

Oct. 8-9 - R.F. Stevenson Raider Roundup, Auburn Municipal Airport, Auburn, Wash, for Aerobatics and Navy Carrier.

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