

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

August 18th – at the Ranch – John Thompson reports - We had a very well-attended meeting at the Can Do Ranch last Saturday. Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Wayne Esauk, Dave La Fever, Mike Hazel, Mel Marcum, Gene Pape, Gary Weems and I were all there. Floyd, Dave, Mike Hazel and I did all the flying. Weather was perfect and the field in great shape.

At the meeting it was reported that we have an agreement for flying during the winters at Orchard Point for another three years.

Also it appears that flying will be ongoing at the ranch under the new owners, though we have not met them yet.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday September 15th**, at the Ranch, or at the Kozy at 1600 Coburg Rd, Eugene, if the weather is not good.

Local flying

August 25 – John Thompson, Gene Pape, Floyd Carter, Russ Hester and Gary Weems flew.

September 1 – John Thompson reports - Despite a little wind, we had a pleasant flying session last Saturday at the ranch. A couple of fliers showed up, put a finger up in the wind, and went home, but those who stayed managed to get flights in without any crashes. Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene

Pape and I stayed for the duration. Wayne Esauk and Jim Morton also visited.

September 8 – John Thompson, Floyd Carter and Jim Corbett flew.

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

September 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 Ongoing updates at: www.californiacarclubs.com/gssc.htm.

Ranch News

John Thompson reports - A bit of news about the ranch, which you will notice when you get there on Saturday: At some time after our flying session on Saturday, an electric component failed on the power pole along the road to the north of the ranch, starting a grass fire on the northern edge of the ranch. The fire was put out, leaving a burned area that does not encroach on our circle, but you will see it.

Unfortunately, the fire department turned their heavy truck around on our circle,



causing some nasty ruts. The ruts didn't do too much damage to our flying surface, but it will take a little bit of rake work to smooth them out so our circle mower doesn't trip.

And now a postscript to the above: Gene and I were at the ranch doing some maintenance on Tuesday, and Gene saw smoke coming up from the burned area — the fire had rekindled underground. We poured some water on it and eventually called the fire department to come and douse it some more. Also a power utility guy showed up to fix the pole while we were there, so we had quite a crew on hand for a while. As far as we know, the fire was

completely out when we left. But the incident is a cautionary tale — we have to be very careful about fire safety in these dry conditions.

Finally, as part of the above fire safety concern, we mowed the entire peripheral area to the south and west of the flying circle down to 3 inches. We also purchased a new sprinkler for the circle to replace the old one, which broke. We'll keep putting a little water on the circle as we can to keep the grass alive as much as possible. And we'll keep that garden hose handy. It reaches just to the north edge of the circle, so should cover anything that occurs on the area we use.

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Combat chat



John's Barnstormer



Floyd's Colibri



John's Scrub J



Floyd's Tiburon



John flying



Flying at the Ranch - August 25 - John Thompson photos



Gene Pape (left) and Anita Hester watch Russ Hester get ready for a flight.



Russ prepares his new original design 1/2-A Combat plane for its maiden flight.



Floyd Carter's electric warbird and John Thompson's Barnstormer.



Two of Floyd Carter's planes: Tiburon in front, electric Colibri in background.



Anita and Gene watching Russ.



Gary Weems' Buster.



Flying at the Ranch - August 25 - John Thompson photos



Gary Weems and Floyd Carter.



Gary Weems enjoying his flight.



Gene prepares 1/2-A sport plane for a flight, with Russ watching.



Gene helps Russ balance his new plane by cutting holes in the stabilizer.



Floyd Carter with Colibri.



Finished product.



Flying at the Ranch - September 1



Grass fire North of Ranch



Dave flying



Gene flying



Gene flying



John flying



Dave flying



Flying at the Ranch – September 8



Jim's Clown



John's Scrub J



John's electric combat plane



John's Ares



John's Barnstormer



Floyd's Warbird

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Upcoming Model Activities

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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