

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. at High Land Arena (AKA Can Do Ranch). Attending the club meeting and flying session were: Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Mike Hazel, Gene Pape, Dave LaFever and Gary Weems.

### Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. at High Land Arena (AKA Can Do Ranch).

### Local Flying

**Sep 21** - John Thompson reports – We had a good meeting and flying session last Thursday at the ranch. Weather was nice, a little breezy but not excessive. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems, with visits from Dean Rea and Peggy Weems.

**Sep 28** - John Thompson reports – We had a dandy flying session at the ranch with seven attending and lots of flying done in beautiful weather. Flying started at 10 a.m. and continued until about 4 p.m. Attending were Jim Corbett, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, Mark Schluter, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

**Oct 5** - John Thompson reports – It was our day to participate in the annual Global Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon, and we had a perfect day for it. Nice weather, very little wind, and lots of flying. We had eight Ringmasters of

various types on the field, and seven of them were flown. There were S-1, Super, Baby and Junior Ringmasters. Participating in the day were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. We also did some non-Ringmaster flying.

Control-line fliers around the Northwest and around the world flew their Ringmasters this past weekend in the global fly-a-thon. The report is posted on Flying Lines about the Northwest Ringmaster flying sessions

**Oct 12** - Jim Corbett reports – Not much wind, the sun came and went several times. Lots of flying. John put up the maiden flight on his Wildman. Flying were Russ Hester, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Also there were Jim Corbett and Peggy Weems.

### Out of town flying

**Fall Follies** - John Thompson reports - 36th annual running of the autumn event that started in Eugene those many years ago. Prop Spinners participating were Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

John was contest director and Stunt director and flew in Precision Aerobatics. Gary made his first competitive flights ever, participating in Intermediate Precision Aerobatics. It was a great weekend hosted by the Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers with outstanding support by the local Portland club, the Northwest Fireballs.



Can Do Ranch - September 21 - Meeting, show and tell and Flying



Meeting begins



Dave's All American



Gary flying



Gary's Vector



John launching for Gene



Pit area



Can Do Ranch - September 21 - Meeting and Flying - continued



John's Wildman



Gary's Flite Streak



John assisting Dave



Gary's Cardinal



Dave flying



Mike Hazel's Oriental



Can Do Ranch - September 28



John and Gary



Mark and Dave getting ready



John's planes



Mark's Twister



Tutor waiting



Gary launching for Mark



Can Do Ranch - September 28- continued



Mark flying



Russ launching for Gene



Mark launching for Dave



Gene flying



Dave flying



John flying



**Fall Follies- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – Hosted by Portland club the Northwest Fireballs.**

## Sun shines on Fall Follies' move to Portland

At new venue, the annual autumn gathering stays true to the spirit  
Sept. 29-Oct. 1, Jim Walker Memorial CL Field, Portland, Ore.

Impending loss of Bill Riegel Model Air Park in Salem resulted in the move of the 36th annual Fall Follies to Portland, with nary a glitch or a hitch in the long-running contest. It was the usual relaxed, friendly competition in crisp and sunny fall air. The Northwest Fireballs joined with the traditional sponsor, the Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers, to host the contest. Fireballs set up the field, provided food and support staff as WOLF administered the competition.

See the Northwest Standings page for complete Vintage Stunt Trophy standings.

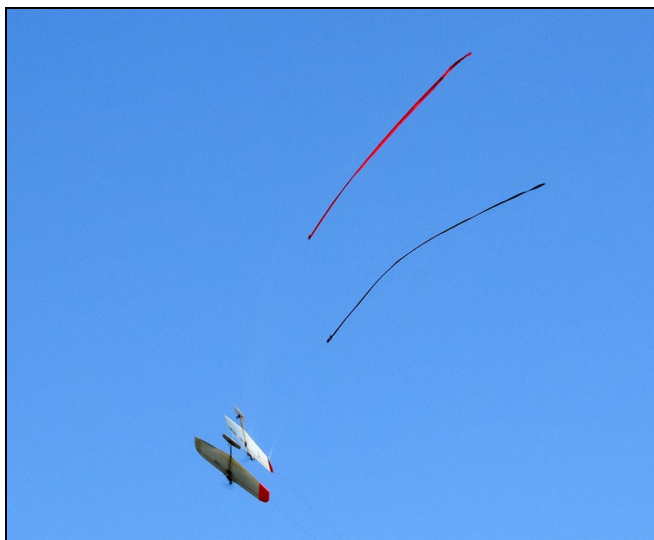
In a small contest like the follies, it takes everyone on hand to help out and make the days run smoothly, and everyone there pitched in mightily to make the Follies a success.



Old-Time and Classic planes lined up in the Delta Park pits on Saturday. *Flying Lines photo.*



The Precision Aerobatics pits on Sunday. *Flying Lines photo.*



80mph Combat planes make a close pass. Top plane is Gene Pape, bottom is Gary Harris. *Flying Lines photo.*



Winner Russ Hester (left) battles Gene Pape in 80 mph Combat. *Flying Lines photo.*

See <http://flyinglines.org/follies.23.html>



Gary Weems' first competitive flight, in Intermediate Precision Aerobatics at the Fall Follies



**Wildman 60** - John Thompson

You've all been hearing about this for a year, so I thought I'd send out a picture. This is the Wildman 60 built from the RSM kit that Floyd gifted me last year. Power is a SuperTigre .51. It weighs 57 oz. and appears to be a bit tail heavy so I am a bit scared about flying it. Finish is polyspan (open areas), carbon fiber veil (fuselage) and Brodak dope. Engine is all that remains of my unsuccessful "Dawg" stunter. Since the picture was taken, the big SuperTigre muffler was substituted for the tongue muffler for to add weight up front for balance. First two flights were made on October. 5.

This is not the greatest picture because the light was failing, but you'll see it on the field soon.

And, Floyd, thanks for designing this plane and for giving me the kit. It was quite a "wild" thing to build.





Can Do Ranch - October 5 - Ringmaster Day



John's Super and Baby Ringmasters



Dave's Ringmaster Jr



Dave's Super and S-1 Ringmasters



Gary's Ringmaster



Gene's Ringmaster



Gene launching one of Dave's Ringmasters





**Can Do Ranch - October 5 - Ringmaster flying - continued**



Gene launching for Dave



Gene flying



Dave flying



John flying



Dave launching for Gene



Gary flying



Can Do Ranch - October 12



John's electric combat plane



Russ's 80mph Combat plane



John's Wildman



Gene fueling



Two of John's planes



John launching for Gene



Can Do Ranch - October 12 - continued



Gene making a landing approach



Gary fueling



Gary launching John's Wildman



Gary's Flite Streak



Gary flying



Gary's Ringmaster getting ready to fly

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## Upcoming Model Activities

**October 21-22** - 43rd Annual Golden State Stunt Championships

<http://www.concentricbehavior.com/events.html>

**Nov. 25** - After Thanksgiving Race, Jim Walker Memorial Field, Delta Park, Portland, Ore., for Dallas Sport Goodyear and Northwest Sport Race. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

**May 23-25, 2024** - 51st Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport,

Roseburg, Ore., for Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale and Speed. Sponsored by Northwest Regionals Management Association.

### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President

Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

John Thompson, Treasurer

Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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