

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Thursday, October 20th – John Thompson reports - We had a nice meeting and flying session. Weather was perfect for flying, 60s-70s and calm.

Good attendance for the meeting, and lots of flying done. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

The ranch remains in perfect condition for flying (and landing!).

Special kudos were given at the meeting to Jim Corbett and Gene Pape, who completely refurbished the interior of the storage trailer, with new paneling and mounting fixtures. Several of the trainer planes are now mounted in a nice rack that gets them out of the way of all the other equipment.

Next chore is to go through the items stored in the trailer and discard all non-essential items. We should get to that in the next week or so.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Thursday, November 17th 10 a.m. at the Can Do Ranch.

Local Flying

October 27 - John Thompson reports - We had another perfect flying day last Thursday at the ranch. Temperature in the 50s and 60s, very little wind, and it was blowing away from the sun!



Lots of flying done by Gene Pape, Gary Weems and me, with support from Jim Corbett.

Gene made maiden flights on his 2022 replica of the FAWF, his fast combat design that was published in the April 1980 edition of Model Aviation magazine.

November 3 – John Thompson reports – We had only a brief, lightly attended flying session last Thursday at the ranch. We could have put up with the colder weather, but a fairly strong wind, up to 11 mph at times, made flying uncomfortable at best. Gary Weems, Mike Hazel and I all got flights in, with support from Jim Corbett. But by around 11 a.m. we had had enough and we packed up our gear and went around a corner to the Stockman's Cafe for lunch. It was warm and dry, the food was hot and many tales were told — some of them true.

November 10 – John Thompson, Gene Pape, Gary Weems flew, with support from Jim Corbett.

Sunshine and a light variable wind, but it was not warm.

Can Do Ranch - Orchard Point Park

The rainy season has arrived, the ranch will be very soggy soon and we will move our flying to the Orchard Point Park. Watch their emails for updates on the flying location.



Can Do Ranch - October 20 - Meeting, show and tell and Flying



John's hangar



John flying



Mike's Ringmaster



Mike taking it off



Gene ready to attach lines



Spectators



Can Do Ranch - October 20 - Meeting and Flying - continued



Gary flying



Gary flying again, without his jacket!



Mike and his Big Ringmaster



Mike has it in the air

Can Do Ranch - October 27



Gary making a landing approach



John's line up



Can Do Ranch - October 27 - continued



Gene's FAWF



Gary's Buster



Gary launching for John



Gene making a landing approach



John flying



Gary flying



Can Do Ranch - October 27 - continued



John flying faster than a shadow

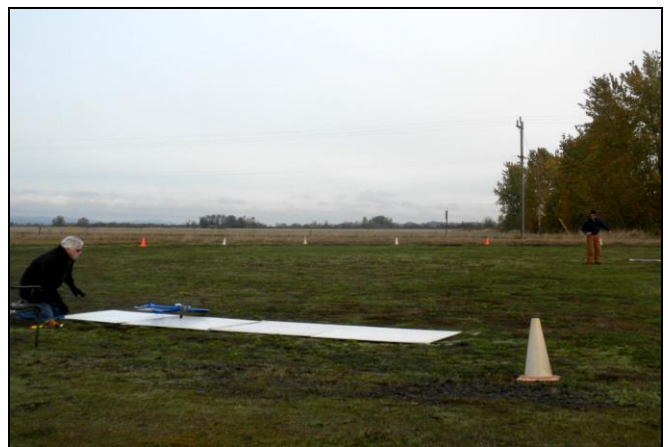


Gary's Tomahawk

Can Do Ranch - November 3



Gary's Flite Streak



John launches for Gary



John and Mike discuss engine



What is it?



Can Do Ranch - November 3 - continued



Mike flying



John's electric combat plane



John ready to land



John's hangar



Gary's Buster



John launching for Gary



Can Do Ranch - November 10



Gary fueling his Flite Streak



Gene flying



Gary launching for John, Gene supervising



John gets it in the air



John launched for Gene



John does it again



Can Do Ranch - November 10 – continued



Gary flying his Flite Streak



John has several waiting



Gary's Cardinal ready



Gary's Cardinal flying



Gene launching for John



John taking off



Can Do Ranch - November 10 – continued



Gene launching Gary's Ringmaster



Gary's Ringmaster takes to the air



Gary's Ringmaster



Gary flying Buster

Can Do Ranch - Model admires – Gene Pape photo



K-9 and Feline both like this model.

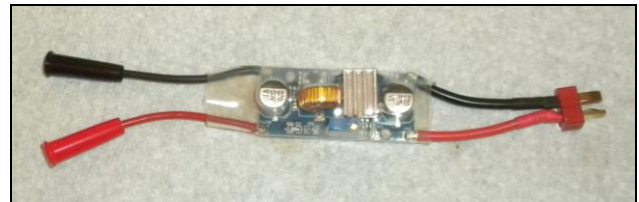
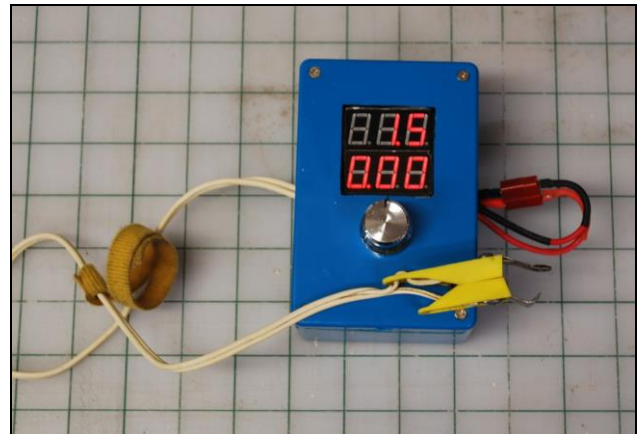
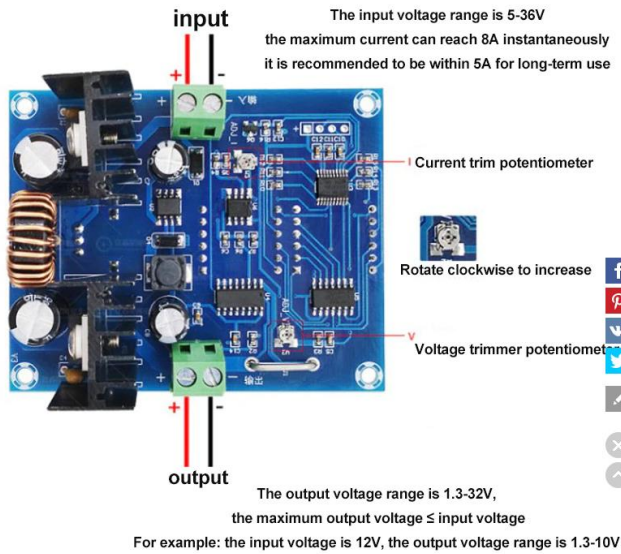


Glow driver arrangements -

Gene Pape, Lane Puckett and Jim Corbett are testing these.

Digital Voltage Regulator Buck Step Down Power Supply Module

Input 5-36V Output 1.3-32V



XL 4015



XL 4016



Lithium Ion 2 cell packs 7.4v.



Can Do Ranch - Misc OLD Regionals photos found in club trailer



Speed plane started



Ryan STA in Scale pits



Dave Shrum and biplane



Scale pits



Scale display



Phil Granderson and stunt plane.



Can Do Ranch - Club trailer update



Plane racks for our too many trainers



Ready for circle mower to be loaded



Contact info



First aid kit easier to access now

John Thompson reports - Can you identify this engine? *John Thompson photo*



It is on a tiny speed plane that Mike Hazel inherited from the Phil Granderson estate. None of us at the field knew what it was.

Floyd Carter had the answer to the engine identification question: The engine is a Mel Anderson "Baby Spitfire", not to be confused with the Anderson Spitfire 65 (He liked the name!). There were several 1/2 A engines early on. Then Leroy Cox came out with the FRV "TD" series, and all the others became obsolete.

**Orchard Point Park - John Thompson reports -**

Looking ahead: We are not too far from the time when the ranch gets too soggy for flying and we switch to our winter site, Orchard Point Park. Remember that you need to have a valid Lane County parking permit for flying at Orchard Point.

You can get the permits either from any Lane County Bi-Mart store or from the Lane County parks office (they will mail the permit to you if you do it by phone). Ask for the senior discount if you qualify — it's half price at \$20. The permit is good for a year at any county park. I am told that you also can buy a day pass for \$5 at Bi-Mart.

Another change for this winter season is that we will be charging the same \$5 per flier per session (up to a max of \$25 for the season), to defray an increase in the fee we are paying for the county permit. Our weekly emails will let you know when we switch to the park for winter flying.

Regarding the discussion we had about where to choose as our alternate meeting site:

On recommendation of Gary and Gene, Kathy and I tried out the Prairie Schooner today. As per your reviews, good service and great food. It was pretty busy, but that's because it was Saturday morning.

I've done a little thinking about the pros and cons of the two most likely venues for our alternate meeting sites. Here are what I came up with. I'll be delighted with whatever the club decides:

Prairie Schooner

Pros: Good food, good service, big-enough tables for a pretty large group if they are not too busy.

Cons: A bit farther away from the ranch (not an issue with Orchard), so not as convenient for snap decisions about giving up on flying. If we happen to have a young person (I keep hoping) with us, they can't go to this adults-only tavern.

Stockman's Cafe

Pros: Right next door to the ranch, so if we decide that the weather is too bad for flying, we can just go around the corner — and anyone showing up late can easily find us. Also, having model airplane people visible in the restaurant might be good for PR with the ranch owner.

Cons: Food not as good; too small for a Saturday meeting when they are busy (assuming we are flying Saturdays at Orchard).

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Upcoming Model Activities

Nov. 26 - After Thanksgiving Race, Jim Walker Memorial Field, Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs. Sportsman Flying Clown Race, Northwest Sport Race, Northwest Super Sport Race.

Dec. 3 - Northwest Skyraiders Winter Swap Meet, Denny's Banquet Room, 1246 N. Central, Kent, Wash.

Jan. 1, 2023 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Fly any plane just for fun. Flying raffle, lunch, coffee and doughnuts. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

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John Thompson, Treasurer
Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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