

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Saturday November 20th - We had a meeting and then some flying. Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, Dave La Fever, and Gary Weems attended.

A couple of meeting notes worth mentioning: The current slate of officers was re-elected for the umpteenth year: Mike Denlis, president; Jim Corbett, vice president, secretary and newsletter editor; John Thompson, treasurer; Gene Pape, safety officer. It also was noted that 2022 dues are now being accepted by the treasurer.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be this coming Saturday, December 18th, 10 a.m. at Orchard Point.

Local Flying

November 20 - John Thompson reports - Temperature was about 45 degrees but there was almost no wind and the field was in good shape. Dave La Fever, Gary Weems and I did a lot of flying. Also attending were Gene Pape, Mike Denlis and Jim Corbett. Highlights and lowlights of the flying included a really good flight on my new Sneeker (highlight) and the destruction of Gary's lovely Peacemaker because of some sort of control system failure (lowlight). And just plenty of other good flights on various planes.

November 27 - John Thompson reports - Despite the threatening weather forecast, we had a good flying session Saturday at the ranch. It sprinkled just as we arrived, but

soon cleared up. Jim Corbett, Gary Weems and I were just packing up to flee the raindrops when Mark Schluter showed up, bringing the good weather with him. We then flew until almost 2 p.m.

At the same time, Mike Hazel was representing the Prop Spinners at A Day at the Races in Portland.

December 4 - John Thompson reports - We had a good flying session at the ranch Saturday. Only three of us were there but we did a lot of flying. The only unusual circumstance was that we set up the takeoff strip on the north side of the circle because of the wind direction for the day. Dave La Fever, Gary Weems and I attended.

December 11 - John Thompson reports - We were rained out but the prospects are better for flying this coming Saturday. Best forecast I have seen indicates cloudy in the morning, showers in the afternoon. It's also Club Meeting time, so let's schedule our meeting and flying session for 10 a.m. Saturday and hope for good weather

Can Do Ranch

The Can Do Ranch flying site is now officially under water, so we now switch our flying to Orchard Point.



John Thompson photo



Can Do Ranch - November 20 - Meeting and Flying



John, Dave and Gene ready for the meeting



Gary and Mike also ready



Prop show and tell



Aircraft ready for flying



These too



Gary flying



Can Do Ranch - November 20 - continued



John flying



John flying



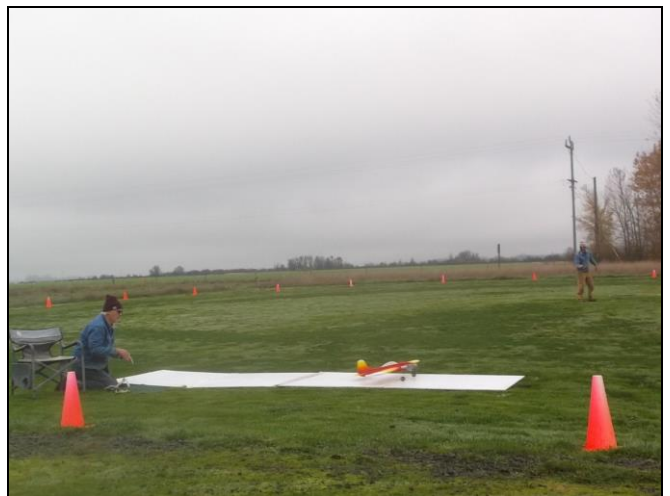
John flying his Sneaker



Dave flying



Dave, Gary and John



Dave launching for Gary



Can Do Ranch - November 27 -



John has planes waiting



John launching for Gary



Gary launching for John



John launching for Mark



John launching for Mark



Gary launching for John



Can Do Ranch - November 27 - continued



Mark has one of his landing gear hanging



A closer look

Fox Stunt 35 - Gene Pape

I thought you guys might enjoy these pictures of my latest project. The first picture is from the eBay listing. The subsequent pictures are what it looks like after a bit of effort. What I did for this engine was soak it in an ultrasonic cleaner using Ala's Totally Amazing cleaner diluted about 50% with water and heated to 60 degrees C for 30 minutes. It came out of the cleaner looking pretty much as pictured. It was also stuck solid. I rinsed it off and removed the needle valve assembly for further cleaning. I then tried heating it with a paint stripping heat gun to see if it would free up which works 9 times out of 10. When that didn't work, I put it back in the ultrasonic cleaner for another 30 minutes. I dumped all of the cleaning solution out of it and put Penetrating oil in it, then heated it with the heat gun again. Still no luck. I then filled the engine as full of penetrating oil as I could and let it sit overnight. The next morning I heated it with the heat gun again and it came free. Had this not worked I would have drained most of the penetrating oil from the engine and baked it at 325 degrees F for 30 minutes and tried again. For me, this was just a fun project. I only paid \$24.95 for this engine including shipping where the needle valve assembly from MECOA would have cost me \$26.95 plus shipping so I had nothing to lose. I was rewarded with a very nice Fox Stunt 35.





Dave La Fever adjusts the engine on his Tutor while Gary Weems holds.



Gary flying Flite Streak



Nov. 20 plane lineup



Takeoff strip and plane lineup.



We set up at the other end of the field because of the wind direction. Dave La Fever with the plane lineup.



Dave La Fever takes off from the strip after Gary Weems' launch.



Orchard Point -

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IMPORTANT: Make sure to get your Lane County parking permit. They can be purchased at any Lane County Bi-Mart store or by phone/mail from the parks department. The normal price for the year is \$40, but there's a senior discounted price of \$20.

Reminder of the Orchard Point protocol: Use the first gate you come to as you approach from Eugene on Clear Lake Road. This is the locked gate, not the open marina entrance. Officers have the combination to the gate, which we will

open by 10 a.m. When entering and leaving, be sure to close the gate, so that the general public does not wander in.

Grass is a little long right now but we will be mowing the circle as soon as we get a chance. I will have the takeoff strip on hand. We'll also have to muscle the soccer goals out of the way for the first flying session and mark a center circle.

One final reminder for the meeting: Dues for 2022 are being accepted. Contact the treasurer.

Dues-R-Due

It's \$25 a year. You can give me cash or check at a flying session or meeting, or mail it to me at:

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Make checks payable to Eugene Prop Spinners.



Magazines and newsletters - John Thompson

Regular fliers have noticed that I usually bring to the field a box of old model airplane magazines and newsletters for anyone to take. I have been slowly going through my vast collection and getting rid of all except certain special ones I want to keep.

I don't bring the box to the field during winter because there is no easy way to display it at Orchard Point. But I am still adding almost daily to the box. So, if anyone would like to go through what I have currently available — or take the whole box, just contact me and I will make a point to bring it to the next flying session, or you can pick the publications up from me at home.

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Upcoming Model Activities

Jan. 1, 2022 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. First in four-event series. Fun fly, lunch, flying raffle prizes. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

Feb. 5 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Church on the Rise, Roseburg, Ore. Second in four-event series. Fun fly with flying raffle prizes. Sponsored by Roseburg area CL fliers.

March 5 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Third in four-event series. Fun fly with flying raffle prizes. Sponsored by Western Oregon CL Flyers.

April 30 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Can Do Ranch, Junction City, Ore. Fourth in four-event series. Fun fly with flying raffle prizes. Sponsored by Eugene Prop Spinners.

May 27-28-29, 2022 - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore. Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale, Speed.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor
John Thompson, Treasurer
Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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