

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting was on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Warm and windy. Gene Pape flew, we watched.

Tom Kopriva was surprised by the return of his lost glider.

### Club Flying

Saturday July 25 – Hot with a pleasant wind. Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Jim Corbett flew. Mike Robinson arrived later after a trip to the RC field. Floyd put two aircraft up for their maiden flights, his Tiburon and Gee Bee.

Sunday July 26 – Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, Tom Kopriva, Floyd Carter and Jim Corbett got air time.

Saturday August 1 – Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Jim Corbett flew.

Gene and John tested some of their combat birds and John got a couple flights on his stunt plane.

Floyd had his Tiburon in the air. Mike Massey flew both of his planes, and Jim flew his Flite Streak.

NO crashed aircraft, though John and Gene had some motor mount issues with a couple combat planes.

It was HOT and almost NO wind.

Sunday August 2 – Not too hot, a little wind that kept changing direction. Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Tom Kopriva, John Thompson and Jim Corbett all flew.

Saturday August 8 – Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Gene Pape, John Thompson, Mike Robinson and Jim Corbett flew.

Floyd does not have his Tiburon fine tuned yet, Jim broke a prop and cracked the

fus on his Flight Streak. Gene and John tweaked the combat planes for the upcoming event.

Sunday August 9 – Mike Denlis attacked the weeds growing in the asphalt. Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Tom Kopriva, Mike Robinson, Jim Corbett, Gene Pape and John Thompson flew.

Floyd got the Tiburon dialed in a bit closer to what he wants, Jim found the fuel tank leaking on his repaired Flight Streak. Gene and John got more air time with their combat planes.

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## Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic

**Aug. 22-23** - Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore.

**Saturday:** Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt.

**Sunday:** PAMPA Precision Aerobatics

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### Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, August 16**, at the field.

Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad!



**At the Field** July 19, 2009



Removing the yellow



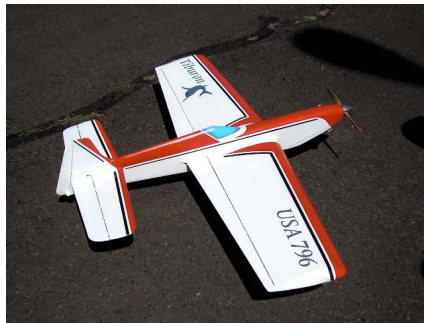
Very windy



Six for a meeting



Gene was not intimidated by the wind.



Floyd still building great looking aircraft



Tom smiling after the return of his glider.

*Jim Corbett photos*

**At the Field** July 25, 2009



Floyd's Tiburon



Floyd's Gee Bee



Mike flying the RED one.



Maiden flight



Maiden flight



John flying a slow one!





**At the Field** July 26, 2009



Tom's 1/2 A



Oops



Mike Denlis and Big Red



Tom cutting up the sky



Floyd's Tiburon passing by



Mike Massey's in the air

*Jim Corbett photos*

**At the Field** August 1, 2009



Sonic Chicken viewing.



Wheels down



Beautiful day



Combat comforts



Wheels up



Mike can do that too!

*Jim Corbett photos*





**At the Field** August 2, 2009



John has spectators



Tom has the dust off now



Bench and table getting used



Mike fine tuning



John's pair



Getting this one broke in



Tom casting a shadow

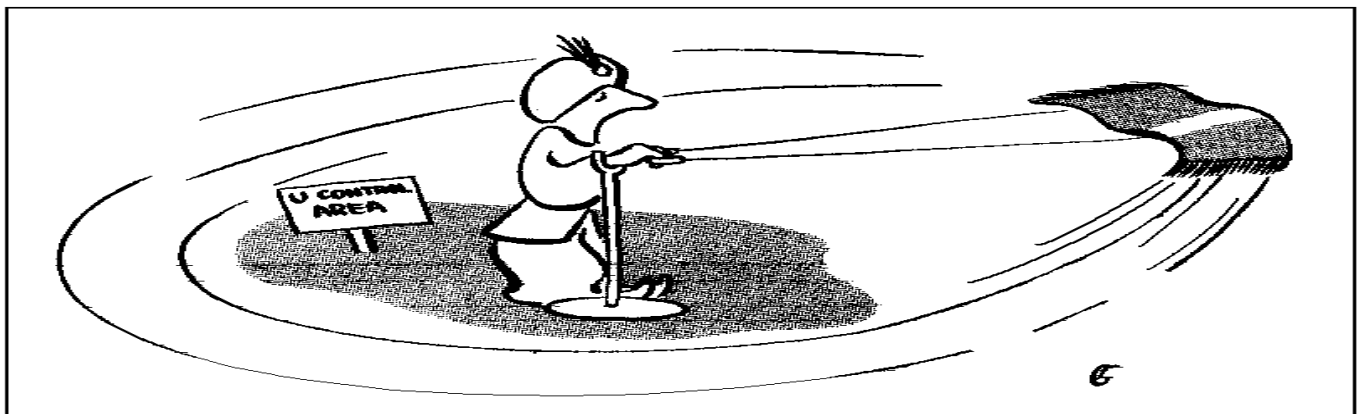


Evil Twin still flies well

*Jim Corbett photos*



Floyd's back saver







**At the Field** August 8, 2009



Combat pit



Being ignored



Tiburon ready to fly



John being watched



Being ignored no more



Resting between flights



Mike timing laps

*Jim Corbett photos*



Cooling off between flights

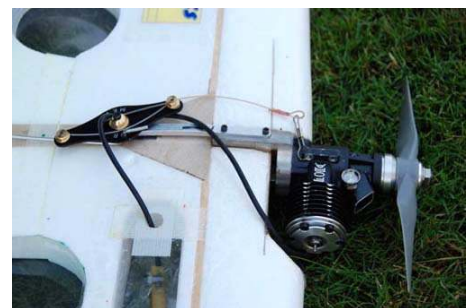
**Sonic Chicken** by John Thompson

Here it is, Beaver State Combat Team fast combat plane 09-1. --jt



Plane is Jeff Dawson Sonic Chicken.  
Power is Fora .36. Prop APC 7.8x6.

*John Thompson photos*



Bellcrank/shutoff H&R 3".  
Bellcrank mount, H&R metal  
mount extender.





**At the Field** August 9, 2009



One works, three watch...



1/2 A waiting



Three judges?



Closely watched



See Excalibur story below



One Mike fueling, one flying.

*Jim Corbett photo*

**Dad's Excalibur** by Mike Massey

I talked to my brother Brian last night. According to him, my dad last flew a model airplane in about 1970. My brother has had "custody" of my dad's airplanes through the years since.



Dad's old Excalibur had been crashed at least once, probably more judging from the fuselage. In the nearly 40 years it followed my brother in his moves, it managed to accumulate significant "hanger rash." After Brian and I started flying again, he gave me the Excalibur and one of Dad's Ringmasters in similar condition. I made a new fuselage for the Excalibur but everything else is original. A close look will make that obvious. Part of me wanted to "fix" everything, but then it would not have been my Dad's. So, I repaired the necessary, recovered the wings with 5mm silk, and repainted the plane.

Some things on the plane I do not understand and do not know why Dad built it that way. But, for the most part, they are still there, yet to be explained.



# Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic

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Two full days of control-line aerobatics competition  
Eugene Airport, Eugene, Oregon  
August 22-23, 2009

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## Saturday, August 22

9 a.m. Registration opens  
9:30 a.m. Pilots meeting  
10 a.m. Old Time Stunt  
11 a.m. Classic Stunt  
Noon: Profile Stunt (sportsman and expert classes)  
Extra circles available for practice and fun flying all day long

## Sunday, August 23

9 a.m. Registration opens  
9:15 a.m. Pilots meeting  
9:30 a.m. PAMPA skill class aerobatics  
Extra circles available for practice and fun flying all day long

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### The details:

- Entry fee: \$20 for first event, \$5 each additional event
- Current AMA or MAAC membership required
- No appearance points for ARF models. ARCs eligible for up to 10 points
- RV and tent camping OK Saturday night
- Official Northwest rules for Profile Stunt can be found at [flyinglines.org](http://flyinglines.org)
- **For more information, contact** Contest Director  
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## Upcoming Model Activities

**August 15-16** - Bladder Grabber XXXI triple-elimination fast combat tournament, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

**August 22-23** - Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore.  
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**Aug. 23** - NS with BS fun fly, Mission Wings Flying Field, Mission, B.C. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Barbecue and refreshments.

**Sept. 6** - Annual 1/2-A Flying, Rice Mill Road, Richmond, B.C.

**Sept. 12-13** - Northwest Skyraiders R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup,, Chehalis Municipal Airport, Chehalis, Wash. Saturday: Old-time Stunt, Classic Stunt,

Profile Stunt, AMA Profile and Sportsman Carrier, 1/2-A and 80mph Combat. Sunday: Precision Aerobatics, Vintage Diesel Combat.

**Sept. 19-20** - Northwest Speed Bash, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. All AMA and NW Speed events.

### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President

John Thompson, VP, Safety Officer,

Treasurer

Tom Kopriva, Secretary

Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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