# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## **Club News and Other Information**

#### **Last Club Meeting**

October 21 – John Thompson, Gene Pape, Tom Kopriva and Jim Corbett attended.

We had a good, pretty casual club meeting last weekend at the Wings restaurant, because it was raining when we got to the field. Such important matters were discussed as gophers, upcoming election of officers, the 2013 fun-flies, dues being due soon, and a few other topics I can't remember -- but treasurer Tom took good notes.

When we came out of the restaurant, we discovered that the weather had improved considerably. Only Gene and I had brought airplanes. The two of us along with Jim Corbett went to the field and did quite a bit of flying on one of Gene's 1/2-A combat planes, breaking in a new Fora 8cc (.049).

#### **Local Flying**

Saturday November 3 – Mike Denlis, Dave LaFeaver, Mike Massey, John Thompson, Floyd Carter, Gene Pape and Jim Corbett.

John and Dave put up maiden flights. Unfortunately Dave got his fingers in the prop and the second flight attempt and needed medical care. From all of us Prop

Spinners to Dave La Fever: "Get Well Soon!"

(For those of you who don't know, Dave had a nasty encounter with a prop on Saturday and ended up having three fingers stitched up. He showed us all how important it is to have a good first-aid kit on hand!)

Safety Office Mike Massey comments - Just a reminder to all that we have a small first aid kit in the small shed and the regionals have a larger first aid kit in the trailer. Both kits are current. If you use anything out of them, let me know so we can do a re-stock.

Sunday November 4 – Mike Denlis, Floyd Carter, Tom Kopriva and Jim Corbett flew.

## **Out of town Flying**

Golden State Stunt Championships Oct. 20-21 Madera Airport, Madera, California. Mike Denlis and Mike Massey attended. See report by Mike Massey on page 2.

#### **Next Club Meeting**

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, November 18,** at the field. Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad.



## **Golden State** Mike Massey reports

# 34<sup>th</sup> Golden State Stunt Championships

Hosted by the PC Flyers October 20-21, Madera Airport, Madera, California

Haverly.

Just a quick update from the Golden State. Mike Denlis took first in Intermediate, even though he had a bad cold.

I took dead last in Classic. The Shark 45 has a very serious trim issue but the engine ran well. I think that when I rebuilt the nose after breaking it off in a very hard "landing," I may have put too much down thrust in the engine mounts. I will shim up the engine and we will see if that corrects the problem. Essentially, the Shark really did not want to turn inside corners. Outside was fine but insides were very much a problem. Add the wind, which we had, and insides were scary and very unpredictable.

We flew the Golden State at Madera airport. Great site with really great black top. Weather was good except wind was a problem. Sat and Sun the wind seemed to gust to about 15 or so with generally constant winds more like 7 to 9. Those are, however, guesses. We only had a couple of strong "dust devils" come through but we did have two crashes that seemed related to a sudden down draft. One was "Rob" from Calif. Don't recall his last name. His electric suddenly pancaked while reasonably level inverted flight. That totaled the airplane. The second, several days later, was Mike

Pretty much destroyed his plane as well. My brother did a great job putting the contest together. 1 heard а lot of complementary comments and no

down, but Mike was level right side up.

Same kind of sudden pancake

very real negative ones. Everyone seemed very pleased with the contest performance. The only real downside was I drove almost 12 hours Wed. to get there. Ate dinner, went to bed then up at 3:30am to go to the airport for several live TV shots on a morning TV show. That went well but made for a very long and tiring day.

As for Advanced. I got a whole 10th out of 15. Wind was a factor. I was blown out of the Clover Leaf and one outside square and had an "end of flight, engine runaway as well. In the wind, the motor struggled pulling the plane "uphill." After talking to several people about the engine power, I "opened up" the venture. We will see how that worked, or didn't, next time we fly. The stock venture was .281. Sometime earlier, I had put an ST51 needle valve in which reduces the venture size so opening it back up seems I opened it up to about .295 plausible. primarily because that was the next drill size I had available. We shall see.

#### Here are the results:

#### Expert:

Paul Walker 591.5;

Howard Rush; 583; Impact/Plettenberg 20-16 David Fitzgerald; 582.5; Thunder Gazer II / PA .75

#### Advanced:

Bob Swan; 515; Peep (own design) OS LA .46

Mark Wasnick; 510.5; Wazzi / PA .75 Lanny Shorts; 505; Impact / OS .46 VF

#### Intermediate:

Mike Denlis; 414; Tutor II / OS .35 David Riggs; 406.5; Nobler / AT .36

Norm Gayer; 384.5; Fancy Pants / OS .35S

#### Beginner:

Jim Cunningham; 114; TF Flight Streak / OS LA.25 Chuck Milsap; 59

#### Classic:

Keith Trostle; 549; Rabe Bearcat /

Bob Whitely; 548.5; Formula S / Double Star .60 Lou Wolgast; 546.5; Fury / Double Star .60

#### Old Time:

Bob Whitely; 304; Humoungous / Double Star .60 Lou Wolgast; 296.5; Madman 56 / Double Star .54 Jim Aron; 294.25; Circle King YZ / OS LA .46

Concours Award: Igor Panchenko; Extra 300S



# At the Field October 21



Wings meeting



The other two



Motor testing from a chair!



New tool kit



Both ready to fly

# At the Field November 4



Pit chat



Wind without any direction



Mike



Floyd



Tom



## At the Field November 3



John Thompsons latest



Ready for maiden flight



John's maiden flight



Dave La Fevers latest



Ready for maiden flight



Tom flying



Crowded pit



Floyd flying well



Gene testing motor

# Oregon flying fun! 2013 - A quartet of control-line fun-fly events

Everyone invited - No entry fee! - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jan. 1 Tuesday, at East Delta Park, Portland Feb. 9 Saturday, at Sunshine Park, Roseburg

March 2 Saturday, at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

April 6 Saturday, at Eugene Airport, Eugene

- Bring any and all airplanes ... do any kind of flying!
- Every flight is an entry in the "flying raffle."
- Flying raffle prizes will be awarded after a drawing

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required

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# **Upcoming Model Activities**

Dec. 8 - Northwest Skyraiders Annual Winter Club Swap Meet, Clover Park Technical College Aviation Center, 17214 110th Ave. E., Puyallup, Wash., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Jan. 1, 2013 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Flying Field, East Delta, Park, Portland, Ore. First in series of Oregon winter/spring fun-flies. Fly any plane, get a ticket for the flying raffle. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs. Special event: New Year's Eve "last flights of the year" at midnight, Dec.

Vancouver Gas Model Club annual Polar Bear Fun Fly, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C. Electrics start flying any time; glow and diesel flying starts at 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 9 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg, Ore. Second in series of Oregon winter/spring fun-flies. Fly any plane, get a ticket for the flying raffle. Sponsored by Roseburg area CL fliers.

## **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President Jim Corbett, VP John Thompson, Treasurer Tom Kopriva, Secretary Mike Massey, Safety Officer Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor