

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

December 17th – John Thompson reports – We made our first visit to Orchard Point, our winter flying site, last Saturday and it was a great flying session. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Saturday, January 28th 10 a.m. at Orchard Point Park.

Local Flying

December 17 - John Thompson reports – Cold but almost no wind. We started with the December club meeting, then flew until about 2 p.m. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems; our friend Carter Breitmeyer from across the road visited and got in a few flights on the trainer.

December 31 - COLD John Thompson, Gene Pape, Gary Weems, Dave La Fever and Jim Corbett.

January 14 - John Thompson reports – It was sprinkling when we got to Orchard Point but within a few minutes the rain stopped and the flying started. It ended up being almost a perfect flying day: Temperature got into the 50s, and there was no wind. Attending were Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

Out of town Event

Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Flying Field, Portland, Ore., Jan. 1

The New Year's Day fun fly hosted by the Northwest Fireballs at Delta Park turned out to be

a nice January day for flying. This event was the first installment of the Oregon Fun Fly series for this year. The day started off a bit cool, but gradually warmed up under a partly cloudy sky with virtually no wind. Some of the coolness went away with the chili lunch that was provided.

Attending were: Sam Baird, Darrin Bishop, Tom Brightbill, Kristen Brown, Jim Cameron, Don Curry, Roy DeCamara, Gary Harris, Mike Hazel, Niels Madsen, Leighton Mangels, Will Naemura, Doug Powers, Dave Royer and Tim Wescott.

See full report at:

<http://flyinglines.org/oregonfun.1.23.html>

Out of town Meeting

Many of the Prop Spinners were attendance at the WOLF club's annual general meeting / luncheon in Salem.

WOLF has been notified by the Airport Management that they will be loosing use of the circle at the airport, and no other place on airport property will be available for control line flying.

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:

John Thompson
2456 Quince Street
Eugene, OR 97404

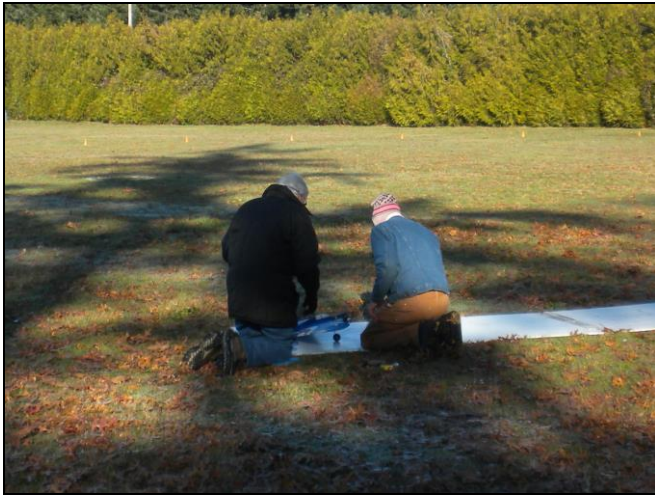
Make checks payable to Eugene Prop Spinners.

WOLF Newsletter

See the [October-December Wolf Call](#)



Orchard Point Park - December 17 - Meeting and Flying



John assisting Gary



Pit area



Gene attaching lines



Safety cones in place



Ready and waiting



Gene and Gary



Orchard Point Park - December 17 - Meeting and Flying - continued



Gary's fleet



Combat ready



Dave has several waiting



John launching for Gary



John has three ready to fly



Gary making a landing approach



Gene Pape reports - December 22 - takeoff strip



I just ran across this picture taken of our takeoff strip in my driveway. The date on it is 1-11-2017. That means in a few weeks it will be 6 years old!

How can that be? I think it was a well spent \$100.00 or so.

Orchard Point Park - December 31 -



John's hangar



Gene waiting



Dave has it fueled



Gene's Underdog ready



Orchard Point Park - December 31 - continued



Gary attaching lines



Gary flying



John launching for Gene



Dave flying



John's landing approach



Gary launching for Dave



Orchard Point Park - January 14 -



Gary has several waiting



John launching for Gene



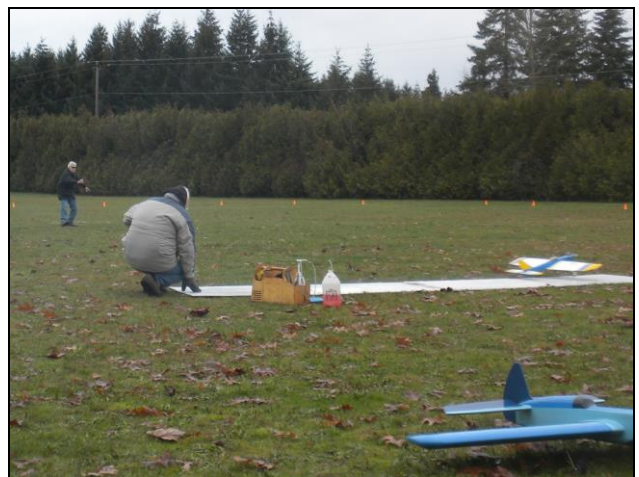
Gene's combat planes



Gene launching for Gary



John's planes ready



Gene launches for John



Orchard Point Park - January 14 - continued



John flying



John launches for Gene

WOLF club's AGM - January 21 - annual general meeting/luncheon in Salem



Good attendance



Craig announces loss of field.



Not good news.

Flying circle to be part of parking for the airport.



Can Do Ranch - December 31 - The photos should say it all!

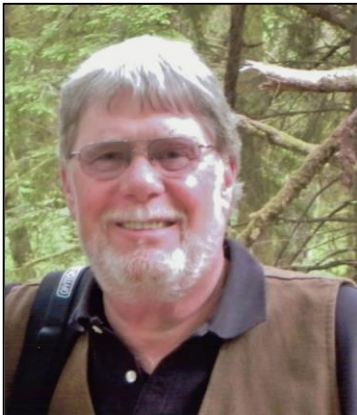


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Tom Kopriva - 1943 - 2022 -



Died the last week of December 2022, he was a longtime member of the Eugene Prop Spinners and the Willamette Valley Modelers. He was an active Free-Flight modeler and a master craftsman, having worked as a dentist before retirement.

Tom was a lifelong control-line flier, who was active in Combat and flew Stunt and sport planes later in life. He also was a member of the Eugene RC Aeronauts and flew radio control, both indoor and outdoor. He is survived by his wife, Earline.

Tom flew with us indoor flyers on December 14th at the Willamalane Parks - Bob Keefer Center for Sports and Recreation.

Tom was involved with the following AMA chartered clubs:

- Willamette Modelers Club (WMC) Last flew in 2021
- Eugene Prop Spinners (EPS) Last flew in 2015
- Eugene RC Aeronauts (ERCA) member from 2008 to 2020

A celebration of life was held on what would have been Tom's 80th birthday, January 19, 2023. Contributions in his memory can be made to the Eugene Library Foundation or Wounded Warrior Project.

See Obit at:
<http://flyinglines.org/obit.kopriva.html>



Northwest Fireballs, Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers, Eugene Prop Spinners,
Roseburg area CL fliers and Rogue Eagles present ...

Oregon Flying Fun!

Four control-line fun-fly events

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

If the weather is bad, go to the alternate site listed for "hangar flying" socialization!
(Check the listed cell number for last-minute updates.)

Sunday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Lunch provided, plus coffee and doughnuts

Bad weather: Shari's at Delta Park, 9730 N. Whitaker Road; cell 503-894-4443

Info: Northwest Fireballs, [Don Curry](#), 503-894-4443

Saturday, Feb. 4 at Church on the Rise, Roseburg

Bad weather: Elmer's restaurant at I-5 Exit 125; cell 541-537-0061

Info: [Dave Shrum](#), 541-672-8893

Saturday, March 4 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Bad weather: Flight Deck restaurant, 1 block south of the flying field; cell 503-871-1057

Sponsored jointly by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Eugene Prop Spinners

Info: WOLF: [Mike Hazel](#), 503-871-1057

Saturday, June 17 at Rogue Eagles circle, Eagle Point

Bad weather is unlikely. Sun shade provided!

Info: Rogue Eagles, [Jess Walls](#), XXX-XXX-XXX

- 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
- Come to *all four* fun-flies and support *four* great Oregon CL flying groups!



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Upcoming Model Activities

Feb. 4 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Church on the Rise, Roseburg, Ore. Fly any plane just for fun. Flying raffle. Sponsored by Roseburg area control-line fliers.

March 4 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Fly any plane just for fun. Flying raffle. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Eugene Prop Spinners.

March 15-18 - 34th annual Vintage Stunt Championships, Christopher Columbus Park, Tucson, Ariz.

May 26-27-28 - 50th Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

Prop Spinner Club officers

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

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