

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

**January 18** - 10 a.m. Meeting was at Orchard Point Park. It was a cold morning at Orchard Point Saturday but we were all warmly dressed and thus had a pleasant, productive meeting and flying session.

### Next Club Meeting

**February** - Meeting canceled due to Fun Fly in Roseburg and no known pressing business.

### Local Flying

**January 18** - John Thompson reports - A few of the smarter members went home after the meeting but those of us who stayed to fly got lots of air time in mostly calm weather. There were a few unpredictable gusts and some high turbulence, but no mishaps resulted.

Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems, and staying for the flying session were Jim, Mike and Gary.

**January 25** - John Thompson reports - It didn't rain, but the wind scared us away from the flying field last Saturday. Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems showed up at Orchard Point and visited for a while. There was not a steady wind, but sudden gusts would whoosh through and the tops of the big trees were swaying, indicating turbulence in wingovers and overhead eights. So we all packed up and headed for the workshops.

**January 30** - John Thompson reports - We slipped in a great flying day at the ranch — a rare visit to our primary flying field in the midst of winter!

Attending were Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Lots of flying was done in a mild breeze that was blowing away from the sun!

Highlight of the day was seeing Gary's new Cardinal make its maiden flights. It looks great and is a great flier — it was doing the whole stunt pattern after only a minor tip weight tweak. See photo.

**February 6** - John Thompson reports - We managed to have a good flying session at Orchard Point. Threatening weather forecasts undoubtedly kept attendance light, but conditions actually were good fly flying and those of us who braved the cold got quite a few flights in. Attending were Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

### Upcoming

**Feb. 15** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Church on the Rise, Roseburg, Ore. Any kind of airplane, any kind of flying; lunch and prizes will be provided. No entry fee. Sponsored by Roseburg area CL fliers.

**March. 15** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem Airport, Salem, Ore. Any kind of airplane, any kind of flying; lunch and prizes will be provided. No entry fee.



Orchard Point Park – January 18 –



Gary's planes



John's planes



Mike Hazel's plane



Gary getting ready



Gary flying



Gary launching for Mike





Orchard Point Park – January 18 – continued



Mike Hazel launching for Gary



Gene's new line reel



Mike Hazel launching for John



Gene's Voodoo



Meeting about over



Mike showing the new NWR prize





At the Ranch – January 30 –



Lined up and waiting



Gene Launching for John



Gene assisting John



John flying



Gary's Cardinal ready for it's first flight



Cardinal's maiden flight





Orchard Point Park – February 6 –



Gary's planes



Gary flying



Gene and John prepping



Gene launching for Gary



John launching for Gary



Gary flying





**Profile Cardinal – Gary Weems**

The Profile Cardinal is from a kit. I worked on it sporadically since around Thanksgiving. Well, a year ago last Thanksgiving. Kit balsa was very marginal to unacceptable. The fuselage would have made a great 39 X 3.5 prop. I routed grooves into it, twisted it flat and inserted a square carbon fiber rod as a spine to hold it in shape.

One of the flaps weighed exactly 1oz more than the other. Leading edge sheeting was cut to shape and short which I discovered after the wing frame was assembled. Wing tip balsa was short for the largest pieces.



All sobbing aside it turned out pretty good, a bit heavy at 53oz which is normal for me. It is being powered by OS LA 46. I built the main control horn to be adjustable and replaced the wire landing gear with formed aluminum. The nose is a bit goofy because I used one of several Tru-Turn spinners I got from a sell out at Central Hobbies. They are a size smaller than kit specified. Wing tip flaps are adjustable using aluminum hinges and I built the weight box to my specifications. All balsa was covered with carbon veil. The wing is covered with Poly-Span and all finish is Randolph dope.

**Fox Rocket – Gene Pape**

This is what I spent a lot of my modeling time doing last week including yesterday after the club meeting.

The engine on the far left in the finished photos is a mostly correct '62 Fox Rocket 35, the middle engine is a '62 Fox Rocket 35 case with mostly '57 Fox Combat Special parts including the black head that should not be black.



The engine on the right is a '58 Fox Black Head Combat Special. It's the only one of the 3 that's got all the correct parts.

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## Upcoming Model Activities

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Eugene RC Aeronauts Swap Meet, Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Drive, Eugene, Ore.

**March 12-15** - Vintage Stunt Championships XXXVI, Christopher Columbus Park, Tucson, Ariz. Advance entry required by Feb. 28.

**March. 15** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem Airport, Salem,

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

McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Swap Meet, Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 S.W. Durham Lane, McMinnville, Ore.

**April 11-12-13** - NW Model Hobby Expo, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. S.E., Monroe, Wash.

### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President

Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

John Thompson, Treasurer

Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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