

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting was on February 21st. Some dues were collected.

Club Flying

Sunday February 21 – John Thompson reported – Sunday's Prop Spinners club meeting day at Eugene Airport featured sunshine, no wind, LOTS of flying of all kinds. A good turnout of club members, several spectators, and two retreads appeared out of the blue (sky?) to indicate they want to come back to CL flying. Stunt planes, combat planes, sport planes, the automatic lawn mower and my "box of rocks" test stand were busy.

Flying were Jim Corbett, Mike Massey, Gene Pape, Tom Kopriva, Floyd Carter, Mike Robinson and me. (Did I forget anyone?) Steve Kendall also came out and rejoined the club after a brief hiatus. Retreads visiting were Gary Weems and Walt Bindram. We hope to see them flying with us regularly soon. Mike Massey was out flying on Friday and Saturday, too! Jim Corbett got one circle mowed -- it's that time of year again! Man, I love to live in a region where we can fly all year round.

Sunday February 28 – John Thompson reported – Floyd Carter, Mike Massey and Jim Corbett showed up for a beautiful flying day. Mild temps, very little breeze, blowing away from the sun. A good time was had by all. Dwayne Graville showed up late with wife to watch and return some plans to Mike.

Friday March 5 – Mike Massey reported – I went to the field on Friday to trip and test

fly planes. Because I had "pancaked" my red/cream Brodak .40 plane and destroyed the NVA, I wanted to test the engine run with a replacement. Brodak is out of stock on NVA so I put in a Supertiger .51 NVA. Perfect fit but different in function. The Brodak NVA has 2 orifices, about 180 degrees apart and they are very small. The Supertiger NVA has one large orifice. The difference in engine run is the stock Brodak gives a much finer adjustment of engine run. Had sun and a stronger breeze, heading, where else, into the sun.

Saturday March 6 – Mike Massey reported – Saturday the field was again sunny and breezy, with no substantial change in wind direction. Ugh. I was joined by Tom Kopriva, Mike Robinson and a potential new flyer, Gary Weems. Gary had been out several weeks before and talked to John about getting back at the sport. Apparently he is a former Prop Spinner who focused on combat.

Saturday he brought a plane that looked like a Ringmaster with straight wings, a Buster I think. It had no landing gear so had to be hand launched. He flew fast for about 3/4 of a full flight when dizziness caused by rust reared its ugly head. Just knocked off the vertical stab so an easy repair.

Sunday March 7 – John Thompson reported – Floyd "Dr. Spark" Carter was there and let me fly his new electric stunter. Wow! Also there were Jim Corbett, Mike Massey and a cameo appearance by Steve Kendall. Lots of flights, though it was a bit chilly and overcast.



Club News and Other Information (continued)

Event Report - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3 was held in Salem. A good turnout and a fair amount of flying for the windy conditions. The rain went around the field, which was appreciated by all.

See the full Fun Fly report on Northwest Flying Lines web site at <http://flyinglines.org/>

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, March 21**, at the field.

Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad. – Naa it would not dare to be wet and windy...

Customer Service Don't laugh - it still exists

Hello All,

I just wanted to share one example of great customer service. Just below is a correspondence I had with Brodak. I broke a needle valve assembly on my Brodak 40.

When I went to the web site to order a new one, they were not available and backordered. I sent an e-mail to Brodak. Below is my e-mail and Brodak's response.

Mike Massey

From: massey1124@msn.com
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 12:16 PM
To: Brodak Manufacturing
Subject: Brodak.com Contact Form - NV Assy Brodak .40

A visitor to the Brodak.com website has submitted the contact form.

Name: Mike Massey
Email: massey1124@msn.com

Subject: NV Assy Brodak .40
Comments/Questions: You list them as out of stock. I am "out of the air." Do you have any available? I desperately need one, will buy 3 if available. Help and tx. Mike

HERE IS BRODAK'S ANSWER.

Hi Mike,

I will take one out of one of our motors for you. Patti will send it to you.

Your friend in CL,
John

Editors Note:

We hear a lot about the other kind of Customer Service, I am glad Mike passed this along.



Oregon flying fun! No. 3 Salem, March 13, 2010



The Salem event this year was one of the best-attended of the long-running series of winter-spring funflies held for the past several years in Oregon. The weather was mostly sunny but a bit breezy and cold. The wind slackened and the temperature warmed a bit as the day went on.

See the full report on <http://flyinglines.org/Oregonfun.3.10.html>



At the Field February 21, 2010



Meeting in progress.



Mike Massey's Red and White



Enjoying the day.



Break in stand aka "Rock Box".



Tom K.



Combat training.



Fly it, then . . .



Let it rest.



Tom is ready to land.

At the Field March 7, 2010



Pilot briefing completed.



John flying Floyd's electric.



Mike Massey has it fueled.

Jim Corbett photos



Oregon flying fun!

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

Oregon flying fun!

A quartet of 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!

~~Saturday, Jan. 2 at East Delta Park, Portland~~

Bad weather meeting site: Delta Park Burger King; cell 503-995-1158

Info: Fireballs: Mark Hansen, fastcombat@comcast.net, 503-234-1971

~~Saturday, Feb. 13 at Sunshine Park, Roseburg~~

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

Info: Dave Shrum, 541-672-8893, dnpshrum@charter.net

~~Saturday, March 13 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem~~

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

Info: WOLF: Bruce Hunt, bhunt@swbell.net, 503-361-7491

~~Saturday, April 3 at Eugene Airport, Eugene~~

Bad weather: Wings Restaurant at the airport terminal

Info: Prop Spinners: J. Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, 541-689-5553; cell 541-554-8848

- 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!

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required

Northwest Control-Line Regionals

May 28-29-30 Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore.

Sponsored by Northwest Regionals Management Association.

Schedule:

Friday: Old-Time Stunt, Speed, Navy Carrier

Saturday: 1/2-A Combat, 80mph Combat, Mouse Race I, Northwest Sport Race, Northwest Super Sport Race, Flying Clown Race, Navy Carrier, Speed, Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt, Beginner-Intermediate Precision Aerobatics, Scale static judging

Sunday: Advanced-Expert Precision Aerobatics, Navy Carrier, Vintage Diesel Combat Combat, Scale flying

Download a flyer with all the details. at: <http://flyinglines.org>

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Upcoming Model Activities

March 27 - Chehalis Cup Contest No. 1 for 80mph Combat, cuts only. All details tentative.

April 3 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Any kind of plane, any kind of flying, flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Eugene Prop Spinners.

April 16-18 - Jim Walker Memorial, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore., for Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier and Speed. Friday: Northwest Clown Race, Record Ratio Speed. Saturday: 1/2-A Combat, Profile Stunt, Classic Stunt, Old-Time Stunt.

Sunday: 80mph Combat, Record Ratio Navy Carrier, Precision Aerobatics

April 24 - Chehalis Cup Contest No. 2 for 80mph Combat, cuts only. All details tentative.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President

John Thompson, VP, Safety Officer,
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Tom Kopriva, Secretary

Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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