

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

February 18 – at the Orchard Point park. (Weather was good for the meeting, then it started to rain and the wind came up. No one flew afterwards.)

Members attending: Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape and Dave La Fever.



The new folding takeoff strip that Gene put together out of 10mm Coroplast. Takeoffs are smooth as silk. The Coro is so smooth that even a heavy stunter gets up to speed by the end of the 16 feet and lifts off smoothly. Best of all, one person can carry the takeoff strip when it's folded. The strip is now stored in the enclosure behind the camp host's trailer. We'll move it to the ranch when we are done at OP in April.

NOTE: Airport overflow parking lot - Mike has reserved the airport lot for us all the Saturdays in March. Mike or John will let us know when we can fly there.

Orchard Point will be open to us until April. (You will need to update your county parking permit). We are flying there regularly when Can Do Ranch is too wet.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday March 18th**, Airport if available or at Orchard Point if the weather is good or at the Willamette Grill (Airport) restaurant if the weather is not good.

Local flying

February 25 Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Dave LaFever and Mike Hazel flew at the Airport. Jim Corbett observed.

March 12 At Orchard Point - John Thompson, Gene Pape, Jim Corbett flew and Floyd Carter observed. Sunny, 62 degrees and a 3 MPH wind.

Out of town flying

Cold and wet Fun Fly #3 at Salem, a small attendance and only a couple brave the wet air.



Flying at the EUG airport - February 25th -

John Thompson reports - What a great flying session we had last weekend. It was great to get into the airport, especially sweet knowing that we're most likely approaching the end of our use of that fabulous flying field. Six of us flew lots of flights. Combat, stunt and sport planes got a workout. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Dave La Fever, Mike Hazel, Gene Pape and me. Weather was sunny and there was very little wind. All in all, the best flying session of the year.



Gene launching for Dave



And it is away



Mike Hazel flying



John Thompson flying



John fueling



Mike Denlis flying



Oregon flying fun #3 - Bill Riegel Field, Salem, Ore., March 4th, 2017

Damp, cold and a little wind. Several braved the conditions and a couple of Mikes flew!



Mike, Craig and Jerry clean the circle.



Mike Hazel starts Mr. Stubby.



Jerry Eichten launches it.



Mike Hazel flies it.



Mike Denlis attaches the lines to his Magnum.



Then puts it thru the damp air.



Oregon flying fun #3 in Salem - March 4th - continued

Oregon Flying Fun No. 3

Dismal forecast dampens attendance, but there is flying fun

Bill Riegel Field, Salem, Ore., March 4, 2017

By [Mike Hazel](#)

Another foul and dire weather forecast appeared to have kept nearly all the potential attendees away from the third in the series of Oregon fun flies. In the usual fashion, the weather was not nearly as bad as made out in the weather-guesser's predictions. However, some of the attendees were already under the weather, including WOLF president Craig Bartlett who showed up to make sure all was well.

Other attendees included WOLF members Jerry Eichten, Mike Hazel, along with Propspinners Mike Denlis, and Jim Corbett. The only flights put up were by both of the Mikes, each with just one.

The skies alternated between clouds, a little sun, and of course some wet stuff. It was not all that windy, but the air was a bit cold.

After the flying was done, and the gabfest in the club storage shed was done, we all opted to call it a day and headed out our own separate ways. Not much action for the day, but it was fun to get out and visit anyway.

Flying at Orchard Point Park - March 12

John Thompson, Gene Pape, Floyd Carter and Jim Corbett braved the Sunny, 62 degrees and 3 MPH wind at Orchard Point. John, Gene and Jim got in flights, Floyd assisted and advised.



John, Floyd and Gene hanger talking



Smooth landing



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Hand Starting vs. Starters

I've mentioned before that using a starter on many old engines can cause internal damage. I received a follow-up question from Jerry Burke, in Texas, asking for details. My answer might help save an old engine.

The front ball bearing on a modern engine limits the crankshaft from being pushed back more than a couple thousandths of an inch or so when a starter is applied. Most older engines are plain bearing, and the crankshaft's fit is often loose enough that the crankshaft can be pushed back and actually grind against the backplate under the

starter's application. That grinding can destroy an engine. Some of those engines might have a snug enough drive washer to the crankshaft fit so that this doesn't happen.

Even so, the drive washer can grind into the front of the aluminum case and produce galling and particles that can migrate into other parts of the engine. A thin, smooth, stainless-steel shim behind the drive washer can reduce or eliminate that galling, but finding a shim of a suitable size is difficult if the engine doesn't already have one.

Dues reminder – John Thompson reports

If you haven't paid dues for 2017, now's the time. Keeping the club together and solvent is more important than ever now as we're splitting our flying between three flying sites — we need the networking and also the cash to cover some expenses that the sites generate (field equipment such as takeoff strips, mowers and maintenance, AMA insurance, etc.)

So, if you haven't paid up for 2017, please do so now. For anyone on the list thinking of joining for the first time, Prop Spinners dues are \$25 for adults and \$6 for those under 19 years old — and your AMA membership must be current. You can mail dues to me (ask if you need the address) or hand it to me at the field.

Northwest Control-Line Regionals See flyer <http://flyinglines.org/17.reg.flyer.pdf>

Northwest Control-Line Regionals

Roseburg, Oregon, May 26-27-28, 2017

Championship model airplane flying competition

Awards offered in 43 events

Location: Roseburg Regional Airport

Just off Interstate 5 — take Exit 127

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Upcoming Model Activities

April 1 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, McMinnville, Ore. Fourth in series of four Oregon fun flies. Includes flying raffle.

April 21-23 - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Jim Walker Memorial field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Multiple events. All details tentative. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

May 26-27-28 - Northwest Control-Line Regioals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore. All details tentative.

July 1 - Nearly 1/2-A Fun Stunt Event, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

July 2 - Nostalgia Stunt, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

July 22 - Graffiti Combat, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

Aug. 5-6 - Western Canada Stunt Championships, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

Sept. 2 - Zoot Ranch Fun Fly, a flying picnic in Mike Hazel's backyard. Tentative. Email for information.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President
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John Thompson, Treasurer
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