# Prop Spinner Chatter



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#### **Club News and Other Information**

#### **Last Club Meeting**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. at Orchard Point Park. Attending the club meeting and flying session were: Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson.

#### **Next Club Meeting**

Meeting will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. at Can Do Ranch.

#### **Local Flying**

**April 15** - John Thompson reports – We had another outstanding flying session at Orchard Point. The rainy weather stepped aside for the day, resulting in mild temperature and almost no wind.

Lots of flying was done, including some Combat plane testing and Mike Hazel's first flights on the Tom Kopriva-built Lieutenant, now set up for Classic Stunt (See photo of Russ launching for Mike).

**April 29** - John Thompson reports - We had an excellent flying session last Saturday at Orchard Point. This will be our last session of the season there as our permit allows us to fly at Orchard November-April.

Attending Saturday's session were Jim Corbett, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Weather was perfect for flying. Temps in the 60s-70s, almost no wind.

It was a treat to see Gary's brand-new Vector 40 make its maiden flights. See flyinglines.org - Gary's Vector 40 is now in the

Flying Lines Favorite Planes section. Gene entertained by flying two vintage combat planes. And there were lots of other flights!

May 4 - John Thompson reports - We had an outstanding flying session last Thursday at the Can Do Ranch — our first of the season at that venue. The ground has dried out and the Prop Spinners Field Maintenance and Mower Repair Department has mowed and groomed the field. Weather was perfect for flying with no wind and a nice overcast to shield us from the sun; temperature in the 50s. Attending were Jim Corbett, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, John Thompson and Gary Weems, with a visit from Dwayne Graville.

May 11 - John Thompson reports - We had an outstanding, well-attended flying session. On hand were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Weather was perfect for flying, in the 70s with almost no wind.

#### Ranch update

May 5 - John Thompson reports - A quick note for whoever arrives at the ranch first on Thursday for our flying session: You may already know that the big front gate has been removed. Today when we were mowing (mostly Jim!), they were installing a new, temporary, gate for security purposes. It will look different from what you are used to but our old key lock will be there and I presume the combination lock, too. So, don't panic, just open the new gate as usual.



Out of town – April 21 - - John Thompson reports - A good time was had by all of us who attended the Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up contest in Portland last weekend. Weather was acceptable on Friday and Saturday but rainy on Sunday morning, which dampened (pun intended) the turnout.

Though the contest was lightly attended, it was well-run and we had lots of fun flying model airplanes. Prop Spinners attending were Mike

Hazel, Russ Hester, Gene Pape and John Thompson. A report and photos have been posted on flyinglines.org.

#### **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.

#### Orchard Point Park - April 15 - Meeting and Flying





Gene launching



Mike launching



## Orchard Point Park - April 15 - Meeting and Flying - continued



Backward flying draws spectators



Russ launching for Gene, John observing



Dave, Russ and Mike



Mike making a landing approach



Planes waiting



Mike has two waiting



#### Orchard Point Park - April 15 - John Thompson photos



Mike Hazel starts the engine on the Lieutenant as Russ Hester holds.

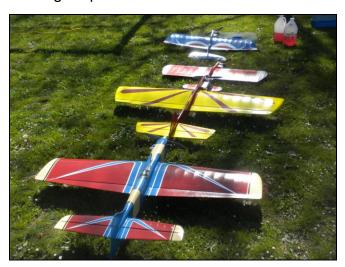


Russ launches Mike's first flight of the Lieutenant, built by Tom Kopriva.

#### Orchard Point Park - April 29



Waiting for pilots



Gary's lineup



Two of Dave's planes



Russ and Gene discussing Johns' flight



## Orchard Point Park - April 29 - continued



Dave's planes



Gary's Vector 40



John launching for Gary



Russ watching Gene fly



John launching for Dave



Russ flying



## Orchard Point Park - April 29 - continued



Gene launching for John



Inverted starting



John flying



John launching for Gary



Gary flying



Gary flying



#### Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up - April 21 - Portland

Full report and photos posted on <a href="http://flyinglines.org/jimwalker.23.html">http://flyinglines.org/jimwalker.23.html</a>



Leighton Mangels (left) and John Thompson pilot in Northwest Super Sport Race. Barbara White photo.



Mike Hazel shows his B Proto Speed plane to Mark Crouse (left) and Darrin Bishop on Friday. *Flying Lines photo*.



Gene Pape (left) and Robert Smith battle in 15 Fast Combat on Saturday. Robert took first place, Gene second. *Flying Lines photo*.

#### Gary's Vector 40 - April 29 - John Thompson photo



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## Can Do Ranch - May 4 -



Gary's fleet



John launching for Gary



John's line up



Dave's plane waiting



Russ has one ready



Dave's planes



## Can Do Ranch - May 4 - continued



Dave flying



John flying



John launching for Gary



John launching for Dave



Dave flying



John flying



## Can Do Ranch - May 4 - continued



Russ flying



John launching for Gary



Gary flying



Russ launching for Dave



Dave launching for Russ



John launching for Gary



## Can Do Ranch - May 4 - continued



Russ launching for Dave



John making a landing approach

## Can Do Ranch - May 11 -



Dave taking off



Gary's double decker transporter



Two of Gary's planes



John's planes



## Can Do Ranch - May 11 - continued



Dave's planes



Russ's combat plane



John launching for Dave



Mike flying



People and planes



Dave flying



## Can Do Ranch - May 11 - continued



NWR conversation



Dave launches for Gene



Russ flying



Parking area



Jim's electric Clown



Mike Hazel's Cro Magnon



#### **NWR** - May 26, 27, 28



## **Location: Roseburg Regional Airport**

Just off Interstate 5 - take Exit 127

#### For your convenience: Advance registration!

Sign up early and purchase your T-shirts in advance. **Discount for all early entry and T-shirt sales!**Write for entry package: Northwest Regionals, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR 97404 or download at <u>flyinglines.org</u>

#### Regionals lodging

Host hotel for the 2023 Regionals is the **Sleep Inn and Suites**at 2855 NW Edenbower Blvd., just across I-5 from the field
Reserve your room before May 11 to get the special "Northwest Regionals" group rate. Call 541-464-8338

#### For information, contact:

Contest director Mike Hazel, P.O. Box 505, Lyons, OR 97358, zzclspeed@aol.com See <u>flyinglines.org</u> for more information or contest-related updates.

#### **Oregon Flying Fun**

## Saturday, June 17 at Rogue Eagles circle, Eagle Point

Bad weather is unlikely. Sun shade provided! Info: Rogue Eagles, <u>Jess Walls</u>, 707-845-2833

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 five great Oregon CL flying groups!

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## **Upcoming Model Activities**

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

**June 10-11** - Stunt-a-Thon, Auburn Municipal Airport, Auburn, Wash., for Aerobatics and Carrier. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

June 17 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Rogue Eagles circle, Eagle Point, Ore. Fly any plane

just for fun. Flying raffle. Sponsored by Rogue Eagles.

**July 14-16** - AMA Northwest Jamboree, Sanderson Field, Shelton, Wash. RC and CL flying all weekend.

#### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

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

Where the Action Is: <a href="http://flyinglines.org/Action.html">http://flyinglines.org</a> web site.