

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting (June) was postponed.

Local Flying

Saturday June 16 - John Thompson Reports - We had a good flying session with Gene Pape, Mike Massey, Jim Corbett and I on hand.

Sunday June 17 - Floyd Carter Reports - It looked promising, so Mike Massey and Floyd showed up to fly. The wind came up something fierce from several directions at once, so we gave it up for the day. We observed that fighting wind did nothing for concentration on perfecting our already-near-perfect patterns.

Sunday July 1 - John Thompson Reports - We had a nice flying session at our field. Gene Pape, Mike Massey, Tom Kopriva and I were there. It was breezy but we got a bit of flying done and the wind gradually died away as the day went on. I didn't hear, but I think there was flying on Saturday, too, because somebody mowed the field nicely. Looks great!

Out of town Flying

Stunt-a-Thon - John Thompson Reports - Mike Massey and I had a great (though damp on Saturday) time at the Stunt-a-Thon. But they should rename it "Chase the Wind-a-Thon". I had three consecutive stunt flights in PA where the wind shifted 180 degrees. On my second flight in Profile, I managed to do almost all my maneuvers right in front of the judges, who just weren't

quick enough to keep up! Oh, well, we had fun.

Lucky Hand Fun Fly - John Thompson Reports - Those of us who went to WOLF's Lucky Hand Fun Fly today (Saturday) had a great time. There were about 20 fliers (15 paid entry for the poker hand prize and about five others who just flew). Fliers from Portland, Roseburg, the Salem area and elsewhere around kept one, two and sometimes three circles going all day long.

Prop Spinners were represented by Floyd Carter, Gene Pape, Mike Hazel, Dave Shrum and me. Gene flew 1/2-A combat planes, Floyd flew his Topsy Turvy and Zero, I flew the Big Dawg and the Little Dawg and a Sonic Chicken and the Evil Twin, Mike flew Mr. Stubby, and Dave flew an assortment of interesting planes including a vintage Waco and a twin-McCoy .049 plane. We bid farewell to WOLF stalwart Bruce Hunt, who is moving to the Puget Sound area, and enjoyed seeing our buddies from north and south.

See full reports on flyinglines.org.

Oregon Air and Space Museum

Our local Air Museum is planning an event in July 21-22. We have been invited to provide a display.

Next Club Meeting

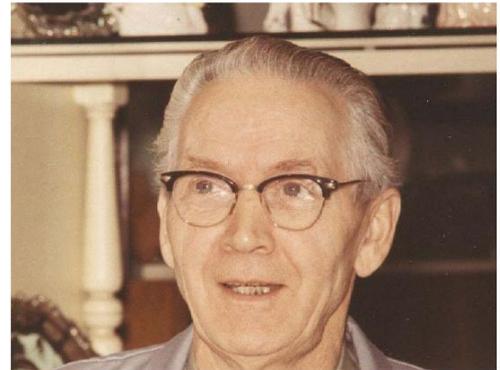
Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, July 15**, at the field. Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad.



Oba St. Clair to be honored Mel Marcum reports

This will be the 75th year since Oba invented this type of model flying.

Oba (pronounced Obie) was a Prop Spinner member in the early days. He is also a member of the AMA Hall of Fame. He invented control line flying in the 1930's. He flew the models he built on his own private circle in field next to his house. Pat Johnson and I helped make a set plans for Miss Shirley, the model OBA flew with many controls. Pat did all the drawing of the plans and I measured the Model that is in Shirley's basement. It has an 8 foot wingspan.



Oba was a very good Prop Spinners much longer than me and it was an honor to meet him. He was at our house many times as he wanted my input in some of the things he built. He also invented many other things to do with flying model. He was a major and I do mean major part of the 1957 endurance flight. If they had not been able control the throttle from outside the circle during the flight, the flight would never have gone so long. Oba designed and built a servo driven adjustment for in flight adjustments.

Oba's contribution to the Endurance flight, completed in September of 1957, which set the record for continuous flight by a control line model, was enormous. He developed a way to adjust the needle valve from the control handle which enabled them to control the fuel day and night. He also had many other inventions related to control line flying. He was a very quiet person and you would never know he had such a great mind, he was a genius. He is a member of the AMA Hall of Fame. The presentation at this years Nationals is long overdue, I'm sure they will have an article in the AMA magazine later this year.

Oba St. Clair was a long time member of the Prop Spinners until his death. He is credited with the invention of Control Line Flying. Jim Walker claimed he did but in a Court case it was determined that Oba had, many years before Walker took the idea and expanded on it.

AMA will be honoring Oba St. Clair on Friday, July 20, in Muncie. Miss Shirley and Richard will be attending.

They have built a replica of "Miss Shirley" using the plans Mel and Pat drew up. It will be presented at that time. The first control line plane, 75th anniversary of Oba's invention.

Charles Mackey will be offering comments via Skype. There will be a slide show shown in conjunction with Mackey's remarks.

Tom Morris, editor of Charles' book "Pioneers of CL Flying" will be there, as well as Bob Hunt, 1978 World Control Line Precision Aerobatics Champion and Editor of Flying Models magazine and more recently the editor of AMA's Model Aviation magazine.

Oba St. Clair of Eugene had designed and flew his four-line control line / gas model airplane in 1937.

Previous Honors: 1998 – AMA Pioneer Award, 2001 – AMA Hall of Fame (awarded posthumously)

Achivements: In 1937 created what was probably the first Control Line model, Developed first a single line version and worked up to four Control Lines, Testified in a lawsuit, bringing down Jim Walker's claim of the invention of Control Line flying, Oba was able to do a flat spin with his Control Line model, Created a twin-cylinder engine by using two Forsters geared together.



At the Field June 16



John flying



One of John's latest



Shadow is following it



Planes waiting



Launch it



Mike and Gene chatting



The ready line



It flies



Gene has it in the air



John and Mike discussing



John going the other way



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Upcoming Model Activities

July 20 - Ceremony honoring Oba St. Clair, Model Aviation Museum, Muncie, Ind.

July 22 - Old Time Stunt Contest, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C., 10 a.m.

July 28 - Chehalis Cup No. 3 for High-Performance 1/2-A Combat and 80mph Combat with kills, 52-foot lines, Yard Birds.

Aug. 4 - Chehalis Air Fair and CL Demo, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Chehalis Airport. Full-scale fly-bys and displays, biplane rides and a B-17 will be on display.

Aug. 4-5 - Western Canada Stunt Championships, Rice Mill Road flying site, Richmond, B.C.

Aug. 10-11-12 - Bladder Grabber XXXIV for High-Performance 1/2-A Combat and AMA Fast Combat, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

Aug. 18-19 - Dick Scobee Memorial stunt contest, Auburn Airport, Auburn, Wash.

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