

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

July 18th 10 a.m. - John Thompson reports - The weather cooled off for us and the wind calmed down, so we had a good flying session and club meeting at the ranch.

The main action at the club meeting was the decision to purchase a new circle mower to replace the one we have used for several years, which succumbed to a stripped gearbox. The new mower was purchased and should be modified for automated circle mowing next week.

Our application with Lane County Parks has been approved and I paid the fee. So all is well for this winter at Orchard Point.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Thursday, August 15th 10 a.m. at the Eugene Equipment Auction (AKA Ranch).

Local Flying

July 18 - John Thompson reports - We had a nice meeting and flying session. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

August 1- John Thompson reports – It was a hot day at the ranch but a small group of intrepid fliers showed up for a good flying session. We did quit a little early but everyone got their fill of flying. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

August 8 – Light wind, not too hot and not too smokey.

Also a light turnout. Flying were John Thompson and Gary Weems. Jim Corbett took photos.

Miscellaneous Stuff

Fourth of July fireworks



Gene Pape photo

Remains of Gene's pit box after a lithium ion battery ignited during charging.

The Eugene Prop Spinners club flying sessions are on Thursdays. The first July session fell on the Fourth. It turned out that fate had decided for me to have my fireworks first thing in the morning.

See full article at: <http://flyinglines.org/gp.col22.html>



Eugene Equipment Auction – July 18



Meeting – Gene, John, Mike, Dave, and Gary.



Gary's plane waiting



John's planes waiting



Gary flying



Dave's planes waiting



Dave flying



Eugene Equipment Auction – July 24 - work party



Gary re-working circle center pad



Reworked center pad



Gary and Gene cleaning up south area



Cleaned up south area



New mower at work



Cleaned up south area



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 1 -



New watch dog Finn, being trained by Peggy



Dave flying



New pit area in use



John assisting Gary



Gary getting ready



Gary flying



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 8 -



Gary launching for John



John flying



John launching for Gary



Gary flying



Gary launching for John



John flying



Circle Mower story -

Old mower

TroyBilt Mower
Purchased at BiMart \$319 06-18-16
Model 12AKD3AQ766
Used for 8 years until the tranny gave out.

Dec - Mar we fly at Orchard Point Park. (4 months aprox). We do not use the circle mower at the Park.

That means with 8 months at the Ranch / Auction site.

New mower

TroyBilt Mower
Purchased at BiMart \$359 07-22-24
Model 12AVA2BM766

So 8M x 4W = 32 hours of mower running per year, times 8 years ... or aprox 256 hours of run time on the old mower.

Mower Cover repair -



Sunlight aged the south tarp (installed 2017)



And the coroplast sun aged as well



Fresh tarp on south side



And coroplast replaced

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Upcoming Model Activities

Aug. 12-17 - FAI World Control-Line Championships, Muncie, Ind. See AMA website for details.

Aug. 31 - Zoot Ranch BBQ and Fun Fly, Mehama, Ore.

Sept. 7-8 - R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup, sponsored by Northwest Skyriders.

Oct. 5-6 - Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon 2024. Worldwide event. Download a flyer with all the details.

Oct. 12-13 - Fall Follies, Jim Walker Memorial Field, Delta Park, Portland, Ore., for Aerobatics, Combat and Racing. Sponsored by Western Oregon control-Line Flyers and Northwest Fireballs.

Dec. 7 - Northwest Skyriders Winter Swap Meet.

Prop Spinner Club officers

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

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