

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

August 10<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. at Can Do Ranch. Attending the club meeting and flying session were: Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

### Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 10 a.m. at High Land Arena (AKA Can Do Ranch).

### Local Flying

**Aug 10** - John Thompson reports – The club meeting/flying session was lightly attended.

Weather in the 80s with a mild breeze from the north (right into the sun, natch!).

**Aug 17** - Jim reports - Good flying session attended by Jim, Gary and Dave. Light winds, variable speeds and directions.

**Aug 24** - Gary reports - Flying session went well with sunny skies but marginal winds during the morning. Dave made a maiden flight with his new All American Senior. It started to get blustery at noon and us lightweights retreated to the hangar.

**Aug 31** - John Thompson reports - Our flying session ended early because the light drizzle got steadily heavier until we all decided to pack up and go home. But we did get several flights in. Attending were Jim

Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

**Sep 7** - John Thompson reports - Another good flying session at the ranch. Perfect flying weather with very slight breeze and mild temperature in the 70s.

There was a little thermal activity, which made it a bit tricky to identify the wind direction at moments.

See the picture Gene captured of dust devils in the field across the road. (Page 13)

Attending were Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

**Sep 14** - Jim Corbett reports – Sun was out and so was the wind. There was lots of flying by Gary Weems, Dave LaFever, Gene Pape and John Thompson. Jim Corbett, Peggy Weems and Buffy assisted as needed.

### Roseburg flying field gets a takeoff strip

See report on flyinglines.org:

<http://flyinglines.org/rise.upgrade.html>

### Out of town flying

**Aug. 19** - Terry Mitchell reports - We had an awesome turn out of planes at Roseburg Bill, Dave, Bob, Chris, Gary, Alan and myself Terry. See page 5.

**Aug. 19** – 20 - Bladder Grabber - Aug. 19-20, Snohomish, Wash. See page 6.

**Sept. 2** - Zoot Ranch Fun Fly, Hazel flying circle, Mehama, Ore. See page 10.



Can Do Ranch - August 10 - Meeting, show and tell and Flying



Meeting begins



Dave's All American



John's planes waiting



Gary assisting John before launch



John fueling (adding electrons)



John flying





**Can Do Ranch - August 10 - Meeting and Flying - continued**



Gary's Flite Streak



Gary flying

**Can Do Ranch - August 17**



Protection from rabbits and such



Plane ready for flying



Dave's new plane



PT look alike





Can Do Ranch - August 17 - continued



Gary's Cardinal



Dave launching Gary's Combat Cat



Gary's Vector



Nice landing



Gary and his Combat Cat



Dave launching for Gary





**Roseburg** - August 19 - Terry Mitchell sent these photos







**Bladder Grabber - Aug. 19-20, Snohomish, Wash. From Flyinglines report**



AMA Fast Combat contestants, officials and members of Norm McFadden's family, from left: Russ Hester, Tony Huber, Greg Carter, Bill Cave, Ron Colombo, Don Jensen, Mike Alurac, Austin Minor, Cary Minor, Bill Maywald, Mark Rudner, Andy Minor, Bill Maywald, Mel Lyne, Greg Machen, Gene Pape, Karleen McFadden, Dave McFadden.

By Gene Pape, contest director

Wow, what a contest. Sorry repeat 1/2-A winner Greg Machen, you were upstaged by 18-year-old Austin Minor, flying in his first AMA 328 Fast Combat contest after flying a Big Block model for the first time just the week before.

Austin is no stranger to winning Combat contests. I first met Austin and his family at a contest in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2008 where Austin won against the best in the country.

See full report on flyinglines: <http://flyinglines.org/BG.2023.html>

**Can Do Ranch - August 24**



Dave's planes waiting



Dave's plane





Can Do Ranch - August 24 - continued



Gary's Vector ready



Dave launches for Gary



Gary launches for Dave



Maiden flight of Dave's new All American



Gary's Tomahawk ready



Gary flying





Can Do Ranch - August 31



Planes waiting to fly



John launching Dave's All American



Windless day



Dave flying the All American



Gene and Gary discussing needle valves



John flying his electric combat plane





Can Do Ranch - August 31 - continued



Dave taking off

the wing is from the '75 Regionals, the first year I was contest director of that event.

As this was intended as a sport model it has a K&B 40 rather than the usual Fox 36X I would have used for competition. I had completely forgotten it. It seems it somehow came into the possession of one of the first Prop Spinners members I met, Dave Childs. He has owned it for a very long time and kept it in the condition you see it in.

Much to my surprise, he came up to me after the Bladder Grabber a few weeks ago, introduced himself, and presented me with the airplane. It's been a long time since I had seen Dave and the years had changed him so I didn't recognize him right off. The model hadn't changed a bit so I recognized it right off. It's too bad we don't last as well as some of our things do.

The bottom line however is that It was a much greater pleasure seeing Dave again than getting this Voodoo back. He is in good health now and I hope to have more chances to get together with him in the future.

Gene



Gene's vintage Voodoo

I built this Voodoo sometime in the early '70s. It's covered with red nylon chiffon and finished with clear butyrate dope. I think the green is an Aero Gloss color. The decal on



Dave and Gene at the Bladder Grabber





## Oregon CL fliers picnic at the Zoot Ranch

By Mike Hazel

We had a great time at the Zoot Ranch with plenty of food and flying.



Lots of food at the Zoot Ranch buffet!

The fare included barbecue hamburgers with all the fixings and plenty of salads, sides and desserts, yum! The flying was mostly just drilling holes in the sky with sport and Stunt planes. However, Chris Nicholls did get in one very long flight with his Carrier plane doing some low-speed practice flying.



Planes lined up with fun-fly participants (from left) Niels Madsen, Gary Weems and Mark Crouse.

In attendance were Terrence & Valerie Bardue, Mark & Lisa Crouse, Don & Margaret Dotter, Roy and Joan DeCamara, Mike & Laura Hazel, Bob Lewis, Steve Lindstedt, Niels Madsen, Chris Nicholls, Doug Powers, Dave Shrum, and Gary Weems.

See full report: <http://flyinglines.org/zootranch.23.html>





Can Do Ranch - September 7 -



John has it ready to fly



John with a three point landing



Waiting for fuel



Gary flying it



John launches for Gary



Gene fueling





Can Do Ranch - September 7 - continued



Gene flying



Gary still tweaking this one



Gary launching for Gene



Gary's Tiger Eyes



Gary fueling



Gene launches for Gary





**Can Do Ranch - September 7 - Things you do not see often – Gene Pape photos**



Jim getting ready to fly



Five dust devils near our field

**Can Do Ranch - September 14**



Gary and Dave



Gary launches Dave's All American



Gene flying



Gary changed prop and likes it now





Can Do Ranch - September 14 - continued



Gene with rebuilt VooDoo



John flying



Gary flying



Gary taching, John assisting



Crowd and planes



John launching for Gene





**Muncie Donation** - Mike Denlis with the "Spirit of Exchange" at the AMA Museum

AMA control line endurance record - September 1-3 of 1957. Set by keeping a single plane in the air for 64 hours, 33 minutes and 14 seconds.



The "Spirit of Exchange" hung in Agerter family's Eugene Toy and Hobby shop in Oregon until it was accepted at the AMA Museum September 1, 2023.

See more: <https://www.facebook.com/modelaircraftmuseum>

**Giant Fox Stunt engine** - Gene Pape

Giant Fox Stunt engine. I don't even know how big it is. I'm thinking it's a 60. It's enormous! If interested contact Gene: [gene4349@gmail.com](mailto:gene4349@gmail.com)





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## Upcoming Model Activities

**September 22-24** - Meet 'n Meat 24

<http://www.concentricbehavior.com/events.html>

**Sept. 30-Oct. 1** - Fall Follies for Aerobatics, Combat and Racing. The Follies will be held at Jim Walker Memorial Field in East Delta Park in Portland, Ore., which you know as the usual site of the Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up each April.

**Oct. 7-8** - 16th annual global Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon for flying of any kind of Ringmaster anywhere in the world.

**October 21-22** - 43rd Annual Golden State Stunt Championships

<http://www.concentricbehavior.com/events.html>

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### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President

Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

John Thompson, Treasurer

Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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