

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

August 15th 10 a.m. - John Thompson reports - Conditions were fabulous for flying last Thursday at the ranch with light and variable breeze and nice temperature. There were a couple of excused absences — get well soon, guys! By the way, field conditions at the ranch will never be nicer than they are right now thanks to the hard work all summer of Jim Corbett, with help from Gene and Gary. We have a new takeoff runway and a newly reconditioned and smoothed out center circle pad — even a new wind sock! If you have been postponing a flying session until conditions are just right, now is the time! Come on out and join the fun.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Thursday, September 19th 10 a.m. at the Eugene Equipment Auction (AKA Ranch).

Local Flying

August 15 - John Thompson reports - Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gary Weems and John Thompson took advantage of the nice day for a good flying session.

August 22 - John Thompson reports — It turned out to be a perfect day for flying at the ranch. Overcast with only a mild breeze blowing away from the sun. Turnout was light, with only two of us flying. Attending were Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Gary and John got lot of flights in!

September 5 — John Thompson reports - Another perfect flying day at the ranch,

though lightly attended due to various excused absences. It was warm but didn't get too hot until after we left. Almost no wind. Field in perfect condition. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson.

September 12 — Very little wind, lots of flying. John Thompson, Gene Pape, Russ Hester and Gary Weems. Jim Corbett took pics.



Just a little wind

Out of town flying

August 29 - John Thompson reports - A good time was had by all of us who attended the Zoot Ranch Fun Fly last Saturday in Mike Hazel's back yard. Perfect weather, good food and a newly improved flying site. It was a great day. Prop Spinners attending included Mike Hazel, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. See report on page 10.



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 15



John's planes



Dave's plane



Dave's Wako



Gary's Cardinal



Gary's Flite Streak



Gary's Tiger Eyes



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 15 - continued



John launching for Gary



Dave launching for John



Dave launching for John



John launching for Gary



John launching for Dave



Gary launching for John



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 22 - continued



Gary fueling



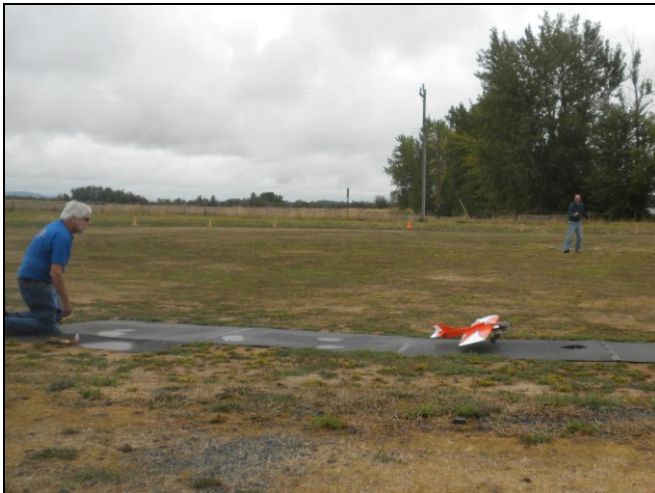
John flying



John's planes



Gary's Vector



John launching for Gary



Gary's Cardinal



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 29 -



Dave getting ready to start



Russ's plane waiting



John's planes



Gene's Demon



Dave's All American



Dave's planes



Eugene Equipment Auction – August 29 - continued



John launching for Dave



Gene flying



Dave flying



John flying



John launching for Gene



Gene prepping



Eugene Equipment Auction – September 5 -



Dave flying



Dave launching for John



Dave's planes



Gene attaching lines



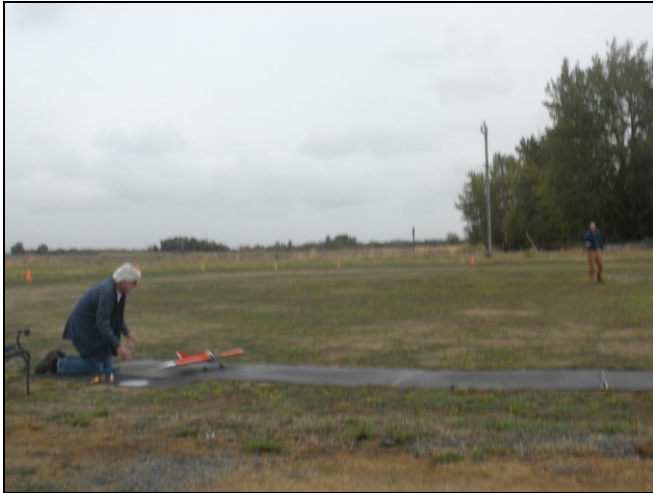
John's planes



Dave launching for John



Eugene Equipment Auction – September 12 -



John launching for Gary



Russ launching for Gene



Gary flying



Russ flying



John flying



John assisting Gary



Eugene Equipment Auction – September 12 - continued



Gary flying



Gary flying



Russ launching for Gene



Gary fueling his Vector



Gene launching for Russ



Gary's Cardinal resting



Zoot Ranch Fun Fly - See full report at: <http://flyinglines.org/zootranch.24.html>

Oregon CL fliers fly and feast at new, improved Zoot Ranch



Flying Lines photos.

Host Mike Hazel flies his Ringmaster on the expanded Zoot flying circle in Mehama, Ore.

Approximately 20 control-line enthusiasts and family members gathered at the backyard flying circle at the home of Mike and Laura Hazel in the traditional Zoot Ranch Fun Fly and Picnic. They found an expanded, improved flying circle and a brand-new picnic shelter to cover the fine potluck feast.



Highlight of the show was Jess Walls electric flying fish, with which Jess displayed his skill at reeling out lines from launch from his vintage U-Reely handle.



Attending were Terrence & Valerie Bardue, Mark & Lisa Crouse, Roy DeCamara and daughter, Don & Margaret Dotter, Mike & Laura Hazel, Doug Knoyle, John and Lynette Lickley, Gene Pape, Doug Powers, John Thompson, Jess and Patt Walls, Barbara White and Gary Weems.



Colored epoxy - Gene Pape reports

I try to fuel proof the engine mount area on all of my models. This could be a way to put epoxy under a paint finish or color match film.

SIMPLE HOW-TO *By John Likakis*


COLOR-MATCHED EPOXY

You Can Color Epoxy To Match Almost Any Paint Scheme

Let's face it: some of us are simply cheap. I know plenty of modelers who have all the latest and greatest high-tech covering tools, and they use them to good effect when applying covering to odd shapes and tight corners. But I don't have a neat little trim iron, so I wind up gluing tail surfaces on after I cover them. This usually works well enough, but sometimes (when I'm lazy or rushed) I end up with bare-wood gaps at the joints.

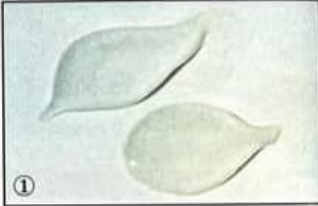
After living with this for a few years, I came across an article in a fishing magazine about coloring epoxy. The half-watt bulb over my head glowed dimly as I finally realized a solution to my finishing problem — why not color-match some epoxy to the covering I was using? It took a bit of experimenting, but I now have a way to make smooth, strong fillets that perfectly match the colors of my Mylar coverings.

Coloring epoxy is simple enough: just mix a bit of model enamel or nail polish into the epoxy before you mix the epoxy with the hardener. I've used this technique with 5-minute, half-hour, and extended-cure epoxies, and gotten excellent results with all of them. An added benefit of color-matched epoxy is that it doesn't yellow the way plain epoxy will, so my airplanes don't look like they're 10 years old after a single summer of flying.

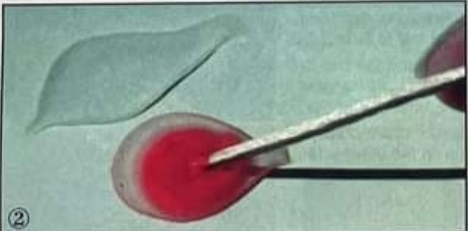


You can fill and strengthen unsightly gaps such as these by using color-matched epoxy.

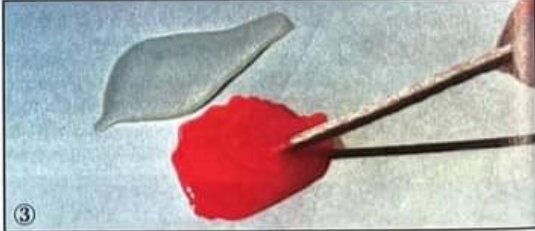
1 *Measure out the two parts of the epoxy. Here, we're using Devcon 5-minute epoxy.*



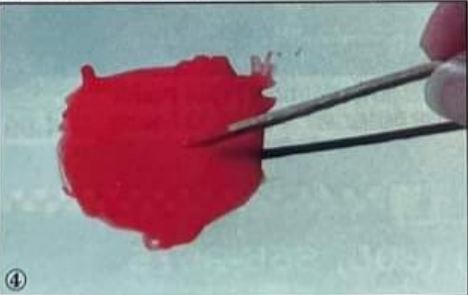
2 *Dip the end of a toothpick into the coloring agent of your choice, then mix the color into the epoxy. We're using Testors Gloss Red enamel to match MonoKote opaque red.*




3 *Completely mix the color into the epoxy, then check the epoxy against the color to be matched. The epoxy should be a bit darker than the color you're trying to match.*



4 *When you're satisfied with the color match, mix the hardener into the epoxy. Make sure you mix thoroughly!*



5 *Apply the color-matched epoxy where it's needed. Here, we've built up a small fillet at the corner of the fin, fuselage, and stabilizer.*



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Upcoming Model Activities

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.

Nov. 30 - After Thanksgiving Race, Jim Walker Memorial Field, Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Details to be announced.

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