

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

September 25 – Short meeting – Members attending: Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Floyd Carter and Jim Mackin.

Flying by Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape.

Flying days to change Saturdays starting in October.

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>**, at the Airport or the Willamette Grill (Airport) restaurant if weather bad, OR at the Can Do Ranch if the Airport lot is occupied and the weather is good.

### Flying dates

We are on the calendar for the Saturdays in October for the Airport overflow lot. **NOTE:** The overflow will be closed to non-tenants beginning November 19th, for the remainder of the year.

Orchard Point will be open to us from November until April. We probably will fly there at least once a month to keep the option open.

If you plan to fly at Orchard Point, you will need to update your county parking permit. It costs \$10 a year (for EPS members) and you get it from the county parks department. You can do it by phone; they will mail it to you.

### Local flying

**September 20** - Can Do Ranch – John Thompson reports - I flew the Blackbird a couple of times. Floyd was there to launch and observe, and newcomer Dan Mart stopped by to watch.

**October 6** – John Thompson reports - Gene came out and ran an engine and launched several flights for me.

After flying was done, Jim Corbett arrived, and Jim and I spread more grass seed on the flying doughnut. Thanks, Phil, for providing the seed!

**Can Do Ranch update** – John Thompson reports – The weed killer is working. The new mower is working very well and makes a nice low cut.

The grass seed we have planted is suddenly growing like crazy. The change between less than a week ago is amazing. What a difference a little rain can make!

We still have some work to do on the weeds, but the circle is definitely showing promise now. If we keep working on it, it should be a nice lawn circle by springtime.

Thanks again to Phil for making this space available to us and for his help with preparing the surface, killing weeds, and providing us some good grass seed.

### Out of town flying

Fall Follies – see pages 2 and 3.



**Flying at the Can Do Ranch - September 25**



Mower mowing



John launching for Gene



Meeting crowd



Smooth runway



John's flight line

Flying  
Jim Corbett,  
John Thompson  
and Gene Pape.

**Fall Follies - Oct. 8-9, 2016, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.**



Profile Stunt planes await action on Saturday. *Flying Lines photo.*



## Fall Follies ends 2016 Stunt season as autumn weather descends

The annual season-ending Oregon control-line contest has been going on so long that the organizers have lost count of how many times the Northwest's fliers have gathered for the Fall Follies.

The 2016 event was the 30th! The contest began in Eugene under the sponsorship of the Eugene Prop Spinners, ran for several years in Portland, and then settled in for its very long run at Bill Riegel Model Airpark in Salem, sponsored by the Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

During the 30 years, the contest has always included Stunt; for many years included Racing and in some years Combat. Due to road construction going on all around the flying site, this year's contest was Stunt only. The field looked different to regular contestants, as the pit area on the west side of the asphalt circle has been lost to the intersection realignment and accompanying landscaping. The grass circle was completely covered by construction equipment, but is expected to be restored for 2017 flying.

The Follies always occur on the last pretty good weather weekend of the year -- though there have been a couple of less pleasant weekends for outdoor activities in the Follies 30 years. The 2016 contest would have to be described as right on the border between pretty nice and a bit unpleasant.

Saturday was mostly dry, with a steady breeze from the south. Sunday began with rain, but the rain had stopped (aside from a few brief drizzles) by about 9 a.m., and flying got under way on schedule. Another southerly breeze made for some troublesome "stunt air" that caused many fliers to pass on their second-round flights, so the contest ended early -- just about the time the sun came out and the wind dropped to almost nothing. So a lot of fliers left with only one flight in Sunday's Precision Aerobatics competition, but everyone got home early.



Randy Powell's Slider caught in action just after the end of an official flight in Expert Precision Aerobatics. *Flying Lines photo.*



Russell Shaffer pilots his TEOSAWKI. *Flying Lines photo.*

For the full report visit: <http://flyinglines.org/follies.16.html>

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## Upcoming Model Activities

**2016** - No more events currently scheduled.

**2017** - No events officially scheduled.  
Watch this space.

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John Thompson, Treasurer  
Gene Pape, Safety Officer  
Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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