

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

October 15 – At the Willamette Grill (Airport) restaurant.

Members attending: Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape, and Jim Mackin.



Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday November 19th**, at Orchard Point or the Willamette Grill (Airport) restaurant if the weather is bad.

Flying dates

NOTE: The Airport overflow parking lot will be closed to us beginning in November, 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

October 22 – John Thompson reports – We had a good flying session at the ranch. Temperature was mild, there was a very slight breeze, and the field was in its best shape ever thanks to Jim C's mowing on Friday.

Gene Pape, Dave La Fever, and I flew, along with newcomer 10-year-old Gabriel Burke, who made his first flights on one of the club's Coroplast trainers. Jim Corbett and Jim Mackin and three visitors were on hand.

October 29 – John Thompson reports - It was possibly the nicest flying day of the year at the Ranch on Saturday morning.

Weather was perfect, with sunshine, shirtsleeve temperature and a light breeze.

I was the only Prop Spinner who showed up, but new flier Gabriel Burke and his parents also came. Gabriel did most of the flying on the Coroplast trainer, and he did his first loop! We've got a real up and coming modeler on the way.

Grass is still growing fast, so we'll have to plan to mow again if we fly next Saturday.



November 12 – John Thompson reports - Attending were John Thompson, Gene Pape, Gabriel Burke and Dan Mart. Gabriel and Dan both flew the Coroplast trainer. John flew a muffled combat plane and the Ringmaster. A couple of others had been expected but may have been scared off by the weather forecast.

It did not rain at all. Wind was a bit brisk early but calmed down.

Field was mowed on Thursday and looked great.



After mowing.

Can Do Ranch update – October 29 – John Thompson reports – The ranch flying circle is beginning to come into shape as the grass is growing and the weeds are dying. We still have some weed control to do, but we’re making great progress. With the grass growing, dirt is no longer much of an issue, especially now in the damper season.

The circle is filling in with really nice grass. It’s amazing how the circle has been transformed from a pasture to a nice lawn surface in just a few months. I’ve put in a couple of photos below so you can see how it’s looking now.

November 6 – Jim Corbett reports – Field very wet.



Attempted to mow, discovered the mower does NOT float!



The mower at work.

November 6 – John Thompson reports – A bit more on the field situation: Last week, the rains did not cause any problems at the ranch. But Saturday’s was just so heavy that the field had a bit of standing water and we’d have had to splash around to try to fly, and might have landed in a puddle. The center circle was a puddle.

This tells us that if we plan flying right after a deluge this winter, we might want to look at Orchard Point as our flying site. As I recall, we didn’t have any standing water problems last



year, probably because the site is at the top of a slope. We want to fly there sometimes this winter anyway. So, with a little planning and an eye to the weather, we shouldn't have to miss any good winter flying days.

The airport locked us out after November 1st, so it will be either the ranch or Orchard for the winter.

November 9 – John Thompson reports – I went out to the ranch today and dumped two big bags of bark-o-mulch in the center. It should give us dry feet and solid footing. I expect the grass to grow up through the bark eventually, but it should continue to provide solid footing.

Also while I was at the ranch I talked to Phil. I mentioned the idea of a concrete center circle in the future. He was not opposed to it, but did suggest pavers that could be removed. As we left it, the possibility of a concrete center is definitely open to us. I suggest we revisit the question next year.

Also, the circle was still wet but the standing water was gone. Rain is predicted for Friday night, so possibly an effort to mow on Friday afternoon might be productive. Then we'll have to see how it goes for Saturday — or a switch to Sunday if it's too wet.

Flying at the Can Do Ranch - October 22



Dave La Fever flying



Pit crew



John Thompson's fleet



Flying discussion



John Thompson flying



Gabriel Burke flying

Flying - John Thompson, Gene Pape, Dave La Fever, and Gabriel Burke.

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Upcoming Model Activities

Nov. 26 - Northwest Sport Race contest, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Contest starts at 10 a.m.; entry fee \$5.

Dec. 3 - Northwest Skyriders Winter Club Swap Meet, Clover Park Technical College Aviation Center, Puyallup, Wash.

Jan. 1, 2017 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, Jim Walker Memorial field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. First in series of four Oregon fun flies. Potluck lunch, coffee and doughnuts, flying raffle.

VGMC Polar Bear Fun Fly, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

Feb. 4 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg, Ore. Second in series of four Oregon fun flies. Lunch, flying raffle.

March 4 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airport at Salem Airport, Salem, Ore. Third in series of four Oregon fun flies. Includes flying raffle. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

April 1 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, McMinnville, Ore. Fourth in series of four Oregon fun flies. Includes flying raffle.

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