

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on November 16th, present were Mel Marcum, Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, John Thompson, Tom Kopriva, Gene Pape, Jim Corbett.

Motion passed to buy bench from Jerry's - Tom Kopriva will check and order. John Thompson reports the Regionals dates OK with Airport

Mel Marcum offered a Christmas Party - Mel will set date.

Club Flying

November 30th John Thompson reports - Wow, what a great flying session that was again last weekend. Foggy to start with, lifting to overcast, but just the gentlest air movement, perfect for stunt flying. Good turnout: John Thompson, Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, Floyd Carter and our farest-flung member, Brian McPhail of Juneau, Alaska. Everyone got several flights in. Also had some spectators and other visitors.

Mike Denlis practiced stunt with his Tutor, Floyd Carter flew Mr. Sandman but had some trouble with the O&R on the Go-Devil, I flew the Ares and the Vector, Mike Massey flew his new Magician and Brian flew a junior Flite Streak.

One more thing: Mel Marcum has indicated that he and Dolores will be unable to host the Christmas party that was discussed at the recent meeting, due to circumstances beyond their control. Looks like no party this year, unless someone else wants to step up with an idea.

Sat Dec 6 - Good weather, good attendance and good flying. It was 40 degrees at 10 a.m., by noon all had to shed their jackets. Only occasionally did the windsock move.

Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Tom Kopriva, Floyd Carter and Jim Corbett all flew. Bill Spencer supervised.

Jim Corbett flew a new bat shaped black Coroplast combat trainer. The plane flew OK,

but the new Cox .049 motor did not run very well. Several suggestions were offered - smaller prop, more nitro and replace it with a Black Widow.

John Thompson reports - My, oh, my. Last Saturday had to be one of the best days for flying at the Eugene field for the entire year. Cloudless sunny sky, just the slightest movement of air away from the sun! Good turnout of Prop Spinners. We just didn't want to leave, and flew longer than our usual sessions. Gene Pape, Floyd Carter, Mike Denlis, Bill Spencer, Mike Massey, Jim Corbett, Tom Kopriva, and everyone got some flying in except Bill, who is repairing his Ringmaster and will be up again soon. We flew stunt planes, sport planes, and fiddled with the club trainers.

I had to chuckle once when we were working with the new Coroplast bat-wing trainer built by Jim Corbett (the club now has four of these trainers). There was at least 250 years of CL modeling experience huddled around getting the .049 to run right on a sheet-wing trainer!

These Coroplast planes are great for beginners, because they fly well, and are pretty hard to damage. The club has two built by Mark Hansen and Jim has built two more.

Hoping we keep getting these beautiful days during the winter!

Last weekend was a bummer, Saturday was windy and wet, Sunday was cold, windy and wet. We have been spoiled, not many weekends that the weather grounds the Eugene Prop Spinners!

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and Place - 10:00 AM **December 20th** at the flying site.

Club meetings are normally the third Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. at the field, or at the "Wings" restaurant if the weather is bad. Bring a plane anyway, there may be a "BREAK" in the weather.



At the Field November 16, 2008



November 16th Meeting.



The AFTER picture - is the way we like it.



Some times you got to Hold em.



Ares cuts through the haze.



Then you got to Fly em!

Jim Corbett photos



Combat trainer training.



Next pilot ready.



Supervised launch.



Looks like he's got it figured out.



These guys are good!

The overcast was high enough to allow any kind of flying we wanted to do.

It was NOT overly warm, with NO wind, it was just barely OK.



At the Field November 22, 2008



Mike's Before



And after



Ares waiting



Flying



Tom upside down again



Flying

At the Field December 6, 2008



Open air hanger.



Tom taking the Bat up.



Warm, no wind, NICE!



Evil testing more tanks.



Tom down-side down!



Nice landing approach.

Jim Corbett photos



Northwest Fireballs
Eugene Prop Spinners
Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers
The Evergreen Aero Modelers

present ...

Oregon flying fun!

A quartet of control-line fun-fly events

Everyone invited — No entry fee!
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Info: Fireballs: Mark Hansen, fastcombat@comcast.net, (503) 234-1971

Sunday, Feb. 15 at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Info: Prop Spinners: John Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, (541) 689-5553

Saturday, March 14 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Info: WOLF: Bruce Hunt, bhunt@swbell.net, (503) 361-7491

Sunday, April 5 at DeAlton-Bibbee Field, McMinnville

Info: TEAM: Jerry Eichten, jeichten@aol.com, (503) 554-0034

- Bring any and all airplanes ... do any kind of flying!
 - Every flight is an entry in the “flying raffle.”
- Flying raffle prizes will be awarded after a drawing

Come to *all four* fun-flies and support *four*
great Oregon CL flying clubs!

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required

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Upcoming Model Activities

Dec. 20 - Pacific Aeromodellers Club AGM and Christmas Banquet, 6:30 p.m., ABC Country Restaurant Fireside Room, Vancouver, B.C. Model aircraft equipment auction..

Jan. 1, 2009 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. First in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Feb. 15 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. Second in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 14 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Field, Salem, Ore. Third in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 14 - McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Swap Meet, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville, Ore., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President

John Thompson, VP, Safety Officer,

Treasurer

Tom Kopriva, Secretary

Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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