

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

November 21st - John Thompson reports - The club meeting was moved indoors to the Stockman's Cafe, right around the corner from the ranch, because the heavy rains had resulted in standing water on our flying circle. We had a good meeting attended by Jim Corbett, Mike Hazel, Gene Pape and John Thompson.

In addition to the usual business, we enjoyed show-and-tell of the two-pilot handle used in the Prop Spinners' famous 64-hour endurance flight in 1957. The handle features a knob for adjusting the servo-operated needle valve and a fuel pump switch. Very high-tech for the 1950s. The handle will be offered to the Academy of Model Aeronautics museum to be displayed along with the Spirit of Exchange airplane, which was donated to the museum a year or so ago. Photo of the handle below.



Also at the meeting we went through three boxes of miscellaneous parts and engines donated to the club by Mark and Alan Agerter of Eugene Toy & Hobby, which came from the estate of the late Paul Agerter and the hobby shop's archives. Members attending made \$260 in donations to the Prop Spinners to take home the bits and pieces that interested them.

Next Club Meeting

December 21 10 a.m. Meeting will be at Orchard Point Park or if we get rained out at the Prairie Schooner.

Local Flying

December 5 - John Thompson reports - Thursday at the ranch, it was foggy and cold when we arrived at 10 a.m. but then it ... stayed foggy and cold all day. Nevertheless, we did get a good flying session in — being warmly dressed definitely was required! Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Russ Hester, John Thompson and Gary Weems. (Timely reminder: Don't forget to put the lighter fluid into your flight box — it really helps get engines started on these cold days!).

December 15 - John Thompson reports – we had great flying session. Temperature was in the 40s and no wind at all. We enjoyed seeing Stan fly his Mustang and Nemesis and Georgie fly her very cool CL trainer. Gene also flew his foamy Flite Streak with a muffled Brat .25 as an experiment for muffled Speed Limit Combat.

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



Out of town flying

Jan. 1, 2025 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1
Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs. Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Any kind of airplane, any kind of flying; lunch will be provided.

Everyone who flies gets a turn at the prize table. No entry fee. In case of bad weather, meeting site is Denny's at 11950 N. Center Ave. on Hayden Island, I-5 Exit 308.

Feb. 15 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Church on the Rise, Roseburg, Ore. Any kind of airplane, any kind of flying; lunch and prizes will be provided. No entry fee. Sponsored by Roseburg area CL fliers.

March. 15 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem Airport, Salem, Ore. Any kind of airplane, any kind of flying; lunch and prizes will be provided. No entry fee. Sponsored by Eugene Prop Spinners and Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

June date to be determined - Flying Fun No. 4, Rogue Eagles CL circle, Eagle Point, Ore. Any kind of airplane, any kind of flying; lunch and prizes will be provided. No entry fee. Sponsored by Rogue Eagles.

He should have mixed his own fuel!



"Ingredients aren't listed!"

Bog – aka Ranch - December 14



John Thompson photo

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Dues-R-Due

It's \$25 a year. You can give me cash or check at a flying session or meeting, or mail it to me at:

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Eugene Equipment Auction – November 21 – Meeting and show and tell



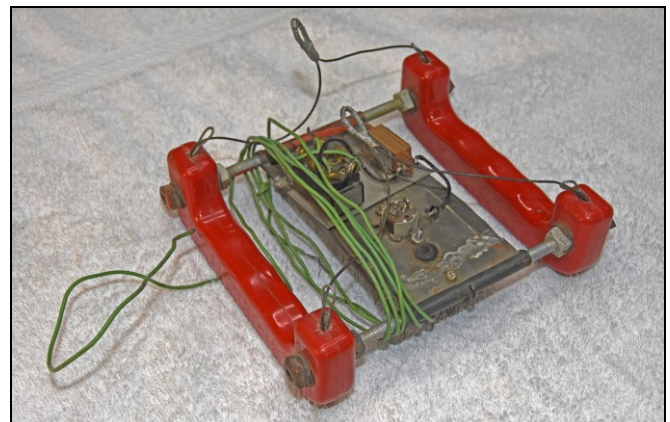
Many small items



Show-and-tell of the two-pilot handle used in the Prop Spinners' famous 64-hour endurance flight in 1957



Vintage parts



Closer view of the two-pilot handle



More misc



Motors, motors, motors



Eugene Equipment Auction – December 5



Dave launching for Gary



Gary flying



John's planes ready



Gary's Flite Streak



Russ and John discussing fog



Dave's planes



Orchard Point. Park – December 15



Pilots and planes about ready



John flying electric combat plane



Two of Gary's planes ready



View of our flying area at Orchard Point Park



Gene's planes



Trim added



Orchard Point. Park – December 15 - continued



Gary flying



John launching for Gary



Stan flying



Stan and Gary ready



Gary making a landing approach



Stan's Nemesis with a Super Tigre G21 .35



What do you do with your comics ? – Ask Gene Page



A month or so ago Russ and I were talking about trying out real mufflers on speed limit models. Concurrently I had been thinking about building a Flite Streak style model with a foam wing. As a prototype purely for thinking purposes this is what happened. I have the build completely documented with photos if the Flying Lines editor would like an article about it" to " An article on the build is being prepared for flyinglines.org and should appear sometime in January.

A large trim tab added after first flight to counter the roll caused by the weight of the muffler.



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Upcoming Model Activities

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Jan. 1, 2025 - Polar Bear Fun Fly, Rice Mill Road flying site, Richmond, B.C.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2, 2025 - 75th Southwest Regionals Control Line Championships,

Christopher Columbus Park (Silverbell), Tucson, Ariz., for Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Precision Aerobatics and Navy Carrier events. Sponsored by Cholla Choppers Model Airplane Club.

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