

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Club Flying

January 20<sup>th</sup> we had five brave souls visit the field. John Thompson got one flight.

February 3<sup>rd</sup> found John and Mike getting in several good flights, Mike had installed a different fuel tank and seemed happy with the improvement. Jim gave his electric biplane a go with disappointing results. The timer ran approx 30 seconds then shutdown the motor. It was later determined that the battery did not like the cold weather, as it behaved fine in a warm house.

### Fun Fly

February 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted the second of the "Oregon flying fun!" series. The weather cooperated with a 5 mph south wind and occasional misting. Flyers from the north and south joined us and got some flying in.

A good mix of aircraft were represented. Trainers, precision, speed, stunt, an Evil Twin and the infamous BI\_SLOB took to the air. See some of them on page 3.

### Meeting

The Club meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> had five dedicated members attending. Treasurer Morrie Gilbert reported seven members have paid their dues so far. Morrie also reported that after a bout with Hemlock poisoning he was not recovering as fast as he wanted. He requested that someone else do the Treasurer's job. The members voted to elect John Thompson as Treasurer. The upcoming February 10<sup>th</sup> "FUN FLY" details were discussed, as well

as the progress on this spring's NW Regionals.

### Our Flying Field

We need to do a bit of over-growth removal near where the storage trailer is parked. The grass and moss are growing over the parking lot in that area. Please bring a shovel with you the next time you come out to the field. John Thompson mentioned that he was planning on repainting the lines this year, before the Regionals this coming May.

### Newsletter editor

Let me know what you are building, flying, what events are coming up, the events you attended.

If you have some pictures to share, PLEASE get them to me.

### Club Meeting Time and Place

Next meeting – 10:00 AM February 17<sup>th</sup> at the flying site.

Club meetings are 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, as you can never be sure that a "BREAK" in the weather may arrive unexpectedly.

It was suggested that if you arrive at the field, the weather is crummy and the gate is NOT open, hang a **WINGS** tag on the lock to let the next person arriving know that you are waiting for them in the restaurant.

## Treasurers Report

Hello, Prop Spinners ...

Our treasurer, Morrie Gilbert, who has held the job for more than 20 years, maybe close to 30, has stepped down from the position for health reasons. At the last meeting, I was elected to take over the job.

It will be big shoes to fill, as Morrie has done a wonderful job of keeping the Prop Spinners' finances in order for these many years. We all owe him a big thank you for that long, exemplary service.

This note is just to let you know, in case you weren't at the meeting, that all further correspondence regarding EPS financial matters should be directed to me. If you haven't paid your dues for 2008, you can send the \$15 to me or catch me at the flying field.

If I am unavailable for some reason, both President Mike Denlis and Secretary Tom Kopriva also are authorized to handle financial matters for the club.

John Thompson

## Relic from the Past ( The AIRPLANE, not Mike )



Mike Denlis flew his vintage Cox February 13<sup>th</sup>. The little airplane is a Cox TD-4. These cost \$7.50 in 1955 when I was 9 years old.

It has a Profile Plastic fuselage. The wing and stabalator are plastic and attached with rubber bands.

On the short Dacron lines he had faster laps than he has been accustomed to. He walked reasonably straight after the short motor run.

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### ***The following members have belonged to AMA for 25 or more years:***

Floyd Carter 796, John Thompson 4051, Tom Kopriva 10857, Mel Marcum 16354, Morrie Gilbert 28553, Mike Hazel 39021, James Corbett 58501

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It DUES time again! Please bring \$15, for your 2008 dues, to the next meeting.  
Or mail them to: John Thompson, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR. 97404

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# Oregon flying fun!

February 10<sup>th</sup> Hosted by the Eugene Prop Spinners

**BI SLOB**  
by a twin



**Dave Royer**  
starting his Chief



**Jack Pitcher** launching



**SLOBING**



**Dave Shrum's**  
**Able Mable**



**Two Dudes**



**More SLOBING**



*Jim Corbett Photos*

**See**  
<http://flyinglines.org/Oregonfun.2.08.html>  
For the full Fun Fly report!

**Jack Pitcher's Centennial**  
**Flew as well as it looks**



**Dave Royer** launching



**Mike Denlis's**  
**Pathfinder** still flying



**Here comes Big Red**



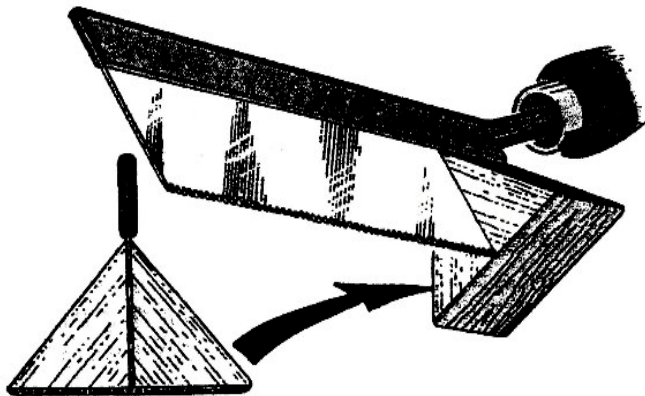


## Building Projects



Floyd Carter is always coming up with interesting new projects. This, as yet unnamed airplane, is an electric-powered twin. Span 47 inches, area 360 square inches. Power is two AXI 2208/34 motors, with two Phoenix 10 ESC motor controls, one Ztron engine run timer and one 11.6 volt LiPo battery pack. Cowlings are made from soda cans. *Floyd Carter photo.*

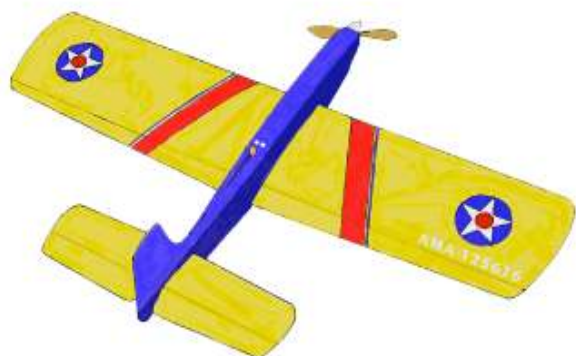
## TIPS & TECHNIQUES



### Soft Shoe Shuffle

Use CA to glue 90-degree balsa blocks and a very thin ply shoe, with all its edges rounded off, to the end of your hobby-saw blade, making absolutely sure that it is at a right angle to the shoe. This supports the saw at a 90-degree angle while you cut fuselage spacers, ect, and seems to work better than the slotted miter box.

Eric Marsden, Horndean,  
Hampshire, England.



# Control-Line Northwest Regionals

May 23-24-25, 2008

## Dear Control-Line Fliers:

Pacific Northwest control-line model aviation clubs would like to invite you to attend the 37th annual Northwest Control-Line Regionals on Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-24-25, 2008.

The Regionals this year offers 42 separate competition events, including two events exclusively for juniors and seniors. Trophies and/or merchandise prizes are offered in all events, along with special event championship trophies.

The contest will be held at Eugene Airport in Eugene, Oregon. Camping, rest rooms and food concessions will be available on site. Motels, restaurants and RV camping are within a short driving distance.

This AMA AAA-sanctioned contest features four PAMPA classes of Precision Aerobatics, Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, sportsman and expert classes of Profile Stunt; high-performance 1/2-A, 80-mph and Vintage Diesel Combat; Profile, Class I, Class II, .15 and Nostalgia (profile and Class I/II) Navy Carrier; Mouse I, .15 Rat, Northwest Sport, Northwest Super Sport, Northwest Flying Clown, and NCLRA B-Team, Super Slow Rat and Quickie Rat Racing; Precision, Sport and Profile Scale; and 1/2-A, 1/2-A Proto, A, B, D, FAI, Jet, Sport .21, .21 Proto, Formula 40 and Northwest Sport Jet Speed. There are also junior/senior events in Northwest Sport Race and Class I Mouse Race.

Information and copies of the contest flyer, advance entry forms and a listing of local accommodations can be downloaded from the [flyinglines.org](http://flyinglines.org) web site. Rules for Northwest competition events also can be found on [flyinglines.org](http://flyinglines.org).

Further information on the Regionals can be obtained from the contest director, John Thompson, 2456 Quince St., Eugene, OR 97404, e-mail [JohnT4051@aol.com](mailto:JohnT4051@aol.com), or phone (541) 689-5553.

For further Regionals information and updates, visit the Northwest's control-line Web site, [flyinglines.org](http://flyinglines.org).

**Sincerely,  
John Thompson  
Contest Director  
Northwest Regionals Management Association**

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*The 37th annual Northwest Control-Line Regionals*  
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## Upcoming Model Activities

### Schedule of Events for the next few months

Club flying at the airport flying site. Weather permitting; we normally can fly all winter. Put on the long johns and let's do it.

**March 1, 2008** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.

**March, 7-8** - Collecto and Swap Meet, Yamhill County Fair Grounds, 2070 Lafayette St., McMinnville, Ore.

**April 6** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, De-Alton-Bibbee Field, McMinnville, Ore. Fourth in the

series of Oregon winter-spring fun flies. **Time:** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. No entry fee. Every flight is an entry in the "flying raffle" for prizes. Sponsored by The Evergreen Aero Modelers. You can download a flyer with all the details. From <http://flyinglines.org>

### Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President

John Thompson, VP, Safety Officer, Treasurer

Tom Kopriva, Secretary

Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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Where the Action Is <http://flyinglines.org/Action.html>

It is the "**DUES**" time of the year!

Visit: <http://flyinglines.org> web site.