

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on February 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a very short meeting as it was also our annual fun fly event.

### Oregon Flying Fun

Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> - Eugene Prop Spinners hosted the second fun fly of the series. Thankfully the weather cooperated and the attendance was good.

Dave Shrum, Pete Benning, Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, Jim Corbett, Tom Kopriva, Mike Hazel, John Thompson and Bruce Hunt participated. Some of us needed to get out our sunglasses as the early cloud cover moved on east.

There was quite a bit of flying. I believe there was only one major crash.

### Control line flyer passes

Terry Miller passed away at his home in Roseburg on Thursday or Friday, Feb 27-28. He had not reported to work at McDonald's. He was in his chair and passed away peacefully.

He had one son, Nathan. His wife, Lorella, died several years ago.

Terry loved his model airplanes, both RC and CL. He also had quite a collection of model cars. He was an avid bowler all his life. He flew Navy Carrier and Precision Aerobatics in a number of Northwest contests. *Dave Shrum.*

### Club Flying

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – John Thompson reports - Well, five of us showed up at the flying field last Sunday and three of us managed to get flights in, but it seemed as if model airplanes going up into the sky caused rain to start falling.

So, after huddling around for a half-hour or so waiting for it to stop, we all went home, our clothes if not our spirits dampened.

March 1<sup>st</sup> – John Thompson reports - A pretty good flying session last Sunday at the Eugene field. Chilly, but a nice gentle, steady breeze made for good flying. Five of us got a lot of flights in on stunt, sport and combat planes.

March 7<sup>th</sup> – John Thompson, Gene Pape, Mike Massey and Jim Corbett got some flying in.

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Jim Corbett and the stooge got in a few flights on his repaired Flite Streak.

### More Oregon Flying Fun

Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> - 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. (See page 7)

### Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and Place – 10:00 AM **March 15<sup>th</sup>** at the flying site.

# Oregon flying fun! #2

Sunday February 15, 2009, Eugene, Ore.

John Thompson reports



Fun fly guys: Here are some of the guys who attended this year's Oregon Flying Fun No. 2 in Eugene, Ore. From left are Floyd Carter, Mike Denlis, Mike Massey, Jim Corbett, Tom Kopriva, Mike Hazel, John Thompson and Bruce Hunt. More came after the photo was taken.

*Kris Hunt photo.*

It was a great day of flying at the second installment of the annual Oregon fun fly series, held on a mostly sunny day at Eugene Airport, site of the upcoming Northwest Regionals. Temperatures were in the high 40s, with a sustained 7-mph breeze. Lots of flights were put in.

A good turnout of fliers, including some from Salem and Roseburg, participated in the event along with lots of the local Eugene Prop Spinners club. Mike Denlis, president of the Prop Spinners, brought coffee, doughnuts and muffins. There was the usual flying raffle, with everyone getting a ticket for each flight, and a dozen or so nice prizes given away by drawing at the end of the day. Prizes were donated by Mel Marcum, Tom Kopriva and the Northwest Regionals.



Flyers included Bruce Hunt, Mike Hazel, Tom Kopriva, John Thompson, Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, Dave Shrum, Pete Benning, and Mike Massey.

Also attending were Gene Pape, Mike Robinson, Bill Badstubner and Floyd Carter.

Nice day, nice fliers, nice flying fun!

Full report at <http://flyinglines.org>

**At the Field** February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009



A short meeting.



Then fly. Bruce Hunt's Lark goes by.



Get the planes out and fueled.



Protecting the wheels.



Talk about it for awhile.



Two circles in use at the same time.



**At the Field** February 22, 2009



Lots of hanger space left.



Mike headed into clouds



Mike looking Smooth



Ares approaching.



Allmost here.



Got IT!

*Jim Corbett photos*

**At the Field** February 28 2009



Ares looking good



Hanger 2



Looking Smooth



Hanger 1



Tutoring by



Jim's inverted training.

*Jim Corbett photos*



**Rumor** Received 3-2-09

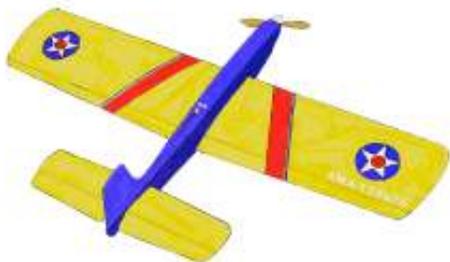
"The report of my death was an exaggeration." -Mark Twain, After reading his own obituary, June 2, 1897. This has always been one of my favorite quotes. Little did I know that I would have to use it in our own defense.

In response to a rumor "flying" in and around the R/C community lately, I would like to say that the rumor that Eugene Toy & Hobby was either discontinuing R/C aircraft or, worse yet, going out of business, is totally without basis in fact. Not sure how this got started, perhaps someone overheard a part of a conversation or whatever, but let me state for the record that this is not the case.

Please help us squelch this rumor at its roots. If you hear anyone discussing this, Alan and I would appreciate it if you would help put it to rest immediately.

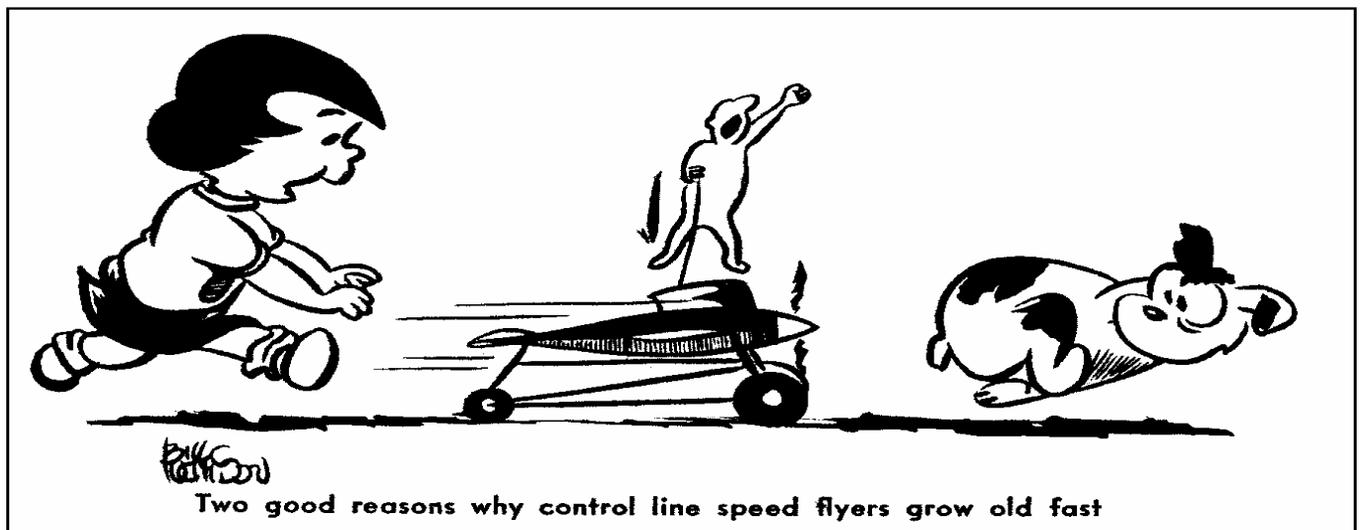
We really appreciate our relationship with both clubs over the years and look forward to continuing those friendships for many more years to come.

Mark Agerter  
Eugene Toy & Hobby



# Control-Line Northwest Regionals

May 22-23-24, 2009





# A History of Control line - Part 3 of 4

**Jim Walker** 1904 to 1958

**Honors:**

- 1965 – AMA Fellow
- 1969 – AMA Hall of Fame
- 1992 – Precision Aerobatics Model Pilots' Association Hall of Fame

**Career:**

- After teaching himself to build flying model airplanes, set up an assembly line in his basement to teach others how to build them when he was 12 or 13
- As a young teenager began producing and selling ready-to-fly rubber-powered model airplanes in his basement with the help of friends; the enterprise successfully continued until they all graduated from high school in 1923
- Worked as a junior draftsman at Boeing in the engineering department for a short time
- The business took off with the help of his brother and partner, Bill, and they called it the Junior American Model Company
- In 1929 they changed the name to American Junior Aircraft Company and moved to larger quarters
- Frequently demonstrated his models, especially the Fireball, to crowds; sometimes interrupting traffic in large cities and frequently giving out free models
- His Fireball became the most popular controlled-flight model in America when it came out
- During World War II, the government used some of American Juniors folding wing gliders and Radio Controlled (RC) models for training purposes
- American Junior Aircraft Company turned out 232 million models over the years
- Invented the two wire U-Control lines, the first throttle-control engines, the sonic glider, the American Junior Folding Wing Interceptor and the reel control.



A 1938 Fireball – this was the first Control Line model kit.



Jim Walker in 1953 preparing to fly three U-Control models at the same time.



1940 American Junior Advertisement



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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

**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.

**March 22** - Chehalis Cup Contest No. 1 for 80 mph Combat, special series rules, Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash. Download a flyer with all the details or e-mail for information.

**April 5** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, DeAlton-Bibbee Field, McMinnville, Ore. Fourth in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

[Mike Denlis, President](#)  
[John Thompson, VP, Safety Officer,](#)  
[Treasurer](#)  
[Tom Kopriva, Secretary](#)  
[Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor](#)

Club flying at the airport flying site.

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