

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Club Loses Longtime Member

Morrie Gilbert, a member of the Eugene Prop Spinners model airplane since the late 1940s, died on May 30 after a long battle with cancer. He was 80.

Morrie and his wife Georgia made many contributions of time and effort to the club over many years.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. June 21, at 170 Formac Ave. in Eugene, which was Morrie's home. A backyard BBQ will be presented so please feel free to bring a favorite side dish. Come one come all and share with us the good times and close friends.

Location: River Road to East Howard to Copping Street (right turn) to Formac Lane (rightTurn). Questions: Please call Hiram and Sandy at 688-4357.

Our Flying Field

Mike Denlis worked closely with John Thompson to make sure the field ready for the Regionals.

Mike also has provided us with a "guide" for use of the field (see page 4 Airport OPS).

Last Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on May 18th, with good attendance and good flying.

Treasurer John Thompson reported on the condition of our funds.

Old Business: The circles were painted by John and Jim and ready for the Regionals.

Dues increase was again discussed but was tabled til later in the year.

The airport policy of NOT flying if there were customer cars in the lot was clarified.

New Business: New business centered on the Regionals and the needed work parties. Several members volunteered to help.

It was nice to have Tom Kopriva back taking minutes again.

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and Place – 10:00 AM **June 15th** 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.

Club Flying

May was nice to us, I do not recall being rained out on any of the weekends. Floyd Carter threw 1 of 3 props from his tri-motor electric after the first few laps, it barely slowed down. He went on to do loops and inverted flight as if there was not a problem. Prop was fine, airframe has some damage.

June 1st saw Tom Kopriva back in the air (with a RED Bi-SLOB) after a couple months off recuperating from surgery.

NW Regionals

Mike Denlis oversaw the SETUP on Thursday, and the TAKEDOWN on Sunday. He worked hard at it and had some help from Dave Green, Jim Corbett, Mike Hazel, Doug McWha and several others. From my view it went well, and was picked up before dark Sunday night.

Jim Corbett overheard comments from several of the contestants expressing pleasure with the condition of the flying site, "your club has a really great field!" was one of the comments.



At the Field May 18, 2008

Summer Meeting Weather in May

Mike Denlis, Gene Pape, John Thompson, Tom Kopriva, Flyod Carter, Bill Spalding and Jim Corbett made the start of the meeting.

Jim Corbett photo



Morrie Gilbert Dec. 22, 1927 - May 30, 2008



1950's ?

Survivors include two sons, Hiram of Eugene and George of Albany; a daughter, Linda Leanne of Eugene; a sibling, Francis Renfro of Lincoln City; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His wife Georgia died Sept. 10, 2004.

Morrie was involved in "The ultimate Control Line endurance flight RECORD!" The Eugene Prop Spinners' plane took off on Sept. 1, 1957, and landed on Sept. 3, 64 hours and 33 minutes later

He was still very active in 2006 building a "one control line automatic circle mowing system" for the club. And 2007 assisting in installing a new wind sock at the EPS field.

Mel Marcum reports: I had many visits with him over the last 3 to 4 weeks and he was in very good spirits and was ready to go. He was a very great person and a great Eugene Prop Spinner. He loved modeling and gave his all to the modeling world, he will be missed by the many who knew him.



2006



2007



Hiram and Cyrus Gilbert visit our flying field June 1st, 2008.



At the Field June 1, 2008



Mike fueling Big Red



John's Vector

Jim Corbett photos



Tom's Bi-Slob



John's Ares



Jim's Clown



Bill's Nobler

At the Field June 7, 2008



John and Gene



Mike and Tom



Tom and his BI-SLOB

Jim Corbett photos





PROJECTS a Gene Pape Dogfighter is created

A Dogfighter begins



The fuse



Add a elevator, wings panels and spars



Assemble and take it to the field



Fly it!

Specs:

Wing span: 40"	Length: 22"
Weight: 23oz	Engine: .36
Tank: 4oz bladder	Line: 60'
Speed: FAST!	

Gene's comments:

"The easiest plane there is to build!"

Airport OPS The following is a guide for use of our flying site

1. Call Airport Operations @ 954-6584 and let them know your plans. This is just a courtesy "heads up" for them, at their request, BUT, if they know of an unusual closure they will let you know and save you a trip.
2. If the Police Department is using the site, flying is not recommended. It would be OK to ask them, I suppose, but as I have said it could be a major distraction and I personally would not do it. The Airports position is flying models is prohibited.
3. If the site is being used for parking PUBLIC vehicles there is no flying. If the gate is open and the booth is manned, that is the situation.
4. If the site is being used to park RENTAL vehicles, we can fly, and that understanding is between us and the rental car folks as it has always been. That about sums it up and should keep us all on the same page, so please share this information with new members.

Thanks to you all for being responsible, safe fliers! *Mike.*



NW Regionals May 23 – 24 - 25



The field entrance



Gene Pape in a combat contest



Safety barriers



Mike Denlis being judged.



CD as Photographer



An other thing a CD does

For a full Report **Visit:** <http://flyinglines.org>

NW Regionals continued



Parking



Parking



Food



Mike thanks contestants



Score keeping



Paul Walker seminar



2 million dollar prize



Carrier landing approach



Some planes were small



Prize table 1



Prize table 2



Prize table 3

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NW Regionals continued



Precision Aerobatics Concours 'd Elegance:



Phil Granderson's winning aircraft Diva

Some of the other aircraft flown



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June 2008

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Upcoming Model Activities

June 14 - WOLF Summer Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem Oregon. Start when you get there, end when you leave.

June 21-22 - Stunt-a-Thun, Pierce County Airport (Thun Field), Puyallup, Wash. All details tentative. [E-mail for information.](#)

July 4 - Northwest Skyraiders Static Display, Les Grove Park, Auburn, Wash., part of city celebration. [E-mail for information.](#)

July 4 - Northwest Skyraiders CL Flying Demo, Tacoma Narrows Airport, part of Tacoma Freedom Fair. Tentative. [E-mail for information.](#)

July 5 - WOLF Lucky Hand Fun Fly
Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem Oregon.
Sponsor: Western Oregon Control Line Flyers.

July 14 - 19
A.M.A. CL Nationals, Muncie, Indiana

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