

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting was on July 19th. Warm and windy. Gene Pape flew.

Not enough members in town for the August meeting.

Club Flying

Sunday August 16 - No meeting held. No flying, was too windy.

Bill from Santa Rosa brought two planes, the Zilch has a sparky in it, the other one was glow, he started it to see if it would.

Mike, Mel, Floyd, Bill and myself were the crowd.

August 22-23 - John Thompson Reports – The Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic at our field was a rousing success for a first annual. Despite the wind that kept everybody leaning a little the north all weekend, most of the flights were made as scheduled and everyone seemed to have a great time. "Blew Sky" might be a better name for first annual Willamette Valley aerobatics extravaganza. See report on pages 4 and 5.

August 29-30 - John Thompson Reports – There was flying both Saturday and Sunday Mike Massey and Floyd Carter flew on Saturday morning. On Sunday, it started out cool, overcast and windy but steadily improved. A couple of guys gave up and went home but those who stayed did a lot of flying. Mike Massey flew his yellow profile stunter, Gene Pape and John T flew 1/2-A combat planes, and John flew the Vector. We got two of the grass circles nicely mowed.

Sunday September 6 - Mike Massey was willing to brave the heavy wind for one flight,

Mike Denlis, John Thompson and Jim Corbett watched.

Monday September 7 - Mike Massey and Floyd Carter had a good flying session.

Floyd Carter comments: Well, Monday-LABOR DAY- was an ideal flying day. Mike and Floyd put up flights in almost ZERO WIND and NICE SUNSHINE.

Mike Massey comments: For those who did not come out on Monday, tooooooo Bad. The day was perfect. We did, however, have wind gusts that exceeded 3 MPH. Not very many and we were able to "hang in" until they dropped below 2 MPH.

All in all, one of the best flying days this summer. No wind and clear skies. Great.

I trimmed the Phoenix "Twisty" and "got on top of" the old Super Tiger Issues. The "Twisty" that Floyd had given me flew great after an elevator trim. The old Super Tiger ran very well after I replaced the venturi gasket with an "O" ring.

Floyd flew his new stunter simply to trim it for the upcoming contest. He seemed happy with the results so "all was well with the world."

See you all next weekend, unless you are "contesting." If so, good luck and see you the week after.

Event Reports

See the contest reports on Northwest Flyinglines web site at <http://flyinglines.org/>

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, September 20**, at the field.

Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad!



At the Field August 16, 2009



Bill and the Zilch



Talking sparkies

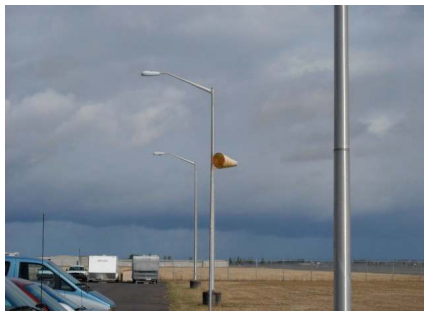


Ready to start



It runs

At the Field September 6, 2009



That is wind



Mike Massey flew one flight



I flew, not me, not me...

At the Field September 12, 2009



Three Mikes a fueling



Mike Massey putting in laps



Mile Robinson talking props



Mike Denlis looking good



Mike Massey needle tuning



Hot, dry and NO WIND



At the Field September 13, 2009



Mike flying



Mike flying



Mike flying



Three Mikes a talking



A CLEAN Flite Streak

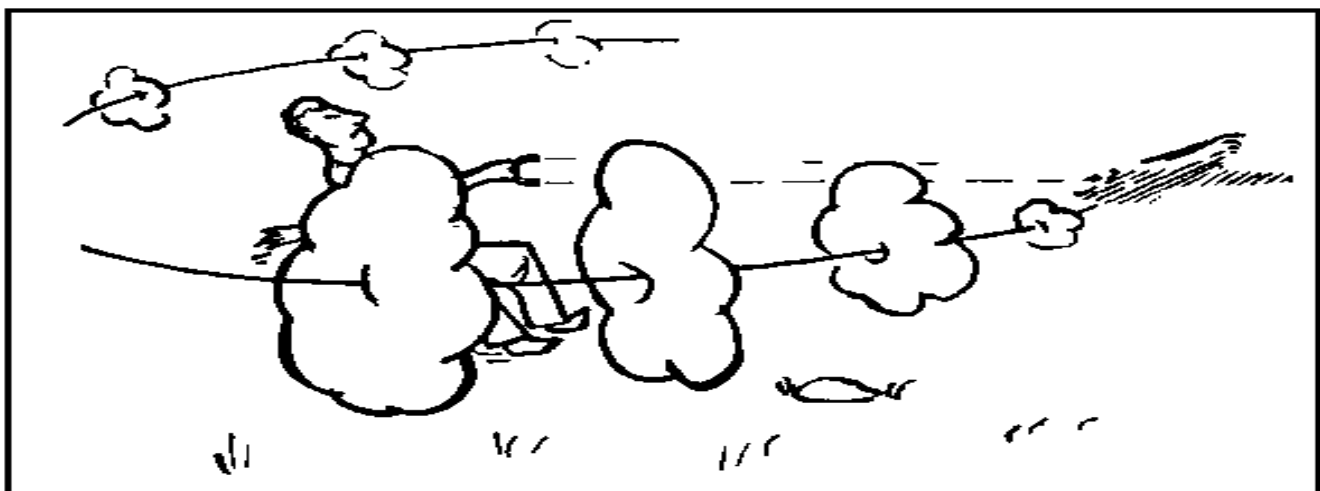


Where is the handle?

Club elections soon

This will be Club meeting Sunday, and we should begin thinking about officers and elections for 2010. Please pass the word that this will be part of the agenda and encourage MASS attendance (we DO have a mass, don't we?) and no, not the Catholic one! See you Sunday at the (hot!) field. Mike.

Club officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
Other positions needed: Safety Officer, Newsletter Editor



Speed Demon having tug-of-war with a whirlwind

**Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic** Aug. 22-23, 2009 *John Thompson Reports***Sponsored by the Eugene Prop Spinners**

Attendance was pretty good, in spite of a conflict that took several of the Puget Sound fliers out of the mix. The contest came out on the plus side financially. All in all, it was definitely a positive experience. Thanks to everyone who came and participated and, if you missed it, I hope you'll mark your calendars if we do it again next year.

One of the things that makes a contest a positive experience for the contest director is to have a good crew of volunteers. This year's Blue Sky meet went smoothly because had exactly that: plenty of people to do all the work that goes into a successful contest.

I wanted to make special mention of a few individuals who really stood out at the Blue Sky. You all have my heartfelt thanks for a job well done, and for making my job easy (I actually got to sit down in my chair once or twice!).

Mike Denlis and Mike Massey were out there on Friday and got the field all set up for the contest: They moved all those concrete blocks, got everything roped off and the grass circles mowed -- and were available to greet the early arrivals and the port-a-potty.

Barbara White took on the registration and tabulation chore and did a fabulous job of keeping track of everything, getting everyone's name on every dotted line, sorting out the finances and adding up the dozens of columns of figures and maintaining the scoreboard.

Gene Pape shuttled back and forth from the field to home, photographing all the contestants, and then making the personalized picture trophies that were presented Sunday afternoon. The trophies were a big hit with the contestants.

Mike Massey was dubbed with the lofty title of Weightmaster and Pull-Tester, and he did a fantastic job with a somewhat tedious chore. Because the airplane weighing procedure is new this year, we're still inventing the process, so Mike took my somewhat vague instructions and put together a system that worked well for the contest and the competitors. Everything was safe, on time and smooth.

Mel Marcum installed the plaque on the memorial bench, honoring departed longtime Prop Spinners, Oba St. Clair, Morrie and Georgia Gilbert, Dean Quam and Paul Agerter. The bench and picnic table (which were acquired earlier this year through Tom Kopriva's efforts) were in constant use all weekend.

Thanks also to the judges, Dan Rutherford, Mike Haverly, Greg Hart, Steve Helmick, Scott Riese and Bruce Hunt. Also thanks to several people who served as scoresheet runners, including young Willie Hart. Hope to see Willie flying soon.

Finally, thanks again to the airport administration for their usual fine cooperation in making the contest possible. They facilitated the permit process, reserved the field and arranged for a general mowing in the week before the contest.

Look for a full report and photos on the Flying Lines web site within a day or so.

Mike Hazel, who provided food for everyone for two days ... wow, what a meal! Thanks to the "Zoot Cafe!"

The first running of a new contest is always a bit scary, but this one turned out as well as can ever be expected for a first year. Hances are good that the Prop Spinners will offer the meet again in 2010.



Oregon Blue Sky Stunt Classic



Busy pit area on Saturday. Note the wind sock, straight out! *Flying Lines photo.*



Rick Cochrun's Impact in inverted flight. *Flying Lines photo.*



Precision Aerobatics planes in the pits on Sunday. *Flying Lines photo.*



The new memorial bench and picnic table installed by the Prop Spinners earlier this year were in constant use throughout the contest. The bench is just visible on the left.

The woman in the white hat, sitting on the memorial bench, is Shirley St. Clair, daughter of CL inventor Oba St. Clair, a longtime Prop Spinner memorialized on the bench, along with other noted EPS members. *Flying Lines photo.*



John Thompson preparing the Ares for a Classic flight. *Dean Rea photo.*

Eugene Prop Spinners Memorial Bench Plaque



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Upcoming Model Activities

Sept. 19-20 - Northwest Speed Bash, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. All AMA and NW Speed events.

Sept. 26 - Chehalis Cup Contest No. 4 for 80 mph Combat, special series rules, Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash.

Sept. 27 - Vintage Diesel Combat season end, Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash.

Oct. 10-11 - Fall Follies for aerobatics, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Saturday: Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt,

Northwest Sport Race. Sunday: PAMPA Precision Aerobatics, barbecue.

Oct. 31 - Chehalis Cup Contest No. 5 for 80 mph Combat, special series rules, Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President

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Tom Kopriva, Secretary

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