

Prop Spinner Chatter

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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Sep 17 – Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Paul Lancaster.

Next Club Meeting

Oct 15 – 10 a.m. - Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction. Rain meeting Stockman's Café.

Local Flying

Sep 17 - John Thompson reports – We got back on the flying field after a week off because of weather. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Paul Lancaster, Gene Pape and John Thompson. Temperature was in the 70s and there was very little wind, but it was coming from all directions, which made precise flying a bit of a challenge. We enjoyed the day on the flying field anyway.

Sep 24 – John Thompson reports – We had a good session in nice weather at the ranch. Attending were Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

Also at that session we had a small work party to start repairing the weather- and age-damaged mower cover. We are now looking at completely replacing the cover. Stay tuned for news on that.

Oct 1 – John Thompson reports – We flew our Ringmasters last Thursday at the ranch as part of the global Ringmaster fly-a-thon. We had 10 different Ringmasters on hand and put up 18 flights.

Participating were Bill Badstubner, Jim Corbett, Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. A report on Northwest Ringmaster Fly-a-Thon flights all around the Northwest will be posted on flyinglines.org shortly.

Oct 11 - New Mower shed - Come on out to the meeting and see our nice new mower shed (and say thanks to Jim for building the old mower cover which lasted a decade!).



Oct 8 – John Thompson reports – We had a good flying session at the ranch, attended by Bill Badstubner, Jim Corbett, Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, Paul Lancaster, Gene Pape and John Thompson. Weather was sunny with a mild breeze, which made for a good day of flying and a good sendoff to Mike, who was on his way to the Golden State Stunt Championships in California.

Out of town Flying

Sep. 26-27 – 39th Fall Follies, Bill Riegel Model Air Park at Salem Airport, Salem, Ore.

See <https://flyinglines.org/follies.26.html> for full report.

2026 Ringmaster fly-a-thon

Oct 1 - The Eugene Prop Spinners flew Ringmasters. Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems flew.

The report on Northwest fly-a-thon flights is now posted on FL.



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – September 10



Meeting, Dave and Mike



Meeting, Bill and plane



John with plane in a bag



Gene and mike



John launching for Gene



Gene flying



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – September 10– *continued*



John launching for Dave



Dave's planes



Dave flying



Gene's planes



John's planes



Dave launching for John



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – September 24



John flying



Gene launching for John



John launching for Gene



Gene launching for John



Gene flying



John flying



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – September 24 – *continued*



John launching for Gary



John's planes



Gary flying



Mower shed in need of repair



John and Gene working on it



New mower shed Oct 11



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – October 1



Gary launching for Mike



Gene launching for Gary



Mike flying



Gary flying



John flying



Gene launching for Dave



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – October 1 – continued



Gene flying



Gene flying



John launching for Gene



Gene flying



Gene flying



Ringmaster watchers



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – October 8



John with a show and tell



Bill with his Super Clown



Dave with plane ready to fly



John's pit



Gene readying



Gene flying

CL fliers gather for Fall Follies

Bill Riegel Model Air Park at Salem Airport, Salem, Ore.

It was a busy two days at the Northwest's traditional season-ending multi-event contest, with a windy Saturday afternoon requiring an adjustment of the schedule. But a good turnout of control-line fliers rolled with the changes and completed all the events in good spirits.

Saturday's weather was partly sunny but the wind increased as the day went on, resulting in the decision to move Profile Stunt to Sunday. Further schedule juggling occurred Sunday morning, resulting in all Precision Aerobatics being flown in the morning and Profile being moved to the afternoon. Everyone got their flights in on what turned out to be a beautiful day.

Contest sponsors the Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers organized the event. Contestants and others willingly volunteered to fill all the important jobs and the contest ran smoothly for two days.



Flying Lines photo.

Planes lined up in the pits for Precision Aerobatics.



Northwest fliers participate in 2026 Ringmaster fly-a-thon

See fly-a-thon website for up-to-date worldwide flight total

Control-line model aviators in several Northwest locations put up flights on various kinds of Ringmasters over the Oct. 3-4 weekend (and surrounding dates) as part of the worldwide Ringmaster Fly-A-Thon.

The Eugene Prop Spinners flew Ringmasters on Thursday, Oct. 1. at the Eugene Equipment Auction/Can Do Ranch, Junction City, Ore.

Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems flew, with support from Jim Corbett and Bill Badstubner. Eighteen Ringmaster flights were made.

Flights were:

Mike Hazel: Baby, Junior, S-1
Dave La Fever: Super.
Gene Pape: Baby, S-1
John Thompson: Baby, Super



Flying Lines photo.

Ten Ringmasters flown by the Prop Spinners included two Baby Ringmasters, two Super Ringmasters, a Ringmaster Jr. and five S-1 (original) versions.

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Upcoming Model Activities

Oct. 31 - Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers
Fall Finale Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark,
Salem Airport, Salem, Ore.

Nov. 21 - Northwest Skyraiders annual Winter
Swap Meet, Denny's Banquet Room, 1246 N.
Central, Kent, Wash.

March 17-21, 2027 - Vintage Stunt
Championships and Southwest Regionals
combined five-day contest, Danny Lopez Park,

Tucson, Ariz. Events for Aerobatics, Navy
Carrier and Scale. Advance entry req.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Gene Pape, President
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor
John Thompson, Treasurer
Gary Weems, Safety Officer

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

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