

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Kozy, John Thompson reports – Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Jim Corbett, Gene Pape, Mike Hazel and Wayne Esauk.



Meet and Eat

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10 a.m. Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, at Orchard Point Park or at the Kozy, at 1600 Coburg Road, Eugene, if the weather looks bad. Watch your emails on Friday or Saturday morning.

### Local Flying

**December 28** – John Thompson reports – We had a great flying session last weekend at the Lane County Orchard Point park, our winter flying site. With the Can Do Ranch now underwater for the winter, it's wonderful that Lane County has made Orchard Point available to us for winter flying. Fliers moved the soccer goalposts off the flying area, marked a center circle and the takeoff

strip location, and got in lots of flights. Attending were Jim Corbett, Wayne Esauk, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

See article on Russ in the "Competition Newsletter December 2019". See on flyinglines <http://flyinglines.org/CN.12.19.pdf>

**January 4** – John Thompson reports - The weekend's "iffy" weather turned out beautiful for flying, and we had a good turnout for the Saturday session at Orchard Point. Jim Corbett, Wayne Esauk, Jim Horstrup, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson, Gary Weems and Tim Ziegenbein were there, and most put up flights. With almost no wind and the sun occasionally peeking through, the cool temperature was just fine for those of us wearing the proper number of layers. We mowed the circle on the previous Thursday, so all landings were upright! (Except for a couple of landings that weren't quite scheduled as they occurred. See Flying Lines' "Numerous Fragments" page for details of one of them.)

We even had some spectators pass by who applauded one or two of the flights. In other flying field news, we cut 8 inches from the width of the coroplast takeoff strip, so it now fits well in the vehicles of the regular attendees, so we don't need to risk leaving it in the unguarded storage area at OP while we're awaiting a new camp host. All in all, a great flying session!

**January 11** – Weather forecast kept us at home.

### Orchard Point Update

John Thompson reports - The waters have finally moved in at the ranch, so we have moved our flying to Orchard Point. It has been mowed and looks good.



### Orchard Point Update - continued



John mows the circle

*John Thompson photo*

Now is the time for everyone to get their Lane County parking permits, so you can seamlessly shift to flying at Orchard Point for the winter. Call the parks department at (541) 682-2000, and tell them that you are with the Prop Spinners and want your parking permit for flying at Orchard Point. That will get you a discount rate of \$10 (normal \$40) for a permit that is good in any park. You can pay by credit card and they will mail the permit to you. Then, don't forget to put the permit inside your windshield.

**Dues-R-Due** - It's \$25 a year.

### Meeting at the Kozy - December 21



Mike and Mike telling stories



Weather discussion



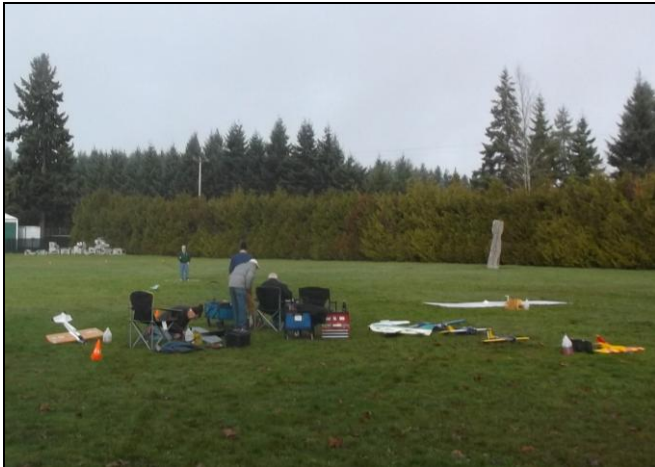
Wayne Esauk showing Vintage 0.049



Mike Hazel showing old EPS logo stickers



**Flying at Orchard Point Park - December 28**



Getting ready at Orchard Point.



Gary, Dave, John and Gene.



Gary's plane



John flying the other way



Dave's plane waiting



Wayne, Gene and Gary



**Flying at Orchard Point Park - December 28 - continued**



Gene, Wayne and Dave



Gary flying

**Flying at Orchard Point Park - January 4**



John, Dave, Gene and Gary



Jim's BiPlane flying



Gary's Flite Streak in the air



A couple of John's planes



Flying at Orchard Point Park - January 4 - continued



Gary's Flite Streak



Tim's plane ready to go



Tim's plane waiting



Gene's plane ready



John's Electric combat



Gary, Jim and Gene chatting



**Flying at Orchard Point Park - January 4 - continued**



John launching for Gary



Dave has two ready to go

**Oregon Flying Fun No. 1 - Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Flying Field, Portland, Ore.**

In Portland it was Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, hosted by the Northwest Fireballs, which was the first of four traditional Oregon winter fun sessions.

In Richmond, fliers from the Vancouver Gas Model Club and Pacific Aeromodellers Club gathered for the annual Polar Bear Fun Fly.

### Polar Bear Fun Fly By Chris Cox

Following what seems like three months of continuous rain, the new decade was begun with sunny skies, mild temperatures and light winds. What a great way to start a new year! As per normal operations, the Vancouver Gas Model Club as well as Pacific Aeromodellers Club members, began arriving at the Rice Mill flying site shortly after 9 a.m. in order to get those all-important first flights of the year in.

First flight of the year honors went to Tom Stevens, flying his electrified and slightly reduced in size (so that it will fit in a suitcase when traveling on business) Flight Steak. This first flight was no easy feat as Tom and his wife live in Victoria and had to board the 7 a.m. ferry in order to arrive at the Rice Mill site by 9!

I counted over 20 members present during the next few hours, and the majority of them successfully flew at least one flight while some of us opted for multiple flights! Coffee and donuts were available for those needing a little internal warm up, but overall it was a most pleasant day.

Around noon a bunch of us were thinking more about food than flying, so we headed to the local Boston Pizza for pizza, nachos and burgers.

2020 is officially underway!

See full report at: <http://flyinglines.org/jan1funflies.20.html>



## Coming Events

Northwest Fireballs, Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers, Eugene Prop Spinners and  
Roseburg area CL fliers present ...

# Oregon flying fun!

Four control-line fun-fly events

Everyone invited — No entry fee! 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

If the weather is bad, go to the alternate site listed for “hangar flying” socialization!

~~Wednesday, Jan. 1~~ at East Delta Park, Portland

~~Pot luck lunch, plus coffee and doughnuts~~

~~Bad weather meeting site: Elmer’s at Delta Park; cell 503-867-2101~~

~~Info: Northwest Fireballs, Richard Entwistle, 503-867-2101~~

**Saturday, Feb. 8** at Sunshine Park, Roseburg

Bad weather: Elmer’s restaurant at I-5 Exit 125; cell 541-537-0061

Info: Dave Shrum, 541-672-8893

**Saturday, March 28** at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Bad weather: Flight Deck restaurant, 1 block south of the flying field; cell 503-871-1057

Info: WOLF: Mike Hazel, 503-871-1057

**Saturday, May 2** at Can Do Ranch, Junction City

Bad weather: The Kozy restaurant, 1600 Coburg Road, Eugene; cell 541-554-8848

Info: Eugene Prop Spinners, John Thompson, 541-689-5553

- 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 groups!**

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required



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## Upcoming Model Activities

**Feb. 8** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg, Ore. Fly any kind of airplane for an entry into the flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Roseburg area CL fliers.

**March 28** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Fly any kind of airplane for an entry into the flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

**April 17-19** - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up for Aerobatics, Carrier, Combat, Racing and Speed, Jim Walker Memorial CL Field, East

Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

**May 2** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Can Do Ranch, Junction City, Ore. Fly any kind of airplane for an entry into the flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Eugene Prop Spinners.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President  
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor  
John Thompson, Treasurer  
Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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