

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Sunday January 20 - John Thompson reports - Weather for Sunday's club meeting was 70 degrees and calm. Five intrepid modelers huddled together in the Wings Restaurant at Eugene Airport and managed to have an excellent meeting and good food despite the conditions.

Oh, and outside it was 30 degrees and calm. We could have flown, but we ate instead.

### Local Flying

Saturday January 19 - John Thompson reports - Gordon, Gene and I flew. Gordon got the nice weather. It was sunny but wind was coming up when Gene and I arrived. Rain chased us away about 11:30.

Sunday January 26 – Jim Corbett reports - I went out about 10:50, it was dry here, but when I got the airport it was raining, I hung around for about 10 minutes then left and went to Jerry's. When I left Jerry's it was still raining, so I came home.

I ran into Tom Kopriva at Market of Choice around 6 pm. He said he went out earlier than I did and it was raining, he hung

around for 10- 15 minutes and no one else showed up, so he left.

Sunday February 10 - Mike Denlis, Mike Massey and Jim Corbett flew. Not much wind, and for a few moments you could see shadows on the ground.

### Out of Town Flying

Saturday February 9 - Oregon flying fun #2 in Roseburg. EPS members attending – Floyd Carter, Mike Massey, Gordon Rea, Gene Pape, Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Jim Corbett. Dean Rae attended with camera. See report on page 4 and on Flying Lines web site at:

<http://flyinglines.org/Oregonfun.2.13.html>

### Doos R Doo!

Make sure your \$25 Eugene Prop Spinners dues get paid. We are very fortunate that we have a great place to fly, and one of the lower annual dues in Oregon.

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, February 17**, at the field. Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad.

**43rd annual Northwest Control-Line Regionals** May 24-25-26



Championship Control-Line flying competition

One of the nation's largest control-line Model airplane contests.



**At the Field** January 19 – *John Thompson photos*



Gordon's Ringmaster



Tight lines at the top



Bottom view

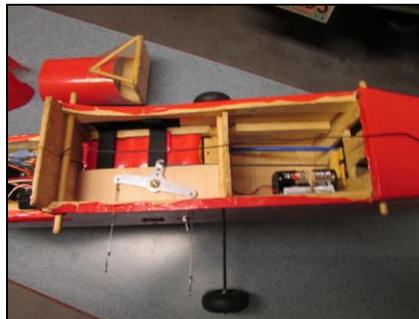
**A Project** - Touch & Go project from "The Dark Side Shop" - Mike Denlis



Touch & Go project from "The Dark Side Shop" . Oh yeah, did I mention that it's Control Line with an R/C throttle? And electric? And cobbled together with stuff I had on hand and know NOTHING about? I hope to get the first flight (if it does) in this weekend

whole idea to start with! I've wanted something with throttle control for a long time and had thought about a 3 line gas powered setup for this airplane.

other? Such are the thoughts of a demented mind! Anyway, it weighs 5 1/2 pounds, and first flight will be tomorrow or Saturday. If it WILL fly, that is! See you out there.



The airplane is a Top Flight Headmaster 40, age and builder unknown, but crudely done!

UPDATE – did not fly with nicad battery pack and mechanical speed controller.



Here are some details about the Touch & Go project, so named because that was the

The motor and ESC are from Lindberg, and the radio is a 2 channel Robbe Futaba, and I think all of this stuff was meant for boat use! The ESC even has a low speed reverse. I'm using one channel for throttle, so imagine what the short landing could be like if I hooked up flaps on the



Upgraded to Solid State ESC and LiPol battery pack. that it cut the weight to 4 1/2 pounds. It flew, but still short of power. Brushless motor next.

Check the next newsletter for a progress report!





**At the Field** February 2



Vacuuming the field

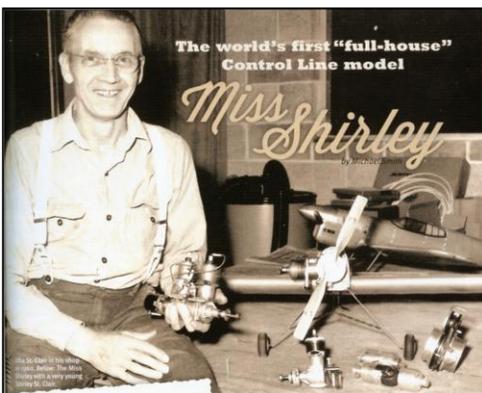


Active pit area



Mike Denlis's FunFly Electric

**Oba St. Clair** Article in Model Aviation February 2013 issue - on Pages 31 and 32



Model Aviation ran a two page article (The world's first "full-house" Control Line model) about Oba in the February issue. <http://www.modelaviation.com/missshirley>

Oba St. Clair in his shop

For more info see:

Miss Shirley [www.modelaircraft.org/museum/missshirley.aspx](http://www.modelaircraft.org/museum/missshirley.aspx)

Oba St. Clair History Program Biography [www.modelaircraft.org/files/StClairOba.pdf](http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/StClairOba.pdf)

Oba St. Clair: Father of Control Line Flying for Model Aviation [www.obastclair.com/index.html](http://www.obastclair.com/index.html)

AMA Plans Service (800) 435-9262, ext. 507  
[www.modelaircraft.org/plans/plans.aspx](http://www.modelaircraft.org/plans/plans.aspx)

**At the Field** February 10



Ready line



Ready to go



Adjusting just a bit



**Oregon flying fun #2:** Roseburg February 9th



The Umpqua Valley Control Line club hosts a great event at a great location



When you arrive you see the SUNSHINE PARK sign, it does not lie – we got some of the sunshine during the event, YES in February.

Weather was coolish to start, then as the day proceeded you saw a lot of jackets come off.



Feeding



Planes



Winning

There were over 30 folks attending and 20 or more fliers put in more than 60 flights.

Great report on Flying Lines web site at:

<http://flyinglines.org/Oregonfun.2.13.html>



Flying



**Oregon flying fun! 2013 - A quartet of control-line fun-fly events**

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

# Oregon flying fun!

A quartet of 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!

**Tuesday, Jan. 1** at East Delta Park, Portland

Bad weather meeting site: Delta Park Elmer's; cell 503-867-2101

Info: Fireballs: Richard Entwistle, 503-867-2101, [nwfireballs@gmail.com](mailto:nwfireballs@gmail.com)

**Also attend the Monday, Dec. 31, midnight flying session to end the Old Year!**

Contact Mark Hansen for details, (503)995-1158, [fastcombat@comcast.net](mailto:fastcombat@comcast.net)

**Saturday, Feb. 9** at Sunshine Park, Roseburg

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

Info: Dave Shrum, 541-672-8893, [dnpshrum@charter.net](mailto:dnpshrum@charter.net)

## **Saturday, March 2** 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, 503-859-2905, [zzclspeed@aol.com](mailto:zzclspeed@aol.com)

**Saturday, April 6** at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Bad weather: Wings Restaurant at the airport terminal, cell 541-554-8848

Info: Prop Spinners: J. Thompson, [johnt4051@aol.com](mailto:johnt4051@aol.com), 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

### **Directions to flying sites:**

Salem - Bill Riegel Model Airpark is at the Salem Airport. Take Interstate 5 Exit 253, head west on Mission Street Southeast and turn left on 25th St. S.E.; the flying field is at the airport terminal on the left.

Eugene - The flying field is at the overflow parking area across the road from the Eugene Airport. Take Belt Line Road West exit from Interstate 5 (exit 195); take Highway 99 North exit, turn left on Airport Road. The flying field is on your right as you approach the airport.

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## Upcoming Model Activities

March 3 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Third in series of Oregon winter/spring fun-flies. Fly any plane, get a ticket for the flying raffle. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

April 6 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. Fourth in series of Oregon winter/spring fun-flies. Fly any plane, get a ticket for the flying raffle. Sponsored by Eugene Prop Spinners.

April 19-21 - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Jim Walker Memorial Control-Line Flying Field, East Delta, Park, Portland, Ore. All details tentative.

May 24-25-26 - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale, Speed.

June 29-30 - Salem Summer Speed, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. All details tentative.

### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President  
Jim Corbett, VP  
John Thompson, Treasurer  
Tom Kopriva, Secretary  
Mike Massey, Safety Officer  
Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

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