

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

February 18th 10 a.m. at Orchard Point Park. Attending the meeting were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be Saturday, March 18th 10 a.m. at Orchard Point Park.

Local Flying

February 18 - John Thompson reports – We had a great club meeting and flying session at Orchard Point. Temperature was mild, wind was almost nonexistent, and there was a good turnout of fliers. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Lots of good flights were made.

One unusual mishap occurred on Gary Weems' last flight of the day when his Cardinal hit a stick on the ground while rolling to a stop. The stick punctured the wing, requiring serious repairs. Haven't seen that one before.



John Thompson photo

February 25 - John Thompson reports – Saturday turned out to be a beautiful day for flying at Orchard Point. Five of us showed up and enjoyed a calm day with temperatures eventually climbing into the 40s. Lots of flying was done. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. No sticks through airplane wings this time!

March 11 – Attending were John Thompson, Gene Pape, Gary Weems and Jim Corbett. Light wind, some sun and some clouds. John Gene and Gary got in a lot of flights.

It was Demon Day for Gene, had three to fly all with different motors. See page 7 for his report.

Out of town - March 4 - Mike Hazel reports - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3 - Due to the nasty weather forecasted for Saturday, it has been decided to postpone the Salem location fun fly until Saturday April 1st.

Dues-R-Due

It's \$25 a year. You can give me cash or check at a flying session or meeting, or mail it to me at:

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2456 Quince Street
Eugene, OR 97404

Make checks payable to Eugene Prop Spinners.



Orchard Point Park - February 18 - Meeting and Flying



Meeting



Flight line



Mike Hazel test running tiny wing



John launching for Gary



Dave test running motor



John flying his electric Gladiator



Orchard Point Park - February 18 - continued



Gary flying inverted



Gary launching for John



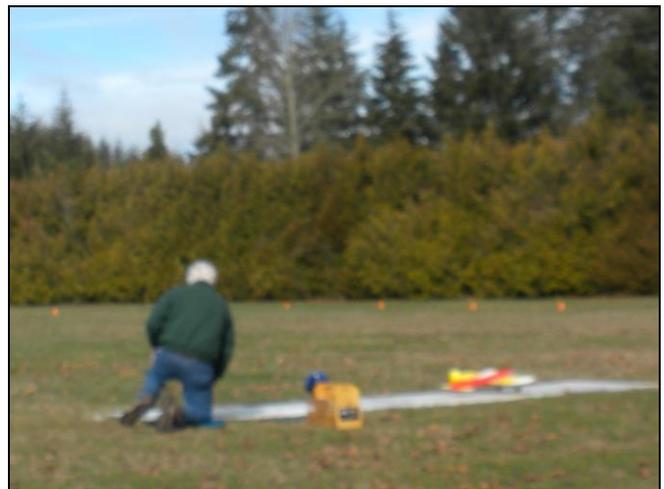
Dave's warbird waiting



John flying



Dave launching for Gary



John launching for Dave



Orchard Point Park - February 25



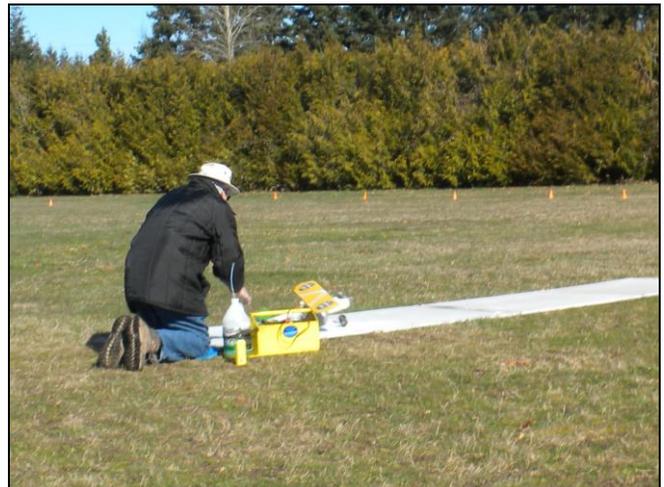
Two classics ready to fly



Dave and Gary have planes ready for lines



John's planes waiting



John launching for Dave



Planes and pilots ready



Dave flying



Orchard Point Park - February 25 - continued



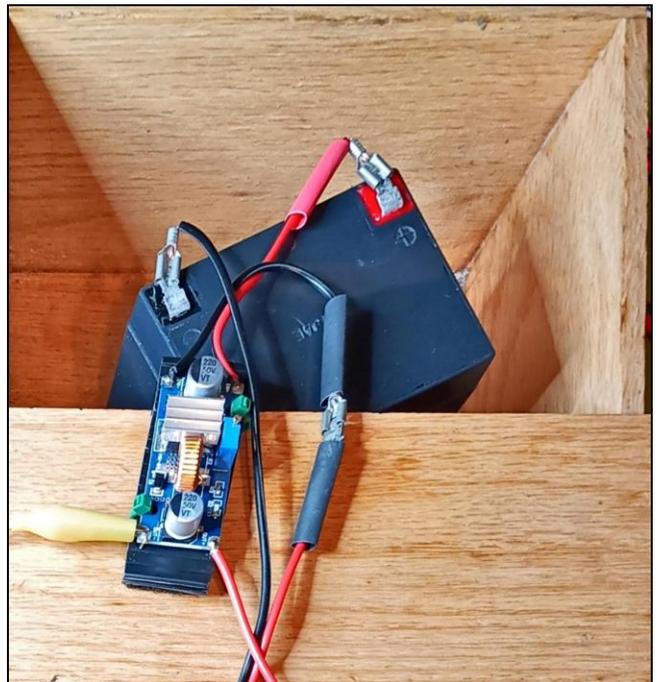
View from afar



Gene making a landing approach

Buck converter - Mike Denlis reports -

This is the approach I decided to take to use a 7ah battery.
With that, the box, and power panel on hand the investment is minimal.
I don't want to talk about time spent though!



Mike Denlis photos.



Wow project - Gene Pape reports -

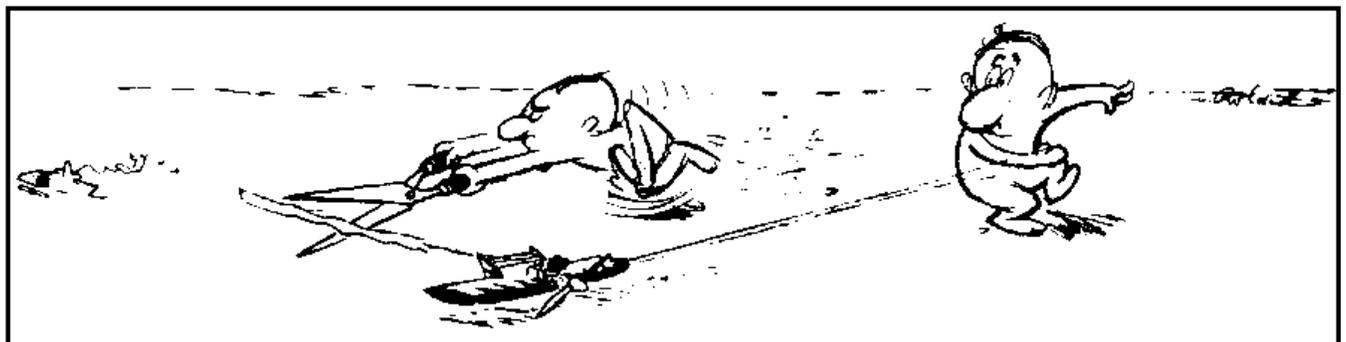
I just finished this Wow. The finish is exam table paper trimmed with green tissue paper which is then covered with very thin laminating film. The engine is a K&B Green Head 29S with an RMS Super Tigre needle valve assembly to allow access for tuning.

A Wow was my first combat model purchased third hand from Norm McFadden when I was 12 years old. It came in on launch and destroyed itself after about half a lap.

Having always been the gentleman that he was, he then bought me a Voodoo kit that I built like the one shown replaced it and had a much longer life, Rest in peace Norm.



Gene Pape Photos



**Demon Day** - Gene Pape reports – March 11

Today was Demon Day for me at the flying field. The lead model powered by McCoy Red head 35 is the best flying of the bunch. The second one in line powered by a Fox Combat Special with 36X parts is the fastest. The last one in line is powered by an early Johnson 35 and is a great flyer as well. The Demon is super easy to build and flies very well if you get the CG back far enough.

*John Thompson photo*

I had an interesting adventure with the Fox powered model. On its third flight of the day it started a gentle climb on the second lap. The higher it got the steeper it climbed until it was doing a full lock inside loop right at the top of the circle in spite of me holding full down on the handle. It continued doing full lock inside loops no matter what I did with the handle. It stayed right at the top of the circle for 10 or so loops then it started slowly dropping down the downwind side of the circle until the bottom of the loops was about 3' off the ground. I assumed it was about to crash but it continued to do inside loops there until the engine did the usual bladder rich at the end of the tank.

When the engine stopped it made a better landing than it would have made if I had it under full control. When John Thompson reached the model he discovered that the inboard boom had come loose forcing the full up control condition. Otherwise, the model was completely undamaged.



Northwest Combat Legend Norm McFadden dies - February 17 -

See full obit at: <http://flyinglines.org/obit.mcfadden.html>

Norm McFadden of Lynnwood, Wash., two-time winner of the U.S. National Model Airplane Championships in AMA Fast Combat and many other contests in the West, died Feb. 17, 2023, after a lengthy period of health challenges. Norm was a fierce competitor and mentor to many Northwest Combat fliers, and he also participated some control-line Racing and Speed. His ultra-light Creamsicle airplane is still considered to be one of the best Fast Combat designs ever.

In addition, Norm was a good friend of all who met him in the hobby. Norm's distinctive persona — dressed in full-length dark clothing on the warmest of days, topped off by a large hat — made him instantly recognizable on the field. And his soft voice, combined with the likelihood that whatever he might say would be of value of anyone who could hear it, led to a frequently repeated scene on the model field: Modelers leaning in close to catch Norm's wisdom. He's a modeler, competitor and friend that no one who met him would ever forget.



Northwest Regionals Fast Combat winners: Willie Naemura is flanked by (L) Norm McFadden, 3rd, and (R) Gene Pape, 2nd. Willie holds streamer that was snagged on the outboard inch of his wing in the final match.

September 1981

Norm's family requests that donations be made to:

2023 Norm McFadden Memorial Bladder Grabber Prize Fund
c/o Gene Pape
4528 Souza St.
Eugene, OR 97402

Orchard Point Park - March 11



John's hangar



Gene's hangar



Orchard Point Park - March 11 - continued



Gary's hangar



Gene flying



John flying



John launching for Gene



Gary flying



Gene launching for John



Northwest Fireballs, Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers, Eugene Prop Spinners,
Roseburg area CL fliers and Rogue Eagles 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!
(Check the listed cell number for last-minute updates.)

Sunday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Lunch provided, plus coffee and doughnuts

Bad weather: Shari’s at Delta Park, 9730 N. Whitaker Road; cell 503-894-4443

Info: Northwest Fireballs, [Don Curry](#), 503-894-4443

Saturday, Feb. 4 at Church on the Rise, Roseburg

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

Info: [Dave Shrum](#), 541-672-8893

Saturday, April 1 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

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

Sponsored jointly by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Eugene Prop Spinners

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

Saturday, June 17 at Rogue Eagles circle, Eagle Point

Bad weather is unlikely. Sun shade provided!

Info: Rogue Eagles, [Jess Walls](#), XXX-XXX-XXX

- 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!*



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Upcoming Model Activities

March 15-18 - 34th annual Vintage Stunt Championships, Christopher Columbus Park, Tucson, Ariz.

March 18 - McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Swap Meet, Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, 11275 S.W. Durham Lane, McMinnville, Ore.

April 1 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Fly any plane just for fun. Flying raffle. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Eugene Prop Spinners.

April 21-23 - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore., for Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing and Speed.

May 26-27-28 - 50th Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

Prop Spinner Club officers

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

Where the Action Is: <http://flyinglines.org/Action.html> **Visit:** <http://flyinglines.org> web site.