

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

April 19th, at Elmers. Attending: Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Tom Korpriva, Gene Pape, Floyd Carter, Gordon Rea, Roger Winz and Jim Mackin.

Show and tell - Gene Pape.

Out of town flying

April 25-26-27 – John Thompson reports – The Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up in Portland. Those of us who attended had a great time. Wish more Prop Spinners could have made it. Gene, Mike H., Floyd and I

represented the club. The Fireballs put on a great contest but turnout was very light; I hope it doesn't discourage them from continuing the tradition.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday May 17**, at. The ERCA Alavadore flying field.

Oregon flying fun!

April 5 – at Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, McMinnville. Evergreen Aero Modelers

Meeting and Work PARTY -

May meeting and work party location

The plan is to hold our meeting at 10 a.m. at the Eugene RC field in Alvadore The reason for this is that we will need some help with the work party at 11 a.m., unloading the Regionals trailer onto Mike Hazel's flatbed trailer and other vehicles for transport to Salem.

The meeting is weather permitting, because it's outdoors. However, the work party is rain or shine. See you there (bring gloves).

ERCA Flying Field – south of Junction City, north of Eugene Airport.

From Highway 99 N turn west on Meadowview, at the end of Meadowview turn right on Alavadore Road. Go straight off of the right sweeping turn into the fields gravel road, take gravel road half way to farm house, and turn left on gravel road that leads to the ERCA field.



Roseburg Flying – April 2014 – Bob Lewis reports

April 18 – It was a GREAT day of flying at Sunshine Park in Roseburg today! Temperature got up to 65 degrees, sunny and beautiful. A little breeze at times, just enough for more interesting flights. Special guest was Eugene Prop Spinner Gene Pape. He flew a couple of his s l o w combat planes - they hardly go faster than 80 mph!

Our regular Prop Spinner, Mike Massey did his regular thing working on the stunt pattern. Dave Crabtree got in flights with an Acromaster and the Pete Benning Trainer. Dave Shrum flew his "Sudden Impact," oops, sorry Dave - I guess it's actually called a "Primary Force!" I flew my warmed over "Twister" with a removable tail and an "Acromaster."

Pete Benning came out for a second time in as many weeks. Susan Benning brought him out and Loni Lewis came to gossip with Susan. Dr. Steve Bernard was able to make an appearance between patients and got to visit with Pete.

It's always a good day in Roseburg. Next time you should be here, remember - Roseburg!

Here are the pixs



Gene Pape



Pete Benning & Dr. Steve



Mike Massey



Dr. Steve and Dave Crabtree



Susan Benning and Loni Lewis



Dave Shrum with a tiger by the tail

Jim Walker Memorial - April 25-26-27 - East Delta Park, Portland



Precision Aerobatics planes are lined up and waiting for Sunday flights as Chris Cox flies his Crossfire in the background; judges can be seen at the far side of the asphalt circle. *Flying Lines photo.*

John Thompson reports - Gloomy weather forecasts turned out to be greatly exaggerated for the 2014 running of the annual Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up. The forecasts kept the entry level low, but the weather actually wasn't too bad. Every scheduled flight took place. Notwithstanding a couple of passing squalls and a clap of thunder or two on Sunday, it was an excellent weekend of flying in Speed, Racing, Combat, Navy Carrier and Aerobatics.

The Northwest Fireballs served up tasty hot dogs and burgers for lunch and provided all the winners with nice certificates.

With the light entry, events wrapped up early all three days, leaving practice time on the first two days and a chance for folks to get on the road home on Sunday.



Jim Walker Memorial - continued

Another excellent job of running the contest by the Fireballs. Here's hoping the entry level jumps back to traditional levels next year.



Paul Walker puts in the winning flight in Expert Precision Aerobatics on Sunday. *Flying Lines photo.*

John Thompson (left) and Bruce Tunberg pilot airplanes during Sportsman Clown Race on Friday. *Gene Pape photo*



Mike Hazel's Sonic Chicken 1/2-A Combat plane flies with part of the wing trailing after a collision on Saturday. *Gene Pape photo.*



Pete Benning - passed away April 29, 2014

A very sad moment—Pete Benning passed away this morning !

Pete was the first person that I started flying U/C here in Roseburg after Terry Miller passed away. Pete was a slow builder, but he almost Never crashed ! He was a good builder and flyer! The “flyers” – known as the” Umpqua Valley Control Line Model Airplane Flyers” is Pete Benning, then Bob Lewis, Bill Mix, Dave Mitchell (brother Dave) and Dave Crabtree (other brother Dave) and now Dr. Steve Bernard.



Personally, I have been blessed to have such a great bunch of fellows to fly with. Pete favorite plane was the “Ares” and then his Biplanes—all split rib! The last few weeks, Pete has been out with us at the flying field and last Friday he came to the “hanger” party at Bob’s place. He was able to finally eat and had gained 3 lbs !

Tight lines Pete !

Dave Shrum

This morning at 6:30 our dear friend and great control line enthusiast, Pete Benning, passed away suddenly and painlessly at his home with his wife Susan at his side.

Just last night, Susan emailed me confirming Pete's plan to be out at the field Thursday, our next scheduled control line fly-in. Pete had rallied the last couple of weeks and was looking forward to getting out again even that soon after our hanger party last week where he ate a sandwich and jelly roll, then took another jelly roll home. Susan told me he even appreciated my bad joke about his not really being sick, just scalping jelly rolls.



Pete was one of the more avid control liners I have known. He absolutely loved the hobby and was very expert at it. Among his strengths was his excellent building and



finishing skills. Pete specialized in "I-Beam" construction - not recommended for the novice! Building very light models, he was able to get a Fox .15 to fly a bigger airplane than about anybody. His all-time favorite airplane might have been his Fox .35 powered Ares. But Pete also loved biplanes and last year completed a beautiful full-bodied version of the 38 Special powered by, what else? a Fox .35. . He also designed and built smaller Ares spin-off versions for his Fox .15's. Pete loved to help new converts to control line get up and going. Some time ago, Pete divided up the greater share of his holdings among us, his close flying buddies. Most of us have a "Pete" airplane or engine to fly and remember him by.

Pete had previously been a model railroad enthusiast and had an estimated \$1,200 in equipment which he donated to the model railroad club in Eugene. Although never very tempted to get into Radio Control, Pete donated his ride-on lawn mower to Umpqua Valley Modelers, one of our local R/C clubs that most of us control-liners belong to. Pete was casually interested in free flight. Having fond memories of one he built one in his youth, last fall he built another 1/2A Dakota free flight which he flew at two of the Willamette Modelers meets up near Albany. He thoroughly enjoyed the Albany free flight meets and, though he knew he couldn't, would dearly have loved attending again this fall.

Flying is still on for Thursday at 10:30 or 11:00 at Sunshine Park. Pete will expect us to be there.

Bob Lewis



Upcoming Roseburg event

Roseburg is doing its annual Arts Festival June 27-29. They are inviting both R/C and Control Line flyers to do exhibition flights. We will have our own control line circle on the city soccer fields behind the arts center building on W. Harvard Avenue from 10:00 until 2:00 all three days (believe me you can't miss it if you go west on Harvard). The goal is to keep a plane up almost continuously all 12 hours over the 3 days, so the more flyers the merrier. Any plane, any flight will do - just keep the noise level up! You can be there all the time, part of the time, every day or one day only. Last time we only got one or two tickets to get in, so most will probably have to pay to get let in the gate. I think it's about \$5. More info on that later if you're interested. Bob Lewis

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Upcoming Model Activities

May 18 - VGMC and PAC Swap Meet, Kinsman Community Hall, 26770 29th Ave., Aldergrove, B.C. All types of model aircraft welcome.

May 23-24-25 - Northwest Stunt and Combat Championships, Bill Riegel Model Airpark and Salem Airport, Salem, Ore. Friday: Old-Time Stunt, Beginner-Intermediate Precision Aerobatics. Saturday: Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt, Advanced Precision Aerobatics; 1/2-A Combat, 80mph Combat. Sunday: Expert Precision Aerobatics; AMA Fast Combat.

June 7-8 - Stuntathon, Pierce County Airport (Thun Field), Puyallup, Wash. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders. Saturday: Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt,

Profile Stunt, Sport 40 Navy Carrier Sunday: Precision Aerobatics.

June 21 - Chehalis Cup No. 1 combat contest for High-Performance 1/2-A Combat and .15 Fast Combat -- no speed limit but no plane can be faster than the fastest .15 that day. Site: Yardbirds, Chehalis, Wash..

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