

Prop Spinner Chatter

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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

April 16 – CANCELED due to weather.

Next Club Meeting

May 28 – CANCELED.

Local Flying

April 23 - John Thompson reports – We had a good flying session at the ranch. The field was a little rough because weather had made it hard for us to groom the field like usual, but lots of flying was done anyway.

Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

April 30 – John Thompson reports – Attending the flying session were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, John Thompson and Gary Weems, and lots of flights were made in good weather conditions. Partial overcast kept the sun from being too bright and the breeze was mild and fairly directional.

May 7 – John Thompson reports – We had a great flying session at the ranch. Regulars attending were Jim Corbett, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

In addition we had a visit from former (and hopefully future) member Gordon Rea, who brought with him former longtime Prop Spinner President Mel Marcum, who is a lifetime member. It was great to see both of

them! Weather was almost perfect for flying, in the 60s and 70s with very light breeze. Lots of flying was done!



Magician 15 after a "lawn dart" crash.

May 14 – John Thompson reports – Despite good weather and the field in great condition, the flying session at the ranch was lightly attended.

Jim Corbett, Gene Pape and John Thompson were there. We got quite a few flights in before quitting early.

Out of town flying

May 22-23-24 - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

This year's Regionals took place in sunny weather and included all the great CL events — Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale and Speed.

See the full report on flying lines web site:
<http://flyinglines.org>



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – April 23



John launching for Gary



Dave launching for Gary



John launching for Gene



Security and supervision



Dave flying



John flying



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – April 23 – *continued*



John launching for Dave



John flying



John's and Dave's planes ready



Dave's plane waiting



Gene's planes waiting



John's battery storage



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – April 30



Gary launching for John



John launching for Dave



John flying



Dave flying



John launching for Gary



Gary launching for John



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – April 30 – *continued*



John flying



Gary launching for Dave



Gary flying



Gary launching for Gene



John's flight line



John's plane is faster than it's shadow



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – May 7



John launching for Gary



Mel, John, Gordon and Russ



Gary flying



Dave launching for Russ



John's planes



Russ launching for Gary



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – May 7 – *continued*



Gary flying



Dave flying



John flying



Gene showing glow driver



Russ launching for Dave



Bill's factory RC-U-Control handle



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – May 7 – *continued*



John launching for Gene



Russ launching for Gene



John launching for Gary



Gene flying



Gary flying



Gene launching for John



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – May 14



Gene's planes ready



Gene launching for John



John launching for Gene



Gene flying



John's planes ready



John flying



53rd Northwest Control-Line Regionals

May 22-23-24

Paul Walker's B-17 flies in Expert Precision Aerobatics at the 2026 Northwest Control-Line Regionals in Roseburg, Ore., over Memorial Day Weekend. A full report and photos of the 53rd Regionals will be posted here shortly. *Flying Lines photo.*



Our control-line modeling activity last week was the Northwest Control-Line Regionals in Roseburg, which as usual was a spectacular event.

This year's Regionals took place in sunny weather and included all the great CL events — Aerobatics, Combat, Navy Carrier, Racing, Scale and Speed.

Highlights included Paul Walker's new electric B-17 heading a world class Aerobatics field, an array of 17 outstanding Scale airplanes, some outstanding Combat matches and more. The results and photos will be available soon at flyinglines.org.

One thing you will notice as you look over the report is the vital role played by the Eugene Prop Spinners.

EPS members played vital roles in every element of this major competition. I will mention some here and hope I don't forget anyone or any major chores they may have done:

Mark Crouse as usual was the universal helper, popping up everywhere to assist with whatever was needed, from the beginning of setup on Thursday to the end of teardown on Sunday.

Mike Hazel was contest director, overseeing the entire four-day event, not to mention hauling all the field equipment from his barn in Mehama and back.

Russ Hester officiated in Combat.

Walter Hicks judged Expert Precision Aerobatics and assisted with Scale judging.

Niels Madsen was Combat director, worked on Combat site prep and helped with other field setup and teardown.

Will Naemura was Racing director and assisted with Speed officiating.

Gene Pape worked on Combat field preparation and assisted Neils with official duties at Combat.

John Thompson assisted with Registration and lurked around in the shadows and watched for forgotten details.

Gary Weems directed overall field setup, a massive task on Thursday and Sunday.

Kudos to every Prop Spinner involved in making the Regionals a great success!



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Upcoming Model Activities

June 20 - Lucky Hand Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Air Park, Salem, Ore. Fly any kind of CL plane, get a playing card for each flight, best hands win prizes! Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

July 18 - Northwest Skyraiders Summer Club Swap Meet, 9 a.m.-noon at Denny's Banquet Room, 1246 N. Central, Kent, Wash.

Sept. 26-27 - Fall Follies for Aerobatics, Combat and Racing, Bill Riegel Model Air Park, Salem, Ore.

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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