

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

May 17th, at the ERCA Alavadore flying field. Attending: Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Mike Massey, Mike Hazel and Jim Corbett

After the short meeting we removed the stuff from the Regionals trailer and loaded it onto Mike Hazel's trailer to be taken to Salem for the upcoming contest.



Loading the contest stuff



NWR storage trailer nearly empty

Flying field search continues

Mike Denlis reports – Communication from Airport Director: I am letting you know that I talked to Kurt Corey and the airport staff is looking again at any possibility that we may be able to accommodate some type of activity with your club. I will be in touch after the evaluation to let you know if we can or not.

Out of town flying

May 23-24-25 - Northwest Stunt and Combat Championships, Bill Riegel Model Airpark and Salem Airport, Salem, Ore.

John Thompson reports – Thanks to all the Prop Spinners and WOLF members who helped out with contest setup. Field is in great shape.

June 7-8 - Stunt-a-Thon - Pierce County Airport (Thun Field), Puyallup, Wash.

John Thompson reports – 34th annual running of June aerobatics contest draws light entry.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Saturday June 21**, at the Wings restaurant.



Roseburg Flying – May 2014 – *Bob Lewis reports*

Sunshine Park, May 16, partly cloudy, 75 degrees very light wind - Beautiful!

Today was a history making day in Roseburg. Well OK, maybe at least an interesting day in Roseburg.

FIRST: When Dave Shrum was visiting in Washington State, he looked in on an old friend, Joe Just of Waitsburg, WA. Joe gave Dave a Sig ARF "Primary Force" with .35 engine. It's a pretty cool airplane, but the catch was Joe asked Dave to give it to one of our novice flyers who showed promise. So Dave said the first flyer to do an inside loop, outside loop, lazy eight and fly up-side-down for the first time would get the airplane. Drum roll today Bill Mix collected.



SECOND: Pete Benning's last project was a Junior Nobler from an old kit and a new Fox

.15X bypass ported engine with the slant plug. Pete got the airplane completely built before he had to give it up. I took it over, covered and painted it primer white at which stage Pete got to see it at his last hanger party. Well, today, all finished, it made it's maiden flight. Pete, you would have loved it! Good job old buddy!



THIRD: We finally got David Mitchell back from Arizona and he flew is Nobler like he had never left. The bad news is he has sold his Roseburg home and is moving to the Sacramento area (Rancho Murrieta) permanently. He will be around hit and miss until the last of June when he makes the final move. I'm driving a U-Haul truck down for him and my wife, Loni, will follow in our car and we will go on to visit family in Northern California.

And then there was the variable dihedral PT-17 Shrum flew. Control line dihedral? Variable dihedral? Dave maybe you might want to work on the concepts you are into on this time!

Of course Mike Massey put in more of his full pattern practice sessions to make us all look like country bumpkins. Hmm I guess maybe we are!

And then finally, all we wound up at Dairy Queen to talk shop and at least one really lewd, off color reference out of the mouth of Mike Massey! Wow, who knew?



Northwest Stunt and Combat Championships - May 23-24-25, Salem

From Flying Lines report - With the loss of the Eugene Airport site after the 2013 Northwest Regionals, the sponsoring organization, the Northwest Regionals Management Association, searched unsuccessfully for a venue that could provide the seven control-line circles needed for a 44th running of the traditional Memorial Day Weekend CL extravaganza. Sadly, such a site could not be found for a 2014 Regionals.

The hope is that the Regionals will return in 2015.

crew were: Mike Massey, Gene Pape, Jim Corbett, Mike Hazel, Dave LaFever, Craig Bartlett, along with other Prop Spinners and WOLF members and contestants who pitched in at various times.

Registration and tabulation were handled by the dynamo Barbara White. Handling weighing of stunt planes were Richard Entwhistle and Mike Denlis. Richard and Jerry Olson handled pull-testing and other pit-boss chores.

Event directors were Don McClave for aerobatics and Gene Pape for combat.

The whole operation was directed by the tireless Mike Hazel, who also served as chef of the fine Sunday barbecue.

Full report at:

<http://flyinglines.org/nwstuntcombat.14.html>

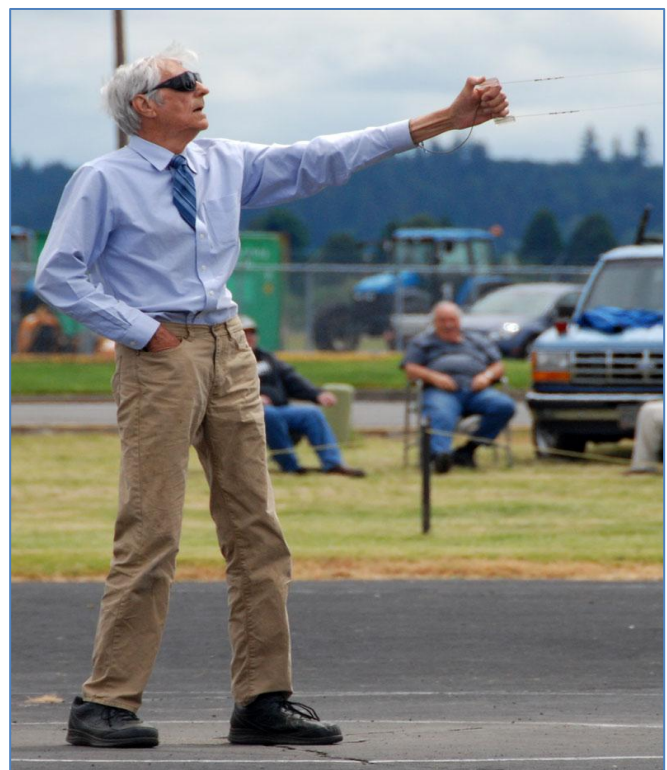


Combat contest crew. *Flying Lines photo*

The stunt and combat portion of the pairing took place in mostly pleasant weather.

A little rain fell during Old-Time Stunt on Friday, but otherwise the weather was partly cloudy, not too windy, and in the mid-60s for temperature.

Field setup was done by WOLF and Eugene Prop Spinners members under the direction of Prop Spinners President Mike Denlis on Thursday morning. Post-contest teardown was done after an early finish on Sunday, as the contest had wrapped up by 1 p.m., with only two events on that day. Mike again organized a large crew of workers that got things done efficiently. Among the work



Floyd Carter flying. *Flying Lines photo*



Northwest Stunt and Combat Championships - continued



Setting up on Thursday



Combat ready



Lining up the airplanes



Some of the contestants and their aircraft



Singing up contestants



Award ceremony starts



Bruce Hunt



Mike Haverly



John Thompson

Bob Lewis reports - Saturday - Salem 66 degrees, variable winds, sunny and dry. A GOOD DAY!

John Thompson came bearing old trophies from earlier in the 21st Century with Mike Hazel supervising. Dave Shrum got one with Mike Massey appreciating. Shrum, of course knew everybody there over the age of 60 and demanded I take his picture with one of them.



Bob Lewis photo



Paul Walker

I got to help Mike Massey launch a couple of times. He took 3rd in classic with his Nobler. He asked everyone to forget he entered the Advanced event.

Then there was the prettiest JD Falcon you will ever see, but you won't be seeing live any more it now. A sudden gust of wind slacked the lines as the plane was coming straight down and BAM! All the more shame because it was a good flight up to that point. The good news, the engine miraculously survived.



Stunt-a-Thon 2014 - June 7-8 , Thun Field, Puyallup, Wash

From Flying Lines report - 34th annual running of June aerobatics contest draws light entry.

The annual early summer stunt extravaganza at Thun Field followed the 2014 trend of light entry but lots of good flying, mainly in the Expert Precision aerobatics class. The Northwest Skyraiders once again hosted a pleasant event at the comfortable site with a restaurant alongside the flying circle and an aviation-lover's paradise of interesting airplanes all around.

Weather was mild, ranging from light overcast to sunshine, with light and shifty winds most of the time.

In the main event, Expert Precision Aerobatics, Paul Walker led a field of seven fliers. Tom Strom topped Advanced. Mike Haverly won Profile, Bruce Hunt topped Classic/Nostalgia 30 and John Thompson won Old-Time.

Contest Director Steve Helmick and other Skyraiders including Dave Gardner, Pete Ferguson and others, kept the contest running at a smooth pace. Nice trophy

plaques made by Ferguson included photos of the contestants.



Flying Lines photo

Full report at:

<http://flyinglines.org/Stuntathon.14.html>

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

June 28 - Date and Site changed!

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: Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Contest will be run in conjunction with Northwest Speed and Racing Championships.

June 27-29 - Northwest Speed & Racing Championships, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

July 5 - Independence Day Fun Fly, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore., sponsored by Northwest Aeroliners.

July 19 - Chehalis Cup No. 2 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.

July 26-27 - Western Canada Stunt Championships, Rice Mill Road flying site, Richmond, B.C.

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