

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Saturday May 18th, at the Ranch – Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Gary Weems, and Wayne Esauk attended. June meeting was canceled.

### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10 a.m. **Sunday** July 21st, at the Ranch or at the Kozy at 1600 Coburg Road, Eugene, if the weather is bad.

### Local Flying

**June 15** – Mike Denlis, Gene Pape, Floyd Carter, Gary Weems, Dave LaFever, Mike Clancy and Wayne Esauk flew. Jim Corbett was there.

**June 22** – Gene Pape, Gary Weems and Dave LaFever flew. Also there were Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett and Wayne Esauk.

Gene made a landing on the takeoff strip and stopped at his starting station! To my recollection that is a first.

**June 29** - Mike Denlis reports that Floyd Carter, Gary Weems and Mike did the flying, while Wayne Esauk also dropped by.

**July 6** - John Thompson reports - Good group of fliers on Saturday. Gary Weems,

Dave La Fever, Wayne Esauk, Russ Hester, Gene Pape. Also there were Floyd Carter and John Thompson.

**July 11** - John Thompson reports - Combat testing session at the Prop Spinners field at Siuslaw Middle School in Florence. John Thompson, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester and Gene Pape flew.

### Ranch update

**June 22** – Gene and Jim did some investigating on the water and found that the hose had none. It seems that when the fence was removed to the west of us the water also went away. It has since been restored to the faucet near the circle.

### Out of town flying

**June 29** – Gene Pape, Russ Hester, Mike Hazel and John Thompson were among those competing in the Salem Summer Tune-Up in Salem. See the report on flyinglines.org for details.

**July 13** - Lucky Hand Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Prop Spinners attending included Floyd Carter, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Gene Pape, Dave Shrum, Gary Weems and John Thompson.



Flying at the Ranch - June 15



Floyd Carter has two ready to fly



Dave is nearly ready



Mike Clancy and Wayne Esauk



Dave have the gear down



Gary has two ready to go



Dave launches for Floyd



Flying at the Ranch - June 15 - continued



Floyd going the other way



Wayne Esauk flying



Gary flying Buster



Mike Clancy in the air



Mike flying faster than the shadow



This one not quite as fast



Flying at the Ranch - June 22



The bottom side of Gene's combat



Dave's Bipe in the air



Gary streaking the sky



Dave has both of them fueled



Gene just under the clouds



Gary's Buster waiting



**Salem Summer Tune-Up** - June 28-29-30, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore.

## 2019 Salem Summer Tune-Up

Nice weather and a good turnout of fliers made a success of the first Salem Summer Tune-Up contest. Navy Carrier, Racing and Speed Events were held over three days at the Salem Airport circles.

The first-ever contest for Navy Carrier in Salem used the newly refurbished Eugene Prop Spinners deck, which was built in Eugene in 1968 and last refurbished in 1980. Carrier Event Director spent several months bringing the deck back into top condition after several years of storage.

The contest was organized by Mike Hazel and Craig Bartlett, and functioned with help from the contestants and some other Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers members.

See Flying Lines for the full report <http://flyinglines.org/salemtuneup.19.html>



Pilots jockey for position in the Northwest Sport Race feature at the Salem Summer Tune-Up, from left: Gene Pape, Ken Burdick, Leighton Mangels. *Steve Lindstedt photo.*



Leighton Mangels (left) and Mike Hazel pilot a Northwest Sport Race heat. *Steve Lindstedt photo.*



John Thompson (left) and Leighton Mangels pilot in the Northwest Super Sport Race feature. *Steve Lindstedt photo.*



Overview looking east.



Overview looking west.



Two of Floyd's planes.



Dave La Fever's Sky Chief made its maiden flight.



Gary Weems, Dave La Fever, Wayne Esauk, Russ Hester, Gene Pape.



Gene Pape gets a 1/2-A Combat plane ready.



Dave La Fever carries Gary Weems' plane to the circle.



Floyd Carter's Madman Jr. (left) and Barnstormer.



Russ Hester and Gene Pape.



Just passing by.



John Thompson's Barnstormer and electric combat plane.



Dave La Fever (left) and Floyd Carter.



**Prop Spinners field in Florence - July 11 -**

*John Thompson photos*



Russ fueling.



Mike Hazel adjusting elevator travel.



Overview of the pits, with Mike Hazel, Russ Hester and Gene Pape.



Gene with plane, Anita Hester reading, Gene's (red) and John's (blue) planes.

**Building update - July 4 - Note and photo from Jim Morton**

Just to let you know I am still kicking but my back has not gotten any better can hardly stand for any length of time at all and walking is painful.

Finally finished the United as you can see by the picture attached. So now I have 3 that need to be flown for the first time. I may manage to get down there Saturday but not making any promises all depends on how my back is acting when I get out of dialysis.

Measured the weight and static thrust and they are very near identical both right at 30 ounces, so I think it should fly pretty well hopefully.







## Traditional control-line poker hand party

By Mike Hazel

Eleven control-line pilots participated in this traditional event put on by the Western Oregon Control Line Flyers. The attendance was slightly down from the usual, but there was plenty of flying. The action included a variety of planes, with Combat, Stunt, Speed, and plenty of sport types including many 1/2 A ships. Dave Shrum had a small fleet of spark ignition birds that he put up.

Participants were: Craig Bartlett, Floyd Carter, Mike Denlis, Jerry Eichten, Mike Hazel, Steve Lindstedt, Gene Pape, Doug Powers, Dave Shrum, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

See Flying Lines for the full report <http://flyinglines.org/lucky.19.html>



It was a day of fun flying and also a little bit of serious testing. John Thompson prepares to start the Nelson .36 on a Fast Combat plane, getting ready for an upcoming contest, while Gene Pape holds. *Floyd Carter photo.*



Gene Pape put together this vintage Jim Walker Firebaby from a box of parts he found on eBay. The wing is a new one Gene built, with graphics printed on an inkjet printer and applied to the wing. Gene made five flights on the Firebaby with the vintage Babe Bee engine. *Flying Lines photo.*



Dave Shrum (left) and Floyd Carter. *Flying Lines photo.*



Dave Shrum takes off with his Miss Peggy (named after his wife) at the 2019 Lucky Hand Fun Fly, as his son Brad launches and young Kadin watches. *Flying Lines photo.*

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## Upcoming Model Activities

**July 27** - A Day at the Races, Jim Walker Memorial CL Field, Delta Park, Portland, Ore., for all four Northwest racing classes.

**Aug. 3-4** - Western Canada Stunt Championship, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C. Saturday: Practice and coaching; barbecue at the Coxes', 11693 72A Ave., Delta, B.C. Sunday: Four PAMPA classes of Precision Aerobatics

**Aug. 9-11** - Bladder Grabber XLI, seven-match AMA Fast Combat Tournament and Half-A Grabber high-performance 1/2-A Combat contest, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash. Friday: Half-A Combat Saturday-Sunday: AMA Fast Combat

**Aug. 24** - Zoot Ranch Fun Fly, Hazel ranch, Mehama, Ore. Picnic and backyard flying.

**Sept. 7-8** - R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup, Auburn Municipal Airport, Auburn, Wash. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

**Sept. 14** - Annual 1/2-A Flying Fun, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

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

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