

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Saturday June 19th, John Thompson reports - We had a good club meeting and a reduced flying session at Can Do Ranch.

Next Club Meeting

Meeting will be this coming Saturday, July 24th, 10 a.m. at Can Do Ranch. If the weather is not good, we will postpone the meeting.

Local Flying

June 19 - John Thompson reports – We had a good club meeting but a reduced flying session. The weather was sunny but quite windy, so only the Combat planes seemed up to the flying. Russ Hester, Gene Pape and I flew. Also attending the meeting were Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett and Mike Denlis and Dave La Fever. John, Lynette and Donna Lickley from Redmond dropped in with plans to fly, but stayed on the sidelines because of the wind.

June 26 - John Thompson reports – We had a good flying session despite the heat. We set up a shade canopy for relief from the rays. There was not much wind, so lots of flying was done. Flying were Dave La Fever, Lynette Lickley, Gene Pape, Gary Weems and me, and Jim Corbett and John and Donna Lickley were there for support.

July 3 - John Thompson reports – We had a good turnout for the flying session at the ranch. It was warm but not too hot, and there was only a mild breeze, so lots of flying was done. Fliers included Floyd Carter, Mike Denlis, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and me, and Jim Corbett was there for

support. We celebrated Dave's birthday with a cake and a song. It was a great day at the field.

July 17 - John Thompson reports – I hear that the club had a good flying session attended by Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mark Schluter, Gene Pape and Gary Weems. Lots of flying, including three new vintage combat planes by Gene. At the same time, Mike Hazel and I were attending the Stunt-a-Thon in Auburn, Wash. A full report and photos of the contest are posted on Flying Lines.

Out of town flying

June 24 - Gene Pape reports - I was just browsing the pictures I took in Salem and came across this picture of Mike flying his 1/2-A speed model.



July 10 - John Thompson reports - A great time was had by all Prop Spinners who attended WOLF's Lucky Hand Fun Fly in Salem last Saturday. Attending from the Prop Spinners were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, Dave Shrum and me.



Shop talk - Gene Pape reports

July 22 - Last weekend I had flown my Sneeker twice and made the final trim change. As I was getting ready to put up one more flight on it to be sure it was perfect, I noticed the two top backplate screws on the Johnson Combat Special were missing so I put it away to do the repairs at home. When I got it home I discovered that not only was the bottom screw also loose, there was no backplate gasket present. Since I was in it this far, I decided to take the engine completely apart and properly refurbish it. When I got it apart, I discovered that the cylinder to crankcase and head gaskets were made from tinfoil! The engine has now been properly cleaned up and reassembled with new gaskets from ICBIMProducts.com - Index Page. I plan to do final testing this weekend.



Can Do Ranch - June 19 -



Gathering for the meeting



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Dave's Show and tell



Can Do Ranch - June 19 - continued



Gene getting ready



Gene flying



John flying



John's planes resting



Russ's plane waiting



Gene launching for Russ



Can Do Ranch - June 26



Gene's latest build



Gene's planes



Gary's launcher works great



Flying well



John L getting ready



John T's flight line



Can Do Ranch - June 26 - continued



John flying his electric combat



John launching for Lynette



John launches for Gene



Lynette flying well



Gene flying



Gary flying



Can Do Ranch - June 26 - continued



Dave flying



John giving Lynette some pointers



John launching for Dave



John launching for John



Gene launches for John



John launches for Gary

Can Do Ranch - June 26 - continued

Gary's Skylark ahead of its shadow



John and Gary watching

A trip to Muncie — Zoot Zoomer (aka Mike Hazel)

With the COVID business starting to wind down, I decided it was time to make the pilgrimage to Muncie, Ind., for the 2021 Control-Line Nationals.

I hit the road and make it to the far side of Idaho on the first day. The next day I motor into Salt Lake City to pick up my passenger, one Mr. Jim Rhoades. Anyone who has ever attended the Northwest Regionals knows Jim. We load up his planes and gear and quickly hit the road..

We arrive in Muncie in the late afternoon. We go straight to the infamous "L-pad" to see who is there.

Sunday provides some warm and windy conditions.

On Monday it is 1/2-A day at the Speed circle. Windy conditions.

On Tuesday we head for the Stunt area.

On Wednesday morning, hang out a bit at the L-pad.

On Thursday Jim and I hit the Speed circle. But then tragedy strikes!

I am playing pitman and at the go signal I give the prop a good whack and it starts right

up. My usual racing launch is to apply a little body english but this time I got clumsy and the hand went forward quicker than the plane. This put a couple of fingers into that APC 8x6 buzzsaw. It did not look pretty. I wrapped up my fingers and waited for the plane to finish out the tank. Some other racers helped me gather up my stuff and Jim drove me to the local hospital ER.

Friday dawns and there is no horrible storm, but it is very windy and the area slightly north of us has been on tornado alert. Since this was now a "dead" day we use it by visiting the AMA museum and then the Indianapolis Speedway museum. Both places very enjoyable.

Saturday morning I stock up on my last helping of biscuits and gravy and then we hit the road home

Despite the setbacks it was still a great time had, enjoying the company of lots of great people. Of course there's always next year!

See the full report:

<http://flyinglines.org/zoot.7.21.html>



Can Do Ranch - July 3 -



Dave's birthday cake



Russ has one ready



John's line up



Gene's pit



Mike's throttle controlled via RC waiting.



Gene flying



Can Do Ranch - July 3 - continued



Gene launching for Mike



Gene launches for Russ



Mike taking off



John launches for Dave



Mike flying



Dave flying



Can Do Ranch - July 3 - continued



Dave launches for John



Floyd flying



John launching for Floyd



Gene flying

Can Do Ranch - July 17 -



Gary flying



Mark flying



Can Do Ranch - July 17 - continued



Mark launching for Gene



Mark has three ready



Gene cutting up the sky



Mike's test accessory



Gary flying the other way



Gene has several ready



Can Do Ranch - July 17 - continued



Gary's Buster



Mark flying



Gary's Flite Streak



Gary's Skylark



Gary being supervised



Mark assisting Gary



Hot fun in the summertime!

Control-line fliers gathered at Bill Riegel Field on a sunny, mid-80s day to participate in the Western Oregon Control Line Flyers' annual poker hand game. Nineteen people attended; 15 participated in the poker game.

Both the asphalt and grass circles were busy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a large variety of stunt, combat and sport planes making flights.



Flying Lines photo.

Mike Denlis' P-40 was another of the interesting small planes. Doug Powers holds as Mike starts the engine.

The poker game works like this: Every time someone makes a flight, they get a playing card; when they have five cards, they have a poker hand. Best hand wins half the entry fees -- and second- and third-place hands get merchandise prizes. The WOLF club offered a nice array of prizes this year, and everyone went home one or two "treasurers." This year, Doug Powers of Portland, Ore., had the best hand, taking home the cash prize. Gene Pape of Eugene, Ore., was second, Russ Hester of Florence, Ore., was third, Randy Powell of Port Orchard, Wash., was fourth and Gary Harris of Banks, Ore., was fifth.



Flying Lines photo.

Russ Hester prepares a 1/2-A Combat plane in the foreground, as Gary Harris gets ready to start a Speed Limit Combat plane in the background.



Flying Lines photo.

Some of the Stunt and sport planes awaiting action.

Attending were: Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Gary Harris, Mike Haverly, Mike Hazel, Russ Hester, Dave La Fever, Donna Lickley, John Lickley, Lynette Lickley, Steve Lindstedt, Mark McRiley, Gene Pape, Randy Powell, Doug Powers, Dave Royer, Dave Shrum, Dean Singleton and John Thompson.

See flyinglines.org for a full report.
<http://flyinglines.org/lucky.21.html>

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Upcoming Model Activities

Aug. 13-14-15 - Bladder Grabber Combat tournament, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

Friday: 1/2-A Combat double elimination

Saturday-Sunday: Seven rounds of AMA Fast Combat.

Aug. 14-15 - South Sound Outdoor Swap Meet, Faro Field, 1354 Pleasant Valley Road, Chehalis, Wash. Vendors plus RC and Control-Line flying. Sponsored by Faro Field Flyers

Sept. 3-4-5 - Northwest Control-Line Regionals, Roseburg Regional Airport, Roseburg, Ore.

Oct. 23-24 - Golden State Stunt Championships in Madera California

Oct. 30-31 - Northwest Model Hobby Expo, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, Wash.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President

Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor

John Thompson, Treasurer

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