

Prop Spinner Chatter

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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

June 28 – Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson.

Next Club Meeting

July 16 – 10 a.m. - Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction. Rain meeting Stockman's Café.

Local Flying

June 18 - John Thompson reports – We had our June club meeting and a flying session at the ranch. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson.

A couple of the other regulars had medical excuses but will be back. Weather was pleasant but the wind was a little turbulent.

We did get a chance to try out our new wind sock, and it really helps clarify what the air is doing on these thermally summer days. We now have our big wind sock at the southeast corner of the field and a fixture for our new, smaller and more sensitive sock at the northwest corner. I think everyone will find the new sock a big help.

June 25 – John Thompson reports – It was a nice day for flying at the ranch. Attending were Bill Badstubner, Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson. Highlight was seeing the first flight of Dave's nice new Magician 15.

July 2 – John Thompson reports - We had a good flying session at the ranch; nice weather until a dust devil threatened late in the session. Participating were Bill Badstubner, Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Welcome back, Gary, after surgery!

July 9 – We had a flying session in sunny weather at the ranch but the attending fliers were a bit judicious about what planes they flew

because the wind was a bit spooky. Not real strong but turbulent up high. But there was a lot of flying. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

One unusual event was the maiden flight on the Prop Spinners' new electric Flash CL trainer, inspired by the one flown a while ago by our friend Stan Olzaski from Roseburg. It's an easy-to-build electric foamy that should be easy for any beginner to fly their first time out. It is going to be stored in the club trailer and available for use when a potential beginner shows up.

Field improvement



Flying Lines photo

Second wind sock, thanks John

Out of town Flying

June 20 - Lucky Hand Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Air Park, Salem, Ore.

Mike Hazel, Gene Pape, Dave La Fever and John Thompson attended.



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – June 18



John planes ready



John flying



John and Gene



John training Dave on setup of new windsock



Gene getting ready



Dave and John



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – June 18 – *continued*



John launching for Dave



Gene launching for John



Dave flying



Gene launching for John

Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – June 25



Gene launching for Bill



Bill flying



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – June 25 – *continued*



John fueling



Dave flying



Gene launching for Dave



John flying



John launching for Gene



Gene flying, John and Dave watching



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – June 25 – continued



Gene flying



Bill's Electric Super Clown



John launching for Dave



John's planes



Dave flying



Gene's planes



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 2



Gene's vintage Cox electric



Gary launches John's electric combat



Dave launches for Gary



Gary launches for John



Gary flying



John flying – faster than a shadow!



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 2 – *continued*



Dave flying



Gary flying



Gary launches for Dave



Gary launches for John



Dave launches for Gary



John flying – the shadow is getting faster!



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 2 – *continued*



Gene getting ready



Peggy, Finn and Gary



Dave's planes



Soaking up sunshine



Gary's plane waiting for fuel



Dave and Bill



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 9



Gary flying



Gene flying



Gene launches for John



John launches for Dave



John launches Gene's plane



Dave flying



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 9 – *continued*



Gary flying



John launches for Gene



Two of Gene's planes



Gene launches electric trainer for John



Pits



John flying our new electric trainer

Lucky Hand Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Air Park, Salem, Ore – June 20

Lucky Hand Fun Fly

Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

About 15 control-line enthusiasts attended the annual fun fly, some entering the poker game and some just there to fly and socialize in the beautiful June weather.

In the poker challenge, each participant's flight earns a playing card that is posted face-up by their name on the board. Five cards per flier is the maximum that the dealer draws. There is a cash buy-in to participate in the poker draw, but that was not required for anybody just wanting to fly and not bet on it.

This year's winner of a \$90 cash prize was Gene Pape of Eugene, Ore., who flew all 1/2-A-powered little planes. Everyone else was able to take something from the prize table.

There were three flying circles in use: There was the usual paved circle and grass area, plus the cul-de-sac was blocked off for small plane flying.

Fliers participating in the poker draw were: Jim Cameron, Jerry Eichten, Niels Madsen, Leighton Mangels, Will Naemura, Gene Pape, Doug Powers, Alan Stewart and John Thompson. Others on hand spectating or helping out were: Sam Baird, Craig Bartlett, DeCamara, Dave La Fever, Bruce Tunberg and Tim Wescott.



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Dave La Fever helps Gene Pape check his handle setting as Mike Hazel watches.

See full report at: <https://flyinglines.org/lucky.26.html>

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Upcoming Model Activities

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

July 18 - Molalla Radio Control Association Great American RC Swap Meet, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the MOLRCA airfield, 32899 S. Molalla Forest Road, Molalla, Ore.

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

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Gene Pape, President
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor
John Thompson, Treasurer
Gary Weems, Safety Officer

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