

Prop Spinner Chatter

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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

July 16 – Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson.

Next Club Meeting

Aug 20 – 10 a.m. - Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction. Rain meeting Stockman's Café.

Local Flying

July 16 - John Thompson reports – Thursday's flying session at the ranch was breezy but we got plenty of flights in. Attending were Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and John Thompson. Dave had several good flights on his U-Key, Gene tested engines and flew his vintage Dogfighter and I did another test flight on the new club trainer and did another trim flight on a Cheap Imitation vintage 1/2-A Combat plane.

Most unusual flight of the day was the first use of John's new camera-plane experiment. A small high-resolution video camera is mounted on an old Vector 40 stunt plane. First attempt produced a pretty good flight video. After a few more tests, I plan to post the best ones on the Prop Spinners page on Flying Lines. (The video files are too big to send out by email.) Watch for details.

As some of you know I have been experimenting with making onboard videos with a Go360 camera on my Vector 40 at the Can Do Ranch.

What's posted on Flying Lines is a low-res video that should not take long to download to your computer.

If you would like to see a high-res version that you can play on your full computer screen, let me know and I will make a copy for you on a thumb drive.

July 23 – John Thompson reports – We had a successful flying session Thursday at the ranch, attended by Jim Corbett, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems.

Weather was nice and lots of flying was done. Gene flew a vintage Combat plane and Dave made several successful flights.

We finished sorting out the new club trainer and I made a successful camera flight with the old Vector. As mentioned in an earlier email, you can see the video on the Prop Spinners page in the Northwest Club News section of flyinglines.org.

<https://flyinglines.org/Vector.CanDo.7.23.26.mov>

July 30 – John Thompson reports – We had a good flying session highlighted by a visit from our longtime member and former president Floyd Carter. Also attending were Dave La Fever, Gene Pape, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Weather was pleasant, partly cloudy with mild shifty winds.

Another highlight was a pair of successful flights by Gary on the P-51 built by Floyd some years ago with retractable landing gear. Floyd designed and built the electronics. A timer raises the gear and a microphone listens for the engine to stop, then lowers the gear. It worked perfectly! See the photo.

August 6 – CANCELED – Due to forest fire smokey air.

August 13 – Attending were Gene Pape, Jim Corbett, John Thompson and Gary Weems. Finn and Peggy provided security and supervision. Weather was pleasant, partly cloudy with mild shifty winds.



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 16



John launching for Dave



Two of Dave's planes



Dave flying



Gene's planes



John planes ready



Dave launching for John



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 16 – *continued*



John flying



Gene starting the meeting



Dave launching for John



John's show and tell



John flying



Dave listening



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 23



John flying



Dave launching for Gary



John launching for Dave



Gary flying



John flying



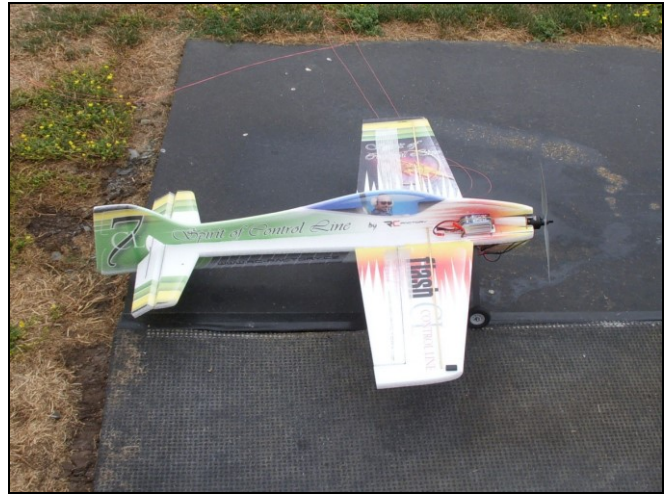
Gary launching for John



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 23 – continued



John flying



Foamy electric trainer



Dave launching for John



John's planes



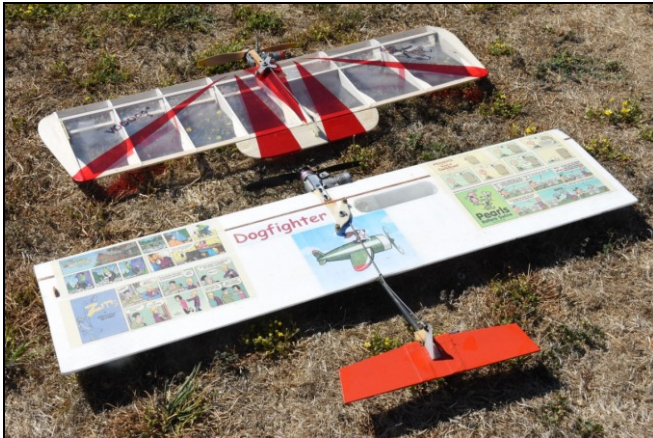
Gene flying



Daves Magician 15



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 30 – John Thompson photos



Two of Gene Pape's Combat-style planes.



Dave La Fever flies his U-Key.



Gary flying his Cardinal.



P-51 looks clean & mean with gear retracted.



Dave launches Cardinal for Gary.



Floyd-built P-51 as flown by Gary Weems.



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – July 30 – continued – John Thompson photos



Gary Weems with his Flite Streak.



Gary Weems flies P-51 Mustang built by Floyd Carter. Plane has retracting landing gear.



Gene Pape (left) and Floyd Carter watch the action; in the foreground is a Wildman 60, built by John Thompson from an RSM kit. The Wildman was designed by Floyd in 1950.



Lineup of planes as Gary gets ready to fly and Gene and Floyd watch.

Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – August 13



John's planes



Gene getting ready



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – August 13 – *continued*



Bill and his Electric Super Clown



Gary flying



John launches for Gene



John launches for Bill



John launches for Gary



Bill flying his Electric Super Clown



Ranch / Eugene Equipment Auction – August 13 – *continued*



Gene launches for Gary



Gary flying



John launches for Gary



Gene launches for John



John launches for Gary



Gary flying



Building project - Gene Pape



I spent the time I would have been flying last week working on this speed limit specific combat model. Magnum 25 GP power. All up weight less fuel, 16 1/2 ounces. The covering is cellophane gift wrap applied with spray adhesive.

Video project - John Thompson - <https://flyinglines.org/Vector.CanDo.7.23.26.mov>



Takeoff



Headed down



Low pass



High pass



Inverted



Landing

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Upcoming Model Activities

Aug. 29-30 - R.F. Stevenson Memorial Raider Roundup, Pierce County Airport (Thun Field), Puyallup, Wash.

Saturday: Old-Time Stunt, Classic Stunt, Profile Stunt, Northwest Sport 40 Carrier, Class I Carrier, Class II Carrier, Profile Carrier, Electric Profile Carrier.

Sunday: Precision Aerobatics, Northwest Sport 40 Carrier, Class I Carrier, Class II Carrier, Profile Carrier, Electric Profile Carrier.

Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

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

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