

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Saturday August 15th, at the ranch. John Thompson reports - We had a good club meeting and flying session. Mild breeze, warm temperature, and a good turnout of fliers.

Attending the meeting were Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Dave La Fever, John Thompson, Gary Weems, and Western Oregon Control-line Flyers guest Craig Bartlett. Also on hand were Laurie Bartlett and Peggy Weems.

Fliers included Floyd, Mike Hazel, Dave, John, Gary and Gene Pape — and all kinds of planes. Mike Hazel gave a good demonstration of throttled flight with his Sport .40 Carrier plane. Mike Denlis displayed the club trainer he is developing with a throttled engine which the instructor will operate via radio transmitter.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10 a.m. Saturday September 19th, at the ranch. We will “social distance”. Hopefully some of the smoke will be rained away by meeting time.

Local Flying

August 22 - John Thompson reports - At the flying field it was a good day for wind-surfing or kite boarding — which is what Gary Weems decided to do instead of flying. He was the smart one. Floyd Carter, Jim Corbett and I showed up at the flying field and watched the wind sock point due south. I flew

one flight on the Barnstormer just to prove it could be done. Then we all went home!

August 29 - John Thompson reports - We had a breezy flying session — better than the previous Saturday but still a bit blustery. Floyd Carter, Gary Weems and I did all the flying, and no planes lost the battle with the wind. Jim Corbett and Dean Rea also were there.

I always suspected that my old wind gauge read low, and my new one confirms that — wind last Saturday ranged from about 5 to 11 mph. Also, ironically, by the time we had packed everything up, laid out the sprinklers and got ready to leave, the wind had dropped almost to nothing. Go figure.

September 5 - John Thompson reports - Was a beautiful day for flying, but I guess most of us were off celebrating the holiday weekend somewhere else. Only Jim Corbett and I showed up at the ranch to fly. Temp in the 70s, slight breeze. Not the wind that we'd had for a couple of previous weeks. I got lots of flights in!

September 12 - John Thompson reports - All local flying was canceled last weekend because of the dangerous air quality.

Ranch Update

There was a water supply leak, it appears to have been fixed. The sprinklers have been working well since the leak.



Building projects and miscellaneous musings - September

August 15 – Mike Denlis - I have been busy modifying the club throttled trainer.



Mike Hazel - Yes, that looks like a lot of work. Of course any stunter is a lot of work unless it's a ARF.

September 12 – Gene Pape reports - For something to do since I wasn't going flying today, I decided to build a quick 1/2-A. Back in the '70s I made up some kits for a 1/2-A Crate Race event.

September 2 – John Thompson – The Gypsy is starting to look like an airplane.



John Thompson photo

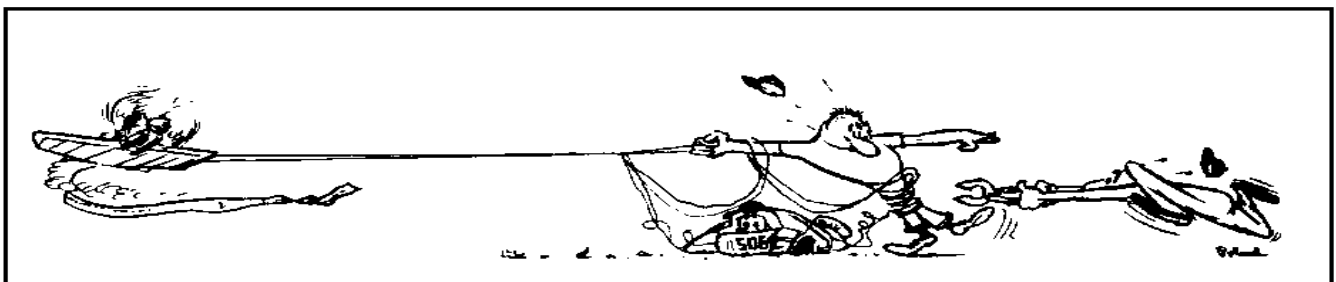
The plan was to see who could build an airplane and fly it the fastest starting from one of these kits. I don't remember that the event ever happened and I somehow ended up with the kits. I had built at least one complete model and another using one of the wings, but never set out to just see how fast I could build one.

This morning before breakfast I spent some time trying to find the kits. Once I had found them, I started my stopwatch and built the model you see here ready to fly in forty four minutes. I now have to build some similar but nicer ones from scratch.

Gene Pape - Wow! There's a lot of work there. And, it looks great. I don't know when you started it, but I think you've done that in about the same amount of time it's taken me to get a Sneaker to the same point.



Gene Pape photo





Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - August 15



Meeting folks



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Waiting to fly



These too



Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - August 15 - continued



Mike Hazel's carrier plane



Gary's fleet



Floyd has it fueled and ready to go



Gary is ready to launch



War bird waiting



Gary flying



Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - August 15 - continued



Floyd launching



Dave flying



Floyd flying



Curious horses

Flying at the Ranch - August 29



John's planes



John flying



Flying at the Ranch - September 5



John launching



John flying



John flying the other way



John flying



John counting his planes



Just enough wind to fly



Flying at the Ranch - September 5 - continued



Resident flyers



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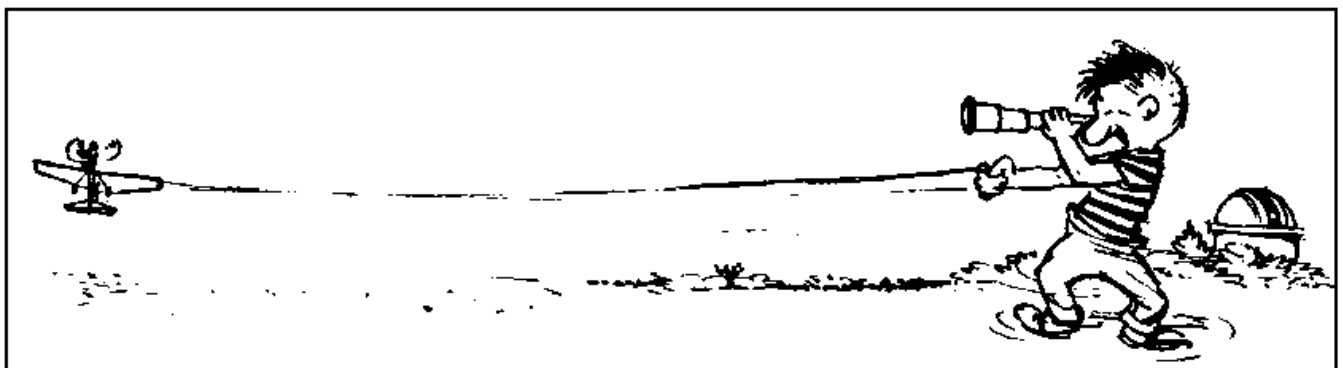
At the Ranch - August 20 - Center circle repair – Gary brought some dirt to raise the matting.



John watching Gary pull the staples.



Repairing the center pad.



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Upcoming Model Activities

Oct. 3 - *New!* Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers Fall Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore., for all kinds of CL flying. Bring Ringmasters for the traditional worldwide Ringmaster fly-a-thon.

Oct. 3-4 - Northwest Skyraiders Ringmaster fly-a-thon, site TBA. Details tentative. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders. Email for information.

Oct. 10-11 - CANCELED! Fall Follies, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore., for Stunt, Combat and Racing. Details tentative.

Nov. 28 - After-Thanksgiving Racing Contest, Jim Walker Memorial Field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore., sponsored by Northwest

Fireballs. Sportsman Clown Race, Northwest Clown Race, Northwest Sport Race, Northwest Super Sport Race.

Dec. 5 - Northwest Skyraiders Winter Swap Meet, site TBA. Details tentative. Sponsored by Northwest Skyraiders.

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