# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## **Club News and Other Information**

## Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting was Sunday September 25 - Wind was 12-15 mph, no one flew. Attending the meeting were Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Mike Massey, Tom Kopriva, Floyd Carter and Jim Corbett.

Highlight of the day was the visit just outside the field of a massive bald eagle while we were chatting

## **Club Flying**

Saturday September 24 - Floyd Carter reports - Mike Massey, Gordon Rea and Floyd Carter made lots of flights, no rain and very little wind.

#### Meet 'n' Meat

Mike Massey was at the Meet 'n' Meat in California and files this report.

First off the field that the club has they very recently acquired, April I think. It was a field of weeds when they got it.

They have done wonders in the relatively short time they have had it. The club is both RC and Control line. They do not interfere with each other. The Control Line field has (currently) 3 circles. They have concrete pads for the pilot and right now, the "grass" is mowed weeds. They mowed the circles 3 times Friday before the contest. They just got water piped in, from an adjoining canal.

They were putting electricity in during the contest. It should not be long before it will be a first class field.

On to the contest - Some of you saw me trying to make the Smoothie and Fox 35 fly well. You also observed the nasty habit of

the engine dying on the clover leaf. Two needle valves later, the day of the Classic event, my first flight was going amazingly well for the old combination. Well, that is until the clover leaf. The engine abruptly quit on the "uphill" side of the inside portion of the clover. I ran, but not fast enough. Smoothie is history.

First day of PA (Intermediate for me), my first flight was terrible. I got too far out of position on the hour glass and had to abort. My second flight was windy and directly into the sun. I still managed to pull off 3rd place however. (There were 8 flyers.) After the first round my brother Brian was on top and I was about last. Part way through the second round, Brian was still on top and I was a close second. Separated by 2 and 1/2 points. Then some "kid" flew. He did real well, taking first and pushing Brian and I back to second and third.

It was a fun time and met a lot of nice people. We will no doubt go again next year.

By the way, the Meet n' Meat is so named because they Bar-B-Que meat for lunch each of the 2 contest days. You supply your own meat although they do have hot dogs for those who did not bring anything. They also provided the condiments and chips, fruit etc.

### **Next Club Meeting**

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday**, **October 16**, at the field. Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad.



## At the Field September 25



Windy Meeting.



Voles or Moles seem to like our field.



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## Fall Follies John Thompson reports

## Fall arrives with the Follies Oct. 8-9, 2011, Bill Riegel Field, Salem, Ore.

Autumn weather greeted the 22 competitors in the 25th annual Fall Follies as the sport of control-line aerobatics was celebrated one last time for the year 2011. Saturday was partly sunny with almost no wind, a fabulous day for Classic, Old-Time and Profile Stunt.

Sunday started off with a light rain, but by 11 it had stopped and the Precision Aerobatics contest went on without a hitch. On Sunday again, there was very little breeze and mild temperature.

Along with the flying were the traditional Saturday night party at the home of Bruce and Kris Hunt, and the Zoot barbecue hosted by Mike Hazel at the field on Sunday.

Paul Walker repeated as Expert Precision Aerobatics winner. Keith Varley captured the Advanced trophy, and Oregon newcomer Marshall Palmer impressed everyone by flying his fine Scirocco to second in Advanced. Mike Massey captured the Intermediate trophy. In Saturday events, Alan Resinger topped Classic Stunt and Pete Peterson won Old-Time.

Because there were no entries in Expert Profile, the Advanced PA fliers were promoted to Profile experts for the day and competed for that trophy, while the Intermediate crew flew for the Sportsman trophy. Steve Helmick won Expert and Mike Massey flew a strong second round to jump from third place to first in the Sportsman class.



Floyd Carter flies. Flying Lines photo.

The Follies is also the place where the annual Vintage Stunt Trophy race is settled. The trophy, sponsored by Don McClave, is awarded to the top scorer in the Flying Lines Northwest standings in combined Old-Time and Classic Stunt. This year Pete Peterson flew in both Old-Time and Classic events all year long to capture the trophy in a close race with Alan Resinger. Previous winners have been Bruce Hunt (2006, 2008, 2009, 2010), Scott Riese (2005) and Pat Johnston (2007).

The Prop Spinners were well represented, with five members participating in one way or another.

Congratulations to Mike Massey, who captured two first places, including a great comeback second round to snatch Sportsman Profile Stunt. Mike also won Intermediate Precision Aerobatics in convincing fashion. Gordon Rea took third place in Sportsman Profile. Floyd Carter and John Thompson also flew in the contest, and Mike Hazel cooked up the traditional Follies Barbecue.

Mike Massey finished the 2011 season in the top 10 in both Precision Aerobatics and Profile Stunt in the Northwest CL competition standings. See Flying Lines for complete standings.

Congratulations, Mike!

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## **Upcoming Model Activities**

**October** 29 & 30 - Golden State Contest in Fresno, California. See flyer

http://concentricbehavior.com/pdf/2011Gold enStateFlyer.pdf

**December** 10 - Northwest Skyraiders Winter Swap Meet, Clover Park Technical College Airplane Paint Hangar, Puyallup, Washington.

If you know of any events, please pass along the when, where and what!

### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

Mike Denlis, President Jim Corbett, VP John Thompson, Treasurer Tom Kopriva, Secretary Mike Massey, Safety Officer Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor