

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on October 19th, present were JohnT, FloydC, GeneP, TomK and JimC.

Bill Spencer and Brian McPhail arrived a bit later

All but Brian flew. Brian, who lives in Juneau, Alaska, joined our club. He travels the west coast often.

The treasurers report - no change from the last one.

Old business - Drawing for bench not finalized yet.

New business - See flyer for 2009 Fun Fly series dates.

Next meeting will be November 16th. Meeting was adjourned at 10:16am.

Club Flying

October 25th - Mike, John, Tom and Jim flew. Jim flew his Baby Clown for it's maiden flight, then John got him on the handle of Dbat deisel which he stuffed nose in after a very few laps ... nice weather, light breeze.

The EPD arrived after we started flying and wanted to setup for drivers training, we moved from the pavement to the grass circles, and finished up before they started their training.

FYI - For new people, as to the police situation: We share the field with the local police agencies, who use it for driver training. They are usually only there on weekdays, so it's seldom a conflict.

However, if they arrive while we are there on any day, we have to defer to their use of the field, since they are official users and we are there by permission when it is not in official use. So, if they come and ask us to get out of the way, we go.

November 1st we called off the Saturday session due to it raining an hour before the appointed start time, a couple hours later it cleared up.

November 2nd - Looked ok at the appointed time, as we arrived at the field, it started dripping, then moved to a full rain event. As the puddles deepened we tried a couple things to get the rain to go away.

Floyd left.... did not stop the rain, Mike left.... did not stop it either. John and Jim left.... kept raining.

November 8th got five of us wet, but not waning a repeat of the previous weekend, we showed up the next day, November 9th, and got some flying in.

A couple spectators visited, one got in his FIRST and second flights in. Good first time Christopher! We hope to see you at the field again.

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and Place – 10:00 AM **November 16th** at the flying site.

Club meetings are normally the third Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. at the field, or at the "Wings" restaurant if the weather is bad. Bring a plane anyway, there may be a "**BREAK**" in the weather.



At the Field October 25, 2008



Getting ready.



Tom in the air.



John at the top.



Mike on his way back down

Jim Corbett photos



At the Field November 7, 2008



John's Evil flying again



Floyd fueling



Christopher in training



Mike with his wheels up



Let go NOW!



Second flight for Christopher

Jim Corbett photos

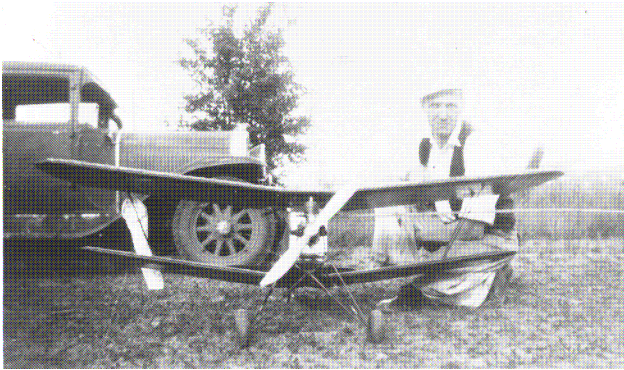
Airport OPS The following is a guide for use of our flying site

1. Call Airport Operations @ 954-6584 and let them know your plans. This is just a courtesy "heads up" for them, at their request, BUT, if they know of an unusual closure they will let you know and save you a trip.
2. If the Police Department is using the site, flying is not recommended. It would be OK to ask them, I suppose, but as I have said it could be a major distraction and I personally would not do it. The Airports position is flying models is prohibited.
3. If the site is being used for parking PUBLIC vehicles there is no flying. If the gate is open and the booth is manned, that is the situation.
4. If the site is being used to park RENTAL vehicles, we can fly, and that understanding is between us and the rental car folks as it has always been. That about sums it up and should keep us all on the same page, so please share this information with new members.

Thanks to you all for being responsible, safe fliers! *Mike.*



A History of Control line - Part 2 of 4



Oba St. Clair 1912 – 1986

The Berliner/Joyce was flown on a tether line with no control in 1936.

A wind sock countered the line drag, keeping the nose pointed straight ahead.

Oba St. Clair - Model Aviation Hero - Northwest Legend

Oba St. Clair is lived in Eugene, Oregon. If you see a black. Oba lived next to his flying field and over his workshop where he designed and built his own machinery to produce "stooges" (they hold and release your Control Line airplane).

Oba invented a control handle that allowed him to do spins – yes, you read it right – he did flat spins with a Control Line airplane. The handle was a converted U-Reely that automatically winds in when line tension of the airplane decreases. If the wind were to blow the airplane towards the pilot, the handle would pull the lines in without any movement required by the pilot.

The way Oba did spins was to loop the airplane until it stalled overhead. He held the up control as the reel automatically wound in the

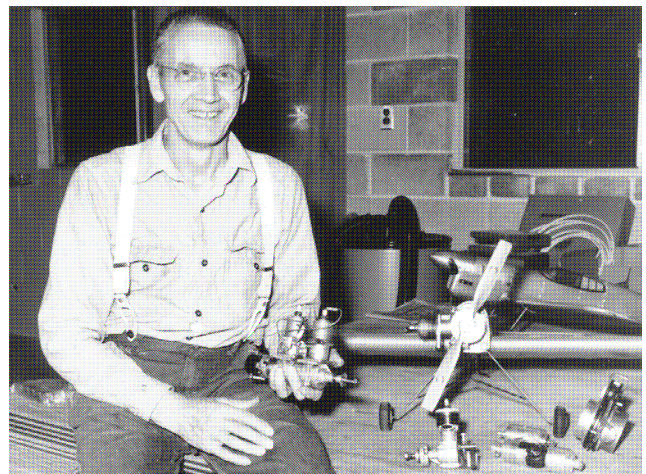
line and the airplane did a flat spin. When the airplane got close to the ground, Oba gave a little down control, the airplane leveled off and picked up speed. Oba designed the handle in 1949. He claimed it saved him at least 1,000 crashes.

When the Prop Spinners of Eugene, Oregon, set their world record of 64 hours and 33 minutes of sustained flight on September 3, 1957, Oba was club technical adviser and one of the 13 pilots.

When Oba was asked how he felt when he looked back on what happened, if he had any regrets, he replied that he did regret not having money to patent his system. He said he recognized Jim Walker as a great promoter of Control Line flying and had great respect for his coordination and dexterity.



Miss Shirley, the first Control Line plane. It was designed and built by Oba in 1936 and 1937 for his Control Line invention.



Oba in his shop in 1960 in Eugene, Oregon.



Northwest Fireballs
Eugene Prop Spinners
Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers
The Evergreen Aero Modelers

present ...

Oregon flying fun!

A quartet of control-line fun-fly events

Everyone invited — No entry fee!
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 1 at East Delta Park, Portland

Info: Fireballs: Mark Hansen, fastcombat@comcast.net, (503) 234-1971

Sunday, Feb. 15 at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Info: Prop Spinners: John Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, (541) 689-5553

Saturday, March 14 at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Info: WOLF: Bruce Hunt, bhunt@swbell.net, (503) 361-7491

Sunday, April 5 at DeAlton-Bibbee Field, McMinnville

Info: TEAM: Jerry Eichten, jeichten@aol.com, (503) 554-0034

- Bring any and all airplanes ... do any kind of flying!
 - Every flight is an entry in the “flying raffle.”
- Flying raffle prizes will be awarded after a drawing

Come to *all four* fun-flies and support *four*
great Oregon CL flying clubs!

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required

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Upcoming Model Activities

Dec. 6 - Northwest Skyraiders Annual NW Club Swap Meet, Clover Park Technical College Aviation Center, 17214 - 110th Ave. E., Puyallup, Wash. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (setup 8 a.m.-9 a.m.). Table charge \$5.

Jan. 1, 2009 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. First in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Feb. 15 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Eugene Airport, Eugene, Ore. Second in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 14 - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Field, Salem, Ore. Third in series of Oregon fun flies. Any plane, any kind of flying, no entry fee. Flying raffle. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

March 14 - McMinnville Aircraft Modelers Swap Meet, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, McMinnville, Ore., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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