

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Saturday October 17th, John Thompson reports - We had one of the best flying sessions of the year at the ranch. Perfect weather — near 70 with a mild steady breeze — and a good turnout for the meeting/flying session. Attending were Jim Corbett, Mike Denlis, Mike Hazel, Mark Schluter, John Thompson, Gary and Peggy Weems and Dean Rea. Lots of flying was done until about 2 p.m.

Next Club Meeting

Time and place – 10 a.m. Saturday November 21st, at the ranch. We do not have an alternate indoor meeting place at this time, so if the weather is bad the meeting will be postponed.

Local Flying

October 24 - John Thompson reports - We had another nice flying session. Calm air,

temp into the 60s. Dave La Fever, Gary Weems, and I did all the flying, and Jim Corbett also attended.

October 31 - John Thompson reports - It was sunny but breezy at the ranch, but Gary Weems and I flew a lot of flights anyway, with Jim Corbett there as support. Some of these fall Saturdays days have been really nice for flying.

November 7 - John Thompson reports - We had a flying session, but it was shortened by the arrival of rain. Gary Weems, Dave La Fever, Gene Pape and I did all the flying and Jim Corbett was there for support. It was nice while it lasted, but we packed up around noon to dodge the raindrops.

November 14 – It rained, John Thompson and Jim Corbett showed up and stayed awhile, then went to some place dry, no one flew.

Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - October 17



Ready for the meeting



Reading the report



Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - October 17 - continued



Gary's hangar



Gary starting



Gary doing a ground launch



Gary flying



John's fleet



John launching for Mike Hazel



Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - October 17 - continued



John taking off



Mike Hazel taking off



Mark getting ready



Mark flying



Mike Hazel's show and tell



Great looking airplane!



Flying at the Ranch - October 24



Dave's good and bad



John flying



John brings more than one to the field



Gary's great finish



John has them ready



Gary checking lines



Flying at the Ranch - October 31



John about ready



Taking off



Flying



Gary is ready



Launched



Flying



Meeting and Flying at the Ranch - November 7 - continued



Not all launches are graceful



Gene flying



Gary's landing approach



John's landing approach



Gary, John and Gene



Dave's planes ready

**Building projects and miscellaneous musings - October - November****Glowing Project**

Oct 25 - Gene Pape reports - I did some testing on the starting battery project today. I got out the rheostat from an old Glo Bee battery. It measured 0 to 1 ohm on my meter so it should be equivalent of the rheostats I plan to buy. I wired it up with an old meter and the batteries in series. The meter didn't work, but using the rheostat a Nelson plug went from no glow at all to barely glowing at about 40% and too bright at about 60%. I then wired the batteries in parallel and as expected, the glow was about right with the rheostat turned all the way up. I have a new meter and a case coming so I can set up the real deal for us to test real time. I don't have an idea how long it will take to get the parts.

Oct 28 - My experiments go against what I thought I knew about electricity. A few days ago I set up my components including the rheostat from a Fire Plug and 2 3300 Mah sub c NiMh batteries that had been laying around for months since I bought them and never fully charged wired in series. When hooked up to a Nelson glow plug, I could easily turn the plug up to brighter than I think it should be. Today I hooked up my 4 freshly charged 10000 Mah NiMh D batteries wired in parallel with no rheostat. The plug glowed exactly as expected, but not too bright. Then I hooked the rheostat up to 2 Duracell D batteries wired in series. I could now turn the plug up to a bright glow, but just barely. I swapped the Duracell batteries for 2 of the 10000 Mah NiMh batteries with the same result as the sub c NiMh batteries. The Duracell batteries measured 1.53 volts each and the NiMh batteries measured 1.34 volts each. How can the lower voltage batteries create a brighter glow than the higher voltage batteries? Especially the smaller batteries?

November - 4 - Finished assembling the new glow plug battery with freshly charged 3300 Mah batteries wired in series. I hooked a plug up to it and set about taking a picture of it with

the glow plug hooked up and glowing nicely at 3 amps on the meter. The camera wanted to flash so I spent a couple of minutes fooling with it to turn the flash off. When I looked



back, the glow plug was no longer glowing and the meter was down near zero. I was expecting at least half an hour of continuous use. I'm recharging the battery pack and will

report if there is any progress.

November – 6 - Recharged the battery pack and I think I may have it. John Thompson is now testing the battery.

Jetco Mustang

Gene Pape reports - I have a Jetco Mustang kit and a Mini Jet engine that a friend asked me to sell for him. The kit is complete but the decals have cracked with age. You can see it in the attached pictures. The Mini Jet has a number of dents in the tailpipe but appears to be all there. If any of you are interested, let me know.



Tom Kopriva - This Mustang kit was the first scale model I made back in 1958. Photo of me in my Dad's hobby shop where I spent many hours working and building. I learned many techniques from the customers and club members.



Wow! That's a long time ago.

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«Street»
«CityStZip»



Upcoming Model Activities

Nov. 28 - CANCELED! 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 Skyriders Winter Swap Meet, site TBA. Details tentative. Sponsored by Northwest Skyriders.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President
Jim Corbett, VP, Secretary, Newsletter Editor
John Thompson, Treasurer
Gene Pape, Safety Officer

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