

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

Our last meeting was on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Club Flying

Saturday November 14 – Mike Massey and Jim Corbett flew, Clear sky until noon, low wind and cold.

Sunday November 15 – John Thompson Reports - On Sunday, it was club meeting day. Overcast but very light air movement. Most of the flying was on the grass. Jim, Mike M., Mike Denlis, Tom Kopriva, Gene Pape and I did the flying. Combat, sport and stunt planes.

It's great to live in a place where we can keep flying all winter long.

Saturday November 21 – John Thompson Reports - Wind made flying in Eugene difficult last weekend, though we did have a good group out at the airport on Saturday and Gene, Jim and Mike Denlis were brave enough to put in a few flights while the rest of us watched.

Saturday November 28 – John Thompson Reports - Saturday was a perfect day at the Eugene flying field. Mile temperature, almost no wind. Several fliers including our far-flung member from California, Bill Badstubner. Mike Denlis, Mike Massey and I also got lots of flying in and there were a few spectators, too. I had to leave early but the flying was still going on when I left. Mike Massey was back out on Sunday, flew for about 2 and a half hours, cold but no wind, and met an RC flier interested in CL. We get a lot of really nice, calm flying days here in winter.

Saturday November 29 – Mike Massey Reports - Weather was cold. I got there at 11 and it was pretty cold. By 11:30, the cold seemed to dissipate to some degree, not warm by any stretch, but warmer. Wind was 0 until about 1:30 but still not over a few MPH.

A guy from the RC club dropped by. I think he said his name was Dwayne. Anyhow he knows Jim and is thinking about CL as well as RC. He flew 1/2A's as a younger guy but never more than a few laps. Anyhow, he is thinking about building an airplane and coming out. I am sure he will talk some more to Jim.

I worked on "opening" the pattern. Went ok. Still hard but getting better.

The Enya 40 continues to run better. That's a good thing.

Saturday and Sunday December 5 & 6 – Unusual weekend, Police training and rain keep us from flying.

Sunday December 13 – John Thompson Reports - After being colded and winded out on the previous weekend, intrepid Prop Spinners were ready to fly again last weekend. Saturday was rainy and cold, but Sunday turned out to be a good flying day. It was cold, but almost windless, and the sun came out and warmed our bones a bit.

Gene Pape, Jim Corbett, Mike Massey and I flew. Gene flew a Fora/Underdog fast combat, I flew my Vector 40 and a Fox/Cleveland 80 mph plane, Jim flew his LA25/Flite Streak, and Mike Massey flew two of his original design profile stunters,



powered by Enya and Brodak. A pretty good flying day in all!

This coming Sunday is club meeting day. As usual, we'll meet at the Eugene Airport field at 10 a.m. If weather is bad, a few minutes after 10 we will go to the Wings restaurant at the airport terminal. Watch for the "Wings" tag on the gate, which will tell you if some of us have adjourned to the restaurant. If we meet at the restaurant, park in the short-term lot and make sure to get your ticket validated at the restaurant.

### Event Reports

See the contest reports on Northwest Flyinglines web site at <http://flyinglines.org/>

### Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and place – 10:00 AM **Sunday, November 15**, at the field.

Or at Wings restaurant in the airport terminal if the weather is bad!

FYI - 2009 only had 3 non-fly-Sundays!

## DUES are due! John Thompson, Treasurer

It's that time of year again ... time to pay the annual Prop Spinners dues.

Your dues money goes for club expenses, including field maintenance and equipment, AMA charter expenses, state nonprofit registry, and any other expenditures approved by the club over the course of each year.

Dues are \$25 per year.

You can pay your dues by cash or personal check. Make checks out to "Eugene Prop Spinners." Deliver payments to the treasurer at the flying field or mail to:

John Thompson  
2456 Quince St.  
Eugene, OR 97404

## At the Field November 14, 2009



Transportation position.



Mike's wingover 1



Mike's wingover 2 – not bad!



**At the Field** November 15, 2009



It's a meeting



Mike working, Mike watching!



There it is...



John Thompson In the air.



Supervised flying



See above for aircraft.



On the ground.



Mike Massey in the air.

*Jim Corbett photos*

**At the Field** November 21, 2009



Vector.



Windy?



Aires.



**At the Field** November 21, 2009



Yes, it is cold, and White.



It is getting warmer, well...



Appears slow now, it is NOT



Mike is coming back.



Some things just take two.



Where are the other guys?

**At the Field** December 13, 2009



John Thompson is ready.



You first, no your first...



Who is going next?



And in the air!



Waiting



Flying – FAST!



**At the Field** December 13, 2009



Just needs fuel and lines.



Preping for Maiden flight.



Maiden flight for RED one

**Oregon flying fun!**

Northwest Fireballs, Eugene Prop Spinners, Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers and Roseburg area CL fliers present ...

***Oregon flying fun!***

A quartet of control-line fun-fly events

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

If the weather is bad, go to the alternate site listed for “hangar flying” socialization!

**Saturday, Jan. 2** at East Delta Park, Portland

Bad weather meeting site: Delta Park Burger King; cell 503-995-1158

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

**Saturday, Feb. 13** at Sunshine Park, Roseburg

Bad weather: Elmer’s restaurant at I-5 Exit 125; cell 541-537-0061

Info: Dave Shrum, 541-672-8893, dnpshrum@charter.net

**Saturday, March 13** at Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem

Bad weather: Flight Deck restaurant, 1 block south of the flying field; cell 503-871-1057

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

**Saturday, April 3** at Eugene Airport, Eugene

Bad weather: Wings Restaurant at the airport terminal

Info: Prop Spinners: J. Thompson, johnt4051@aol.com, 541-689-5553; cell 541-554-8848

- 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 groups!

Academy of Model Aeronautics membership required

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## Upcoming Model Activities

**Jan. 2, 2010** *NOTE DATE CHANGE* - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Any kind of plane, any kind of flying, flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

**Feb. 13** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg, Ore. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Any kind of plane, any kind of flying, flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Roseburg area CL fliers

**March 13** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. 10 a.m.-

3 p.m. Any kind of plane, any kind of flying, flying raffle for prizes. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers. Download a flyer with details of all four Oregon Flying Fun events. E-mail for information on the Portland event.

### **Prop Spinner Club officers**

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