

# Prop Spinner Chatter



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## Club News and Other Information

### Last Club Meeting

November 19 – At Orchard Point Park.

Members attending: Mike Denlis, Jim Corbett, John Thompson, Gene Pape, Jim Mackin and Dave LaFever.



### Next Club Meeting

Time and place – **10 a.m. Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**, at the Willamette Grill (Airport) restaurant. Flying afterward at Orchard Point if weather is good.

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### Flying dates

**NOTE:** The Airport overflow parking lot will be closed to us beginning in November, for the remainder of the year.

Orchard Point will be open to us from November until April. We are flying there regularly when Can Do Ranch is too wet.

If you plan to fly at Orchard Point, you will need to update your county parking permit. It

costs \$10 a year (for EPS members) and you get it from the county parks department. You can do it by phone; they will mail it to you.

### Local flying

**November 23** – John Thompson reports - I dropped by Orchard Point today and found the camp host, who lives in the trailer by the marina. (Turns out the house is not the camp host.) I received permission for us to store a couple of takeoff boards on site. The boards will be in a little enclosure right by the marina building, so it will be a bit of a hike to carry them up to the circle. But we won't have to transport strips from the ranch.

Sometime in the next few days, I will buy two 4x8 sheets of plywood per the club's instructions and take them out to the park. I will write our name on the boards. Next time we fly, I will show everyone where they will be and which gate to use to get at them.

**November 26** - John Thompson reports - We now have two brand new 4x8 takeoff boards at Orchard Point. Correcting what I mentioned earlier, the boards are stored behind the little pumphouse that's right by the gate we enter. I suggest that someone volunteer to bring a tarp to cover them up and keep them dry, because they will get wet where they are stored. Someone may also want to bring a cordless drill and jigsaw and cut a couple of handles in the boards to make them easier to drag to the circles. The pumphouse location is much closer to the circles than the marina office yard where we originally were told to store them. While I was at the field I talked to Wes, the camp host (again, correcting earlier note, I guess he is still there — apparently there is a difference between camp host and ranger).



**November 30** - John Thompson reports - Well, the weather forecasters were gloomy party poopers last weekend: They forecasted bad weather and it was perfectly nice for flying, both here and in Portland for the racing contest. Gene and I had planned to go to the racing contest but didn't go because of the forecast. They flew without us! Here in Eugene, we looked out the window at sunshine all day Saturday and finally decided Sunday morning that it was time to fly! With the short notice, only two of us showed up but we did fly at Orchard Point. The new takeoff strips worked great. They are stored behind the pumphouse at the gate that we use to enter the park.

**December 10** - John Thompson reports - We had a great flying session! Perfect weather, mostly. Unfortunately, somebody stole our brand new take-off boards. My Barnstormer took off the grass OK and Gene's combat plane seemed to have no problems on launch. :-)

Plans are underway for acquisition of a new takeoff strip and more secure storage.

**Can Do Ranch update** – November 26 – John Thompson reports – The grass is looking great at Can Do Ranch but there is ankle-deep water on much of the field. We'll need a few days without rain before we can mow it or fly on it. I will try to keep tabs on the status and get out there and mow if weather allows.

**Flying at Orchard Point – November 19**



Gene Pape's new plane in a vintage style.



Gene Pape flying it



Mike Denlis after a good flight



Pit area



Dave La Fever flying



John Thompson launching



**Flying at Orchard Point – December 10 – John Thompson photos**



Gene Pape in the air



Dave LaFever after a good flight

**2016 photo review**



Oregon Fun Fly #2



Northwest Regionals



Can Do Ranch prep



Oregon Fun Fly #3



Orchard Point



Can Do Ranch flying



Zoot Ranch Fly



Mel Marcum donated trailer



New mower at work

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## Upcoming Model Activities

**Jan. 1, 2017** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 1, Jim Walker Memorial field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. First in series of four Oregon fun flies. Potluck lunch, coffee and doughnuts, flying raffle.

VGMC Polar Bear Fun Fly, Rice Mill Road Park, Richmond, B.C.

**Feb. 4** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 2, Sunshine Park, Roseburg, Ore. Second in series of four Oregon fun flies. Lunch, flying raffle.

**March 4** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 3, Bill Riegel Model Airport at Salem Airport, Salem, Ore. Third in series of four Oregon fun flies. Includes flying raffle. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

**March 7-11** - Vintage Stunt Championships XXIX - Flying Site: Christopher Columbus Park, 4600 North

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**April 1** - Oregon Flying Fun No. 4, Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum, McMinnville, Ore. Fourth in series of four Oregon fun flies. Includes flying raffle.

**April 21-23** - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-Up, Jim Walker Memorial field, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Multiple events. All details tentative. Sponsored by Northwest Fireballs.

### Prop Spinner Club officers

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

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