Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on March 15th. It was WET and windy so we met at the Wings Restaurant, indoors and DRY. Mike Denlis, Tom Koprivia and Jim Corbett attended.

Fun Fly #3

The March 14-15 weekend was a bit of a damp one for Prop Spinners activities.

The Salem fun fly was rained and blown out and the attendees adjourned to a nearby restaurant.

Mike Denlis, John Thompson, Gene Pape and Jim Corbett made the trip but did not fly.

Chehalis Cup combat

Ken Burdick reports - The "Leader Beavers" who are not afraid of new ideas, were in attendance and quickly made their presence know. Gene Pape and his "Dogfighter" had several good matches while none other than John Thompson using RTF models, gnawed his way into the fourth position in the finals.

Mike Hazel of ZZ Prop fame, and senior member of the Louie-Louie Speed Team was there, keeping the two Beavers with wings, saturated in good pitting and camaraderie.

What was interesting to note is this, the "Leader Beavers" are a studying group, the more they learn about what they focus on, the more detailed and dangerous they become.

The BBB may have won round one, but look out folks, Gene, Mike and John were doing a lot of note taking and conversing. The series is five contests and this one was

just the opener ... where these guys lead, others will follow.

For results of Prop Spinners' excursion to the Chehalis Cup combat contest March 21st, see the report on Flying Lines.

Fun Fly #4

Was in McMinnville April 5th. - John Thompson reports - Wow, what a sunny day will do to bring out the CL fliers!

Oregon Flying Fun No. 4 finished off the 2009 winter-spring fun fly series with a dandy day of flying with about 15 flying and several more lending support and "just visitin'."

Weather was perfect, with almost no wind, and flying was constant all day long.

Club Flying

Sunday March 28 - John Thompson reports - We had a good flying session Saturday at the Eugene field, though the wind did come up by the end of the session. We got two circles mowed, so the field is in great shape.

Saturday April 4 – John Thompson, Floyd Carter, Mike Massey and Jim Corbett got some flying in. The field was COLD (37) and overcast at the start, but the sun burned through and then it was much warmer (60), with a light northerly wind.

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and Place - 10:00 AM **Saturday**, **April 11**, at the field.

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



At the Field March 28, 2009



Mike has two waiting for their maiden flights.



Fueling the two maidens.



The one above the tree has no lines attached!



Full load and then some.



Two circles mowed with one tank of gas.



Takes just over an hour.

Jim Corbett photos

COMBAT READY



"I don't think I need to build any more this week." Gene Pape



At the Field April 4, 2009



Clown resting





Evicted Aircraft



Floyd adjusting lines



It is up there somewhere



Mike Massey prop testing



Floyd flying



John is about ready



Soaking up the sunshine Jim Corbett photos



Control-Line **Northwest** Regionals

May 22-23-24, 2009



Chehalis Cup combat

March 21, 2009, Chehalis, WA.

John Thompson reports





Gene Pape Pics

Attending from the Prop Spinners were John Thompson, Gene Pape, and Mike Hazel. For results of Prop Spinners' excursion to the Chehalis Cup combat contest, see the report on http://flyinglines.org.

Oregon flying fun!

Sunday April 5, 2009, McMinville , Ore. John Thompson reports

Planes of all sizes flew in the fun-fly. These include Mark Hansen's coro trainer (left) and Doug Powers' little warbird (right). Flying Lines photo.



Among those flying were Jack Pitcher, Gerald Schamp, Jerry Eichten, Mike Denlis, Doug Powers, Richard Entwistle, Bruce Hunt, John Thompson, Floyd Carter, Geoff Christianson, Ron Anderson, Joe Just, and John and Ehren Castle, Also attending were Dave Rover. Terence Bardue and Bob Cooke. Hope we didn't miss anybody.

Full report at http://flyinglines.org



Airport Operations

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, f lying 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.

Points to Ponder

A day without sunshine is like night.

On the other hand, you have different fingers.

Remember, half the people you know are below average.

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese in the trap.

Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.

If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.

Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

OK, so what's the speed of dark?

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, 'What the heck happened?'

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Upcoming Model Activities

April 17-18-19 - Jim Walker Memorial Spring Tune-up, East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Friday: Record ratio speed. Saturday: High Performance 1/2-A Combat, Profile Stunt, Classic Stunt, Old-Time Stunt. Sunday: 80mph Combat, Record Ratio Navy Carrier, Precision Aerobatics. Download an updated flyer with all the details or E-mail for information.

April 25 - Chehalis Cup Contest No. 2 for 80 mph Combat, special series rules, Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash. Download a flyer or e-mail for information.

April 26 - Vintage Diesel Combat opener,

Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash. Details to come.

May 9 - Stunt Judges and Flyers Clinic, 9 a.m., East Delta Park, Portland, Ore. Updated event info: Northwest Sport Race will follow stunt judging clini. Download a flyer with all the details or e-mail for information.

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