

Prop Spinner Chatter



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Club News and Other Information

Last Club Meeting

Our monthly meeting was on June 14th. Not much flying happened due to the strong wind.

Present were John Thompson, Tom Kopriva, Floyd Carter, Mel Marcum, Bill Spalding, and Gene Pape.

The minutes from the May meeting were read and approved.

Old business -- We have 11 paid members.

Members were reminded that the memorial service for Morrie Gilbert will be on Saturday.

New business -- It was agreed that a Field Memorial in the form of a bench with a plaque would be fitting.

Tom volunteered to check on prices and quality of benches in town.

Mel volunteered to check on engraving prices.

Jim Horstrup and Lynnae Clark donated \$25 to the club in memory of Morrie.

John mentioned the contest June 20-21 and the fun fly in Salem on July 5th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Next Club Meeting Time and Place

Time and Place – 10:00 AM **July 20th** 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.

Club Flying

Good turnout for flying session July 6th. Too windy for anything but combat planes, but we did a lot of combat plane flying and even a few diesel combat matches. July 13th was also windy, but the combat flyers went for it anyway.

Eugene Airport milestone

PROP SPINNERS: The Eugene Prop Spinners and Eugene Airport have reached a milestone. This year marks the 40th anniversary of model airplane flying as a part of the airport milieu. They began flying at the airport in the winter of 1967-68, first using an open grass area near the terminal and a part of the tarmac. In about 1970, the flying site outside what is now the airport Administration office was developed, with an asphalt circle, four grass circles, fences and bleachers. In the mid-1980s, the Prop Spinners participated in the design of the overflow parking lot, and that has been the flying site since. The contest held on Memorial Day Weekend was the 37th annual, and all but about eight of them have been held at the Eugene Airport. The airports support of various aviation groups has always been a big part of our commitment to community organizations.

From the June 2008 issue of "THE TRANSPONDER" (Mahlon Sweet Field GA Newsletter)



Morrie Gilbert remembered a gathering of family and friends



Friends and family sharing food and memories.



Tribute to Morrie's Control Line hobby.

Several current and several past Eugene Prop Spinners club members attended the gathering. Mel Marcum put together a very nice display and photo book of planes and events Morrie experienced.

At the Field June 29, 2008



Tom's back in the AIR!



John and Gene prepping.



Twistey



Still a good looking one.



Grand Poo-Bah



Wildman

Jim Corbett photos



At the Field July 13, 2008



Talk about it...



Launch....



Get 'em ready...



And another....



Wind sock pole bends slightly from the stress of a 20 mph wind.

Jim Corbett photos

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Upcoming Model Activities

July 19 - Diesel Mania 2008, Arlington Airport, Arlington, Wash. Vintage Diesel Combat with Duck-Duck-Goose rules.

July 26-27 - Western Canada Stunt Championships, Rice Mill Model Park, Richmond, B.C. All classes PAMPA Precision Aerobatics, Profile and Classic Stunt.

Aug. 2 - WOLF Summer Fun Fly, Bill Riegel Model Airpark, Salem, Ore. Sponsored by Western Oregon Control-Line Flyers.

Aug. 2-3 - Centralia-Chehalis Air Fair, CL Flying Show Team Demo, Chehalis Airport, Chehalis, Wash.

Aug. 9-10 - Auburn Good Old Days, CL Flying Show Team Demo, Auburn, Wash.

Aug. 15-17 - Bladder Grabber XXX, triple-elimination fast combat tournament, Harvey Field, Snohomish, Wash.

Aug. 23-24 - TEAM Country Classic, DeAlton-Bibbee Field, McMinnville, Ore.

Aug. 24 - World Famous (in Mission City) Control Line Fun Fly, Mission Wings flying field, Mission, B.C. Rain or shine. CL flying instruction available.

Prop Spinner Club officers

Mike Denlis, President

John Thompson, VP, Safety Officer,

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Tom Kopriva, Secretary

Jim Corbett, Newsletter Editor

Club flying at the airport flying site.

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