

Contest report for the San Valeers 75th spring Annual & 41st 7th rounder held April 11-14, 2024

This year our contest started on a Thursday and ended on a Sunday but we also had some F1E flyers that flew from the Hill on Monday and Tuesday April 15-16 that were CD'd by Peter Brocks and Mike Richardson.

At our Spring Annual we got to fly all 4 days in spite of the weather. Thursday was a perfect day for flying, but Friday and Saturday we got to fly for the first half of the day with the wind coming later in the day. Sunday morning we also got some rain but it cleared up around 11:00 am and was perfect for the rest of the day. Monday and Tuesday turned out great for the F1E flyers that flew from the Hill.

This year we set up our events so you could fly any day on the Nostalgia and AMA events and you didn't have to finish up on the same day you started the event. This helped the flyers get all their events in especially on the days the weather got questionable for the later part of the day. We elected to fly Cat 3 instead of Cat 2 and we still had some good competition in many of the events.

Our most popular event was Vintage FAI with 9 entries and 3 of the flyers Guy Menanno, Bill Swift, and Rocco Ferrario were clean thru three rounds before the wind came in later that day.

Our other 2 most popular events were C/D gas and 1/2A nostalgia with 6 entries each. In C/D gas Jeff Carman had 8 plus maxes flying a Nelson .40 powered 832 Texan, followed by Randy Secor with 5 plus maxes flying a Nelsen .36 powered Tartar 800 designed by Red Johnson and James Kruse flying a Blizzard 800.

Jeff Carman also won A & B gas so he had a good weekend but Guy Menanno was close in A gas and looks like he just ran out of time.

Bruce Hannah won 1/2A Nostalgia with a Monks Model with 4 plus maxes and Pete Pfarr was close behind flying a ramrod with 4 maxes and Rocco Ferrario used a Top Banana for 3 plus maxes. The Ramrod and Top Banana are both very popular models in the Nostalgia events. The Top Banana was co-designed by Jay Jackson.

Randy Secor won the Dawn Patrol power event with 464 seconds using a lucky lindy and the model went across the pits and Holloway Road. Last year his B Nostalgia Lucky Lindy he was flying went across Highway 46. The only reason he didn't lose it was because he could remote DT it and he had a Walston tracker. Bud Romak won the dawn patrol rubber event with 363 seconds.

Sara Menanno flying an FAI Bar in A Nostalgia beat all her male competitors with 5 maxes using a FAI Bar. Way to go Sara! She is a nice lady. Guy Menanno was close behind dropping his 5th max by 9 seconds using his Frisco Kid and Buck Murray was 3rd with 3 plus maxes.

Bruce Hannah won C Nostalgia using another FAI Bar with 5 Maxes. Glenn Schneider had 4 maxes and Guy Menanno had 3 plus.

Although he flew against himself in HLG and had one competitor In Catapult Glider Tim Batiuk still had really long strings of maxes in each.

In Vintage Wakefield Bill Swift won it only dropping 8 seconds in the 5 rounds flown. Bruce Hannah was next using a Sky Farer followed by Glen Grell using an E.T.

In Mulvihill Rubber the old master But Romak won it using his Dominator.

In the FAI events Todd Reynolds was clean for all of his 5 rounds in F1C even though he flew by himself.

In F1A Shlomi Rosenzwegd won it only dropping 1 of the 7 rounds

In F1B they stopped at the 4th round with Blake Jensen and Derak McGuckin both clean.

In F1Q they stopped at 4 rounds with Ben Tarcher leading at 660 seconds.

F1E finished all 5 rounds on both Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday and Tuesday they had great weather Flying F1E from the hill. On Monday Fred Terzian inched out a win over Peter Brocks with 1.5 % difference between 1st and 2nd place. It doesn't get much closer than that.

The wind on Friday and a weather report for more wind and possible rain spent many sportsman home early. There were not enough flyers remaining on Sunday afternoon for the prize giving. Those events with three or more contestants will be awarded prizes at a future date or the next San Valeer annual for sure.

Although the weather was a bit dicey at times we still got to fly all 4 days and I want to thank everyone that showed up to support the event. I also want to thank Guy Menanno and Terry Kerger for helping to run the contest.

I hope the weather is better next year and everyone returns for a fun contest that will be in it's 76th year for the San Valeers.

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