

2021 San Valeers 33rd all Nostalgia Annual Contest held Oct 23-24th at lost hills

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This year we were lucky weather wise since we basically hit the perfect weekend between two storms. When I got there later Friday afternoon it was blowing significantly but calmed down in the middle of the night and we woke up to a perfect day Saturday. We had 20 contestants with folks from as far away as Oregon and Arizona.

Saturday we had added Vintage Wakefield to our events and it was a popular event with 6 entries. Bruce Hannah won it flying a Skyfarer only dropping 1 sec on his 5 flights. Ates Gurcan was second with 878 secs flying an XL-55 and Randy Secor used a 55' Bilgri for 3rd place which was a popular model for the event.

C Nostalgia was also popular with 6 entries with Randy Secor winning with 4 plus maxes for 828 secs flying a Hooiser Hotshot with a Johnson CS.35 up front. Bruce Hannah and Glen Schneider were within 3 seconds of each other with 677, and 674 secs respectively for second and third places.

We had 3 entries in 1/2A with Bruce Hannah again scoring the win with 4 maxes flying a Swat followed by Mike Mayea flying a Fubar X which was a popular model and Guy Mennano with a T bird. If you check the tabulated results you will see that Guy Mennano was a very busy flyer the whole weekend.

Sunday we woke up to a little breeze but the contestants elected to stay with cat 2 for the day and it turned out to be a good decision since it actually got calmer for most of the rest of the day.

A Nostalgia was our most popular event with 11 entries for the weekend and Randy Secor won it with 7 maxes flying a Cresendo powered by a Max .19. Bruce Hannah maxed out but stopped at 3 with his Monks powered by a Max III .15. Jeff Carmen and Jim Kelly weren't that far behind with 510, and 505 seconds respectively.

Vintage FAI was also popular with 6 entries and Guy Mennano and Bruce Hannah tied for 1st place with 7 maxes. They were flying a Lucky Lindy and a Monks respectively and it is hard to stay clean for that many maxes. Their last flight got off close to 2:00 O'clock when the wind was starting to significantly come up. Bill Swift scored 3rd place flying a La Bestia powered by a ST G20 dropping one of his rounds by only 12 seconds.

B Nostalgia was won by Randy Secor using a Johnson .29R powered Lucky Lindy With 7 maxes. Don McNamee had 3 plus maxes for 2nd place using a Cresendo powered by a Johnson .29.

Forrest Mennano took 3rd flying a Fubar X powered by a Johnson .29. Forrest is a lucky guy since his wife Sara also flies free flight and they are both very nice people.

Glen Grell won Nostalgia plus glider using a ghost on Saturday and I escaped from the CD table long enough on Sunday to put up one flight on my 62 year old Aiglet since it is sort of a tradition for me to fly it at this event.

Glen Grell and Bill Swift also flew Nostalgia rubber and they are both good flyers.

At 2:00 pm the wind started to really blow so we shut it down an hour early. Bruce Hannah won our raffle for a Veco .19 and we handed out all the merchandise like wood, engines, fuel and kits and called it a day.

I want to thank Guy Mennano who helped bring all the stuff to hand out and he also helped in the preplanning and such.

I also want to thank the folks that came and I think everyone had a good time and we hope to see everyone next year for a weekend of fun.