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## Mickey Walker Inducted Into the Hall of Fame



Photo Ralph Jones

### Mickey Walker Honored

July 28th, 2002 Jim McNeill, AMA District 5 Vice-President, presented Mickey Walker with this beautiful award confirming his induction into the Academy of Model Aeronautics "Model Aviation Hall of Fame". This presentation was made at the SPA HotLanta Contest at Dallas, Georgia, on July

28th, 2002 which Mickey was the Contest Director. Some 50 people were present to applaud and congratulate Mickey on his life long contribution to Model Aviation. For those who know Mickey, this award was well deserved and could not have gone to a more dedicated person. Mickey is a member of the Paulding County Model Aviation Club and serves as Chairman of the Board for the Senior Pattern Association (SPA) which he founded in March of 1991 and has watched grow to become a special interest group chartered with the AMA. Mickey has worked hard over the years to promote Model Aviation not only in Pattern, but also in free flight, control line, sail planes, helicopters, pylon racing, and most any thing else that flies. Mickey, our hats go off to you for your contributions to our beloved hobby/sport.

### Walker - H O F Inductee

SPA HQ-----What an honor.....what an honoree.

You folks who follow Georgia Sports thought the only "Walker" from Georgia (Hershel) was the only inductee into the National Hall of Fame. Well, our Walker, didn't just receive that honor for simply totin' some ole smelly leather covered football.....

Our Walker (Mickey) has been in our own personal Hall of Model Aviation Fame for years.... now that AMA has recognized that fact....the whole modeling world will know and appreciate our Founder, Flying Buddy and overall "great" guy!.

Bruce Underwood SPA President

## From The President

What a great and active season 2002 has been to date. Seven terrific contests and the “biggie”...the Masters to serve as the “cherry” on top.

For those of you who aren't fortunate enough to enjoy the contest circuit....here's how participation has been in the initial 7 contests this season:

	Cullm	Hville	Kville	BwlGr	Hotl	CvSpr	Mtgy	TOTAL
NOVICE	6	6	12	8	17	11	11	71
Pre SPTS	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	7
Pre EXP	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	8
Sr. SPTS	5	3	2	7	6	2	2	27
Sr. EXPRT	3	4	5	3	8	4	4	31
SS SPTS	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	11
SS EXP	4	3	4	4	4	2	2	23
Entries	23	23	26	27	38	22	20	

Isn't it great to note above, without any doubt, our biggest participation and enjoyment has been in the NOVICE class... the one class we offer with practically NO restrictions. In that class, all ages are combined and any airplane that meets AMA specs can be flown. I think the figures above are proof-positive that our CD's made some wise decisions and fliers just flock to events with fewer requirements and greater competition or incentive. At all the contests, Novice pilots received trophies through 5<sup>th</sup> place and some merchandise at others on further down the placement line.

I am hopeful that the upper classes might soon enjoy some of the pleasures of the simplified regs. I am promoting some suggested changes in age groupings and an additional “buffer” pattern between Sportsman and Expert.

Our Democratic process and Roberts Rules of Order will determine any success my proposal finds.

Proposed patterns for the coming season have been on the Website for a couple months now and pleas for other ideas have not produced any. Ed Hartley authored the Novice, Sportsman and Expert patterns shown, I suggested the ADVANCED pattern shown. We welcome other suggestions...members of the Pattern Committee are: Curt Diggs, Ed Hartley (CHMN), Jeff Hannah, Malcolm Rutledge, Mickey Walker, Roy Thompson, Steve Byrum and Tom Atkins.

Got the heartbreaking news via Jeff Hannah of the death of Robert (Bob) Colkitt...SPA #130 about mid August. Bob was a genuine joy to be with... and will be sorely missed. Our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Bob.

Personal illness forced me to retire my flying activities for a bit in excess of 10 weeks...things are beginning to improve now and thanks to the Chief for allowing me to return to the flying field and flying. Believe me, I know how to sympathize with disabled folks now and respect them greatly.

Thanks for the interest, looking forward to seeing all at the **MASTERS**.

Bruce Underwood

## From the Treasurer

### Novice Class Out of Hand

Those of you who have followed the results of each contest this year are aware that we've got a serious problem in the Novice class. In April, we started the season with six Novices.



That's a nice size class. It can be easily handled

from a judging stand point. Each pilot gets to fly two rounds at a time so they get plenty of airtime. I should have known they'd be a problem when, given the option of free take-offs and landings, they wanted to be judged on a bumpy runway in a 20 mph wind. The CD prevailed and forced them to take their 10s, whether

they wanted them or not. The class was finally won by twelve year old Joe Clemons, but not before four different pilots had won at least one round. The contest was not decided till the last round.

Next came Huntsville. Again, we had six Novices. This time, they INSISTED on scored landings and takeoffs because the runway was smooth. The wind was also blowing 25 mph, but the runway was smooth. This time, Carl Sten emerged the winner, but not until the last round. Several pilots won rounds. The previous winner, Joe Clemons dropped to fourth. One can only wonder how things might have gone if John Norris had not suffered a wing failure on his warm up flight Saturday morning.

Knoxville had TWELVE Novices. Seven local pilots joined the fun. Joe Clemons jumped from fourth at Huntsville to win again. The story remained the same with different winners and the lead changing every round. It will be great at the Masters if we can get some of these new Knoxville Novices to come to Acworth to join the fun.

Bowling Green. Only eight Novices. That's a more manageable situation . . . maybe. A great site, but high winds again, so what do the Novices do? SCORE OUR LANDINGS!!! We had the same different round winners and lead changes after nearly every round. These guys can't decide who the best pilot is. No one is willing to admit that one of the others is just better than they are. Will it never end?

Hotlanta. Totally out of control. Seventeen . . . count them . . . seventeen Novices. New comers Mike Hoolley, Scott Sappington and Mike Cochran. Lowell Howard drove all the way from Carriere, MS to join the fun. Judging was a brutal assignment. With so many pilots, that task took quite a long time, and the pilots are all now in mid-season form. Finding mistakes has become an extremely difficult job. The pilots are still unwilling to give. A different pilot won each round with John Norris edging Matt (Sure I've been practicing) Hampton 3898 to 3889. I've never seen a class won with a score less than about 3950. How can you win with 3898???

Cave Springs. Only eleven this time. Well, at least we know who we can expect to win a round by now, right? Not exactly. Troy Emmett dominated the first three rounds. WHO??? He's the club CD. He's too busy to fly, let alone win a round. Well, at least it'll be a clear victory. From 9th place, Randy Roberts won the fourth round. WHO??? Sunday morning, Joe Clemons won the 5th round, and Randy won again in round six. Randy jumped from 9th after three rounds to finish 3rd. He missed nipping the Coyote by only 23 points.

Next is Montgomery, followed finally by the Masters. There is simply no way to know how this will all turn out. These Novice pilots simply will not give up. This bodes poorly for next year, too. These guys are talking about invading the Sportsman class. That will cause problems in two classes which have been very peaceful this year because of low participation. If we have two more classes suddenly become extremely active, and a full Novice class again next year, what will we do? Can all this growth and competition be good?

Gentlemen, watching these guys is the most fun many of us have had in a long time. These guys ask for tougher judges to sort them out. **PATTERN IS NOT DEAD!**  
**Steve Byrum**

### From The Vice President



**Hello SPA'ers,**

I have been trying for three days to come up with a brilliant idea for this article. As I start typing my head is as empty as a gourd, which in truth is not that unusual.

I had a conversation at the Hotlanta contest with one of the guys about elevator pushrods causing flight problems. If you mount the servo vertically, as is the method most times, and use a forked pushrod, you will get differential elevator travel. This causes the airplane to roll one way when you push, and the opposite way when you pull elevator. Even though the travel may seem small, this differential is a very powerful force that no amount of trimming will get rid of.

The solution is to lay the servo flat, so the output arm is vertical, or use a walking beam between the servo and the elevator pushrod. The walking beam is an arm that pivots at the bottom and has a hole at the top for the elevator pushrod and another hole below that for the pushrod from the servo. This setup eliminates the cam action of the servo output arm on a vertically mounted servo, thus eliminating the differential elevator travel.

Experience has shown that a seemingly unpredictable airplane can be made to fly very well by eliminating this problem.

Did you ever feel that the trim on your airplane changed as the day warmed up? Could be.

When an airplane gets heat soaked everything expands. This expansion is much like the elevator differential thing. It doesn't seem like much, but it has a big effect on the way the airplane flies.

I kept whining about having to let my airplane sit in the sun and how we needed reflective blankets to put over them to keep them cool until Marty Barry picked some up for us. It is impossible to overestimate the irritant value of a well delivered snivel.

These blankets are silver Mylar that very effectively keep the airplane under them cool. They are available at sporting goods stores for less than \$2.00. The things are very light and tend to blow around in a light breeze. The cure for this is to stick a fair sized steel washer to each corner with double sided tape. Try it. The results can be surprising.

When I flew A-300's on long flights I learned that they would stress relieve themselves with a BANG when they got cold soaked. It really gets your attention the first time this happens to you.

We have a rules change cycle coming up next year. I would like for anyone having any comments or suggestions on the subject to e-mail me at [t2a@mindspring.com](mailto:t2a@mindspring.com). I would like to hear your ideas.

Keep the rubber side down.

**Tom Atkins**

Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.

When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.

Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.

There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.

Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.

### Senior Pattern Association Membership Application

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**1326 3RD St. SE**  
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## From The Chairman of the Board



Hello Everyone,  
It seems like I just wrote my last column but, our editor says it is Time for another one so here we go.

I sure have missed flying this year, but most of all, it has been not being with the friends you make around the circuit.

I have managed to stay busy working on the HotLanta contest, and now the Masters is coming up. Being C.D. for both really keeps you hopping.

Everything looks good for the Masters, we are expecting the largest crowd of the year. I will be at the field Friday afternoon and will register all who want to. This really helps on getting started on Saturday morning.

We had 38 contestants at the Hotlanta contest, and I would not be surprised to have 50 at the Masters. Come on Friday and practice all you want. Late Friday afternoon Col. Roy Thompson will cook hot dogs and we will have cold drinks all free to contestants and workers.

One other thing to remember, at the Masters we have awards to fifth place so every one come on out and Win.

For all you people who have never been to the Paulding County Model Field, come see the birth place of the SPA.

On another subject, I had a call from one of our charter members and an old friend I have not heard from for some time. His name is Jere Rosser, he and I have been modeling friends for many years. Jere is into full scale aviation, and restoration. He has also built several home built. He is an excellent builder, and also a fine pilot. Jere says he would like to get back to flying SPA next year and is building a Mach One model, He also has a son who is a fine flyer and I sure hope they both can get back next year. Well that is about it this time.

Mickey Walker

Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.

Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.

### LINCOLN SKY KNIGHTS PATTERN CONTEST 2002

On July 28, the Lincoln Sky Knights held their annual pattern contest at the club's field just outside of Waverly, Nebraska. Mike Yearley directed the contest. His wife, Vicki, provided the food. We had sixteen entries. Ten were club members. Five were from the Grand Island/Hastings area in central Nebraska. Jerry Voth drove the furthest distance; he lives in central Kansas. Eight people entered Novice, four each entered

Sportsman and Expert. The weather was a typical Nebraska summer day. Temperature hit 97 . Wind gusts up to 30 mph were reported. Most of the time the wind was steady, less than twenty. Sky was clear most of the day with a sprinkle coming only at the end of the last round.

Our contest used SPA rules and schedules but we allowed any legal AMA plane to be entered in Sportsman and Expert classes. In those two classes, an SPA aircraft would receive a 5% bonus. While there were several planes in Novice that were on the SPA list, only one SPA aircraft was entered in the upper classes. Mark Bergt won the Novice with a YS120 powered Desire. He had planned to enter a Taurus but broke it while practicing before the contest started. John Willman flew an Edge 540, an IMAC size aircraft, to win Sportsman. To prove that it didn't take a large plane to win, Nick Reiss won Expert with an underpowered Great Planes Venus.

Novice Results	Sportsman Results	Expert Results
1 Mark Bergt	1 John Willman	1 Nick Reiss
2 Glen Lau	2 James Reiss	2 Jerry Voth
3 Tom Wild	3 Tom Hefley	3 Mike Yearley
4 Don Svoboda	4 John Boord Jr	4 Allan Worrest
5 John Boord Sr		
6 Jimmy Dawes		
7 Brad Ritonya		
8 Mike Ritonya		

I know a great time was had by all!, but!, it sure would be neat to see all SPA models next year? ? Allan give the SPA models 10% and that will do it. Editor



From left to right: Tom Wild, Jimmy Dawes, Jim Reiss, Nick Reiss, John Boord Jr., John Boord Sr., and John Willman

### 2002 Hotlanta Contest

July 27th - 28th Atlanta Georgia

#### Super Senior Expert

- 1st Ed Hartley 4000 Knoxville Tennessee
- 2nd Malcom Rutledge 3927 Marietta Georgia
- 3rd Frank Chick 3845 Roswell Georgia
- 4th Bill Kite 3786 Kingsport Tennessee

#### Senior Expert

- 1st Jim Ivey 3996 Mabelton Georgia
- 2nd Keith Watson 3944 Marietta Georgia
- 3th Jamie Strong 3908 Prattville Alabama
- 4th Curt Diggs 3836 Dallas Georgia
- 5th Marty Barry 3809
- 6th Ralph Jones 3665 Augusta Georgia
- 7th Jim Rogers 3614
- 8th Steve Byrum 3274 Cullman Alabama

#### Pre Senior Expert

- 1st Cass Underwood 1000 Guntersville Alabama

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1st Ben Oliver 4000 Knoxville Tennessee

2nd Ken Nix 2802 Guntersville Alabama

### Senior Sportsman

1st Bob Gaskill 3973 Albertsville Alabama

2nd Richard Witt 3930 Cullman Alabama

3rd John Baxter 3930 Kennesaw Georgia

4th Joe Holton 3805

5th Tim Fielden 3700

6th Bill Marchant 2955

### Novice

1st John Norris 3898 Austell Georgia

2nd Matt Hampton 3889

3rd Joseph Clemons 3854 McEwin Tennessee

4th Bob Bixby 3824 Acworth Georgia

5th Mike Hooley 3805

6th Robert Chapman 3787 Dallas Georgia

7th Scott Sappinatton 3768

8th Mark Crabtree 3750

9th Berry Roper 3729

10th Mike Cochran 3720

11th Troy Emmett 3657

12th Jerry Jenness 3653

13th Randy Roberts 3620 Cullman Alabama

14th Carl Sten 3615 Knoxville Tennessee

15th Lowell Howard 3608

16th Rhea Starnes 3325 Kingsport Tennessee

17th Bill Nichell 3051

### HotLanta Pictures



Photos Ed Hartley



Photos Ed Hartley

### 2002 Cave Springs

August 8-9 2003 Cave Springs Georgia

### Super Senior Expert

1st Malcolm Rutledge 4000 Marietta Georgia

2nd Darrell Kampschorr 3896 Augusta Georgia

### Senior Expert

1st Jamie Strong 4000 Prattville Alabama

2nd Jim Ivey 3943 Mabelton Georgia

3rd Ralph Jones 3766 Augusta Georgia

4th Steve Byrum 3554 Cullman Alabama

### Pre Senior Expert

1st Cass Underwood 4000 Guntersville Alabama

### Super Senior Sportsman

1st Ken Nix 1000 Guntersville Alabama

### Pre-Senior Sportsman

1st Gerald Williams 4000 Guntersville Alabama

2nd Tim Fielden 3681 Canton Georgia

### Senior Sportsman

1st Bob Gaskill 4000 Albertville Alabama

2nd John Baxter 3714 Dallas Georgia

### Novice

1st Troy Emmett Cave Springs Georgia

2nd Joseph Clemons 3919 McEwen Tennessee

3rd Randy Roberts 3896 Cullman Alabama

4th Mike Hooley 3897 Rome Georgia

5th Bob Bixby 3840 Acworth Georgia

6th John Norris 3770 Austell Georgia

7th Matt Hampton 3703 Marietta Georgia

8th Robert Chapman 3639 Dallas Georgia

9th Scott Sappington 3612 Dallas Georgia

10th Mark Crabtree 3565 Acworth Georgia

11th Peter Oparnica 3363 Cartersville Georgia

**Added Event "Masters"**

- 1st Cass Underwood 2000 Guntersville Alabama
- 2nd Jim Ivey 1867 Mableton Georgia
- 3rd Jamie Strong 1836 Prattville Alabama
- 4th Darell Kampschorr 1586 Augusta Georgia
- 5th Gerald Williams 217 Guntersville Alabama

**Cave Springs New Flying Site**



Photo Ralph Jones

**2002 Montgomery**

August 17-18 2003 Montgomery Alabama

**Super Senior Expert**

- 1st Malcolm Rutledge Marietta Georgia
- 2nd Frank Chick Roswell Georgia

**Senior Expert**

- 1st Jim Ivey 3943 Mabelton Georgia
- 2nd Jamie Strong 4000 Prattville Alabama
- 3rd Curt Diggs Dallas Georgia
- 4th Keith Watson Marietta Georgia

**Pre-Senior Sportsman**

- 1st Dale Shikle Cullman Alabama

**Senior Sportsman**

- 1st Richard Witt Cullman Alabama
- 2nd Larry Barksdale Alpine Alabama

**Montgomery Pictures by Ken Blackwell**

Thanks to all for the pictures

**Novice**

- 1st Joseph Clemons 3919 McEwen Tennessee
- 2nd John Norris 3770 Austell Georgia
- 3rd Randy Roberts 3896 Cullman Alabama
- 4th Bob Bixby 3840 Acworth Georgia
- 5th Jim Oliver Deatsville Alabama
- 6th Matt Hampton 3703 Marietta Georgia
- 7th Kurtis Waites Montgomery Alabama
- 8th Gene Hannah Montgomery Alabama
- 9th Thomas Stewart Wetumpka Alabama
- 10th Bob Parker Wetumpka Alabama
- 11th Dave Carlton Montgomery Alabama

**Montgomery Pictures**



## SPA NATIONAL POINTS Standings For 2002

Thanks to Jim Ivey for once again maintaining our championship points for this year.

**Note:** These point standings show the points you will carry to the 2002 Masters and show your best four contest or less if you didn't make four! Your number of contest are in **RED!**

Super Senior Expert	Contest
1 Ed Hartley 32	4
2 Malcolm Rutledge 24	4
3 Bill Kite 15	4
4 Frank Chick 10	4
5 Darrell Kampshror 8	3
6 Dennis Hunt 7	2
Super Senior Sportsman	
1 Ben Oliver 24	4
2 Ken Nix 17	4
Senior Expert	
1 Jim Ivey 34	4
2 Jamie Strong 27	4
3 Bruce Underwood 17	2
4 Keith Watson 17	4
5 Curt Diggs 15	4
6 Steve Byrum 11	4
7 Jerel Zarestky 7	2
8 Ralph Jones 9	3
9 Marty Barry 4	1
Pre-Senior Expert	
1 Cass Underwood 23	4
2 Steve Drake 5	1
3 Mike Hare 4	1
4 Sidney Austin 3	1
Senior Sportsman	
1 Bob Gaskill 32	4
2 Richard Witt 22	4
3 Ed Kirtley 14	2
4 Steve Ragsdale 11	1
5 Larry Barksdale 10	4

Senior Sportsman Continued	Contest
6 John Baxter 10	3
7 Terry Carlson 10	2
8 Phil Cope 6	1
9 Tim Fielden 6	2
10 Eddie Mattingly 5	2
11 Rusty Miller 5	3
12 Joe Holton 4	1
13 John Gausby 1	1
14 Bill Marchant ----	1

### Pre-Senior Sportsman

1 Gerald Williams 18	4
2 Dale Shikle 13	3
Novice	
1 Joe Clemons 61	4
2 John Norris 58	4
3 Bob Bixby 40	4
4 Randy Roberts 28	4
5 Mike Hooley 21	2
6 Carl Sten 20	3
7 Matt Hampton 19	3
8 Troy Emmit 15	2
9 Tony McVay 14	2
10 Robert Chapman 10	4
11 Mark Crabtree 8	4
12 Jim Oliver 7	1
13 Ray Starnes 2	4

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## From the Editor



One more contest and our Senior Pattern season will be over. It has been a great season for the organization with a record number of novice pilots competing.

As chairman of the rules committee, I ask you send me any rule change proposals you would like to present! It is important for you to submit any changes you want so the entire rules committee will be able to consider your request. The accepted proposals will

be presented in a ballot form in the November December news letter.

It's equally important you vote! The ballot will be in the same issue as the pre-paid envelope to mail in your dues for next year. Of course!, you send your ballot along with your dues. **You really have no reason not vote!**

There are only two more news letters scheduled for this year. If anyone is interested in doing this publication, please let Bruce or me know.

It looks like there will be another record turnout for the Masters. For those who haven't made one, you will have a great time with superb fellowship. Mickey and his gang go all out to see the contestants and their families have a special experience!

The novice class promises to be a great one. I expect

to see twenty or more entries in this class. The other classes should have record numbers too! The national points championship will be decided and the fly off for the Memorial Trophy will be held Saturday afternoon. This is always an interesting and fun thing.

Till the next time, "hold back pressure in the turns"!

Ed Hartley

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