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### Official S I G (Special Interest Group) of AMA

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SPA Newsletter

**NOV/DEC. 2006** 

### Senior Pilots make SMOOTH Passes!!



New For 2007

Get Your Very Own SPA Calendar!!

It seemed like a good idea---if they can put out a calendar filled with cute pictures of kittens, puppies, or beautiful scenery, why not have one dedicated to something really important!! Originally offered as raffle prizes for 4 privileged winners at the Asheville contest, the 2007 SPA calendar is a must have for all SPA pilots. The first "official" SPA calendar brings together all, -----most, ----- well at least some of the highlights from the 2005-2006 seasons up through Chattanooga 2006 for you to enjoy once more. Relive Jim Ivey's plane flying through the tree at Knoxville complete with residue foliage, and the famous "Caller Wanted!!" photo of Skip Getelman. There is a rare picture of Rhea Starnes smiling, (not really, but at least he's waving---just kidding Rhea).

See all your favorite SPA celebrities---there is a month dedicated to the most famous cover model in SPA history, a month dedicated to our illustrious founder, and another to the President-pio. And no SPA calendar would be complete without a tribute to the <u>women of SPA</u>—we know that without their support, we would not be enjoying ourselves nearly as much.

I have used many of my own photos, and have "borrowed" the rest from among the best SPA photographers ----- Bruce Underwood, John Baxter, Jamie Strong and Gary Lindner. Over 70 great photos of neat vintage planes, flying site scenery and the best people anywhere!!

Seriously though, if you would like your own SPA calendar to put in your shop during the winter building season, in your kitchen, or some other place of honor, it is available to you for a cost of \$15.99 plus \$3.00 S&H, (if at 11 least are ordered---order will go in Nov 15th). I make nothing—it's a service to my fellow SPA members and friends—hope you enjoy it.

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It's election time for SPA officers 2007. I appealed for any potentials at the MASTERS contest. No one responded so please feel free to "write in" anyone you'd like and return this ballot along with your \$20.00 dues to Steve for 2007.

My thanks to our current officers who have agreed to serve the coming year...and if I (Bruce) am re-elected will retain the same Directors of whom I am so thankful for their efforts.

PRESIDENT	Bruce Underwood	Write in
VICE PRES	Scott Sappington	Write in
SEC/TRES	Steve Byrum	Write in

If you'd rather NOT cut your newsletter, just duplicate this ballot with your wants on a paper and enclose with your' dues for 2007.

We plan to "hit the ground flying" (running) the new year with your Board of Directors meeting the 3rd Saturday in January 2007 in Chattanooga, TN.

Steve has reserved six tables for SPA at the annual Southeastern Hobby and Trade Show in Perry, GA March 2 & 3, 2007. Some members are talking of preparing a video of SPA flying for display via a monitor at the show for interested potentials.

We haven't obtained a raffle prize as yet for the Trade Show but will hope to finalize that before this years end. That has been an excellent fund raiser and is always lots of fun to participate in.



You'll recognize the SPA tables at the Perry, GA Hobby and Trade Show by the huge Banner shown at the left above our SPA tables. Visit us please.



Jim Hamilton, at left with his nicely finished KAOS. Jim from Loch Arbour, New Jersey flew his FIRST SPA contest in Asheville, NC and wrote the following "post" to the SPA Discussion List:

To the entire bunch of SPA,

Some of you might know, I attended my first SPA event this last Saturday in Asheville. Man, what a blast! Since joining last May, I could not wait to go to an SPA event. Well, I finally made at least one this year. On my drive back to New Jersey I had a lot of time to reflect about the SPA (10hours).

First of all the contest exceeded my expectations (I was sure it was going to be a good time, but it was a lot more than that!) The main thing was I got to fly with some of the best folks in the sport. What was better was just being around people who love flying airplanes as much as I do. Words only carry so much in the definition sense, so when you attend an event such as this, words fall short to describe it.

All in all though, the experience was great. I flew four rounds in that were perfect examples of mediocre, but I did not really even care. The thing for me was meeting alot of guys I have sent emails and read postings on the discussion board, and maybe even seen pictures of. It was great to associate the live person with the correspondence. I even had the privilege of meeting the INFAMOUS MR.MAY! Not only did I get to meet him, but I even saw the most famous Daddy Rabbit of all time (I even got to look at it up close! ha ha!). I could go on and on about how much I enjoyed this contest. I really only want to say two things here. I met a group of fantastic people, I learned a lot about a lot of things. I saw some really superb airplanes flown by even more superb pilots. This is only to say the least....

The other thing is this, if you have not been to an SPA event you are really missing out. The drive is nothing compared to how much fun you have at one of these events. I have been to some really cool events in my life, but this one is something I thoroughly enjoyed. My only regret is that I missed the past contests and this will be the only one I can attend this year.

I plan on making as many events next year as possible, in fact I want to attend all of them. I already have thoughts about building a new plane (an Aeromaster) and I am writing Santa Clause early and asking for an OS .91 four stroke!

Guys- Thank you for your outstanding display of fellowship and tolerance for someone from New Jersey!

take it easy-

Jim Hamilton SPA # 282

Rumors you can almost "put in the bank" as being solid: The 2007 Board of Directors meeting is to be in Chattanooga, TN the 3rd Sat. in January. Dave Johnson is arranging a nice restaurant to meet in.

The 2007 MASTERS contest is being applied for via AMA for Sept. 15 at KCRC field in Knoxville, TN. Ed Hartley will CD, Dennis Hunt to assist.

Jamie Strong, CSP will Chair all contest scheduling as he did in 2006. His e-mail address is: jstrong499@charter.net

The "Classic Pattern" Forum on the RC Universe

By Mike Dailey

September 4, 2006

There has been a big jump in the interest level in what I call "classic pattern" aircraft fueled by SPA activities and the May issue of Model Aviation that highlighted the SPA along with the VR/CS.

My interest in acrobatic pattern aircraft goes back to 1967, when I was finally able to afford my first digital proportional PCS radio system and put my single channel galloping ghost system in storage. I've been fiddling with pattern aircraft ever since, but in the late 80s things started looking different and the new direction didn't appeal to me. I decided I would continue building and enjoying the aircraft I liked best, the "classics".

A few years ago I discovered the RC Universe on the WEB and was impressed by all the information and pictures from around the world. There was even a "Pattern Flying" forum and interlaced with all the two meter aircraft discussion there were people discussing the "classics".

I thought it would be pretty neat if RCU would grant us a "classic pattern" sub-forum that would be separate so all the good stuff would be in the same place. In order to get our own forum we had to take a poll of the forum members and there was a lot of discussion about it. In the end 90% of the voting members voted for the dedicated "classic" forum and RCU granted our wish June 5, 2005.

We decided to make the "classic pattern" forum for the discussion of pre 1996 pattern aircraft, building, flying, exchange of ideas, SPA flying, reminiscing and preservation of these beautiful classic airships. We chose 1996 because that's when the two meter aircraft rules started and it made a good line of demarcation.

In a little over fourteen months the "classic pattern" forum has grown quickly and is a huge success. The forum is filled with discussions about the classics including detailed build threads on aircraft, great color pictures and" how tos".

A sample of some of the things you will find in the "classic" forum:

Blue Angel build from plans
Cold Duck build from plans
Contest pictures and discussion
Dirty Birdi 60 build from kit
Foam wing cutting how to
Kaos build from plans
Kwik Fli III build from kit
Making a clear plastic canopy how to
Taurus build from kit

Tiger Tail build from kit Tiporare build from kit UFO build from plans

I'm amazed at the teamwork found on the forum. The Blue Angel build is a collaboration of the builder (me), a forum member Ron Ellis, who provided a set of MK kit plans and sent his canopy to Tony Howard to have it copied, Don Hines at Carolina Custom Aircraft that made wing templates and cut the wing, and others that provided color scans of Blue Angel magazine articles. Even Jason Shulman stopped by to add a picture of one of his old Blue Angels! It is a cyber world team effort.

The RCU "classic" pattern forum is like a combination of an on-line magazine (published by the forum members) and discussion forum mixed together. To visit RCU go to <a href="http://www.rcuniverse.com">http://www.rcuniverse.com</a>

When you get there you will be prompted to set up an account to visit the forums. Setting up an account and using the forum is FREE. After your account is set up, you can customize the forums you want displayed each time you visit the site. You will find the "classic pattern" forum listed under the "pattern flying" forum link. The direct link to the "classic" forum is:

http://www.rcuniverse.com/forum/forumid\_379/tt.htm

To make a new post, click the "new post" button at the upper left side above the list of topics. If you have a digital camera you can upload images with your text post by using the link at the bottom of the text editing box.

Stop on by, I think you will really enjoy the forum!



Mike Dailey with his **Cold Duck** design. Designed in 1969 by Mike and published in the June 1971 RC Modeler magazine. This current **Cold Duck** build was documented on RCU last year and flown for the first time in February 2006. It was built from the original thirty-six year old plans and updated a little. It weighs 5lb 7.5ozs and is powered with a RJL K.61 (an updated Kraft engine by RJL) and uses a Futaba 9C Super PCM radio system.



### ASHEVILLE, NC contest September 16, 2006

by

### **Duane Wilson**

The first "Land of the Sky" SPA pattern meet is now part of SPA history, 2006. I have said repeatedly, and I'll say again just how much I personally appreciated the support of everyone who had faith in our little effort, and came out for the "Meet and Greet" at my house, and later the Asheville contest. Several of those staying over Saturday night went out later and had dinner at a not-so-typical Japanese steakhouse.

The house Meet & Greet was everything I had hoped it would be. I intended it to be a change of pace from the normal Friday evening of arriving at the motel and finding a few folks to have dinner with—as far as I know everybody with a hotel room came over for an informal get together and cook-out. After dinner, Jamie Strong brought a DVD of—himself—a kind-of "this is Your R/C Life—Jamie Strong", where we were able to follow his early RC career. It was great identifying the old, (new at the time), pattern planes, and we realized that Jamie did not always look like he does now:)

There were more newcomers to SPA as both Dan, (Deadstick), Hines of Carolina Custom Aircraft, and Jeff Petroski of Home and Hobby Solutions, (who donated raffle prizes), came up for the get-together and the competition—it was great for SPA members to be able to meet and discuss vintage kits and kit ideas with these manufacturers face to face prior to the contest. By Saturday most everybody knew everybody already. The only complaint I have is folks didn't eat enough, (or we had too much):)

Every SPA meet is different, and this one was no different-this was the first one I've been to with FOG, (and as many of the pictures show, not just a little fog). This time of year, the nights really start to cool off--Thursday night the low was 57\*, and Friday night, the thermometer dipped down to 52\* You know what happens when you take basically the same air that's in Charlotte of Atlanta, and cool it down to 52\*??you get FOOGG, especially in the river valleys where our field just happens to be. (Friday the fog "burned off" at 10AM, and because it was even cooler, Saturday----the contest date, it wasn't gone 'till about 11AM---very frustrating for everyone. A couple brave souls tested out the ceiling when things finally started to clear. I remember in particular Scott Anderson's plane disappearing into the mist for a couple seconds, (seemed longer), at the top of a large loop---a little bit like a "stealth" SPA aircraft, but instead of disappearing from the radar, it disappeared from sight. After the fog burned off, the skies were bright, winds were usually light, manageable, and down the runway, and best of all, the temps were in the upper 70s--a great, although short day of flying. Finally the word was given, and we were on our way to a great contest.

The important thing for me was that everyone seemed to have a good time in spite of either NO SUN or TOO MUCH SUN late in the afternoon—it was all part of the challenge. There was so much SPA support for the contest; I received so much needed help in critical positions, (ie computer, flight board), from people like Joel Hebert, and Mike Miller from KCRC. In fact Gary Lindner made the point of saying he WANTED to be there just to help—and he did. We had lots of Novice flyers, (nine), but not enough Expert pilots which created a judging challenge, but as Mike Miller has already said, everybody was helpful, chipped in with judging suggestions, and did whatever was needed without complaint. There was also invaluable help from several of the local ABA club members—many of which had never even SEEN a pattern meet, much less an SPA contest—(I am presently the LONE aerobatic flyer around here), without all these people, it wouldn't have turned out the same.

There were several first-timers, either as competitors or spectators. In addition to Jeff Petroski, and Dan (Deadstick) Hines, Jim Hamilton made it to his first SPA event, and was not disappointed with what he

saw. He told me he was supposed to report back to other potentially interested flyers in the New Jersey area about whether SPA is really as much fun as we have been telling them it is—he is going to give them a good report, and he'll be back. Also brand new to the "SPA Experience" Doug Whitaker, (who took 2nd place in Novice), and Steve Vergamini added to the large field of Novice, (future Experts) Pilots.

Thanks again--I hope you enjoyed your time in Asheville, and maybe we'll hold another meet in the Asheville area next year. We already have an invitation to hold a two-day event at a different site, (I haven't seen), next year.



Carolina Custom models T2A kit was won by Don Eiler. \$50. off Home & Hobby laser cut kit by Ken McMahon. PRIMUS kit won by Carter Pounder. 2007 SPA calendars won by Jamie Strong, Scott Sappington, Don Eiler and Doug Whitaker. Tremendous support via the prize donations and especially the attendance by these famed SPA model manufacturers.

Look at this aerial photo of the Asheville flying field to the right. It was taken by Jamie's model equipped with a little digital camera just prior to the flying starting on Saturday. The view was "scenic" with GREAT SMOKIES in background. Rivers converge near the sight that flow South to Alabama, North to Ohio.



SENIOR EXPERT	
<ol> <li>Bruce Underwood</li> </ol>	3000
<ol><li>Ed Hartley</li></ol>	2867
<ol><li>Dennis Hunt</li></ol>	2588
EXPERT	
<ol> <li>Jamie Strong</li> </ol>	2950
<ol><li>Jerry Black</li></ol>	2627
SPORTSMAN	
<ol> <li>Scott Sappington</li> </ol>	3000
<ol><li>William Kite</li></ol>	2961
<ol><li>Phil Spelt</li></ol>	2792
<ol> <li>Scott Anderson</li> </ol>	2735
5. Jim Hamilton	2637
NOVICE	
<ol> <li>Don Eiler</li> </ol>	3000
<ol><li>Doug Whitaker</li></ol>	2831
<ol><li>Karl Gerth</li></ol>	2822
<ol> <li>David Johnson</li> </ol>	2783
<ol><li>Rhea Starnes</li></ol>	2777
<ol><li>Steve Vergamini</li></ol>	2607
<ol><li>Mike Miller</li></ol>	2495
<ol><li>Vic Koenig</li></ol>	2468
<ol><li>Marc Sobolewski</li></ol>	657
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Guntersville, AL

Novice and Sportsman flew four full rounds.
Senior Expet and Expert opted to limit themselves to 3 rounds.

No crashes nor "mid-air" incidents.

Fallish good-feelin' winds were, for the most part, right down the field.

Temps were very comfortable with morning lows of 52.



What about this SPA cake at right. Was consumed at the Wilson's on Friday night. The logo was literally cakefrosting, all edible and was YUM-YUM good!!

Finding the Wilson home for the Friday night "greet & Eat" gathering was so easily located with SPA logo posted signs such as this one to the left.

With the good "shrimp-boil" and all the fixing's at the Wilsons'...wonder if our Wilsons are related to JUSTIN. (Cajun)



ASHEVILLE Thanks very much for a memorable contest weekend!



## Improving the Pilot's Performance by

# DENNIS HUNT SPA 31

### Chair (2007-08 Pattern Cmte)

2006 has been a great year for me. I managed to make it to all the contests but one and have greatly enjoyed the fellowship and competition. During the Knoxville contest Bruce asked me to chair the New Pattern Committee. Working with Mickey and Cass has been a rewarding experience and I hope that the new patterns we have put together will challenge all of us while retaining the spirit of SPA. While studying the list of SPA legal maneuvers that we might use I discovered that there was room for an improvement in the available information and during the contests that I entered I noticed that many, if not most, pilots repeatedly make the same mistake in some maneuver in their pattern. Even our illustrious leader is not guilt free on this count. One might reasonably conclude that the pilots are not aware that they are making a mistake.

Recently the PIO told Joe Bolden, in response to his request for guidance on the SPA maneuvers, to go to the SPA site and look up the Judges Guide and that he would find there everything he needed to know. In his words " It's the SPA bible." Good advice indeed. I hadn't looked at it for a long time so I followed his advice to Joe and I would recommend that all of you do the same. In particular I would draw your attention to Paragraph 7 on pages 8 & 9 in Section 2 of the Judges Guide. Unfortunately the drawings of the maneuvers which follow later do not clearly show the various elements that are set out in the Maneuver Description and that may be the reason why we see so many variations during the competitions.

Ed Hartley was sitting in my 'shop one day and we were listing maneuvers that would be suitable for the new pattern for the Sportsman class. He reminded me that the Reverse Cuban 8 was much easier to do than the regular Cuban and to make his point he made a rough drawing of it. And course he made it too flat - most people do. It's much easier to draw it if you think of it as two circles inside two squares on the 45 with their adjacent corners touching and then try to fly it with that diagram in mind.

When Phil Spelt came by to pick up his new DR wings we got around to talking about the Double Immelman that he has some strong opinions about. I mentioned that I had been told that the rolls on the top and bottom should end on the center line and that I had been trying to do it that way. He very quickly responded "Where did that come from ..... it's not in the rules". And of course he is right!!! If the pilot/judge is not informed about a change in the way a maneuver should be executed how can he possibly judge it!!

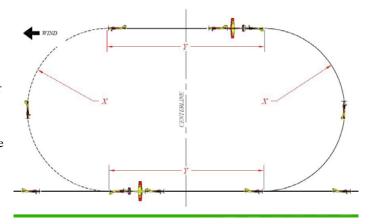
These two incidents confirmed my earlier opinion that what we really need to improve the pilots performance is drawings of all the maneuvers in each class that show each maneuver from the pilot's view point with all the individual elements clearly shown and in agreement with the maneuver description. In this way I believe we can quickly get everybody on the same page.

Enter Eric Nessler. Most of you know Eric as a very good pattern flyer but you may not know that he is also an excellent and very meticulous draftsman. I got to see some of his work when I cut the foam parts for his new AMA pattern ship so naturally I asked Eric if he would make drawings for the new patterns. He accepted and we plan to have everything ready for presentation at the Board Meeting in January.

One of the worst drawings in the present rule book is that for the Top Hat. If you look closely you will see that the rolls are not centered on the vertical lines. So we started with that maneuver and worked up a system that shows all the details. It is remarkable how different the maneuver looks when you see it drawn from the pilots view point. First of all it is a square, not tall and thin the way most of us have been doing it and when all the corners have the same radius, as they are supposed to be, the overall appearance changes considerably.

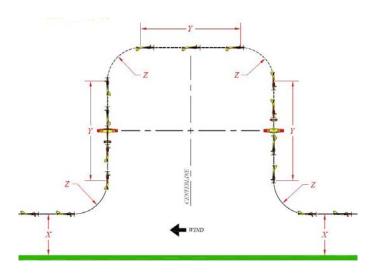
Maybe we don't have to wait until next year and the new patterns to get started, let's start doing it now!!!

Below is a sample of the Double Immelmann as it will appear:



Note the "detail" given in these drawings...X = X, Y = Y, etc. No question as to how each maneuver should be judged.

Below is the TOP HAT as it will appear in the new GUIDE:



Webmaster Ed has made available neat CALLSHEETS and even the 2007-08 Scoresheets for downloading from the SPA website. Go to the website at: WWW.SENIORPATTERN.COM, click on the label DOWNLOADS then download call cards and/or scoresheets.

To join the SPA Discussion List: send an e-mail to:
 discussion-request@seniorpattern.com
 in the body of the e-mail just type:
 "your name" <your e-mail address>
 if successful, the site will automatically confirm.

About 90 members participate as of Oct. 24, 2006.

### FROSTING on 2006 SPA Contest Season

As the caption implies.....both mornings of the 2006 MASTERS contest at PCMA (Paulding County Model Aviation) were literally "frosted". The <u>usual</u> term for HOTLANTA wasn't even used the weekend of October 14 & 15 as a result. It was typical early Autumn, cold in the mornings but warming up nicely as the day progressed. A brisk wind primarily from the NE served to lower the chill factor to the point that layers of clothing were welcomed as was the club-provided hot coffee and doughnuts.

Flying was typical for late season, much more accurate maneuver execution, evidently with participation in prior contests and extra practice for this one. Many judges exclaimed, "the flying was just better and consequentially more difficult to find errors for downgrades".

ALL 27 contestants received a memento plaque of their participation in the 2006 MASTERS contest at PCMA. Jim Rogers is going to have the pleasure of redeeming his \$300.00 gift certificate from Pyramid Hobbies as the raffle winner. A gift like that is equivalent to winning a key to Santa's workshop.

A couple of mishaps occurred when Bob Bixby's aluminum wingtube succumbed to the G's applied to it in the Horizontal Eight. Phil Spelt's Panzer aileron servo decided to go on strike during his sequence. The guys smiled, recovered the components and realized, "this happens to all of us that enjoy this sport/hobby.

Rich Ernst from the Sunshine State flew that beautiful DECEPTION model that was the feature in a recent SPA newsletter.

The HIGHLIGHT of the annual MASTERS was the FLY-OFF in each class as well as the same for the Senior Expert Pilot to determine who possesses the prized MEMORIAL TROPHY for the coming year. It's amazing, the solitude that exists as spectators and judges together eye each skillful input to the planes piloted by these accomplished qualifiers. Again, this year, each qualifier seemed to perform a more precise pattern during the FLY-OFF than during the regular competition rounds. Flashbacks of previous TOC's came to mind as one enjoyed the performance of these pilots. Even the "old-timers" confessed to nerves inciting "shaky-knees".

PCMA, ya' did us WELL with your' host and hostess duties. Sincerest "thanks" for your' efforts, all, from the Cooks, waitresses, scorekeepers, runners, CD and assistants. This MASTERS certainly earned another notch in the PCMA "handle" on contest sponsorship!



The above photo was made just PRIOR to the FLY-OFF between Mssrs Mickey Walker and Dennis Hunt. The winning margin came as a result of "nerves-precipitated" execution of one single maneuver. You just don't find more experience and dedication to our Sport/Hobby than is represented by these two "good guys" of Model Aviation. The FLY-OFF in each class was a genuine thrill to judge and watch.

2	006 MASTERS Con	ntest results Oct.	14, 15,
	SENIO	R EXPERT	
1.	Bruce Underwood	4000	AL
2.	Ed Hartley	3904	TN
3.	Dennis Hunt	3722	TN
4.	Mickey Walker	3652	GA
5.	Dave Burton	3228	NC
	EX	PERT	
1.	Jamie Strong	3979	AL
2.	Jerry Black	3951	TN
3.	Steve Byrum	3344	AL
4.	Cass Underwood	1966	AL
	SPOF	RTSMAN	
1.	Scott Sappington	3999	GA
2.	Bill Kite	3963	TN
3.	Jim Rogers	3945	GA
4.	John Baxter	3882	GA
5.	Richard Witt	3787	AL
6.	Phil Spelt	3668	TN
7.	Jim Slocum	3372	GA
8.	Bob Bixby	2045	GA
	NC	OVICE	
1.	John Johnson	4000	TN
2.	David Johnson	3742	TN
3.	Rhea Starnes	3698	TN
4.	Don Eiler	3694	TN
5.	Duane Wilson	3673	NC
6.	Curtis Comer	3660	AL
7.	Robert Johnson	3657	TN
8.	Steve Vergamini	3554	NC
	Doug Whitaker	3459	TN

### 2006 FLY-OFF WINNERS

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10. Rich Ernst

NOVICE – John Johnson 520.5 TN SPORTSMAN – Scott Sappington – 862.5 GA EXPERT – Cass Underwood - 1040.9 AL SENIOR EXPERT – MEMORIAL TROPHY Mickey Walker – 970.5 GA

## 2006 HIGH POINT CUPS





Judging columnist and Board Member

# Keith Watson comments on 2006

We've just had a GREAT season in 2006 and I want to thank everyone for the support and participation. At the Masters we had Jim Ivey and Bill Collins who pretty much made themselves available for full-time judging and it was a great help. I was on Line 1 a lot of the time and the Expert and Senior Expert guys assigned themselves to the chairs as needed. Scott and John helped with my (Chief Judge!) duties so I'm sharing my paycheck with them.

Seeing Mickey and Dennis in the Senior flyoff was a real treat. Both have been solid contributors for all the days of SPA and they are worthy competitors for the Memorial Trophy. I hope to see them repeat. I feel that SPA is a very strong group for our future thanks to a lot of hard work and good attitudes from everyone. Let's keep it going!

Good Flying,



Above photo is PROOF of the frost each morning of the MASTERS in Hotlanta. Think of this come next JULY.



Rich Ernst from Florida flew DECEPTION in MASTERS.

### Final 2006 Season Championship Points

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7 contests	Bruce Underwood	53.5
6 contests	Ed Hartley	43.5
6 contests	Dennis Hunt	28.5
5 contests	Mickey Walker	16.5
2 contests	Keith Watson	12
7 contests	Jamie Strong	41
5 contests	Cass Underwood	35
3 contests	Eric Nessler	22
3 contests	John Nessler	16
3 contests	Jerry Black	16
7 contests	Scott Sappington	78
5 contests	Bill Kite	47
6 contests	John Baxter	42
7 contests	Phil Spelt	25
3 contests	Jim Rogers	20
5 contests	Don Eiler	56.5
5 contests	John Johnson	51.5
6 contests	Dave Johnson	38.5
6 contests	Rhea Starnes	37.5
4 contests	Karl Gerth	27
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Some contest Directors and Officials elected to conduct the contest activities and not actively fly at his sponsored meet.



Lucky Jim Rogers won the \$300.00 Gift Certificate from PYRAMID HOBBIES.

John Baxter, pictured to the RIGHT in above photo has assembled "super" slideshows of some of our contests this season...an excellent presentation on each. He sent me the following "update" on visits to each of them.

Bruce (10-23-2006)

I was just checking on how many hits I had on the slideshows Knoxville TN 431 Choo Choo 261 Hotlanta 299 Masters 101

John has produced some really good "memory-makers". Just in case you haven't viewed them and would like to: you may obtain the "link" to their placement on the Internet from John. HIs e-mail address is:

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