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SENIOR PATTERN PILOTS make SMOOTH PASSES !

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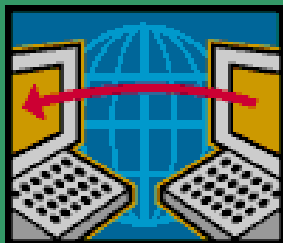
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At Left: Pres and Veep doing what they enjoy most of all at the recent Gadsden SPA contest.

VP Sappington says:

The 2008 contest season has gotten off to a great start with Alabaster and Gadsden and the mark has been set high by these two events. I was not able to attend Alabaster due to illness but had a wonderful time at Gadsden. Actually, the flying was secondary to the incredible fellowship and fun that we so proudly promote. The Pattern committee has done a great job to implement patterns for '09-'10 that will

make the transition to Sportsman and Expert easier so all I can do is encourage you to "MOVE UP". In anticipation of our November event I am seeing some excellent antique designs come to life. Thanks to all for making this indeed an outstanding organization.

Mr. May 2006 ("The ugly guy with the Blue Airplane who keeps showing up everywhere")

PREZ SEZ:

Can you believe the number of NOVICE pilots who have turned out for our initial two contests this season? This is a direct result of the enormous PR efforts by several of our members who've spread the SPA story via model mags, direct mailings, e-mails, etc. It's a FACT, RC Modelers are seeking an affordable genre for their Sport/Hobby and SPA Aerobatic competition is that very venue. To you "newbies" perhaps ingesting this edition of the SPA Newsletter as your first issue, "we are proud to have you participating in Senior Pattern action and know you'll appreciate becoming one of us as you experience the fellowship, fun and *flying skill honing* that we've enjoyed". Let me encourage you to use the application for membership on Page 8 of this publication to solicit a buddy to do what you've done. Thanks much.

Bruce Underwood

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President



Bruce & Jane Underwood

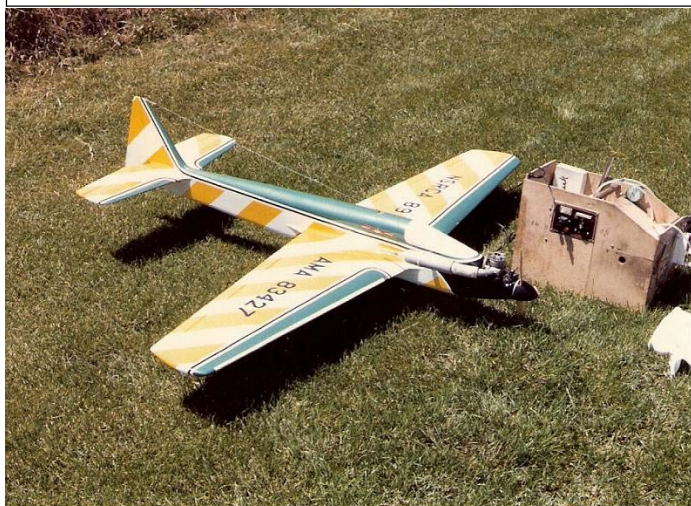
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More and more models are being added to the SPA "Approved" list. The photo above is the NIRIS, or better known as the PEPPERMINT PATTIE. This model was approved by Mickey Walker, Chair of the "Approved models" committee in March of 2008. A request was e-mailed to Mickey by Scott Anderson of Knoxville, TN who shared a bit of background on the model with his request: (Cut & Pasted):

The plane was in done in October 1975 and is in the AMA plan service center. The plane is called the Niris. From talking to the designer the plane is also known as the Peppermint Pattie, this name was given when the plane was being kitted by Master Kit. I have a full set of plans available for review if needed.

Scott included pertinent data from the AMA website on the model, its' designer, dates, etc. making it a simple matter for its' approval. Its' designer, Nic Damuck sent Scott a set of plans and the info on the AMA website shows its' wingspan is 72" and foam cores are listed on the site as being available from AMA.

The designer has given Scott's production of shortkits of the PEPPERMINT PATTIE his blessing. Anderson plans on production of it through PERFORMANCE MODEL AVIATION. Interested modelers may e-mail Scott for full info on the shortkits at:

scott@rcfoamy.com

IF IT'S A DUCK !!

During the Winter, its' a pastime for several of us to shoot-the-breeze on the SPA Discussion List. It never fails, the topic of "approved airplanes" comes up. The last time it did, Les Smith said "you guys are talking about my airplane", the SUPER DUCK, one of the designs that has been on the approved list since its' origin.



I talked to the original owner (Jon Britt) and he never flew my plane in the masters. He did qualify for the Masters in 1979 and flew a Super Duck to 11th that year but not the one I have. He mentioned that he also flew a Super Duck in the 1975 Tangerine and took second that year.

As far as the design itself, it was developed by Dean Koger and Dave Scully. I don't know the date the design came out but it was obviously before the 1976 cut off date if one was flown in the 1975 Tangerine. I'm told that Dave lived in Dayton and he produced kits for several years. I'm sure Dean won several of the big events with a Super Duck, but I don't have those details. Most people think of the EU-1 when you mention Dean Koger. I'm told that some of the later Super Duck kits may have been produced by Richard Jennings in Kansas City, MO.

My particular plane is an enlarged Super Duck developed by Fred Hulen and Dick Hulse (Used to be called Duck Hulse) of Kansas City, MO. It was kitted by Richard Jennings and was called in the KC area, (are you ready) a Daddy Duck. It is true to the original profile and moments but like the Daddy Rabbit it grew a little from the original design. It was built for the 1980 contest season so it is 28 years old (wonder if there is a conversion factor like for dogs – airplane years versus human years). LES



Captain Olin Koger, U.S.A.F., Omaha, Nebr., was RC Pattern Air Force Champion in '68 and '70, first in the 1970 Spokane Internats. His original designed model is named "Super Duck", has 63-inch wingspan. He holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering.

This shot of KOGER is from the 1972 Team selection program held in Huntsville, AL



ALABASTER, AL—March 29-30, 2008

Beginning on Friday afternoon, with a greeting from the MAYOR and a presentation from his Honor to early arrivals of a folder of literature about the city, even personalized maneuver call sheets, to the awards ceremony on Sunday morning, participants and spectators to the initial Alabaster RC Association's first SPA contest were proud we were there to be a part of this historic "beginning" of what is hoped a lengthy series of annual Pattern meets here.

The huge covered area, concessions department, frequency board, even the JOHN smelled like the fragrance department at Sears or an elderly Sister at church. These guys and gals left nothing to be desired as regards condiments.

Saturday's weather was just ideal and four rounds were ended in more than ample time for the huge seafood consumption at the Fish Market Restaurant only blocks from the flying field.

Note the city's slogan, "Planning for the future", this was evident for SPA's future with, listen to this, (14)...yes, fourteen Novice pilots. Veteran TOC assistant and judge, Bill Collins told the group at the awards meeting, "I came expecting to see some pretty rough flying, what with this being the early gathering, but was I ever surprised to see how well folks were executing at this contest, its' evident a lot of practice has been taking place. Only 180 points out of a possible 3000 separated 5th to 1st place. Folks, the future is looking great for SPA participation based on this turnout.

The Expert class was nip and tuck between a couple veterans who have seen each other's slight errors in the past and "pounced" on them in order to "eak" out a victory. Only 46 points separating them.

Sportsman class was dominated by our Sunshine State member who primed for the initial Alabama contest by earning season championship points in the Florida contest in December.

Two newspapers covered the event, the Birmingham News from Birmingham, AL and the Shelby County Reporter from near Alabaster. Your PIO had a nice interview with the Reporter as did several of the Alabaster Club officials. Excellent PR on the part of CD Mike Wingo and Co-planner Mike Williams.

The thunderstorm that moved into the area ushered in temps and strong winds that prevented flying action on Sunday but didn't dampen any spirits as 4 full rounds had been flown on Saturday and the excellent covered facility provided a shelter for the awards program. Trophies were adorned with beautiful photos made on Saturday by Mike Williams' Daughter Jamie Gould. Mike's family was a terrific asset to the gathering with their chores and fellowship, as were all the club members who played parts in its' success.

Pyramid Hobbies made it possible for some really neat raffle prizes, Caddies, cleaning supplies, chargers, and a World Models A6 Intruder ARF model. How timely that Jim Griffin, a club member and aspiring SPA pilot won the Intruder. Jim is the

curator of the Museum of Flight in Birmingham, AL. Locals said Jim is a most deserving winner and a future competitor. Mike Wingo, CD, and club members voted amongst themselves to award the SPORTSMANSHIP award to Mr. Mike Williams and his family to share, as "they bent over backwards" to see that things were done and done properly to insure the success of this contest". Thanks Williams family.

There were 21 contestants who participated and probably that many came to spectate from many parts of Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida saying, "this is for me"...."you folks really are as nice as I've heard and read" Doesn't it make you feel good hearing those kinds of comments.

If there's any doubt Alabaster RC'ers about anyone not having a BALL at your contest, REMOVE IT....for you folks have really set an excellent example of how a contest should be conducted. It was a delightful weekend. We are most grateful.



Wingo said "Mike and his family just "bent over backwards" to see that all things needing done was done. "This family is a genuine asset to our club and our sport/hobby"!

RESULTS – ALABASTER, AL MARCH 29 & 30, 2008

SENIOR EXPERT (1)

1000 Bruce Underwood Guntersville, AL

EXPERT (2)

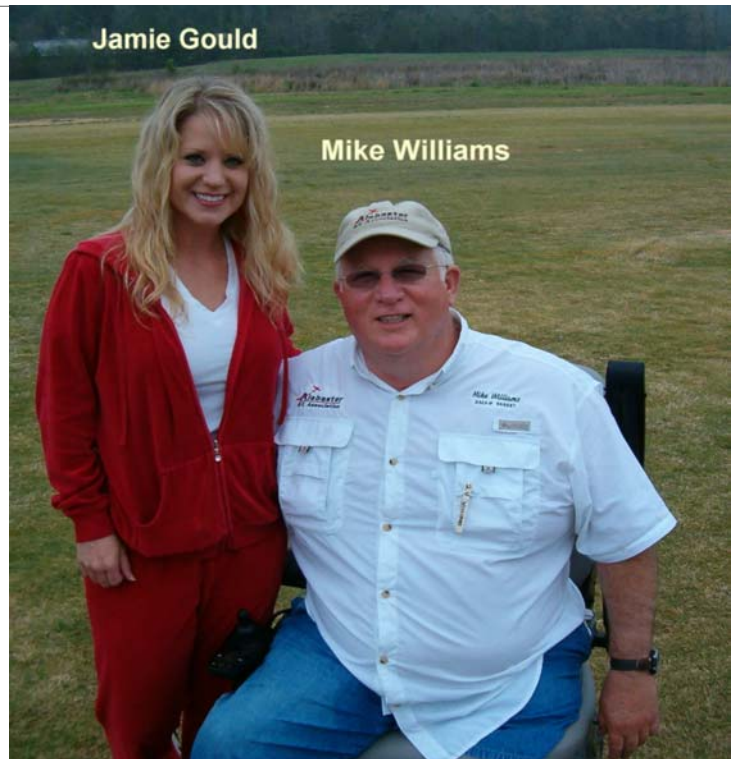
3000 Jamie Strong Prattville, AL
2954 Randy Roberts Cullman, AL

SPORTSMAN ((4)

3000 Jeff Owens Tallahassee, FL
2892 Don Wade Helena, AL
2588 David Phillips, Sr Hueytown, AL
2585 Ken Blackwell Enterprise, AL

NOVICE (14)

3000 Austin Wingo Birmingham, AL
2933 Mike Williams Alabaster, AL
2886 Bob Wetzel Temple, GA
2884 Julio Arrietta Hephzibah, GA
2820 Steve Vegamani Greensboro N.C.
2770 Doug Harvel Forest, MS
2683 Tom Stennis Starkville, MS
2668 Forrest Schaffer Hoover, AL
2466 Dan Dougherty Powder Springs, GA
2416 Nick Smith Wetumpka, AL
2271 Harry Layfield Pitts, GA
2211 Dave Phillips III Adger, AL
2195 Charles Johns Brewton, AL
2138 Bob Primm Anniston, AL

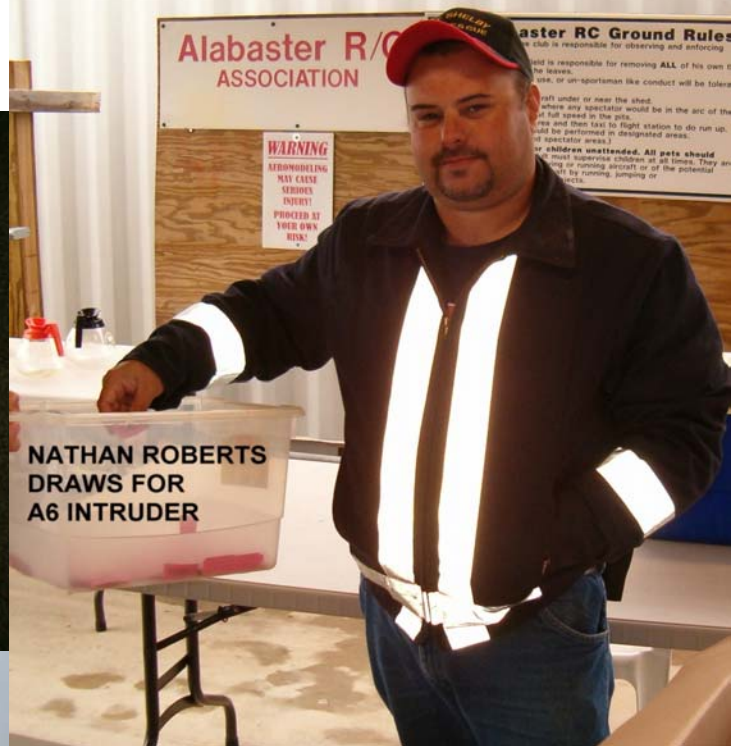


Jamie Gould

Mike Williams



MAYOR brought PR kits & complimentary CALL SHEETS



NATHAN ROBERTS DRAWS FOR A6 INTRUDER



ALABASTER FIELDHOUSE

Above is the very neat covered area at Alabaster field. Scoring, all the concessions, raffle prizes and gathering for the awards were held under the protective covering provided by the excellent facility. Registration table with complimentary packages, laminated "call sheets", etc spanned the width of the structure. Huge parking area is adjacent to it.



Left is the display of raffle prizes courtesy of PYRAMID HOBBIES in Cullman, AL.

GADSDEN WAS G-R-R-R-R-R-R-R-E-A-T !!

What a nice week-end at Kidd Field in Gadsden the week-end of April 19 & 20, 2008. 29 of the finest SPA pilots in existence performed their sequences in swirling winds of up to 20 MPH and at times handled it so well, one would wonder if the wind had ceased. Temperatures were perfect in the upper 60's on Saturday and well into the 70's on Sunday.

CD Jack Stephens was "flanked" by the CRUX of SPA "doers" with Jamie Strong pulling duties as Flight scheduler, Chief Judge, Contestant, Caller, Announcer, these chores among others. John Baxter and Bob Bixby inputting scores and detailing rapid score tabulation and posting. Mickey Walker, Bill Collins and others making the contest just to assist with the judging chores. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Brooks, Mrs. Eunice Stephens (Jack), and Fred Steward tending the luncheon and concession site. It was a **SPLENDID** coordination of efforts culminating in a "most enjoyable weekend" and "hugely successful contest."

29 contestants entered and flew 5 rounds in all classes but Senior Expert which flew 4. Another good indication of the increased interest in SPA competition with 15, yes, fifteen Novice pilots. Sportsman class enjoyed 8 competitors, 4 in Expert and a pair in Senior Expert. Fun and fellowship was topped with the awards ceremony on Sunday which saw a number of great raffle prizes courtesy Sid Austin and PYRAMID HOBBIES in Cullman, AL. The lucky winner of the A-6 INTRUDER ARF model was Mike Miller of KCRC in Knoxville, TN. Congrats to Mike, we're proud for him.

At the beginning of the awards presentation, Jack Stephens, of the Gadsden RC Flyers, held a very special presentation. The GRCF SPORTSMANSHIP award given the individual who exhibited a show of nothing but "good sportsmanship" and "genuine effort" to make the contest a success. The Gadsden Club members selected Mr. Jamie Strong as that individual that just displayed a constant flow of **Sportsmanship** and his **"efforts were ongoing from the planning stages to the completion"**. Congratulation and a heartfelt thanks to Jamie. It couldn't have been received by a more deserving person. It might be interesting to note, the alternate would have been Mr. Tom Stennis of Mississippi who made it as far as Birmingham, AL on Thursday before his Motor Home, broke down and is in a repair shop there for 4 days. 2nd Alternate was young Nick Smith of the Alabaster club who parked his model in a huge tree at Kidd Field on Friday before the contest. Parts of it are still there as of this writing. Don Wade loaned Smith his Intruder for competition. Incidentally, Don Wade, a proclaimed IMAC competitor flew in the EXPERT class even though he was unfamiliar with that pattern until Friday afternoon. This was likened to flying an "unknown" in an IMAC contest, with an Intruder. Good show Don.

Our sincere thanks to Jack and all the members of the Gadsden RC Flyers for their hospitality and efficient operation of the contest. Jack shared the revenue the club will realize from this years' contest saying "we are so grateful for we did even better than last year and our treasury can certainly use the proceeds". He was most appreciative of the detail by SPA pilots to leaving the field "spic and span". I agreed with him wholeheartedly when he said, "SPA is a mighty good bunch, we love having them here in Gadsden". I assured him, the feeling was mutual!!! Thanks again GADSDEN, it was G RRRRRR E A T !

SPA PIO

PS: A few days after the contest, Jack said on the Discussion List: Some of our clubmembers were able to retrieve MOST of Nick Smith's airplane, bundle it up and ship it to him. All but one wing half with the servo still in it was recovered. "It'll take a HUGE storm with loads of wind to maybe someday blow that wing half down from it's lofty perch way up in that huge Elm or Oak. We were proud to have recovered most of the nice model and get it back to Nick.

GADSDEN, AL April 19 & 20, 2008

SENIOR EXPERT

1. Bruce Underwood	Guntersville, AL	4000
2. Ed Hartley	Knoxville, TN	3747

EXPERT

1. Jamie Strong	Prattville, AL	3943
2. Randy Roberts	Cullman, AL	3925
3. Scott Sappington	Dallas, GA	3860
4. Don Wade	Helena, AL	3033

SPORTSMAN

1. John Baxter	Dallas, GA	3988
2. Scott Anderson	Knoxville, TN	3899
3. Mike Robinson	Dalton, GA	3642
4. Jim Slocum	Temple, GA	3583
5. Ken Blackwell	Enterprise, AL	3521
6. Phil Spelt	Knoxville, TN	3520
7. David Phillips	Heuytown, AL	3435
8. Skip Getelman	Sharpsburg, GA	3334

NOVICE

1. Austin Wingo	Birmingham, AL	3982
2. Bob Wetzel	Temple, GA	3896
3. Marc Sobolewski	Knoxville, TN	3819
4. Julio Arrieta	Hepzibah GA	3744
5. Forrest Schaffer	Hoover, AL	3724
6. Karl Gerth	Oak Ridge, TN	3637
7. David Phillips III	Adger, AL	3634
8. Don Eiler	Knoxville, TN	3594
9. Mike Williams	Alabaster, AL	3590
10. Dan Dougherty	Powder Spr, GA	3493
11. Mike Miller	Knoxville, TN	3403
12. Nick Smith	Alabaster, AL	3393
13. Sammy Hamrick	Dalton, GA	3379
14. Les Smith	Corinth, MS	3281
15. Bob Primm	Anniston, AL	2693



Fred Steward (above) leads the invocation, a "thanks to GOD for our numerous blessings" prior to the PILOTS Briefing on Saturday at historic KIDD FIELD. In 1991 the AMA pattern contest here was largest in the USA that year other than NATS. 62 pilots flew here that year.



OLD GLORY flew all week-end.



NEWBIES
 Nick Smith Forrest Schaffer Bob Primm



Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Brooks L to R manned the concession area and featured YUMMY dogs and burgers with homemade desserts!



Mr. & Mrs. Don Wade—Helena, AL. Breakfast on Sunday morning!



Mike Miller wins A 6 INTRUDER

There was a number of good raffle prizes, several foam-caddies from PYRAMID HOBBIES....some OS-91 "velocity stacks" machined and donated by Mr. Sammy Hamrick of Dalton, GA. GRCF said they were most grateful for the generous prize donations and participation.



Don loaned Nick HIS Intruder after Nick's Friday mishap.



S P A contesting is FUN. Share the membership app on rear of this NL with a buddy.

NATIONAL POINTS STANDINGS as of 04-21-08

NOVICE

Austin Wingo 37
 Bob Wetzel 31
 Julio Arrieta 25
 Mike Williams 22
 Forrest Schaffer 17

SPORTSMAN

Jeff Owens 15
 John Baxter 12
 Scott Anderson 10
 Mike Robinson 8
 Don Wade 6
 Ken Blackwell 6
 Jim Slocum 6

EXPERT

Jamie Strong 14
 Randy Roberts 10
 S. Sappington 4
 Don Wade 2

SENIOR EXPERT

B. Underwood 11
 Ed Hartley 4

2008 Contest schedule & CD's

May 17th-18th Knoxville Tn.(firm) Dennis Hunt CD
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June 7th-8th Hotlanta Ga.(firm)John Baxter CD
rjbaxter2@comcast.net

July 12th - 13th Asheville NC. (firm) Duane Wilson CD
avlwilson@charter.net

July 26th -27th Edinburg IN (firm) Weekend of the NATS ending Friday, A two for one .

Randy Schwersenska. CD
speedster1919@juno.com

August 16th- 17th Hodges (firm) Andersonville, GA Scott Sappington CD
mrmay2006@comcast.net

September 20th- 21st Prattville Al. (firm) Jamie Strong CD
jstrong499@charter.net

October MASTERS 25th - 26th Cullman Al (firm) Steve Byrum CD
stevebyrum@bellsouth.net

November SPA Antique contest - 15th-16th (firm) PCMA Paulding Co. GA (same as HOTLANTA)

Frank Stewart CD hotstick@charter.net

Ed Hartley, Chairman of the 2009-10 SPA Pattern selection Committee said:

The maneuver sequence team for the SPA maneuvers 2009 -10 have been working on the maneuvers to be flown in these years. The team consisted of Joe Holton, Steve Byrum, Ed Hartley and Bruce Underwood as president. We had valuable input from several of our pilots including Mickey Walker and to many others to mention by name. This input was appreciated and caused several changes in the sequences.

We originally intended for the outside loop in Novice be from the top. However, several Novice pilots who test flew the patterns wanted it from the bottom. (One Reverse Outside Loop). We decided to have a informal on line vote which many participated in. The Talley was approximately two to one in favor of the Reverse Outside Loop. This being the case that is how it is. We added two maneuvers to Novice so they would get closer to equal flying time that Sportsman and Expert now enjoy. It is interesting to note the only maneuver the list would have allowed for Novice in lieu of the outside loop was the Split S which we all consider a non-maneuver.

We put the 180 Degree Turn in all three classes. I recall in years past doing it in D-Expert. It is easy to fly but difficult to do correctly and pretty! One of the guys said it would allow the Novice pilots to laugh at those in Expert. (No Doubt!) <G>

We have created the classes where moving up a class will be much easier. We tried where possible to have maneuvers related to those in the next class for ease of transition.

We think it will be much easier for the CD to use judges who will be capable of judging the class above the one they are competing in and vice versa.

The SPA Board has approved the maneuvers. All the sequences have been flown numerous times.

We don't want to emulate some other competition organizations by waiting to the last minute to complete and announce the schedules. You now have them in plenty of time to practice for NEXT year in your spare time!

Thanks to all who were a part of this process.

You may down load the score sheets and call cards at

<http://www.seniorpattern.com/scoresheets.asp>

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NOVICE	SPORTSMAN	EXPERT
1. Takeoff	1. Takeoff	1. Takeoff
2. Straight Flight Out	2. Double Stall Turn	2. Fig M—1/2 Rolls
3. Procedure Turn	3. Cuban 8	3. 3 Horiz Rolls
4. Straight Flight Back	4. 3 Inside Loops	4. Top Hat
5. Immelman Turn	5. 3 Horiz Rolls	5. 4 Pt Roll
6. Double Stall Turn	6. 1 Rev Outside Lp	6. Running 8
7. 1 Horiz Roll	7. 180 Deg. Turn	7. 8 Pt Roll
8. 1/2 Cuban 8	8. Slow Roll	8. 3 Inside Lps
9. 3 Inside Lps	9. Double Immelman	9. 180 Deg. Trn
10. 180 Deg Trn	10. 4 Point Roll	10. Slow Roll
11. 2 Point Roll	11. Running 8	11. Dble Immelman
12. 1 Rev Outside Lp	12. Knife Edge	12. Cuban 8
13. Landing Perfection	13. 3 Turn Spin	13. 3 Turn Spin
	14. Landing Perfection	14. Landing Perfection

(Editors Note)...Last edition you had the ANTIQUE patterns that will be flown at the ANTIQUE contest in Hotlanta in November. Now, thanks to the early decisions of the pattern-committee, we are able to post the schedules for the coming cycle 2009-10. There are clubs throughout the nation and at least one International who hold "SPA-like" contests and adopt the SPA maneuver schedules for their meets. Our sincere gratitude to Mssrs Hartley, Byrum and Holton for their efforts and to our Boardmembers and officers who flew the suggested maneuvers and submitted their results.



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