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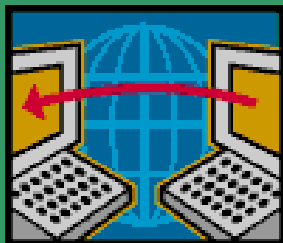
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SENIOR PATTERN PILOTS make SMOOTH PASSES !

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2008 is going GREAT !!

July 12th - 13th Asheville NC. (firm) Duane Wilson CD
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July 26th -27th Edinburg IN (firm) Weekend of the NATS ending Friday, A two for one :). Randy Schwersenska. CD
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August 16th- 17th Andersonville, GA Scott Sappington CD
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September 20th- 21st Prattville Al. Jamie Strong CD
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October MASTERS 25th - 26th Cullman Al Steve Byrum CD
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November 1 & 2 Miami, FL Bob Cox CD (Note, this is a change in the date listed in the previous edition (conflict settled)
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November SPA Antique contest - 15th-16th PCMA Paulding Co. GA (same as HOTLANTA) Scott Sappington CD
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Also help yourself to the SPA Discussion List to promote events. Hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter, our thanks to new contributor Pyramid Hobbies. See Page 5 for many SPA planes.



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Randy Schwersenska, CD for coming HOOSIER HOSPITALITY contest writes of attending his **initial SPA** event.

Well my first contest I went to, I decided I didn't want the pressure of competing and checking out how to run an SPA contest as a CD. I must say, I was treated like gold. Just about everyone treated me with a hardy welcome. Some even offered to let me fly their plane. I declined because they had not seen me fly yet.

What surprised me was a well organized , but laid back contest. I was asked to call for some guys and had never done it before. I got a hoot out of , Bruce Underwood asked me to call for him first and said stand on this side of me and call loud , because he was deaf in one ear. I was then asked by Duane Wilson to call for him and he told me I didn't have to shout , I'm only 2 foot away from you. I was shown how to score and enter computer data and Ed Hartley brought me the PASS software the next day for my contest.

I was told by many how great it was I made the trip down and I was putting on the very first contest in Indiana. Since I have never flown a lick of pattern in my short flying life (2 1/2 years) and having a short flying season because of winter and a weekend warrior because of job. I could not imagine 4 rounds of 2 flite lines taking 9AM to 4 PM time span. Well it did, with no lunch break and almost everyone next in line ready to go after a landing and clearing of field. Competitors would help each other if needed and everyone looked like they were having fun. Even my wife said what a great bunch of guys. In conclusion, would I recommend SPA to all? YES.....If you want a little purpose to burning holes in the sky and would like a little friendly competition, I would recommend joining the SPA and flying some contests.

Randy Schwersenska SPA#385 Martinsville Indiana.

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Not Familiar with the above ACRONYM?
Join the SPA Discussion List from the website for details.

MAY 3 & 4, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Just after the Tulsa contest, the CD's computer "crashed" and the results just barely made the publication deadline for this edition. Many thanks to Dan Quinten for submission of them in the "nick".

NOVICE

1. Lindy Quinten
2. Dan Quinten
3. Vernon White

SPORTSMAN

1. Norman Morrel
2. John Zimmerman
3. Cliff McGee

EXPERT

1. Bill Rutledge
2. Dave Harmon
3. Chris White



TROUBLEMAKER at TULSA



I count SIX engines on the Superfortress that flew a demonstration for the gang in Tulsa. A scale builders and flyers "delight".



Senior Pattern Association

National Points Championship standings as well as the latest contest schedule and all pertinent SPA rules and regulations can be had on the website at

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Invite a "flying buddy" to fill out the application on this publication.

**Knoxville Tennessee
May 17 - 18 2008**

**(This was written on the evening of the 18th just after unloading
the car at my temporary home at the Trophy Shop)**

My dad used to say....."whew, I am tuckered-out-tired". That happened after a hard days work for him....and is the case for a GREAT weekend of SPA flying and fellowship at the SOUTH'S most scenic flying site. Encountered rain almost all the way back to Alabama...but the weatherman was kind enough to hold off the rain til only one flyer, Phil Spelt, was completing his round 6 Sunday just before noon EDT. He skillfully negotiated a "powerless" landing as his engine failed to respond just after his spin, the last maneuver.

Scorekeeper Joel Hebert (who lent his wonderful baritone voice for an acapella rendition of the National Anthem)...said the Novice field was huge....14 to be entered in the program. What a delightful competition with "Newbie" Kevin Clark of Fletcher, N.C. and "seasoned" vet Julio Arrietta of near Augusta, GA both winning 3 rounds....Clark's normalized score was a mere 22 points above Julio's.

Warren Oliver took all 6 rounds in Sportsman in a field of 8 good pilots.

Jamie Strong "iced" the Expert Class.

What a race in Senior Expert with Ed Hartley showing his practice paying dividends. Hartley displayed some of his finest execution of the season winning 3 of the 6 rounds, Bruce Underwood, the others, but only by the slimmest margin. After going to bed Saturday night with Underwood holding only a 1/2 point lead...it was "nip & tuck" on Sunday with Underwood edging Hartley by a slim 10 points. If an award was given the "most improved performer" it would have to go to the Hartley household.

The Kingsport guys had some "tuff" luck....with swirling winds literally yanking Vic Koenig's number 1 Dirty-Birdy to the asphalt severing its' nose just behind the motor mount....he fired up number 2 and finished flying Saturday's 4th round. Mr. Rhea Starnes received the distinguished SPORTSMANSHIP award for his display of "understandability" and "pun-poking" when his antenna became entangled in the safety fence and he demolished his Daddy-Rabbit. Congrats Mr. Rhea..you are indeed a "breath of fresh air" whenever you're on the flying scene.

It was such a joy to see former SPA President Ron Reed flying his neat Jim Rogers finished Daddy-Rabbit **without** wearing glasses. Some of you newer folks may not know...Reed was unable to see his models and was forced to cease flying activities....when some vision "miracles" were administered by optical surgeons in the Atlanta area...and PTL, they were successful. Reed introduced Alan Harper, a flying buddy from Marietta to SPA competition this weekend. Alan's father, Joel Phillip Harper was an old-time pattern flyer in the days of reeds.

Ed Waldrop, the STAND-MAN flew in his first SPA contest. He had been on a 31 year "hiatus" from pattern activity but is now FIRED-UP and flew his little shoulder wing airplane with a Super Tiger .51 2S in it. Said "I've had a BLAST" and totally hooked on SPA activity.

Randy Schwersenska made the trip to Knoxville from Indiana to get close to SPA activity as he will CD the contest in Indiana this season. I asked his impression....he replied "I'm impressed with KCRC, I had no idea it takes this much to run a good contest...but we've plenty of good help for Indiana and looking forward to all coming to fly with us in the Hoosier State". Congrats to the raffle winners....George Holcombe of KCRC won the new JR Spektrum radio, courtesy Pyramid Hobbies, Joel Hebert won the helicopter from the local Hobby store and lucky Mike Miller won the Peppermint Patty kit from Scott Anderson's model mill. Thanks to the sponsors for these wonderful prizes and to all who participated in the raffle. A real success.

Let me wind up this report with a confession I was pleased to receive on Friday afternoon upon arrival at the field. It was from Mr. Dennis Hunt, CD for the event.....it was such a joyful report he'd received from his medical doctor....he said "the Doc gave me an excellent report just this week". Isn't that GREAT news? I can just sense the series of "amens" from just outside your computer monitor. The Hunt's are so grateful for your concerns, well wishes and prayers during his recoup.

KCRC, you folks just keep turning out fine events....this weekend was in keeping with your' excellent tradition. We thank you MUCH!

SPA PIO
Bruce Underwood



Fog, wind and cold temperatures early on Saturday morning but a lot nicer up in the day. Clouds allowed flying for 4 complete rounds on Saturday and a clear morning on Sunday allowed prompt start. Joel Hebert's SUV hauled scoring computer, printer, monitor, etc.

KCRC 2008 RESULTS

NOVICE

1. Kevin Clark	3996	Fletcher, N.C.
2. Julio Arrietta	3974	Hephzibah, GA
3. Mike Williams	3877	Dalton, GA
4. Bob Wetzel	3801	Temple, GA
5. Don Eiler	3794	Knoxville, TN
6. Karl jGerth	3674	Oak Ridge, TN
7. Nick Smith	3636	Wetumpka, AL
8. David Phillips III	3595	Adger, AL
9. Mike Miller	3593	Knoxville, TN
10. Duane Wilson	3554	Asheville, NC
11. Doug Whitaker	3518	Morristown, TN
12. Allan Harper	3515	Marietta, GA
13. Vic Koenig	3342	Johnson City, TN
14. Rhea Starnes	3061	Kingsport, TN
15. Ed Waldrop	2826	Kingsport, TN

SPORTSMAN

1. Warren Oliver	4000	Knoxville, TN
2. Scott Anderson	3896	Knoxville, TN
3. Mike Robinson	3872	Dalton, GA
4. Ken Blackwell	3681	Enterprise, AL
5. Phil Spelt	3659	Oliver Spr, TN
6. Jim Slocum	3526	Temple, GA
7. David Phillips II	3511	Adger, AL
8. Ron Reed	3444	Marietta, GA

EXPERT

1. Jamie Strong	4000	Prattville, AL
2. Scott Sappington	3810	Dallas, GA
3. Don Wade	3463	Helena, AL

SENIOR EXPERT

1. Bruce Underwood	3999	Guntersville, AL
2. William Hartley	3989	Knoxville, TN



Winds blew 15 to 25 MPH but pilots handled it nicely. Clouds helped by shielding the usually bright afternoon sun and allowed 4 full rounds on Saturday



Isn't it GREAT to see NEW pilots like Alan on the SPA circuit? The beginning of what will hopefully be a good long association.



Knoxville, TN was his first contest to really see 1st hand. He is planning on a GREAT contest in HOOSIER country and hopes for lots of SPA interest in his state.



Kevin won 3 rounds in NOVICE in his 1st contest. His dad (notice Hugh favors Coach Howard Schnellenberger of Miami University), practiced and practiced, according to the Competitors Guide and Kevin executed the maneuvers just like they are drawn in the book. It was a JOY seeing this display of disciplined flying from a "newbie".

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HOTLANTA—June 7 & 8 2008

How do you say HOT? John Baxter and PCMA (Paulding County Model Aviation)...home of SPA Chapter 1..... mince no words when they boasted HOTlanta. The advertising said it was gonna be...and take it from your old newsletter reporter...it WAS. Lots of good ice water, electric fans and shades made for excellent condiments" .and attendees never gave the elements a 2nd thought. They were just too busy enjoying the action and the activities.

Just an occasional breeze, otherwise almost calm conditions made for some "mighty good" flying and CD John Baxter and Chief Judge Mickey Walker demonstrated their expertise in these fields and really kept the contest moving nicely and accomplished all objectives spelled out by Baxter and Walker in the initial pilots briefing. Six rounds total for all classes except Senior Expert which elected to "pass" on the 6th and final round. Long distance travelers (and there were those indeed), Texas, Florida, Carolinas, Indiana, and our usual Southeastern states) departed by IPM Georgia time on Sunday after loads of awards, accolades, etc at the ceremony.

Eleven Novices presented their patterns before the judges, 5 of the 6 rounds taken by Kevin Clark of Fletcher, NC assisted by his caller-coach-Dad, Hugh. Bob Wetzel "barnburned" round number 4 and won it. Julio Arrietta of near Augusta, GA pushed them all with a consistent performance after rebounding from an engine "flameout" in round one.

Jeff Owens of Tallahassee, FL "aced" the Sportsman class with his 2-stroke powered Cutlass.

What a "shootout" in the Expert Class (the largest thus far this season). Randy Roberts barely bested Bill Rutledge for the win. Roberts won 3 rounds, Rutledge one and Jamie Strong one. Sid Austin with his electric powered CURARE won the other round. Mr. May made the aforementioned pilots execute immaculately, despite a fuel tank problem remedied overnight Saturday night.

Mickey Walker and Ed Hartley kept Bruce Underwood on his P's and Q's in the Senior Expert Class.

Highlights of the delightful week-end included the traditional "get-together" at the Mexican EL NOPAL restaurant in Acworth. The raffle drawings were held after the good meal. Lucky winners included: Pyramid Hobbies Gear bender tools: Julio Arrietta, Bruce Underwood, Alan Harper. Pyramid Hobbies Foam Caddies: Jeff Owens, Hugh Clark SPEKTRUM radio: Randy Schwersenska. Johnny Escamilla, owner of the EL NOPAL drew for the radio. John Baxter said "it couldn't have gone to a nicer fellow". Randy "rekitted" his number one airplane while practicing on Friday afternoon.

The 2008 SPORTSMANSHIP award (winner selected by PCMA club-members) went to Mr. Rich Little....Cook, and Mr. "do-some-of-everything" to make things "click" with the PCMA club.

PCMA loads their events with "amenities"....for example, Roy Thompson of Georgia Aerial Surveys flew in his full-scale over the sight, shooting a delightful photo which was processed into a colorful 8X10 print and given each of the contestants. A wonderful gesture, as with the smaller prints made by, processed by, CD John Baxter and given each contestant. These are little "extras" that allow the contest to be recalled and remembered infinitely.

PCMA, HOTlanta 2008 was "simply GREAT". Much obliged for all....it was a JOY!

RESULTS—HOTLANTA

NOVICE

1. 4000	Kevin Clark	Fletcher, NC
2. 3924	Julio Arrieta	Hephzibah, GA
3. 3889	Bob Wetzel	Temple, GA
4. 3752	Steve Vergamina	Greensboro, NC
5. 3708	Duane Wilson	Asheville, NC
6. 3695	Sammy Hamrick	Dalton, GA
7. 3683	Alan Harper	Marietta, GA
8. 3570	Chris Langley	Powder Spr, GA
9. 3343	Dan Dougherty	Powder Spr. GA
10. 3067	Jay Schwersenska	Valrico, FL
11. 2309	Randy Schwersenska	Martinsville, IN

SPORTSMAN

1. 4000	Jeff Owens	Tallahassee, FL
2. 3813	Mike Robinson	Dalton, GA
3. 3791	John Baxter	Dallas, GA
4. 3626	Jim Slocum	Temple, GA
5. 3583	Phil Spelt	Oliver Spr. TN
6. 464	Bill Marchant	Georgia

EXPERT

1. 3974	Randy Roberts	Cullman, AL
2. 3924	Bill Rutledge	Grapevine, TX
3. 3899	Jamie Strong	Prattville, AL
4. 3820	Sid Austin	Cullman, AL
5. 3747	Scott Sappington	Georgia

SENIOR EXPERT

1. 4000	Bruce Underwood	Guntersville, AL
2. 3794	Ed Hartley	Knoxville, TN
3. 3384	Mickey Walker	Kennesaw, GA



"We provide the finest for our pilot guests at PCMA." New doors on the JOHN above installed just for contest. Our facility is shared with the Paulding County Sheriff's shooting range and the "Trustees" from the county jail looking for something productive to do, supplied the labor for project.



One of two "electrics" competing above is Sid Austin's CURARE. Wheel pants come with kit. Power is stock E-Flite 60 with 15/8 electric "thin-blade" prop. Phoenix 80 speed controller. Plane is built from MK kit plans. All-up weight is 6 lb—13 oz.



8:00p Saturday Night feast, party and drawing for prizes.



RICH LITTLE (left) was given the SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD by PCMA, for his "unselfish dedication to the contest success, cooking, chores, etc."



A look inside and a view of the THUNDER-POWER 6 cell 3850 MAH power pack which Sid says allows 14 minutes of flight. Plane has active flaps. He says "all is STOCK" !



For the SPEKTRUM radio



Bill Rutledge of Grapevine, TX came home to GA to fly in the contest. Pictured above with Dad Malcolm's Daddy-Rabbit which he flew in round one. He is still "smooth" in his execution of maneuvers.



Randy Schwersenska on left, with RADIO Brother Jay on right. Jay drove from FL and Randy (Indiana Contest Director) from Indy. About 8 hours for each.

Above, Dan Dougherty calls for 1st time pilot Chris Langley who also entered and flew an "electric". A SHOWZIT! Current SPA rules allow electric power so long as the electric "thrust" or power is same as an equal Internal Combustion motor. This contest was the FIRST one to see electrics in competition even though the regs allowing them have been in place for a number of years now.



CD John Baxter unloading the raffle prizes just outside EL NOPAL prior to the party. John recognized ALL PCMA club folks that helped make the contest successful.



Phil & Carolyn Spelt, Steve Vergamini & Kevin Clark smiling for the photographer at Saturday night feed.



At left, Randy Schwersenska's Number one bird after kissing "terra-firma" Friday afternoon during practice. Brought out his "back-up" and flew.

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