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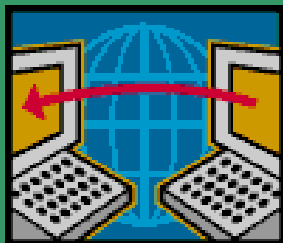
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Join our Discussion list from within the webpage or inform any officer and we'll "sign you up". It's like a gigantic Mailing-list, but at NO CHARGE. A service to membership and potentials from SPA.



MIKE ROBINSON (The older one in the duet),
new SPA Sec/Treas (pictured with his latest "prize")
Mike was recruited for the "laborious" duties borne for so long by
Steve Byrum just a couple months ago. Mike says:

When Coach Underwood calls I always pay attention. On this occasion he was asking that I take on the duties of SPA Secretary/Treasurer. I had been helping Steve Byrum and Bruce with the newsletter printing and mailing since the tornado damaged Steve's home. A great deal of Steve's RC valuables were wet, broken, lost, or all of the above and he needed a little help. Seems it takes a long time to put your life back in order after a twister, so after careful consideration Steve called and said he would need a break. Now it would be up to me to keep up with those duties he has been doing so well for so long.

I told Bruce that I would help at least until the end of the year and that we would see where it goes from there. To date I have opened a new checking account and started receiving various renewals and membership fees. I've also asked Steve about a zillion questions! Thanks for the service Steve and I will try to keep these records in good order.

The SPA is a really unique organization, and I would encourage you to always mail you dues in on a timely basis. Your dues help produce this newsletter and helps promote our way of pattern flying. If there is anyway that I can assist you please drop me a line. I am most happy to be at your service!

Mike Robinson



Bruce & Jane Underwood

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SEASON POINTS STANDINGS 08-12-08

SENIOR EXPERT

Bruce Underwood	31
Ed Hartley	18
Mickey Walker	3
Dave Burton	3

EXPERT

Jamie Strong	26
Randy Roberts	19
Scott Sappington	10
Don Wade	5
Bill Rutledge	7
Sid Austin	3
Jerry Black	5
Ryan McLaughlin	6
Joe Walker	4

SPORTSMAN

Jeff Owens	36
Ed Kirtley	5
Rich Ernst	3
Don Wade	6
Dave Phillips	6
Ken Blackwell	12
John Baxter	18
Scott Anderson	20
Mike Robinson	29
Jim Slocum	12
Phil Spelt	14
Skip Getelman	0.5
Warren Oliver	15
Ron Reed	1
Bill Marchant	0.5
Brian Stephens	9
William Dodge	7

NOVICE (Only top 10 due to space limitation)

Julio Arrieta	71
Bob Wetzel	55
Kevin Clark	52
Austin Wingo	37
Mike Williams	37
Steve Vergamini	33
Duane Wilson	31
Don Eiler	28
Mikael Fedon	20
Allan Harper	19

(According to Chairman of Special Projects, Jamie Strong 44 Novice pilots have earned at least 0.5 points in the National Points race.) A SUPER NOVICE turnout so far this season.

Final standings and awards presentation for the 2008 season National Points Champion comes at the conclusion of the annual MASTERS contest in Cullman, AL October 25th & 26th. Best of luck.....JAMIE STRONG



Dan Dougherty's DR-1 & Bride (Best of Both Worlds)

I don't have my brake installed yet. I have fond memories of brakes on Rhom Air retracts. Had to have brakes in the old days.

Here's how it is done.

I use Carl Goldberg adjustable axels for the nose gear. I do this because it allows me to put the main gear on then move the front axel up and down to level the plane.

For brakes I put an extra axle on the nose gear above the wheel. I solder a piece of 5/32" ID brass crosswise on a piece of K&S brass 1/2" wide and about 1 1/2' long. Shape the brass in an arc around the tire. A piece of nylon fish line is attached to the rear of the brass "brake shoe". It goes straight up to the fuselage and enters a long piece of soft K&S aluminum tube that goes back to the elevator servo horn. Down elevator pulls the fish line. Dan D.

REMAINING CONTEST SCHEDULE

Alabaster, AL Sept. 6 NOVICE PATTERN

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Prattville, AL Sept. 20 & 21 Jamie Strong-CD

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Cullman, AL MASTERS Oct. 25-26

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Miami, FL Nov. 1 & 2 Bob Cox—CD

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www.seniorpattern.com



Think it was HOT at the HOTLANTA contest?

Take a look at these pics and consume the text from Gary Polinski SPA 381 in Mesa, AZ.

Back in late June when many were reliving the HOT temps at the PCMA contest...Gary Polinski consoled Discussion List subscribers with the above shot of his Great Planes Big Stik .60 powered by an OS .91 FS taking off for a flight in 114 degree temps on the deserts' edge near his home in Mesa, AZ. Gary says the engine is 10 years old with new bearings, piston and ring, new valves and springs installed over last winter. He adds "when the temperature goes way up, I need to back off the nitro and add a larger prop. The air is so thin at over 100 degrees it is like using a smaller engine.

How does it perform SPA maneuvers? "I have had comments like, does that plane fly that well or can you fly that good?" "I tend to credit the airplane". (Ed note: Gary is revealing his modesty, agree?)



At the left is the Entry Sign to Gary's flying field in Mesa, AZ.

The field is SUPERSTITION FIELD in E. Mesa, AZ.

The cactus is the **Saguaro** and is only in AZ and Mexico.

Gary has a new FlyCamOne2 which is mounted to a GWS SLOW-STICK model and shared a "from the model" shot of his field :



Doesn't the look of this field SUPERSTITION FIELD in Air Park which is in E. Mesa, AZ make you literally "drool"? Very nice facility and Gary says it is only 8 miles from his home. This shot was made from under an old SIG KADET SENIORITA this he says is "about 15 years old".



Take a look at the photo to the left...this was made from Gary's camera-equipped model flying over his home neighborhood in Mesa.

Note the caption ME toward the top of the photo....(Gary shot himself) not literally, but with the camera and the home in the foreground captioned MY HOUSE.

How about this for Model airplane photography? Thanks for the input Gary and we too, wish you were closer!

PHULL SCALE PHOTOS

You've been viewing photos made from a camera equipped model. Now lets' share some shots from SPA Pilot Jeff Owens and Mrs. Linda's Cessna 182 as they departed the contest in Asheville, NC



To the left, Linda poses aside the Cessna 182 with the Paa-load on the runway to be loaded for the trip back to Tallahassee, FL where Jeff is a professor at Florida State University. Rear seats were removed to make room for cargo.

At the right is a photo of the cargo loaded into the section of the airplane which is usually rear seats. The model fuselage is Jeff's nice CUTLASS which he has flown so well in SPA contests this season.



Here's a shot Jeff and Linda made as they taxied to the end of Runway 16 for a departure from Asheville bound for Tallahassee. See the outline of the Great Smokies in the background?

Jeff said the trip home to Tallahassee was "mostly clear until we got within about 40 miles of home and then we detoured around some rain cells. A smooth flight overall" ! Thanks for sharing the experience with us M/M Owens.

27 of the "happiest" and most delightful flyers in SPA existence just spent one of the finest week-ends of this season....July 12 & 13 "doing our thing"....in some of the most SCENIC geography in our dear ole USA..... Asheville, NC on Asheville-Buncombe Aeromodelers home field. Just imagine viewing the Great Smoky Mountains at a distance while performing SPA precision aerobatics. **One of the most spectacular scenes created by our Maker!**

This seasons' LAND OF THE SKY CONTEST was" the best attended of the 3 to date", according to Co-CD Duane Wilson at the award ceremony on Sunday afternoon early. This only confirms what the PIO has long known, "put on a good show and the word spreads".

CD and Mrs., Will & Debbie Hicks, Duane and Penny Wilson and family, Guy Whitaker, and a number of ABA clubbers literally "bent over backwards" to insure a good time and a good contest by attendees.

A full 6 rounds were completed by 3 classes and 5 in the NOVICE class with, listen to this, 16 NOVICE pilots flying for the Gold (or in this case) awards with an engraved outline of the Tar Heel state of North Carolina.

What a delightful awards presentation on Sunday with a load of raffle prizes won by attendees...for example, the club came up with the idea of accepting cash donations in a "drawing for GAS cash". A neat idea with 50% of the take going to the lucky winner and the other to help defray expenses. Lucky Bruce Underwood won the cache of \$32.50.

Luigi Fedon of Fedon Aircraft donated 5 pairs of their special sunglasses for RC Flyers.

You may read up on Fedon Aircraft at their website: www.fedonaircraft.net

Winners of the glasses were: Ed Lyerly, Blake Honeycutt, Bill Dodge, Jim Andrews and Mike Miller. Benevolent-Bill Dodge won twice and was kind enough to donate one of the pairs back for a redraw.

Radio South Nicad Igniters from Tony Stillman were won by: Gary Lindner and that Lucky Bill Dodge. The 14.4 volt B & P Starter went to Mike Robinson. Jeff Petroski of Home and Hobby Solutions donated a kit of the winners choice....and that winner was Don Eiler who selected the Kwik-Fly to construct for the Antique contest later on this season.

(Deserving Don called for most all the KCRC flyers and himself, what a helpful guy.) This world needs more unselfish folks like Eiler!!

Kevin Clarks lovely Daughter Hayley did the drawings. Will Hicks admonished Hayley, "don't draw your daddy's number". Kevin forgave her anyway. All she has to do is smile at Daddy and he melts. Cute as can be.

Special recognition with the SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD was

given an individual whom Will Hicks described as "willing to do anything the club asks of him to insure successful projects" Mr. Guy Whitaker. anything Will and Duane asked of him. Congrats Mr. GUY.

The weatherman smiled on the contest with delightful conditions both days, a bit windy on Saturday afternoon, but handled nicely by all involved. Sunday's air was some of the best ever....you just dream of flying is this kind of air....about 68 degrees at the start Sunday morning and 80 by noon with a "prayed for" shower just as the proceedings ended.

ABA, you folks are "triple-A" in our books. From the "low country" boil on Friday evening at the Wilson's home to the departure on Sunday....DELIGHTFUL!



What a "CLASS" evening complete with the SPA cake pictured to the left.

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Yes, it was all eaten, even the LOGO.

ASHEVILLE RESULTS July 12 & 13, 2008

NOVICE

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|----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. 4000 | Mikael Fedon | Sevierville, TN |
| 2. 3946 | Kevin Clark | Fletcher, NC |
| 3. 3767 | Julio Arrieta | Hephziba, GA |
| 4. 3710 | Steve Vergamini | Greensboro, NC |
| 5. 3663 | Alan Harper | Marietta, GA |
| 6. 3650 | Don Eiler | Knoxville, TN |
| 7. 3502 | Duane Wilson | Asheville, NC |
| 8. 3500 | Doug Whitaker | Morristown, TN |
| 9. 3419 | Vic Koenig | Johnson City, TN |
| 10. 3314 | Mike Miller | Knoxville, TN |
| 11. 3266 | Dan Dougherty | Powder Spr, GA |
| 12. 3109 | Gary Lindner | Lenoir City, TN |
| 13. 3062 | Woody Brammer | Tryon, NC |
| 14. 3047 | Bob Permenter | Rutherfordton, NC |
| 15. 2979 | Rhea Starnes | Kingsport, TN |
| 16. 2972 | Jim Andrews | Forest City, NC |

SPORTSMAN

- | | | |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. 3989 | Jeff Owens | Tallahassee, FL |
| 2. 3988 | Brian Stevens | Concord, NC |
| 3. 3726 | William Dodge | Oak Ridge, TN |
| 4. 3714 | Mike Robinson | Dalton, GA |
| 5. 3668 | Warren Oliver | Knoxville, TN |
| 6. 3661 | Phil Spelt | Oliver Spr, TN |
| 7. 3653 | Ron Reed | Marietta, GA |

EXPERT

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| 1. 4000 | Jerry Black | Kingsport, TN |
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SENIOR EXPERT

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|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. 4000 | Bruce Underwood | Guntersville, AL |
| 2. 3920 | Ed Hartley | Knoxville, TN |
| 3. 3317 | Dave Burton | Bolivia, NC |



Bob Permenter
Zimpro Daddy-Rabbit
Bob lives in
Rutherfordton, NC



Left: Excellent directions to field and Wilson home.
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Right: Gang sang Happy Birthday to Vergy



Above is the FORTE 50 electric flown by Mikael Fedon, 19, of FEDON AIRCRAFT in Sevierville, TN. Mikael's dad Luigi Fedon is the owner of the airplane company and can be reached at the company website: www.fedonaircraft.net



Share the membership application on the back of this issue with a "flying buddy". Someone will appreciate you for it !!



Mr. Good Guy Sportsmanship award winner



Two North Carolina pilots entered their "first" SPA contest. Jim Andrews, Woody Brammer and Woody's KAOS.

HOOSIER HOSPITALITY July 26-27, 2008

By: *Phil Spelt*

HOOSIER HOSPITALITY SPA PATTERN CONTEST

"Back home, again, in Indiana..." I often thought to myself as I drove north to Edinburgh, IN, for the first SPA contest held by the Johnson County RC Flyers, Inc., at their Tracee Field. Contest Director for the July 26-27 event was Randy Schwersenska, with help from his son, Brice, and his brother Jay, from Florida.

Those SPAers who flew at this year's Hot'Lanta SPA event in June had the pleasure of meeting the Schwersenska brothers. If you were at Knoxville in May, you would have met Randy and his wife Linda. They are, all, wonderful folks.

Arriving at Tracee Field, about 4:20pm on Friday afternoon, I found a couple of pilots flying 3D stuff, and three or four SPAers just "hanging out" under one the trees that shade much of the south end of the pit area. The field is a wonderful, typical flat Indiana area. Being just at the north end of Camp Atterbury, it is a public park with restricted flying to the south, and a golf course that abuts the field about 400 feet out from the flight line. A paved runway and beyond that a grass runway provide great takeoff and landing facilities.

Arriving at the field about 8:15am on Saturday, I found Randy, Brice and Jay struggling to get the PASS scoring software to work properly. There was some practice flying going on, but the sun rises to the east, right in the pilots' faces, so competition was delayed. Meanwhile, we worked on the software. Finally, a call to Ed Hartley elicited just the right thought to get to the right area of the program and make it work.

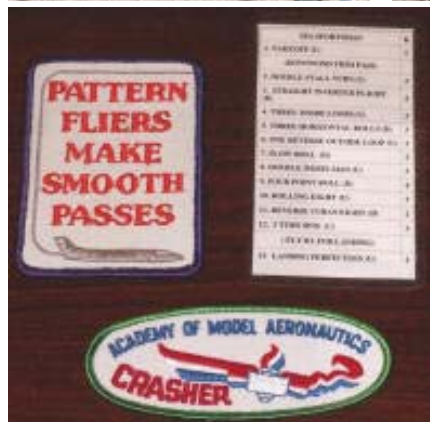
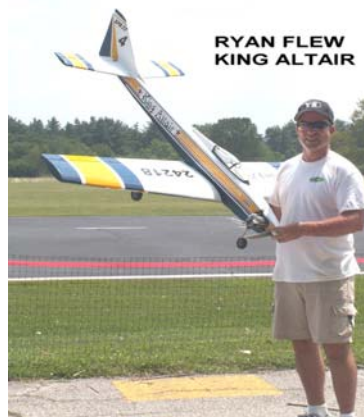
There were 18 people reregistered, but the SPA regulars who were there Friday afternoon had left about 7:00 that morning, so we were left with 11 actual pilots: 8 Novice, 1 Sportsman, and 2 Experts. Once the sun and software problems were settled, the contest ran very smoothly. Randy, as a good first-time CD should, passed on flying in competition, although he had a nice Ugly Stick ready to go, with the new SS radio he won at Hot'Lanta! We flew one round each for the Experts, who borrowed Duane Wilson's King Altair, and flew it as if they had been flying it for months! Having stopped by after the AMA-Nationals, Joe and Ryan felt they had to leave for Florida, so Randy quickly awarded their trophies, and off they went. They had, in fact, stayed around long enough to judge my 1 round of Sportsman.

We then commenced flying the Novice class, with JRCer Steve Maxwell and me as judges. As the afternoon wore on, the wind, which had been shifting around gently in all directions, began blowing rather hard from the west – straight out from the backs of the pilots. The weather forecast had predicted a cool front with rain to move through the area in late afternoon, and this appeared to be the start.

Randy called the Novice pilots together and asked if they wanted to fly more rounds, or call it "A Day" and have a one-day contest. At that point, Duane Wilson and I being the only out-of-towners left, were happy to go back to the motel, have a great Cracker Barrel dinner together, talk SPA and pattern history, and plan on an early Sunday morning start home.

In summary, the inaugural Hoosier Hospitality SPA Contest was very successful. Everyone who flew had a good time, all trophies were awarded after flying concluded, and we parted company with many goodbyes and promises of seeing each other next year. I believe the SPA may pick up several new members from around the area.

Some are coming to Knoxville/Asheville next season for sure. Enjoyed covering for the SPA Newsletter — PHIL SPELT



Recognize the AMA patches to the left? These are from Phil Spelt's archives. -0- Ahhhh SWEET MEMORIES!

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