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#### SENIOR PATTERN PILOTS make SMOOTH PASSES!

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FROM THE PRESIDENT....Bruce Underwood SPA L 15 GUNTERSVILLE, AL......This edition is packed with contest reports, news,

photos, etc. Duane tells me, "we could almost fill a supplement, I have so many photos and contest reports, I've had to leave "stuff" out". That 's good news indeed,

with SPA contest activity the highlight of the spring and summer, even early-fall season. I urge all, keep alert to the contest schedule printed in each edition and "come participate in the contest fun and fellowship".

Let me repeat my call to all members who'd like to input your suggestions on the coming 2-year pattern cycle to the "pattern committee" consisting of Russ Chiles of North Carolina, Jamie Strong of Alabama and Jeff Owens of Florida. These fellows have already spent a good deal of time preparing schedules and welcome anyones' input. Composing a smooth-flowing, progressively more difficult schedule as the class demands, isn't a "cup-O-tea" considering the number of maneuvers utilized during our "era".

Please retain this edition for referral because of the contest schedule, the procedure for coming officer election by our Sec/Treas. and the library of contest info and photos. It is, IMHO, a GEM. See you on the contest trail....



**Not much room,** but I've got to tell you that before you receive the next SPA newsletter, the **August** issue of <u>Model Aviation</u> will be on your coffee table. An article geared toward vintage pattern looks at the legendary Ed Kazmirski, his RC career, and the evolution of his Taurus—the most popular pattern model of all time. Hopefully, our own **Dennis Hunt's** role in Kaz's career will have survived

the "cutting floor" and will be featured. I'm very pleased that <u>MA</u>, (after a little lobbying), saw fit to publish an article dealing with R/C pattern's colorful history. Enjoy....Duane Wilson...Editor

## **UPCOMING SPA 2010 CONTEST SCHEDULE**

June 26th-27th ..... Antique contest Hotlanta (CD Dan Daugherty)

July 17th-18th ..... Asheville N.C. CD (Will Hicks)

August 21st-22nd.... Chattanooga TN. (CD. Mike Robinson)

**September 18 (SAT)..Fort Worth, Tx** (Thunderbirds SPA-CD Ken Knotts)

September 18th-19th...Alabaster AL. ( CD Mike Williams)

October 9th-10th... .Knoxville TN. (THE MASTERS) CD ( Dennis Hunt)

October 23rd-24th.. Birmingham Al. Antique Classic CD (Frank Cromer)

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April 17&18th
Burdeshaw Field
Cullman, Alabama

Whether this 2009 Gary Lindner shot of Steve Byrum is the real thing, or a case of him "hamming it up" for the camera, it's still a "classic." Cullman is one of the oldest venues within SPA, and a "must attend" on the circuit. It is one of the rotating sites for the annual Masters event. Steve really knows his stuff when it comes to running a first-rate contest.

**CULLMAN, AL......28 contestants** totally enjoyed this April week-end here completing 5 full rounds of competition in Northwesterly winds on Saturday and Northeasterly currents on Sunday testing their skills as SPA "sky-jockeys". One, almost repairable, sudden impact with Terra Firma occurred on Saturday morning before official competition, when Rhea

Starnes lost his model in the bright sun while practicing. Nothing else as far as genuine damage due to crashes. Bill Dodge looked away from his CURARE shortly after landing and with engine still turning it made its' way to the line I judges tent and a piece of the sheared propeller was propelled into Judge Ed Hartleys' elbow. Some pressure from a clean towel and the bleeding soon stopped, nothing severe. What could have been an ugly occurrence was deflected by a good judges tent pole.

The weather on Saturday was very comfortable with lots of shorts worn and ice water consumed. Novice and Sportsmen completed 4 full rounds with Expert and Sr. Expert executing 3. On Sunday, with much cooler temperatures and strong Northeasterly winds the Experts flew two rounds back to back and the other classes completed their 5<sup>th</sup> round. When you examine the results, you're going to notice a student of the Alabaster club, competing in only his second regular SPA contest taking home all the marbles in the Novice class. Dave Phillips was quick to advise your humble author, "a product of last years Novice only event". Boy, what a contest in this class, Wieczorek "eeked" out by 8 points the win over oldster Charlie Johns with David Phillips III just 6 points behind Johns. 11 Novices flew and flew very well!

Ten Sportsmen pilots battled it out with numbers one and two winning two rounds each and number three winning one round. Competition was very keen.

There wasn't but two Experts, Messrs Jerry Black and Jamie Strong with Black copping three of the five rounds and Strong two. These guys were doggone near "flawless" in their execution in the wind. Jamie's new airplane (built by Daddy Jim) sports a one-piece wing which he avows "is so much more stable than the "plug-ins" I have been flying". He rightfully bragged on his dad's workmanship!

It was so good to see a class of five in the Senior Expert class. We all "ooed" and "awed" at the performance of the Experts which would have laid all us "old codgers" in the shade.

"Seasoned" CD Steve Byrum, runs a great show and heaped his thanks and appreciation to the members of the Cullman Aeromodellers, which numbered, as I counted, about eight who did the cooking, running, score tabulating and things he called upon them to do. Always dependable Marilyn Lutsky took care of the registration, forms, etc as she has done down through the years.

CA (Cullman Aeromodellers)—— you folks are great examples of how a great SPA contest should be run. Thank you for another enjoyable event at your nice facility. Already looking forward to 2011 at Burdeshaw Field....By Bruce Underwood



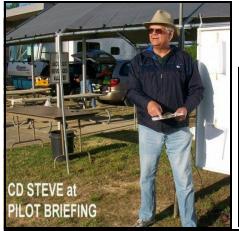








ullman AEROMODELERS Burdeshaw Field





## **CULLMAN RESULTS**

<b>SENIOR EXPERT</b>		
Bruce Underwood	4000	Guntersville AL
Ed Hartley	3896	Concord TN
Robert Gaskill	2631	Knoxville TN
Dennis Hunt	2441	Oak Ridge TN
Russ Chiles	1650	Laurinburg NC
<b>EXPERT</b>		
Jerry Black	3999	Johnson Ciry TN
Jamie Strong	3951	Prattville AL
<b>SPORTSMAN</b>		
Anthony Sweeney	3974	Milbrook AL
Mike Williams	3941	Alabaster AL
Bill Dodge	3887	Oak Ridge TN
David Phillips	3853	Hueytown AL
Ken Blackwell	3758	Enterprise AL
Phil Spelt	3612	Oliver Springs
TN		
Bob Wetzel	3588	Temple GA
Jim Slocum	3544	Temple GA
Richard Witt	3329	Cullman AL
Don Ellor	3312	Knoxville, Tn
<b>NOVICE</b>		
Michael Wieczorek	3946	Marietta GA
Charlie Johns	3938	Brewton AL
David Phillips III	3932	Adger AL



## SPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION NOTIFICATION \*\*CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE MUST ANNOUNCE BEFORE OCTOBER IST\*\*

By the time this goes to press our competition season will be well under way. I want to remind our readers that elections will be coming up and ballots will be sent out with the November newsletter. If you are willing to serve and want to run for office you need to drop a line or email to the President or to any

board member stating your intentions. You must do that by October 1st, and be a member in good standing to qualify. Three offices are elected. They are President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.

SPAM, VIRUS and everything else! Now that I have you attention...

For several years now I have used gmail for all my email needs. I opened the account at first because my ISP's email server was a clunker and had no effective SPAM or JUNK filters that could be easily configured. You had to have very advanced computer skills to keep things going. Since I managed my company email I was often distracted from my business trying to plug holes in our computer system. That's when I realized that I would let the nice people at Google handle all that mess. Guess what? It worked! I have never looked back and I have never had to worry about SPAM, virus, size of emails, storage space, convenience or any of those other things we seek to avoid. It works particularly good when you subscribe to mailing list like the SPA discussion list because you are not "downloading" everything until you ask for it. It keeps email clutter to a minimum for several other reasons that I can't explain here. So, try it! You will like it! . Until later, fly 10's Mike Robinson, SPA L70

## Knoxville 2010

## Ben Oliver Memorial

KCRC May 1

... By Phil Spelt

The Ben Oliver Memorial SPA Contest was held on Saturday May 1st, at the KCRC field in Knoxville, TN. Scheduled as a two-day event, the weather cut things short. Saturday contained as much weather as anyone could want: The morning began cloudy/overcast, and looking VERY dark off to the northwest. Flying commenced about ten minutes to nine, and during the first round the sun began to shine -- then it clouded over and looked dark off to the northwest, (again)-- then some more sunshine -then light overcast -- then dark and ragged skies -- all the while with winds varying from light and right down the runway to GUSTY and varying from blowing in to blowing out. If you ask each pilot, the gusts came up just when HE was ready to fly (I know that's true for me)! Even with all the varying winds, we only had one (reparable) mishap -- (ed when Bill Dodge tells you to "push forward, you push forward—hard), bouncing off the runway and down the ridge.

We had 12 pilots, (ed...one flying for fun), evenly distributed among the four classes, which made for a rapid sequencing of rounds with three pilots per round per class. Ellis Newkirk joined us all the way from Dallas (that's TEXAS, folks), We were also delighted to have SPA Treasurer and Secretary, Mike Robinson, with us for the day, having arrived on Friday evening in what he calls his "QE II" -- a motor home with so much overhang in back that Ford had to put a V-10 engine up front to balance it! Mike did a lion's share of judging for us—many thanks, Mike! Get that eye back to normal and start flying again, my Friend.

Rains came late in the lunch hour, with lunch very ably provided by KCRC Prexy Dennis Drone and friends. We got in 5 rounds for Novice, 4 for Sportsman, 3 for Expert and 2 for Senior Expert. Believe it or not, we had a first, second and third place finisher in all four classes, and no "also-rans"! With this low a number, CD Dennis Hunt decided to fly as the third entrant in Senior Expert. Bill Dodge (Sportsman) and Ellis Newkirk (Expert) were flying at the time - Bill completed his flight and thus the fourth round for Sportsman, but Ellis had to land as the "Raindrops (kept) falling on his head", and the Experts thus only completed three

The flight board was expertly handled by Gary Lindner of KCRC, which enabled Dennis Hunt to concentrate on his flying. Everything ran very smoothly - pilots were ready to fly and judges were in position for every round. A delicious lunch was cooked and served by KCRC President Dennis Drone and some of his friends who were interested in how the contest was run. We had Omaha Steaks hamburgers and top-of-the-line Sam's Club hotdogs, accompanied by delicious baked beans and pasta salad. Drinks were provided courtesy of KCRC for the day, and rumor has it that the beans and salad were done up for us by Susan, (Mrs Dennis) Drone. They surely added a nice touch to the noontime repast. A number of KCRC members were present to help. We want to especially thank KCRC Treasurer Joel Hebert, who ran the scoring computer with his usual skill. **CD Dennis** presented the awards under the KCRC pavilion during a heavy rain. The awards consisted of 8 x 10 shadowbox frames with a surround color printed to commemorate the event, and plaques engraved by SPA Pres. Bruce Underwood at Top Notch Trophies. The plaques gave the place and class of each flyer. Inside the shadowbox area is a picture of the contestant with his airplane. Feedback from several contestants indicates that they liked this different type of award.



SR EXPERT			
2,000	Ed Hartley	Knoxville, Tn	
1,732	Julio Arrieta	Hephzi, Ga	
1,595	Dennis Hunt	Oak Ridge, Tn	
EXPERT			
1,992	Jerry Black	Jonesborough, Tn	
1,985	Ellis Newkirk	Flower Mound, Tx	
1,891	Warren Oliver	Knoxville, Tn	
SPORTSMAN	I		
3,000	Bill Dodge	Oak Ridge, Tn	
2,793	Phil Spelt	Oliver Springs, Tn	
2,760	Don Eiler	Knoxville, Tn	
NOVICE			
3,983	Vic Koenig	Johnson City, Tn	
3,904	Karl Gerth	Oak Ridge, Tn	









Warren Oliver holds "OLIVER TWIST (above) (Left) Ed Hartley and Dennis Hunt hold the uniquestyle SHADOWBOX awards. Pictures prove to be the wrong size but that can be fixed (details-details). Scorekeeper Joel does his usual fantastic job.







Take a good look at the Novices and Beginner Novice who refused to be "intimidated" by the swirling, gusting winds of May 1st.

.....ALABASTER, AL.....TOP NOVICE......Was.....TOP NOTCH!......

CD Dave Phillips, pictured above, said "I've never seen NOVICE flyers fly so well as they did today in this gusty, whirling, blowing wind". "You guys were just magnificent". Four rounds by all 10 contestants and not even a broken prop!

This year's contest was "top heavy" with NOVICE pilots (9) of them and (1) beginner NOVICE, Mr. Larry Luke from the

"Taildraggers" RC club in Cartersville, GA. Luke piloted a SIG 4 Star 60 powered by an OS 60 FP spinning a Master Airscrew prop burning 10% Nitro fuel. Phillips (CD) said "this is amazing, here Larry is flying in his very first contest (attended at the invitation of John Hancock of the PCMA club), didn't even zero a maneuver, not the first one".

The Alabaster RC Club, President Bob Anderson and its' membership covered every detail involved in an efficient contest.

Mrs. Dave Phillips handled registration and the raffle, Pat DeSantis did the cooking of burgers and dogs, table setting, etc. Mike

Williams not only judged a round but handled all the computer scoring. Club members, for the most part, ran the scores.

Long distance attendance award would have gone to Mr. Ron Underwood who drove, with his mascot (his precious blind dog), from Newnan, GA. Ron said, "I love the folks who participate in this sport/hobby and cherish each event I attend". Congrats to David Phillips III who won the Pylon Racer Kit Raffle. (Ed note: My ticket

number was 18905, David's winner ticket was 18906, whew!) How close can you get? Thanks ALABASTER RC ASSOCIATION for a "Top Notch" Top Novice contest again this year, an event that has fostered lots of entrants and "winners" on the SPA contest circuit.

Watch these TOP NOVICE graduates garner the hardware on the contest circuit this season. .....By Bruce Underwood













If you crave a superb quality **GRASS FIELD** (and who doesn't), and you like an air—conditioned, fully stocked **HOBBY SHOP** (and other amenities) to while away your spare time between rounds then this is the contest for you!!



#### ...By Bruce Underwood

## Cass Underwood Memorial

Cass E. Underwood would have been proud of the success, good flying, good times and excellent weather this weekend at Hodges Hobbies lovely flying facility in Andersonville, GA. This, the 3rd annual Cass E. Underwood Memorial contest. Never, I mean NEVER has the weather been this delightful at this sight. Not the first gnat and very little perspiration. It was PURRRRFECT! Despite the "fill-in" officials having learned less than 24 hours in advance that CD Scott Sappington had been ordered by his superiors to remain at Lockheed for a necessary audit, the event was carried out just as smoothly as if he had been at the helm himself.

17 participants took part even though only 14 had pre-registered. Jill Wetzel had the unlisted ones entered into the scoring program very rapidly.....a flight order was posted and CD Dan, said "as a general rule we rotate, but because of the limited personnel it will remain the same this time". On two occasions, however, it was modified to accommodate some that were judging. Mr. May will be proud of the way his crew handled the contest details, to a "T" Six full rounds were flown with ample time for visiting and enjoying pizza, soda pop and loads of good "fellowshippin".

At least two mishaps were recorded, that I am familiar with. Dave Phillips lost his aircraft when the radio system just acted as if it had gone to "fail safe" and didn't respond before it crashed. Skip Getelman had a nosedive into terra firma when his "high-rate" elevator resulted in a snap of the pretty bird too close to the turf.

Dave Phillips didn't lose a complete round as fellow clubber Mike Wieczorek fueled up his nice looking KAOS and lent it to Dave. That airplane did "double wins" this weekend with Dave flying it to a respectable 3rd in SPORTSMAN and Mike winning the blueplate award for a 1st in NOVICE. This is just another example of how SPA pilots bend over backwards to help and assist their fellow flyers. I surely enjoy spending time with folks like these, don't you?



At the awards ceremony.....CD Dan said "there were two hard-to-believe happenings this week-end......Jack Carwile grabbed round 6 in NOVICE from Mike Wieczorek (who won the other 5).....and "Bruce Underwood was beaten, Ron Chidgey got him by 21 normalized points"! Ron's new TIGERTAIL 4 is a beauty and he flies it flawlessly. The Chiles, Russ and Becky drove the most miles to participate, from Laurinberg, NC. Julio Arrietta, despite having to get around on crutches because of "bum" knee, escorted by his lovely bride, Petra was jockeying that new Compensator beautifully.

Charlie Johns, was the Ione Alabamian in a field of 6 Novice pilots, the "Gentleman" Bob Wetzel other 5 were all from the CD's "Peach State". The Georgia sky-jockeys were Mike Wieczorek, Ron Underwood, Jack Carwile, Dan Dougherty and Harry Layfield. Harry lives about 45 minutes from this

MAC and "SERVO" lovely field. On the other hand, SPORTSMEN Jim Slocum and Bob Wetzel, Georgia Crackers, were outnumbered by Ken Blackwell, Dave Phillips and Mike Williams from "Bama" The Expert class was divided with Skip Getelman from GA and Jamie Strong from Alabama. The Senior Experts hailed from 4 different states, Ron Chidgey from "the Sunshine State", Russ Chiles from NC, Julio Arrietta from Jawja, and BU from Alabama.

Thanks to Mississippians Harvel and Stennis who visited one night (Friday) with their tales of the recent visit to the Joe Noll. Mac Hodges, our host with the most, was home from the Joe Nall in time to visit with us on Sunday and was introduced to the gang at the awards ceremony. Mac's dog "SERVO" greeted each contestant as they drove onto the scene with a muchly anticipated "woof" - "woof" which is canine lingo for "howdy ya'll glad you're here".

# 'Dan the Man'' Dougherty amie & Friend

## **HODGES**

Sr Ro

Sr Expert		Novice	
Ron Chidgey	4000	Mike Wieczorek	4000
Bruce Underwood	3979	Jack Carwile	3827
Russ Chiles	3545	Ron Underwood	3680
Julio Arrieta	3529	Charlie Johns	3679
		Dan Dougherty	3678
Expert		Layfield Harry	3590
Jamie Strong	4000		_

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RESULTS



Skip Getelman

3986 Bob Wetzel 3859 Dave Phillips 3804 Iim Slocum 357? Mike Williams 2000







"Behind every good pilot..." is a good woman, Crew Chief, caller, spotter, chef, and irreplaceable helper in every area of life. Wives make the most dedicated and loyal crew you could Ever hope for. They have been known to inspire "super-human" confidence in their pilots' by pumping up deflated egos, and saying "...you'll get 'em next time" It takes a special woman to voluntarily go out to a "glorified" dump in 90+-degree BLAZING SUN HEAT, have glow fuel blown in their faces and hair, and endure all manner of hardships too numerous to mention in order to be with their bold pilots. Featured above are only a few of the husband and wife teams that help make SPA so special.

(L-R).... Russ and Becky Chiles.....Ron and Betty Jo Chidgey...and Julio and Petra Arrietta.

Right—Ask any of the pictured gentlemen about "ANTI-MONKEY BUTT" POWDER. Anything is worth trying for a competitive edge



# 2010 CONTEST SCENE

SPA'S WESTERN FRONT HAS MORE THAN **ENOUGH DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM-**THE NUMBERS WILL FOLLOW.....



The enthusiasm and joy of all the competitors was phenomenal!! Dad, Chris, and I as well as the others are having the time of our lives doing it, which is the largest reason we want to see more people involved. -Lindy Quinten (L-R) Fred Calkins, Ken Knotts, Dan Quinten, Dave Harmon, Lindy Quinten, Gary Alphin, Chris White

#### On May 22nd, the Tulsa Gluedobbers kicked off

their third annual SPA Classic. Friday's practice was performed in beautiful weather with light variable winds. Saturday dawned with modest winds in the ten to twelve range, by noon this had increased to eighteen mph with 25 to 28 mph gusts. Not being deterred, we completed 4 rounds with only one minor ding. That came on final round as he landed. Everyone handled the conditions well and competition was very close. We only had seven pilots, but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm. We will regroup and see what we can do to help that situation in the future. Any ideas would be appreciated. One piece of exciting news from this contest is that we had probably our largest group of spectators to date. Amongst them were four pilots that we believe will compete at our next event, which is exciting!

Expert

Sportsman

Novice

I. Chris White 2. Lindy Quinten

I. Ken Knotts 2. Dan Quinten\* I. Gary Alphin 2. Fred Calkins

3. Dave Harmon

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