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Janie in 2008

The SPA “family” is so very special!



Chael Bennet Quinten

**SPA isn't just** an association of individual R/C pilots coming together to fly in regional competitions. In many ways, over time we become a type of extended “family”—(of course we have our disagreements at times—but we're still a family). Over the years, I've told many of you that I actually consider the pilots who make up SPA to be my “home club”, because *you are the ones* I consistently fly and have fellowship with. You are my “flying family”.

Of course, not only us pilots are involved--often our wives develop their own long-lasting relationships, having shared lots of time and experiences at “glorified landfills” as they endure us playing with our “toys”. The dedicated wives traveling the SPA “circuit” are just as much a part of the SPA “family,” We all share in the personal joys, and grieve at the losses of our members.

Maybe due to the “experienced” average age of our membership, we sometimes must say goodbye to an SPA friend. The fact that many of our contests now contain the word “memorial” shows we are remembering the good times and experiences with the honored individual. As difficult as that may be, it is even harder when we are shocked and saddened by the *untimely loss* of an SPA pilot or spouse. The first time I personally felt this was the sudden loss of Bruce's son Cass in 2007. Now, during this 2014 season in particular, we have all been saddened by the sudden loss of two beloved SPA spouses, Linda Owens and now Janie Dougherty. While there is nothing we can actually do to change things, maybe the pain is a little easier to bear if we face it together as only friends and “family” can.

While we are there to support our members during times of loss, we can also *rejoice* when there are glad tidings to share. Such is the case with (good guy), Lindy Quinten, (our webmaster and BOD member), who has experienced a difficult road of personal losses and setbacks during his time with SPA. Recently, (to his surprise I believe), Lindy learned he would be a new “Daddy”, (how 'bout that), and now that little “gift of God” has arrived safe and sound. Lindy, your extended “family” congratulates you on your new, arrival.....Duane



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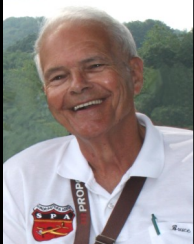


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**FROM THE PRESIDENT.....**Here we are right in the “midst” of contest season and here comes a newsletter with a lead story speaking of politics. Oh no, not that!! No it's not national or even regional politics, just the reminder that this year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of our SPA Political cycle.

In the past, in our quest to solicit the meager \$20.00 annual dues, we've included an SASE envelope pre-addressed to the Sec/Treas. who doubles as the poll-officer with a monitor in his home club or another member in his city or area. In the envelope was the list of candidates who have announced for the elective offices. The candidates have announced during September and this SASE along with the ballot included in the mailing of the November/December newsletter.

Members have all of December to return their ballots with their preferences to the Returning Officer. The results are announced the evening of January 1, 2015 at 5PM local time. This allows the incoming President, and the two other elective officers to organize the incoming appointees to his cabinet.

Other than Mickey (Founder Emeritus) and Ron Reed, no one has served as our President other than myself. I feel after ??? number of years and cycles, it is time for me to join Mickey in the Emeritus department. I honestly can't recall how many years it's been my pleasure to preside, but it's time to bring in some new leadership, IMHO. I am most confident that our cabinet members and other elective officers in past years have “earned their respective accolades, as have I. I am most grateful.

Please vote your' conscience, as will I in selection of new leadership effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new year. Now, regarding the elective positions to be filled.....they are: President, Vice President and Sec/Tres. The other members of the executive Board serve at the pleasure of the President. We currently have one member of the Board from SPA West, that being our good web-master, Lindy Quinten. Nominations, according to the by-laws may be sent to any BOD prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>. E-mail will work.

In the past cycle, Duane published statements from the candidates prior to the election in the newsletter, an excellent idea. There is NO geographical limitation and E-Mail makes it possible to communicate almost instantly. Again, thanks to all for participating in the upcoming election by volunteering your' services and your knowledge of this fine sport/hobby we all enjoy and your' talents to the future of the Senior Pattern Association. Let's go practice for the next contest!! Gratefully, Bruce



**FROM THE V.P....Where Have All the Contestants Gone?**—by Jeff Owens (and Pete Seeger-editor)

We are well into the 2014 contest season with four contests each in the East and West divisions. It is gratifying to see the level of participation building in the West with many fliers trying out SPA competition in B-Novice for the first time with a good number continuing on to compete in Novice. This is the foundation for growth in the upper classes and is essential to the continued success of SPA.

Contrast that with the situation in the East. There we have an inverted pyramid. Let me explain my analogy. In Senior Expert we have had a total of seven different contestants, all of whom have competed in two or more contests this year. In Expert we again have seven, six of whom have flown in two or more contests. In

Advanced, the numbers are nine and four. In Sportsman we have had ten different contestants, but only ONE of them has flown in more than one contest. And in Novice we've had four contestants, all of whom flew only in the first contest. Three contests have had ZERO Novice entrants. I can recall a few years back when we would have 12-14 Novice fliers and only one or two Senior Experts. The tables have surely been reversed - hence my analogy of the inverted pyramid.

The East division has lost its foundation. Some former contestants no longer compete due to changing interests or a host of other reasons. That is to be expected in any dynamic organization. Some have moved to higher classes and that is a good thing.

But it is essential to have an input of **new contestants** in the lower classes to keep the organization moving ahead.

At the Atlanta contest and again on the discussion list Dan Dougherty made a plea for all contestants to go back to their home fields and let their fellow club members know about SPA competition. We have several choices of ARFs, as well as a variety of short kits and full kits that can easily be built. The equipment need not be more expensive than what most sport fliers already have. As Dan put it, challenge the 3D crowd to try some maneuvers that involve making the plane perform in a precise manner rather than simply reacting to what it does when the sticks are manipulated. Some fraction of these club members may find that they enjoy the challenge. This is the type of recruiting that we need to build up our lower classes.

Another idea is the one-day pattern clinic or “Top Novice” type of contest. Dave Phillips has one scheduled in September in Alabaster. We need more of these to generate exposure and build enthusiasm.

So how about each of us becoming an ambassador and booster for pattern flying and SPA? Let's all give it a try!



**CONTEST COVERAGE:** Due to so many contests to be covered, both East and West, coverage of contests in this issue is abbreviated a bit so **all 5 events** can be covered in one issue. I apologize, but this is a one-time decision I had to make in order to “catch up” so the events can be reported without too much time going by. Individual scores and more complete photo coverage is still available on the web site when the information was provided to Lindy. Unfortunately I didn’t receive a write-up from the Arkansas event so this contest wasn’t included. For an event to be covered, someone must send me a write-up....Thanks, editor

## ***Ben Oliver Memorial Pattern Contest***

Knoxville, TN, May 17 & 18, 2014 **The Knox County R/C**

**Society, Inc.**, held its annual SPA pattern contest on the third

weekend in May. With 18 initial registrants, the contest was shaping up to be a busy weekend. Unfortunately, some “iffy” weather forecasts caused several long-distance pilots to cancel their plans to attend – understandably so. Nevertheless, 15 participants arrived to contend for some typically beautiful Top Notch Trophies plaques. The weather for Friday afternoon practice and Saturday’s opening four rounds was indeed cool, overcast and windy.

Among the ranks of the fliers, we had two electrics (Kevin Clark – Curare ARF, and Warren Oliver – Oliver Twist, complete with lights!). There were two of the new Nova Rossi engines (Eric Nessler in his scratch-built Bootlegger, and Dave Phillips in his Dirty Birdy ARF). Dave showed off a newly-designed NovaRossi with an exhaust port that will accept a variety of mufflers that bolt directly on. This is the result of Dave and others working with the NovaRossi manufacturer to have a product that is made to suit the SPA/BPA crowd. Jamie Strong, back after a 2-year hiatus, flew a Curare ARF with an OS 2-stroke.

Throughout the day, I would get an occasional “I felt a raindrop” report or someone would appear with a handheld device showing the big storm coming over the field “in about 5 minutes.” As the rounds progressed, the storm never materialized. Winds were quite gusty, but flights continued until the last of the round 4 pilots landed about 4:30 in the afternoon, which left plenty of time for everyone to get ready for the Saturday night meal together at Calhoun’s BBQ restaurant, — well-attended!!



Duane Wilson recruited first-time SPA flyer Kevin Duncan from Manassas, VA who Duane met at the Hobby show in Toledo this year. Kevin, a veteran of AMA pattern, entered ADVANCED and really flew the schedule well with an old Contender. Duncan won the ADVANCED class scoring 4 K's in the 6 rounds flown. John Nessler, Jr. (Dad) kept him honest garnering 3942 normalized points and Bill Dodge, after K'ing the first round copped 3rd place with 3788 total points.

There were two unfortunate incidents involving the SENIOR EXPERT. Just as Jim Johns was starting his takeoff role, a “huge gust of wind” pushed the tail of his Daddy Rabbit around, so that the take-off roll ended in the safety fence. People all along the flight line heard a “POP”, but close inspection of the plane disclosed no damage, so Jim took off. Early into the flight, Jim created a new maneuver – the “Wing-Offer.”

As the DR wing fluttered to the ground, well within our overfly area, the powered lawn dart that was left (aka fuselage) traveled west into the treed area beyond the road. KCRCer Phil Cope and a couple of others went over to search for the plane. Two extensive searches yielded no remains. Then, on Sunday morning, KCRCer Craig Dieter went back to search once again, and returned with Jim’s fuselage in hand. Then Russ Chiles had an unfortunate encounter with his APC prop. Glad paramedic Scott Anderson was there to manage things and get Russ to the hospital for stitches. Russ and Mrs. Becky did attend the soiree at Calhoun’s restaurant Saturday night with his neatly splinted finger still enjoying the anesthetic he received prior to the stitching.

Now, back to the results. Nary a single Novice competed. In Sportsman, it was close between Vic Koenig’s 3975 and Scott Anderson’s 3961. The EXPERT class was, as has been the case for the past few years, a “nip-n-tucker” with Eric Nessler getting the blue 1st place award with 4,000, Jerry Black, with 2 K’s scored 3986 and John Nessler III just a ways back in 3rd with 3916. Warren Oliver, Kevin Clark and Jamie Strong placed in the order named.

It was a “nip-& Tuck” chase between the remaining “old guys” but in the end, it was VP Jeff Owens, who carried home the blue 1st place award in his Skylane to Florida, Jeff’s total was 3998, knocking off Bruce Underwood’s 3996. Dave Phillips amassed 3354. They just don’t get much closer than those first two scores.

Raffle winners were as follows: Duane Wilson carried an Ed Hartley Taurus, framed up by the late Hartley, to NC with him. Dave Phillips won a framed up Phoenix 8. John Nessler (Dad) won the \$200 gift certificate donated by Carolina Kits. Rick Bastone from RTL Fastener donated 5 fastener packs. They went to Russ Chiles, Warren Oliver, Kevin Clark and Jamie Strong.

Phil Spelt, you and Warren with the scoring talents of Joel Hebert and the members of KCRC surely did a GREAT job (Phil worked the flight boards and it was such a pleasure to hear him on the PA microphone, equally well in both directions from the HQ). You folks put another stitch in the blanket of fine RC modeling contests in Knoxville. We all are MOST grateful!!



# HODGES

## 7th Cass Underwood Memorial



**It was a total team effort**— everyone pitched in and made this a great weekend remembering Cass as well as filling in for Dan. This wonderful group of folks making up the Senior Pattern Association make weekends like this an honor to serve. To welcome back Ed and Ellen Kirtley, seeing Jack's smile in the awards presentation and watching the Expert class compete. Sharing some time with Mickey and Rebecca while watching the competition even though he was saying I could do a better job running things....as well as laughing at one of Roy's take offs.... that was well worth the price of admission. I appreciated the help I received from Dave Phillips, Roy Thompson and Pete Coleman as well as Jim Johns to pull this event off. It is a task to take one of these events "on the road" but with all of the wonderful help we all had a great time!!! Loved when I asked all the ladies that were in a group talking Sunday morning, they have had a fun weekend and all responded YES!!! —made my weekend!!! Really appreciated everyone there!!—Scott

**CASS UNDERWOOD MEMORIAL**  
June 21 & 22, 2014 Hodges Field  
Andersonville, Georgia



**Because of the loss of Dan Dougherty's wife Janie**, who became an Angel just a few days prior to this contest, some "good Samaritans" in the persons of Mr. May (Scott Sappington) and some friends in the Paulding County Model Association fell into the role of conductors of this annual, eagerly anticipated event. Dan, vowed, "I just cannot thank my flying friends enough for the filling-in on my part of this contest's anatomy." "They just relieved me of an enjoyable chore, when I needed them during the grieving process—I am enduring!"

At the outset, let me rid this report of it's "bad stuff". Tom Stennis drove from Ocean Springs, MS prepared to compete with his good looking Tigertail 4, but, alas, discovered the engine mount was broken and he departed early.

Probably one of the most talked-about "crashes" occurred on Friday afternoon as our host, Mr. Mac Hodges was operating the field "roller" attached to his big tractor and was going to roll the area surrounding his fish and RC boat pond, when, he misjudged the firmness of the bank and about 50% of his roller wound up in the pond. Your PIO, purposely hustled to the scene....shot a good picture of the dilemma and quizzed Mac...."who soloed you on this machine?". We had a good-hearted laugh over it and he managed to eventually rescue the roller and tractor. Early on Saturday morning, Mac, in his J3 Cub (full scale) shot a couple "splash & goes", just to demonstrate, his talents really lie in piloting an airborne craft a tad better than the tractor and roller.

At the beginning of Round One on Saturday morning, Larry Hill flew his EVO 10 gasoline powered ship down to the East side of the area and it became a profile in the bright morning sun, flying itself into terra-firma and eternity. Round one claimed Bill Dodges' pretty bird when it contacted Mother Earth almost wide-open. Bill exclaimed, "it must have been the transmitter, I just don't know exactly what happened". At the pre-registration, it looked as if we'd field a good contest of Novice pilots, but bad luck took all 3 of the pre-registered Novices out.

Pete Coleman was kind-enough, at the CD's and my (PIO) urging to step up just for this contest to join fellow clubber Roy Thompson in the Sportsman class. Roy "aced" 5 of the rounds, Pete claimed 1. Thanks for making some good competition Pete.

The ADVANCED class was hotly contested with Ed Kirtley K'ing 3 of the 6 rounds for a total of 3978 and the "win". John Nessler, Jr. (Dad) amassed 3950 and a 2nd place finish, with two rounds K'd. Ken Blackwell took 3rd with 3940. What a great class with Charlie Johns finishing 4th.

As expected, the EXPERT class was just a contest of "little-bitty" errors determining the scores each round. Dave Phillips, Chief Judge made sure each round in this close class was judged by SR. EXPERTS with years of experience. Look at the scores for example of the competition.....Eric Nessler was number one with a 4-out-of-6 total of 3993. Brother John Nessler right with him at 3961 for second and Greg Hoke's total for 3rd was 3945. Some of the best flying I've seen, ever.

Jerry Black only flew 4 rounds which netted him 4th place with 3886. Jamie Strong only flew 4 rounds for 5th, having to depart early to attend the funeral service of a friend back home in Prattville. Kevin Clark was 6th. Kevin flew his Sun-Ray biplane (see photo) a round on Sunday. What a joy watching this.

In the "old guys" class, SENIOR EXPERT, Jeff Owens won 5 of the 6 rounds for a perfect score of 4000. Jeff's DB with the 2 stroke looked like it was on rails. Bruce Underwood got it together for one K on round 5 for a finish of 3966. Keith Watson, flying his Mr. May DR copped 3rd with 3630. Russ Chiles, Dave Phillips and Bill Dodge finished in that order.

Kevin Clark and associates at Carolina Custom Models donated the raffle prize of one of their laser-cut Curare model kits. Excellent quality and superbly packed. A photo of this fine kit is included on the website. The raffle ticket drawn at the conclusion of the awards was held by John Nessler III who carried it home to Ohio.

In addition to the winners awards, CD Scott Sappington, presented the SPORTSMANSHIP award to Mr. Jim Johns who proved his love for this game by scoring every round and posting just a few minutes after a round was completed. Johns is just an example of the kind of sports that participate in this sport/hobby—most deserving.

As is usually the case, many of the wives were present and many times you'd overhear a loud laugh originating in their circle of cool-spot association. I think they were revealing some deep dark secrets of the humorous nature about their mates who were out playing with the airplanes. You ladies know, we wouldn't be able to do this sport/hobby without your' total support. We are most grateful, thanks for being the nice companions you are!

Dan Dougherty was able to drive Mickey and Rebekah Walker down from near Atlanta for a few hours of fellowship on Saturday. As usual, we swapped a few modeling stories from "the good-ole days" while they were there.

This past week-end, the 7th Annual Cass Underwood Memorial was a huge success proving there's no better friend than folks that fly SPA contests. Scott and helpers, you saw to it, we enjoyed a wonderful weekend doing what we enjoy at one of the premier RC flying sites in this nation. Cass would have been really proud of you for your' hospitality and "good deed".—SPA



- 1st SPA Biplane (Sunray) (from Kevin Clark)
- Eric's crew chief (8 year old son Jack)
- Cutest couple (Russ & Becky Chiles)
- Happiest couple (Dave & Peggy Phillips)

**NICE LETTER FROM RETURNING SPA PILOT ED KIRTLEY:**

*I had not flown a SPA Contest for many years, but really wanted to give it a try. Ellen and I started our journey to Andersonville, Georgia on Friday for the 7th Annual Cass Underwood Memorial Contest. Friday evening we went to Ruby Tuesdays. While at the salad bar I heard someone say Ed. It was Bruce. I had not seen Bruce for about 13 years; it was so good to see my old friend. Ellen decided to tag along despite me trying to talk her out of coming telling her she would be bored and miserable in the heat. Gee I was wrong! When we arrived at the field on Saturday Morning everyone opened their arms to us. I'm glad Ellen was there too. She wouldn't let me quit when my back starting going in spasms on Saturday. I'm so happy to report Ellen had a grand time meeting everyone and making so many new friends. We just can't get over what a great bunch of people are in SPA. You all made us feel like family and we are so grateful. I inquired on the SPA Groups a few days earlier to see if I could find a caller. Kevin Clark emailed me and said he did not have a caller either and suggested we call for one another. What a relief. Then Jamie posted he would be happy to call. Within five minutes after arrival to the field Kevin asked if I was Ed. How great that was! I got the best end of this deal as I was able to watch Kevin fly Expert as well as call for his 5th flight on his electric Sunray Biplane. Also big thanks to all the other callers that stepped in when Kevin and I could not call for each other. I was amazed how everyone at the tournament pitches in to help one another. I also would like to thank Eric for helping me for the last few months. I've sent him numerous emails asking him questions about trimming, engines, fuel to use, throws, etc. He never let me down and encouraged me to come to Hodges Field. I love desserts and I have to thank Jane for the prize-winning pound cake and Rebecca for the delicious brownies. Both desserts were top notch. It was a well run contest, what a fantastic job by Scott (Mr. May) as Contest Director, Jim Johns on the computer program and young Jack relaying the computer sheets from judges to Jim.*

Take Care and Thank you so much for making us part of the SPA Family.....Ed & Ellen Kirtley

**Golden Triangle R/C CLUB**

**We just had our 2nd Annual Aerobatic convention** and even though the winds were blowing, we had a pretty good turn out. There were winds blowing 20 to 30 mph, but they were right down the run way. It seems that everyone had a very good time as we got in 5 flights during this one day event.

The turn out among the members of the Golden Triangle RC Club, Grand Prairie, Texas, was fantastic. The pilots only had to concentrate on their flying and enjoy the event. A very special thanks to the many sponsors who donated some very nice prizes for the pilots and workers.

**A happy bunch. Congrats on your 2nd contest...keep 'em coming..**



# HOT LANTA

2014

July 19-20, 2014 DOUGLASVILLE, GA

**This weekend, because of the low ceiling** and typical summertime rainy weather presented a wonderful opportunity to do much "model" chat and fellowship. Despite the rainy elements, CD Dan Dougherty and his Assistant CD, Scott Sappington managed to work in 4 rounds for all but the Expert Class which flew the "charm", 3 rounds.

All the contesting was done on Saturday as the rain was just consistent on Sunday which led for some good "togetherness" under the dining pavilion at Douglas County Model Club Field about 11 AM EST on Sunday.

Friday afternoon lent for some good practice for the early arrivals one of which was Kendell Robinson, member of Kevin Clark's home club who flew primarily helicopters, but accepted Kevin's invitation to come fly B-Novice SPA pattern. He had a blast flying a SIMLA (the final 1965, HUGE 102" w.s.) refined version of the Ed Kazmirski TAURUS) powered with a .50 OS Electric motor turning a 15.5x12 4-blade prop. He used 5000 to 5300 MAH power packs for "juice". That huge bird was smooth as silk. Kendell lives in Hendersonville, N.C. He was really pleased when challenged to execute precision maneuvers, with more good SPA members to assist and welcome him to the SPA ranks.

Roy Thompson K'd two rounds as did Dan Dougherty in Sportsman, Thompsons 3rd round score was 966 compared to Dan's 952 and that was the margin of the close win for Roy. Duane Wilson suffered the only casualty of the weekend, semi-re-kitting his beloved TAURUS of many years, (started from a Top Flite kit in 1981, finished in 2005—the first airplane he competed with at his first SPA contest), when he lost sight of it behind a judges' canopy. We sympathize with Duane in his loss. He declared, "it is repairable...it needs to be snapped together along the crack lines". Interestingly, the plane also has a home-made pilot figure carved by his Dad in 1965 complete with his own hair glued to the head and chin.

In ADVANCED, Mr. May K'd 3 of the 4 rounds for a total 3000, Dave Phillips III amassed 2890, while EXPERT flew 3 rounds of which Greg Hoke, Warner Robins, GA, won 2 for 1st place. Kevin Clark was just behind him with 2971, and Jamie Strong missed part of one of the 3 rounds and was 3rd in that class.

The BIG class (as has been the case this season) was SENIOR EXPERT with 7 entries. Jeff Owens continued his "dominance" of the class this season with 3K's of the 4 rounds and a max of 3000. Right on his heels with one K and total of 2965 was Bruce Underwood. Russ Chiles did "some of the best flying he has done", according to the Bill Collins who judged him 2 rounds, taking home 3rd place. Keith Watson, Dave Phillips (DAD), Bill Dodge and Jim Johns finished in that order.

Highlights of the event occurred on Sunday morning under the Dining Pavilion when several containers of CA and 1/2 dozen or more caps were raffled then the BIG prizes of said raffle went to Warner Robins, GA with Greg Hoke (Magnum .91 4S engine) and Guntersville, AL (Carolina Customs Curare Kit) with Bruce Underwood.

The crowd "marveled" Sunday morning during "Show & Tell" when Roy Thompson brought out his "PHANTOM DRONE" and allowed anyone that wanted to fly it, demonstrating how easy it was to fly—anyone can do it. He wowed the folks with actual screen-captures of the crowd relayed to his video receiver mounted to the transmitter. He allowed it to return, on its own, to the point of departure which to the craft, according to Thompson, was its "home". Roy is a retired aerial survey pilot and declared "if we'd only had something this high-tech in the early years, it would have made my job much easier". Your reporter took a close shot of Roy's video screen for this article's accompanying photos. It's amazing the technology that must go into his drone-craft.



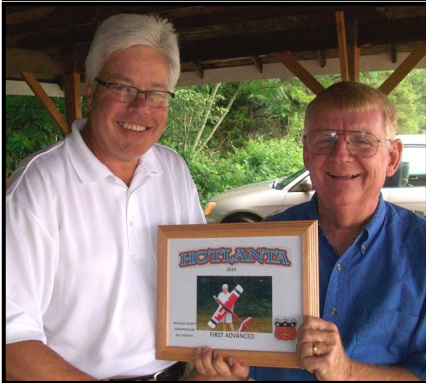
Janie Dougherty poses with Dan's great "Italian Job" Monokote color scheme—Daddy Rabbit flown at this year's event.



Roy Thompson's super-cool copter



Dan Dougherty, Curtis (Pres. of Douglas Model Club), club members, wives, Scott Sappington (Ass't CD and Chief Judge), and Jim Johns who did much of the scoring, everyone involved....your hospitality was so congenial, "we totally forgot that it rained most of the weekend". You folks turned a rain-shortened weekend into a delightful memory-making event. We are SO grateful.  
SPA PIO



1965 hand-carved pilot figure done by my Dad. Has his own hair-lifelike



Kendell Robinson with Kazmirski's huge 102" 1965 SIMLA —flown in B-NOVICE.

Raffle Winners: Greg Hoke and our esteemed PIO



**HOTLANTA WINNERS**

Top: Top: Left.. Kendell Robinson Right..... Roy Thompson

Bottom: Left: Scott Sappington Center: Greg Hoke Right: Jeff Owens

**REMAINING**

AUGUST 16TH—17TH  
SEPTEMBER 13TH— 14TH  
SEPTEMBER 27TH (1 DAY)  
OCTOBER 4TH—5TH

**SPA EAST**

CHATTANOOGA, TN  
ASHEVILLE, NC  
ALABASTER (TOP NOVICE)  
CULLMAN, AL (SPA MASTERS)

**SCHEDULE**

PAUL WRIGHT CD  
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DAVE PHILLIPS CD  
STEVE BYRUM CD

**SPA WEST**

SEPTEMBER 27TH—28TH

FT. WORTH, TX (SPA OPEN)

KEN KNOTTS CD

**Greater Southwest SPA—Hurst Texas**

August 2, 2014.....by Tim Reed

**The day was beautiful with light winds** (by Texas standards) and great camaraderie. The grass is a low cut turf type that you would swear they stole from a golf green. Most of the day was partly cloudy so sun spots weren't needed. Tim Lovett hosted the event with the help of the usual crowd of seasoned pilots judging and helping out. Tim had a great time and we are looking forward to making this a permanent addition to the West cycle.

Casualties were low, some Dune type worm was grabbing the landing gear and ripped two off from two different planes (soft grass and soil). Gary Alphin had a dead stick and didn't make it back to the runway but I didn't hear how the plane fared. He finished the rounds with a backup plane.

There were 13 pilots total and as seen on the score sheet, we had 2 in Novice, B-Novice and 3 in Sportsman, Advanced, and Expert. It was a welcome relief to Tim Lovett that the attendance was a little lower since it was his first event.

Novice was really tight when Frank Reed lost out to Gerry Stanford by a few points. It's good to see the contestants in the lower classes but, as Dan and others have said, we need more. I'm really excited to hear how the Novice event goes next month to see if it works to bring out some of the timid onlookers.

Thanks to everyone that helped make this really fun day!.....Tim Reed

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