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**REVIEW AND WRAP-UP OF THE SECOND HALF OF THE 2019
CONTEST SEASON— EAST/WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS,
HIGH POINTS WINNERS,.....AND OTHER NEAT STUFF!!**

NEW MEMBER: MEET "DOM" SMITH. *How one of our newest SPA members came to join us. Often one thing leads to another. What started as a request for info on our newsletter template turned into an back and forth conversation about vintage pattern-and him joining us. (Page 20)*

Everlee Marie Russell born 1:43pm 10-16-19



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.



Our own Jimmy Russell builds & rebuilds UFOs, he's a pretty good builder, but...



...the really special things in life need the "Master Builder's" hands (Ps.139:13-16)



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FROM THE PRESIDENT-The 2019 contest season is now complete and I think that it is a good time to reflect on the statistics of SPA competition for this past year. Both the East and West Divisions held 7 contests each, to which is added the **East-West Shootout** for a total of 13 SPA contests.

Compare that to 2017 where we had a total of 10 contests – 5 in each Division. The number of contestants who flew in at least one contest is also up. The East had 35 contestants plus 9 from the West Division while the West had 34 contestants plus 15 from the East. Most of the “crossovers” between Divisions occurred at the **East-West Shootout** and the **West Open**. So, we had 69 contestants who flew in at least one contest this year. In 2017 that number was 61 and in 2015 it was

59 (those are the only years for which I have numbers.) So there is some increase in the level of participation. Let's keep up the good work with new ideas and programs to increase this even further!

Jamie Strong is already hard at work scheduling next year's contest season. The results should be available before the end of the year. It is a tough job avoiding conflicts with NSRCA and IMAC contests and Jamie is doing a great job. We do have a number of pilots who regularly compete in all three types of events and we don't want to lose even one contestant to a scheduling conflict.

There has been some discussion concerning the **Memorial Trophy and the Fly-off** by which it is awarded, so I think it is appropriate for me to review the history of this trophy and the rules by which it is awarded. The Memorial trophy dates back to 1998 and was instituted to honor early members of SPA – Curtis Motes, Dick Austin, R.E. Walker, Jim Jones, and Ben Oliver. The trophy is awarded to the winner of a fly-off between the two highest eligible point earners in the Senior Expert class for that year with the added stipulation that it can only be won three times. The fly-off is traditionally done at the Masters during Saturday afternoon. A panel of judges is selected – with as many members as possible participating (5 or more judges not being uncommon.) The fly-off provides a time for everyone to take a break and honor a longstanding SPA tradition. A complete list of the winners is on our website under the Competition heading in the main menu, but I will summarize it here: Bruce Underwood (1998, '99, and '00), Ed Hartley ('01, '02, and '04), Keith Watson ('03 and '05), Mickey Walker ('06 and '07), Ray Craig ('08), Russ Chiles ('09 and '11), Julio Arrietta ('10), Bill Dodge ('12), Jeff Owens ('13, '14, and '17), Jerry Black ('15 and '16) (note that the age cutoff changed for Sr. Expert in 2017 and Jerry has been flying in the Expert class lately.) As you can see, there are many familiar names on this list and there is a rich history to this trophy. The recent discussion about the Memorial Trophy has centered on the fact that for the past two years there has only been one eligible contestant who agreed to participate in the fly-off, the other eligible members either had mechanical problems, weren't at the Masters, or declined for other reasons. In each case, the sole contestant chose not to accept the trophy without a fly-off. So, some have called for the Memorial Trophy to be retired or for the rules to be changed. However, I would advise that we should have some patience. In the past we have seen the number of Sr. Expert contestants dwindle, only to rebound after a few years. When I joined SPA it was not unusual to see only Bruce Underwood and Ed Hartley flying in the class. Sometimes, only Bruce was there and he would fly one flight and then judge for the rest of the contest. But then the numbers went up and the Memorial Fly-offs took place again. There are a number of excellent Expert pilots who have reached the age cutoff for Sr. Expert or will soon do so. So, in time, the awarding of the Memorial Trophy may once again take place.

Another point to consider is that the Memorial Trophy was instituted before we had two divisions. The awarding of the Memorial Trophy is centered around the East Masters contest. Perhaps some in the West Division way want to set up a similar type of trophy to be awarded at the West Open. Or perhaps some year someone from the West Division might fly in the Masters Sr. Expert class. I see no reason not to have Sr. Expert members from the West eligible for the fly-off. The problem remains one of distance but, as mentioned, there have been many crossover competitors this year!

With the competition complete for this year it is now time for all of us to contemplate building projects for the weapons to be used next year. And looking ahead, we have the annual Board of Directors meeting in a few months and then it will be time for the Perry Swap meet – and the cycle starts anew! Cheers, Jeff

2ND Annual East-West Shootout

August 3-4 2019, Toone, Tn.



L-R: Fred Robertson, Wayne Galligan, Jim Johns (seated), Gary Alphin, Ken Knotts, Chris Berardi, Dave Phillips, Jerry Black, Ken Blackwell, Bill Dodge, Frank Cox, Steve Drake, Warren Oliver, Duane Wilson, Terry Boston, CD Scott Anderson, Dan Jackson, Jeff Owens, Norm Bonnette, Ellis Newkirk, Vic Koenig and Jason Nowicki

East—West Shootout

One Pass— One Maneuver

August 3-4, 2019
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Well worth the travel time and effort...



Practice scene- Planes from both East & West line-up the Friday before the event. We started with one practice flight line. A 2nd one was allowed once the line reached 5, but most pilots elected to stay in line and watch others as they practiced. The picture shows the general layout near the center pit area. A little on the dry side in August, but the field is superbly maintained and manicured-an absolute pleasure to fly from as grass runways provide some cushion and braking

The 2nd annual East-West Classic Shootout was held at Clover Creek Aerodrome in Toone, TN over the weekend. The field was in perfect condition cut to 1 inch for a look of pool top table. Pilots started to arrive Thursday to practice and setup.

The flight line has an air-conditioned hanger with 2 full bathrooms and plenty of room to keep planes setup for the contest. Friday morning started at 6:15am with guys starting to practice. By mid-day 19 pilots arrived to setup and fly. Late afternoon the pilots and guests were treated to a hors d'oeuvres to let the pilots from both regions talk. Registration open Friday afternoon which was a big help to start judging assignments. Saturday sunrise over the field was amazing and the last few pilots registered with a total of 24 pilots flying! After a short pilot meeting the competition started with all classes have a good number of pilots. 4 rounds for all classes where completed and Novice completing 5 for the day.

At the end of day one 3 planes had a fight with gravity and thank you to Wayne Galligan for flying several quad missions to locate a down plane in the corn field. Sunday was an early start with the first flight was at 8:30 am. The rounds ran quick and upon finishing the raffle was held and "Thank you" to the following companies for their support. Jersey Modeler, Balsa USA, Micro-Fastener, Bob Smith, Morgan Custom 3D printing, Tru-Turn, Expert, Steve Stricker, Flight Test, RTL, APC, Futaba USA, Common sense, Tiger products, Performance Model Aviation, SIG, SAVOX, Marco's Doghouse R/C, Pulse Battery, Plane wrappers. See below for the scores.

A big "Thank you" to Tina Schroder for letting Senior Pattern Association hold this event at a great field, and I'd like to also say very special thank you to the CCA staff for all the help.

Scott Anderson, CD



Short grass is 1" tall, and the TALL grass is 2" looking like carpet.



Wayne Galligan's Sig Skybolt poses with Vic Koenig's Bootlegger



Steve Drake and a CCA staff member judge pass time discussing pleasantries while waiting on a pilot. Look at the manicured grass-short and a tad "spongy" for braking.



(Above) Eventual Novice winner Dan Jackson checking his Curare at "center field" with Clover Creek social and nerve center in the background



West Region's Chris Berardi, Frank Cox, Gary Alphin and Wayne Galligan



Duane's Daddy Rabbit, Terry Boston's Dirty Birdy and Frank Cox's Kaos await their turn to practice



(Lt) Jim and Bobbie Johns looking relaxed during a lull in Jim's scoring duties



Paul and Jennifer Mayhan-with Mayhan's Sweetater to the left

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2019 SPA East-West Shootout
SPA Novice Standings - Round 6 8- 5-2019 Page: 1

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 6
 These are the final standings at this time. *** Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Dan Jackson	1139247	4000.0000	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	0.00
2	Fred Robertson	144927	3392.7552	845.12*	851.26*	757.31	810.28*	798.62	886.07*
3	Norman Bonnette	94725	3330.0088	797.32*	794.30*	657.48	728.29	738.38*	1000.00*
4	Jason Nowicki	1184725	1822.5631	441.68*	496.83*	533.56*	350.48*	0.00	0.00

SPA Sportsman Standings - Round 6 8- 5-2019 Page: 2

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 6
 These are the final standings at this time. *** Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Vic Koenig	353968	4000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	0.00	0.00
2	Terry Boston	59646	3819.3469	895.27	914.94*	947.30*	853.72	1000.00*	957.10*
3	Duane Wilson	24218	3662.4464	887.61*	900.00*	715.68	889.62*	681.87	985.20*
4	Paul Mayhan	891050	3626.5749	899.10*	842.52	688.72	847.07*	880.39*	1000.00*
5	Frank Cox	5810	2323.0120	623.24*	645.97*	758.57*	295.21*	0.00	0.00

SPA Advanced Standings - Round 6 8- 5-2019 Page: 3

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 6
 These are the final standings at this time. *** Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jim Strong	733716	4000.0000	1000.00*	956.63	1000.00*	984.57	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Bill Dodge	531236	3917.3546	953.48*	1000.00*	963.86*	1000.00*	243.03	933.71
3	Chris Berardi	250824	3797.6300	765.50	959.29*	928.63*	912.24	926.99*	982.70*
4	Gary Alphin	6055	3688.1998	908.91*	872.56	930.44*	911.28*	855.90	937.56*
5	Kenneth Blackwell	3475	3432.1299	833.33*	841.59*	882.56*	874.63*	61.47	0.00

SPA Expert Standings - Round 6 8- 5-2019 Page: 4

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 6
 These are the final standings at this time. *** Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jerry Black	74601	4000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	0.00	0.00
2	Jamie Strong	72838	3931.4655	986.44*	979.68*	947.04	967.60	983.18*	982.15*
3	Wayne Galligan	679374	3927.6264	957.20*	872.27	934.14	970.42*	1000.00*	1000.00*
4	Warren Oliver	69903	3778.9732	932.95*	762.69	922.60	925.35*	967.06*	953.60*
5	Steve Drake	201246	3714.3518	914.40*	817.85	933.46*	880.98	925.71*	940.75*
6	Ellis Newkirk	4748	3587.5950	841.65*	756.16	866.25*	900.70*	978.97*	814.41

SPA Senior Expert Standings - Round 6 8- 5-2019 Page: 5

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 6
 These are the final standings at this time. *** Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jeff Owens	32631	4000.0000	951.69	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00
2	Dave Phillips Jr	65858	3579.4349	937.30*	783.99*	345.90	898.30*	733.78	959.82*
3	Ken Knotts	2591	3567.6721	1000.00*	914.52*	695.90	625.57	697.58*	955.55*
4	Jim Johns	9520	633.0935	633.09*	0.00	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*



Duane's Daddy Rabbit on the climb-out. Be sure to stay out of the corn which was thick as it could be. Jeff had a "corn problem" later that needed a drone for assistance.



Steve Drake lines up Jason Nowicki's Kaos before Takeoff



CD and site coordinator for the 2nd time Scott Anderson with Clover Creek's David Moser as he points out the field rules during the pilot meeting. Scott has been the driving force behind the CCA event both years and is responsible for making it possible. Thanks go to him.

2nd Annual WFRCC SPA Contest - 2019



2nd Annual WFRCC SPA Contest Pilots

L-R: Matt Kirk, Clifton Bradford, CD Bob Redmon, Pat Ensign, Eddie Bernaldez, Frank Cox, Paul Mayhan, Dave Dingman, Samuel Corlett, Sam Corlett, Gary Alphin, Chris Berardi, Ken Knotts, Reese Inman, and Michel Clements. Not shown: Jason Nowicki



September 7, 2019 —Wichita Falls Radio Control Club (WFRCC) hosted its 2nd Annual SPA event on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Lake Park RC Flying Field in Wichita Falls, Texas. Many thanks to all who competed and all those who helped or just came out to watch and support the contest.

WFRCC again wishes to especially thank Leslie and Pat Ensign from Fort Worth for all of their help and support ... before, during, and after the contest. In addition everything else they did to make this happen, Pat made all judging



assignments, and Leslie calculated scores and created the awards. Pat and Leslie remain the heart of SPA West. Matt Kirk, a WFRCC member, shadowed Leslie all day and learned more about the scoring program. We are hoping to let Leslie come and just watch next year.

Greg Skinner, a WFRCC member, deserves special recognition for braving the scorching sun and running score sheets to and from the judges to the scorekeeper all day. Though the wind remained light and variable all day, there were no clouds to block the sun, and the temperature topped 100 just about noon.



Sixteen pilots competed this year, four more than last year. Despite the heat, flying was again relaxed and pleasant all day. Reese Inman and Matt Kirk, both from WFRCC, competed for the first time as SPA members. Partly due to the extreme heat and pilot fatigue, and as most flyers were from out of town and faced hours of driving after the contest, we stopped the contest after only three rounds were flown.

The same fantastically delicious charcoaled burgers, hot dogs, and sausage sandwiches were served for lunch. Ken and Frank cook up the best contest food around! Following the presentation of flying awards by yours truly, two Laser Works kits and numerous other goodies were raffled. I hope all those who took part enjoyed themselves and are looking forward joining us again in 2020 for the 3rd Annual WFRCC SPA event.

Overall, the flying was exceptional, and it seemed a good time was had by all! Photographs, scores, and winners are posted elsewhere in the report. Special recognition is again owed to Dusty Bayley for taking and publishing such WONDERFUL photographs of the contest....the perfect contest history. Only one plane was lost, and that was Jason Nowicki's Kaos the day before the contest. He still stuck around for the entire event. Thanks, Jason!

Planes don't have a chance if there is a cute little dog to put in the newsletter

Til next year, happy trails.
Bob Redmon (SPA #635 and CD in name only)

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Wichita Falls 2019
SPA Novice Standings - Round 3

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 3
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	Reese Inman	121797	2000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	937.26
2	Matt Kirk	761050	1951.5050	951.50*	916.10	1000.00*
3	Jason Nowicki	1184275	0.0000	0.00	0.00*	0.00*

SPA Sportsman Standings - Round 3

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 3
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	Paul Mayhan	891050	2000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00
2	Frank Cox	5810	0.0000	0.00	0.00*	0.00*

SPA Advanced Standings - Round 3

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 3
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	Samuel Corlett	997867	2000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	988.01
2	Chris Berardi	250824	1974.7327	972.57	974.73*	1000.00*
3	Michel Clements	53786	1917.6655	934.18*	983.47*	901.38
4	Eddie Bernaldez	159402	1892.9081	941.49*	951.40*	857.14
5	Gary Alphin	6055	1887.6767	823.58	984.45*	903.22*

SPA Expert Standings - Round 3

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 3
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	Pat Ensign	41165	2000.0000	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	David Dingman	75189	1954.4233	966.96*	960.34	987.45*
3	Sam Corlett	102920	1886.8376	892.64	950.25*	936.58*
4	Clifton Bradford	471280	1819.9819	864.86	909.87*	910.10*

SPA Senior Expert Standings - Round 3

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 3
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	Robert Redmon	58073	2000.0000	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Ken Knotts	2591	1729.9982	858.81*	871.18*	848.48



Sam Corlett flying with son Samuel calling. Friendly judges are Frank Cox and Gary Alphin



Samuel's turn as Dad starts Kaos



Michel Clements low pass with his pretty Tiger Tail 4



Just need a Hitec hat facing forward-good raffle prizes

SPA Returns to “Mac Hodges”

Late change of venue allows us to return to a favorite flying site

By Jim Johns



The 2019 HODGES PILOTS (L-R): Co-CD Dave Phillips, Terry Boston, Jim Strong, Jeff Owens, Greg Hoke, Duane Wilson, Fred Robertson, Ken Blackwell, Jerry Black, Ken Vanden Bosch, CD Jim Johns, Joe Grant, Rafael Rivera and Russ Chiles

The relocated Chattanooga contest was held at Mac Hodges beautiful facility in Andersonville, GA on September 21st & 22nd. Thanks to a back-door cold front, the weather was downright tolerable. Friday temperatures were very comfortable in the upper 80s with an east breeze of 5-15 mph. Saturday and Sunday featured similar temps with winds of 5-10 mph. The cooler temperatures and breezes kept the contestants cool, calm and collected, while also keeping the resident sand gnats mostly at bay all weekend long.

Sunday evening one week before the contest, I received a text from CD Jamie Strong saying he would not be able to attend the contest due to family concerns. This dropped the entire contest squarely in my lap. That would have been fine, except that I haven't CD'd a contest by myself since the late 90s! A quick call to Dave Phillips resulted in him volunteering to help me run the contest. We quickly put together a to-do list dividing the pre-contest duties. I procured a new sanction for the revised location, printed score sheets and loaded the pre-registered contestants into the computer scoring program. Dave loaded his trailer with his "contest kit" consisting of clipboards, pilot matrix board, pens, etc., and picked up the things Jamie had on his way to Georgia. Jim Strong agreed to do the scorekeeping, taking a giant load off my shoulders. Several other SPA regulars offered to help any way they could. Many thanks to all of you!

Contestants with RVs began arriving mid-week, and most everyone else showed up by Friday. Many got in some much-needed practice, including yours truly. I got in the first two flights on my repaired Deception following its mis-adventure at the Shootout. Floridian Rafael Rivera flew both the Bootlegger and the Summit III - both YS powered with pipes and retracts - that he plans to fly in the Unlimited Expert class, Greg Hoke flew his incredibly fast Rossi powered Banshee and Dave Phillips flew a couple of flights with the fastest Atlanta I've ever seen. Many bull sessions occurred as old friends got reacquainted and new friends were made.

Saturday morning dawned cool and beautiful with a good breeze from the east. While folks were assembling their pattern weapons, our host Mac Hodges and several friends gave us an impromptu air show as they departed for an EAA Fly-in breakfast. It was quite a sight!

14 intrepid SPA pilots gathered to vie for supremacy of the Georgia skies. A vote was taken during the pilots meeting of the Expert and Unlimited Expert contestants as to which class they would like to compete in, and all opted for Unlimited Expert. Dave prepared the flight line matrix, assigned judges to both lines, and the first planes hit the air about 9:30. We would have liked to have started earlier, but there was a sun problem making flying dangerous. Mac's field faces almost due South, so the sun rises on the left end and sets on the right. It has never been a real problem in our previous visits, but I finally realized that we had always flown there in June when the sun moved through a more northerly arc and was essentially behind the pilots most of the day. Being it is now mid-September, the sun arc has moved further south, creating an all day sun hazard. It caused problems for more than one person during the weekend.

Nine lovely ladies (count 'em), attended to support their pilots. This was the largest turnout of ladies at any contest that I can personally remember. L-R: Becky Chiles, Bobbie Johns, Dee VandenBosch, Marie Grant, Wanda Rivera, Debbie Hoke, Ann Johns, Lori Bush and Peggy Phillips.



Prior to the award presentation, our host Mac Hodges was presented with a framed Thank You signed by all the competitors. We greatly appreciate him allowing us to move our contest to his facility so late in the year.

Novice class found Joe Grant and Fred Robertson fighting for the win with Kaos ARFs. Joe came out on top with 4Ks.

Unfortunately, Fred lost not one but TWO planes due to disorientation during the contest.

Sportsman class was led by Terry Boston flying his Dirty Birdy with 5Ks in 6 rounds, followed by Ken Vanden Bosch's Kaos ARF in 2nd and Duane Wilson's Daddy Rabbit in 3rd. Ken leads Terry by a single point in the annual SPA East Sportsman points race heading into the Masters. This is by far the tightest points battle in the East this year. Jim Strong continued his winning ways in **Advanced class** with his Curare, while Ken Blackwell came in 2nd with his Kaos ARF.

Unlimited Expert was hotly contested. Greg Hoke flew his retract equipped, Rossi powered Banshee and his Kraft 61 powered SPA legal Dirty Birdy to the win, while Jerry Black followed closely with his SPA legal Bootlegger in 2nd place. Rafael Rivera brought two gorgeous examples of classic pattern planes with pipes and retracts from Florida - a YS 61 Classic powered Bootlegger and a beautiful Summit III powered by a YS 61AR. The Summit III used an APC 12x12 prop and was VERY QUIET. He flew these to a solid 3rd place finish.

Jeff Owens lead the field in **Senior Expert**. Jeff flew his Curare after a carb problem grounded his old and usually reliable Dirty Birdy, while Dave Phillips finished 2nd with his Killer Chaos. Russ Chiles flew his Phantom to 3rd place while yours truly brought up the rear with my Deception.

Jim Johns donated a Jimmy Russell redesigned, laser cut Killer Chaos/Ultimate Kaos short kit for the Pilots Drawing. Each contestant received one chance with his entry, and Greg Hoke's name was drawn. Knowing him, this will be another beautiful rocket ship when it's finished. Congratulations, Greg!

I want to express my gratitude to each and every person who attended. The contest ran very smoothly - everyone took their turn in the judging chair, showed up on time to fly, and generally took care of business as we have come to expect from our SPA members.

Speaking of judging - everyone knows that judges are the



heart of our contests. Each competitor did their fair share of judging, with many moving directly from the pilot's box to the judge's chair. Charlie Johns came to the contest, decided not to compete, hung around the entire weekend, and spent many hours judging. A huge **THANK YOU** to all who sat in the chair!!

I would like to offer my personal thanks to Dave Phillips and Jim Strong for their outstanding assistance in running the contest. It could not have happened without you both, and I appreciate you more than you will ever know.

Jim Johns, CD

SPA**2019 Mac Hodges SPA****SPA Novice****Standings - Round 6****9-22-2019 Page: 1**

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Joe Grant	45101	4000.0000	1000.00*	953.43	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Fred Robertson	144927	3433.2029	818.03*	1000.00*	736.94	766.02*	849.14*	600.91

SPA Sportsman**Standings - Round 6****9-22-2019 Page: 2**

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Terry Boston	59646	4000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	927.78	1000.00
2	Ken VandenBosch	706415	3823.7027	825.41	948.52*	976.77*	753.29	1000.00*	898.40*
3	Duane Wilson	24218	2951.1481	894.29*	807.22*	613.69*	635.92*	0.00	0.00

SPA Advanced**Standings - Round 6****9-22-2019 Page: 3**

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jim Strong	733716	4000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	0.00	0.00
2	Kenneth Blackwell	3475	3333.1204	891.99*	762.02*	816.58*	862.52*	0.00	0.00

SPA Expert**Standings - Round 6****9-22-2019 Page: 4**

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Greg Hoke	76257	4000.0000	992.91	1000.00*	1000.00*	54.86	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Jerry Black	74601	3948.5367	1000.00*	950.61*	997.91*	1000.00*	924.77	944.32
3	Rafael Rivera	159736	3106.3610	781.00*	768.17*	735.78	709.87	777.77*	779.40*

SPA Senior Expert Standings - Round 6**9-22-2019 Page: 5**

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 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jeff Owens	32631	4000.0000	1000.00	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Dave Phillips Jr	65858	3597.2321	931.70*	850.75*	823.62	906.86*	743.09	907.90*
3	Russ Chiles	63150	3249.7182	837.26*	823.62*	623.93	752.17*	836.65*	0.00
4	Jim Johns	9520	1585.4703	784.99*	800.47*	0.00	0.00	0.00*	0.00*

2020's First Event- "Jacksonville"

I just contacted Jamie Strong, SPA's Chairman of Special Projects to see if he could give us a "heads-up" on the 2020 schedule. Jamie is our official event/contest coordinator for both regions. He sets up the East events and coordinates with the West on their schedule.

When scheduling, he also needs to coordinate with both AMA and IMAC events in order to avoid conflicts.

While working with these other pattern groups Jamie (who also flies AMA), talks up our SPA events and enlists participation by their members in our contests. That's how Jason Shulman, Joe Walker, Rafael Rivera, and Cliff Hiatt joined us at our first Florida event last March. Since then, some have come to multiple SPA contests. That's one way we can continue to grow and expand in the future-by reaching out to fellow pattern fliers.

The first contest of the 2020 season has been set at Jacksonville's GATEWAY RC CLUB the last weekend of March. This site is not too far over the Florida state line, and is a very nice place to fly with a north-facing flight line to eliminate sun problems. We had a great time last year and the local Gateway club welcomed us with open arms. What a great way to get to some warmer weather and an early start on the season. Plan your mini-vacation to Florida now!



(Lt) How many pattern planes can you get into one SUV? Terry Boston managed to stuff SIX planes into his Explorer! Terry's 2 Dirty Birdies and all his usual contest gear, 2 new Phantoms for Jerry Black and 2 new planes for Ken Vanden Bosch!

SPA Teams on the East Circuit

It's time to focus on just some of the many "SPA East teams" that we frequently see at the contests. Fortunately, a talented photojournalist named "Bobbie" just happened to take the time to pose the teams while at the Hodges contest. Remember, this is not even close to a complete list; only the teams that were able to be at Hodges. Of course the same team concept is found in the West (but I didn't have all these nice pictures of teams provided of West teams and couples yet). Maybe we do

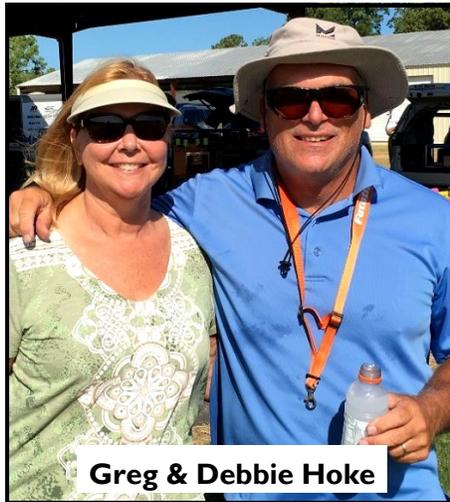
that next season out West if someone would do the honors and provide team pictures.

We also thank all those family members at home who are active supporters, but can't always be here. They all recognize just how enjoyable these contests are for us, and by giving us their blessing to attend, they are critical to our success as well. There are some teams who are no longer able to travel long distances on the circuit, but these "teams at heart" have been just as important in building SPA into what it is now. They are with us in spirit.

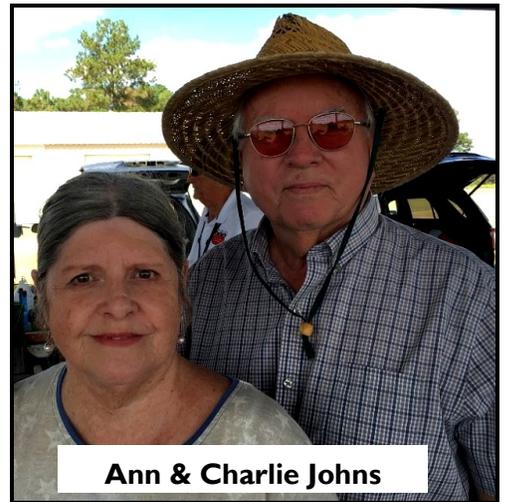
This gallery of current SPA teams is a start on thanking all of you wives and family members who come out to the contests with your "significant pilot". Without your support there would probably be no SPA. Thanks so much for being part of the SPA family.



Jeff Owens & Lori Bush



Greg & Debbie Hoke



Ann & Charlie Johns



Russ & Becky Chiles



Jim and Bobbie Johns



Dave and Peggy Phillips



Sean & Fred Robertson

Texas Model Aeronautics Foundation SPA Pattern Contest Valley Mills, TX. September 21, 2019



Texas Model Aeronautics Foundation (TMAF) held their 1st SPA pattern contest on September 21st at the TMAF field in Valley Mills, TX. just outside of Waco. Pat Ensign, Bobby Zikes and Frank Cox made it down on Friday to do some practicing and check out the field. The TMAF club worked Friday to get everything ready for Saturday and also worked with Pat Ensign to ensure we had everything in place for the contest.

Everyone starting arriving around 7am Saturday morning and by 8:30 am we had everyone registered. After that we had the pilot's meeting and setup the flight lines and the judges. **We had a 20 mph wind**, (*that might stop some of us in the East but not here-editor*), and the clouds kept the sun covered so we started right after the pilots meeting. The contestants kept up with the flight order so we were able to get 2 full rounds in by 11:30 am. We took a 30 min break for lunch and started up again at noon. The wind continued and averaged **20 mph all day with gusts up to 30**. All pilots braved the wind and flew very well all day. Chris Berardi lost his plane on the 1st round and David Dingman loaned Chris his backup and Chris was able to win his class.

We completed the 4th round around 4pm and decided that was enough fighting the wind gods, and that we would go ahead and total up the scores and have the award presentation. While Leslie Ensign was finishing up the scoring we held a raffle for a Joe Gross designed Thunderbird and Frank Cox was the lucky winner of the kit.

I am very happy with the turn out and forgot just how much fun flying and watching the old pattern planes is. I would like to send a special thanks to Ken Knots for answering all my questions and helping me get this contest in the books. Also a big thanks to Pat and Leslie Ensign for scoring and taking all the pictures.

A big thanks goes out to the TMAF club and also Danny Jackson for the Thunderbird kit donation.

Looking forward to next year

Todd Blose CD



**TMAF
Holds its
first SPA
event under
challenging
wind
conditions.
Way to go
Todd!
Like SPA
itself, he's
keeping it
simple and
basic**

Taking it "cool" and easy in Waco as they hold their first event

SPA**Waco SPA 2019****SPA Novice****9-21-2019 Page: 1**

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 4
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jason Nowicki	1184275	1000.0000	1000.00*	0.00	0.00*	0.00*		

SPA Sportsman**9-21-2019 Page: 2**

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 4
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Nathan Haycock	785323	3000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00		
2	Frank Cox	5810	582.7232	582.72*	0.00	0.00*	0.00*		

SPA Advanced**9-21-2019 Page: 3**

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 4
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Chris Berardi	250824	2966.1354	33.84	966.13*	1000.00*	1000.00*		
2	Michel Clements	53786	2867.1032	1000.00*	928.28*	117.89	938.81*		
3	Gary Alphin	6055	2842.7215	838.97	1000.00*	973.11*	869.60*		
4	Max Blose	114	2699.6692	743.58	901.39*	962.77*	834.50*		

SPA Expert**9-21-2019 Page: 4**

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 4
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Todd Blose	5405	3000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*		
2	Pat Ensign	41165	2930.0636	999.30*	945.18	969.98*	960.77*		
3	Wayne Galligan	679374	2910.8727	949.37	974.70*	980.21*	955.95*		
4	David Dingman	75189	2862.0651	941.74*	825.72	982.94*	937.37*		

SPA Senior Expert Standings - Round 4**9-21-2019 Page: 5**

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 4
 These are the final standings at this time. '*' Indicates score included in total.

Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Danny Jackson	71793	2958.5365	1000.00*	1000.00*	958.53*	950.89		
2	Clifton Bradford	471280	2920.1807	783.54	920.18*	1000.00*	1000.00*		
3	Ken Knotts	2591	2671.7678	726.03	887.80*	902.43*	881.52*		
4	Bobby Zikes	1091	2418.2547	779.55*	834.33*	778.86	804.36*		



Ft Worth Thunderbirds Fall 2019 SPA Contest Benbrook, TX October 5, 2019

...By Ken Knotts

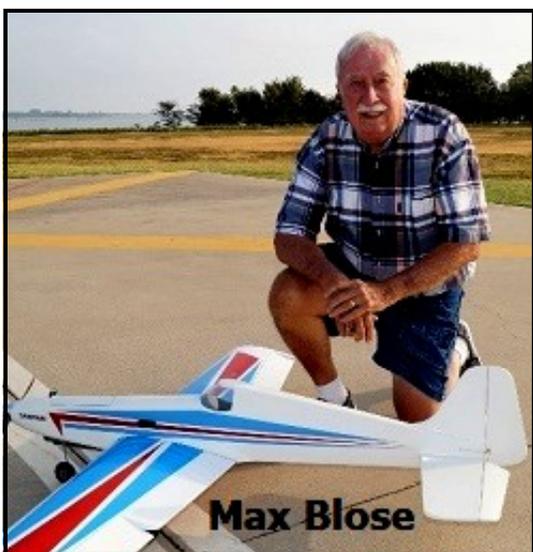


What a beautiful day for a contest. Winds were light, **yes light**, skies were clear and temperature only reached 96. The turnout was light also because there was an AMA contest in College Station the same day. Ten pilots got a lot of flying in and we completed 5 rounds of competition in one day. Here is a picture of the pilots, airplanes and helpers.

Jason Nowicki was the only Novice flyer and he won it going away. Speaking of only one pilot, Dave Dingman was the only pilot in Expert but still flew very well.

Sportsman had two pilots with Paul Mahan winning over Frank Cox. Frank has a beautiful airplane that he says is very fast. *(need to hear more about this, see below—editor)*

As always, Advanced had the most participants with Gary Alphin taking first place. Chris Berardi always flies well and took second place trailing Gary by less than six points. **Eighty-four-year-old Max Blose flew his own design, Tarmen from 1969 and took third.**



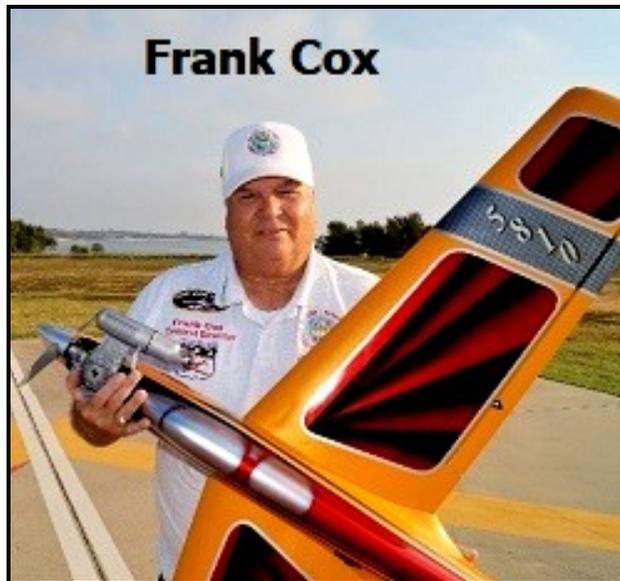
Senior Expert had three entrants with longtime AMA pilot Danny Jackson taking first even though he had a broken transmitter and used Max Blose's airplane to complete the contest.

We always have great help and we need to thank Brian and Kelly Alphin and Jeanne Alphin for scorekeeping, data entry getting the

awards ready. Tab Bowland had great hamburgers and fixin's for everyone. Ian Waring ran our score-sheets for us and Sam Collette couldn't fly, but came and judged for us all morning.

We had an **OS .65AX** for a raffle and Paul Mahan won it. I'm sure he will put it to good use.

Ken Knotts



Frank—that is ONE SNAZZY-LOOKING PLANE & PAINT JOB. You've got to tell us Easterners more about it, *(maybe an article for next time, or a "new arrivals feature"*. You guys in the West should not be immune from "new plane announcements"— 14 something to be celebrated!

SPA
Thunderbird Fall 2019 SPA Contest
SPA Novice Standings - Round 5 10- 8-2019 Pa

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	Jason Nowicki	1184275	2000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	0.00	0.00*	0.00*

SPA
Thunderbird Fall 2019 SPA Contest
SPA Sportsman Standings - Round 5 10- 8-2019

The Scores for all contestants have been entered through Round 5
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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	Paul Mayhan	891050	4000.0000	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Frank Cox	5810	1913.2875	458.33*	0.00	747.19*	707.75*	0.00*

SPA
Thunderbird Fall 2019 SPA Contest
SPA Advanced Standings - Round 5 10- 8-2019

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	Gary Alphin	6055	3934.9593	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	934.95*	823.26
2	Chris Berardi	250824	3929.4849	38.94	991.37*	938.11*	1000.00*	1000.00*
3	Max Blöse	114	3737.5248	891.57*	927.13*	990.17*	928.63*	868.13
4	Tommy Scarmardo	77400	0.0000	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*

SPA
Thunderbird Fall 2019 SPA Contest
SPA Expert Standings - Round 5 10- 8-2019 Pa

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	David Dingman	75189	4000.0000	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*

SPA
Thunderbird Fall 2019 SPA Contest
SPA Senior Expert Standings - Round 5 10- 8-2019

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	Danny Jackson	71793	4000.0000	1000.00*	32.77	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Bobby Zikes	1091	3721.0357	847.04	1000.00*	921.59*	912.38*	887.05*
3	Ken Knotts	2591	3664.3524	944.09*	901.68*	903.92*	914.65*	721.58

SPA EAST FINALE 2019 (The Masters)

...by Bruce Underwood and Duane Wilson



CULLMAN, AL....October 13, 2019 ..The East applied the “icing to the cake” on the 2019 SPA season this weekend with the “dandy-dozen” plus two participants enjoying what we most like doing.....flying our SPA Pattern airplanes in an organized contest.

This “finale” was overseen by “the most experienced Director on our circuit”. I’m describing (the great), Steve Byrum shown below at his “Briefing” Saturday morning.

Following 46 days with nothing by drought conditions, the National Weather Service saw



SPA’s longest acting CD Steve Byrum

fit to predict morning temperatures in the upper 40’s and low 50’s for Saturday and wouldn’t you know it, their prediction was accurate! There were cold and stout winds of 15 to 25 MPH, but the clouds were just what the CD

ordered because the flight line faces the Eastern sunrise ‘til about mid-morning...this allowed Steve to start about 1 to 2 hours PRIOR to the normal Cullman start time, and allowed completion of 4 rounds for all classes and five for Sportsman. The contestants who are HUGE college football fans were then allowed to flock to their radio and TV’s for the Alabama/Texas A & M, Tennessee/Mississippi State, Oklahoma/Texas and other favorite games that began at 2:30 PM CT.

It was great at long last, to welcome long-time SPA president Bruce Underwood back to the circuit after a long period of recovery from surgery. He said he wished he would have done the surgery long ago. I had the pleasure of calling for Bruce for two rounds, and I can tell you his flying hasn’t been effected by being off the contest trail. Bruce performed many near-perfect (IMO) maneuvers, and finished a strong 2nd in Sr. Expert. Bruce also wanted to do it all himself carrying the plane out to the line, revving it up etc.

Sometimes the author reports on crashes and mishaps.....**NONE** to report on here. Despite the wind and cold conditions on Saturday morning, mishaps remained away from the Cullman flying site. Some gathered in the nearby steakhouse on Saturday night. Dave Phillips said he and Peggy swapped steaks they had as the others’ suited their “cook-too” preference when they arrived.

As mentioned, Cullman is known for changeable weather, especially in October. Over the years we’ve seen everything from heat to cold rain and wind, but this year was more changeable than ever. It went from hot in the mid -80s Friday during practice to cloudy, windy, and COLD Saturday morning, to sunny and perfect by mid-morning Sunday. Those who may have skipped the event due to a forecast of “chance of showers”, (there actually was no real rain at all), missed a great contest. Except for a hurricane forecast you can never take weather predictions all that seriously—come and fly!! In all my years of flying SPA, there has only been one day that was a “washout”, (and that time the next day was fine). Sunday morning brought a 180 as weather improved, with the air as calm as ever in the state of Alabama this Sunday in Cullman. Cloud cover allowed Experts Jerry Black and Jamie Strong to each exercise their favorite pastime”flying their pattern models”. Low and behold, just about 10 AM CDT, those clouds yielded to that beautiful “Bama Sky” that normally prevails ...sooo ...off came the light jackets and out came the sunshield for a short while.

The remaining rounds Sunday were completed by noon.....even before the ladies had completed their yarns to each other about their “grandkids” and determining whose husband enjoyed our sport of modeling more than the others. Here are the ladies just after the group photo of the participants was made. Aren’t we the luckiest guys alive to have had this group say “I Do” to us when they did??



We were all happy to welcome long time former SPA president Bruce Underwood back to the circuit after recovering from surgery. Bruce has routinely taken newcomers “under his wing” and made them feel welcome. One of those shepherded early on joins in the welcome.



L-R: Marie Grant, Ann Johns, Peggy Phillips, Bobbie Johns, Dee VandenBosch & Lori Bush.

Joe Grant had the **NOVICE** class to himself and a good weekend of preparing to “move” up after acing the class. Vic Koenig had a perfect score of 4000 in **SPORTSMAN** followed by Terry Boston, 3890. Charlie Johns was 3rd with 3802, Ken Vandenbosch 4th with 3644 and Duane Wilson who was registered, but had a failing transmitter battery and elected not to fly. Duane was helpful to your author on Sunday by calling and assisting on the flight-line. Jim Strong piled up a quartet of K’s in **ADVANCED** for a tally of 4,000. Ken Blackwell kept him motivated with his 3285 in 2nd. Jeff Owens and myself had the most difficult job of the weekend, I think (Jeff Agrees).....finding any “flaws” in the flights of Jerry Black and Jamie Strong in the **EXPERT** class. It was a typical weekend of sheer joy watching these two experts fly our maneuvers like they are drawn in the book. Jerry scored the most points of 4000 to Jamie’s 3958. Thanks for the highly competitive performances, guys

In the quartet participating in the **SENIOR EXPERT** Class, President Jeff won all but 1 of the six rounds for a perfect 4000.....Bruce Underwood put in a strong performance with a 3934, Dave Phillips was 3rd with 3408. Jim Johns elected to give a day of rest due to cold and flu-like symptoms on Saturday, and manned the scoring computer on Sunday. Jim, not only the Cullman Aeromodellers these weekend, but all other clubs you’ve been so much help to want you to know how much you.re appreciated. This word....THANKS from us all.

One of the highlights of the **MASTERS** each year is the presentation of the **POINTS CHAMPIONSHIPS** for the year.....Steve made those presentations for the **EAST DIVISION** at the conclusion.

East Points Champions

- NOVICE – Dan Jackson**
- SPORTSMAN – Terry Boston**
- ADVANCED – Jim Strong**
- EXPERT – Jerry Black**

Jeff explained that the “fly-off” for the annual Memorial Trophy this year and last was called-off due to the unavailability of “qualifee’s”. He assured, “the Memorial trophy is safely stored in my storage shed and in good shape”. In his parting remarks, he encouraged all to make plans to participate in the coming season, and “the same pattern flown this year will be in it’s 2nd year in 20”. Jeff says he is contemplating naming the coming cycles’ pattern-committee in the Spring to fly and perhaps publicize the coming schedule in plenty of time for comment and discussion before a decision is made for 2021-2022.

Cullman Aeromodellers, “GRACIOUS” (tad of Spanish lingo there) for this great weekend. It was, as stated at the beginning.....”a DANDY!”



2019 SPA West Championships

Benbrook, Texas October 26-27, 2019

By Ken Knotts



The 2019 West Championships Pilots

L-R: Wayne Galligan, Jason Nowicki, Pat Ensign, Jamie Strong, Dave Dingman, Jim Strong, Paul Mayhan, Sam Corlett, Bobby Zikes, Cliff Bradford, Rick Byrd, Chris Berardi, Ken Knotts, Frank Cox, Samuel Corlett and Gary Alphin Not shown: Nathan Haycock and Tommy Scarmardo

The turnout for SPA West's big two-day event was great with 18 pilots competing. The level of flying has really improved over the course of this year, and over the last few years. Competition was close with some very close. As an example, in **ADVANCED CLASS, four of the five pilots won a round!**

There was a very full **EXPERT** class with SIX pilots in hot competition. The first four of them were within sixty points of each other. In round 5 of EXPERT, both Pat Ensign and Dave Dingman **tied with 1000 points each to create dual round winners.** In the end, long time aerobatic champion Rick Byrd won by less than 20 points. One round each was won by Jamie Strong, Wayne Galligan, and Pat Ensign.

A successful contest has a lot of people in the background helping. **Brian Alphin** helped set up the contest and entered scores, assisted by **Leslie Ensign** with certificates and framing. **Tab Bowland** did the cooking of hamburgers, chips and drinks for everyone. **Ian Waring** and **Mel Wells** ran scores from both flight lines. The field was well manicured and looked beautiful. As always, big thanks goes to the Fort Worth Thunderbirds for their usual spirit of cooperation.

Saturday evening most everyone gathered at a local Mexican food restaurant and had multiple discussions about model airplanes and answers toward solving the world's problems.

At the end of the day, awards were distributed, and high point plaques were awarded. Thanks again to everyone who participated and helped.

HIGH POINTS WINNERS 2019



CONTEST AWARDS

SPA

SPA West Championships

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jason Nowicki	1184275	2000.0000	1000.00*	0.00	1000.00*	0.00	0.00*	0.00*



NOVICE
Jason Nowicki

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Paul Mayhan	891050	4000.0000	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00*	1000.00	1000.00*	1000.00
2	Nathan Haycock	785323	3885.8957	715.01	743.36	934.19*	980.74*	985.15*	985.80*
3	Frank Cox	5810	2236.6733	0.00	715.54*	815.48*	705.63*	0.00	0.00*



Paul Mayhan



SPORTSMAN
Nathan Haycock

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Jim Strong	733716	3995.9225	995.92*	937.90	1000.00*	0.00	1000.00*	1000.00*
2	Samuel Corlett	997867	3955.4546	996.94*	998.14*	910.83	968.00*	992.36*	905.11
3	Chris Berardi	250824	3929.2621	922.52	1000.00*	967.40*	1000.00*	915.07	961.86*
4	Gary Alphin	6055	3720.3215	1000.00*	844.30	902.20*	886.22	906.48*	911.62*
5	Tommy Scarmardo	77400	3648.2366	831.80	830.39	941.51*	886.22*	890.26*	930.23*



Frank Cox

SPA Expert Standings - Round 6 10-27-2019 Page: 4

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Rick Byrd	32963	3994.2938	994.29*	1000.00*	961.27	1000.00*	984.20	1000.00*
2	Pat Ensign	41165	3976.0025	979.31	993.86*	988.24*	993.89*	1000.00*	941.61
3	Wayne Galligan	679374	3936.7086	982.16*	961.80	1000.00*	981.01*	961.53	973.52*
4	Jamie Strong	72838	3932.1207	1000.00*	963.84*	980.63*	0.00	987.63*	928.71
5	David Dingman	75189	3864.6527	849.50	948.84*	962.65*	945.08	1000.00*	953.15*
6	Sam Corlett	102920	3772.2145	951.49*	944.74*	932.91*	943.05*	932.00	931.43



Jimmy Strong

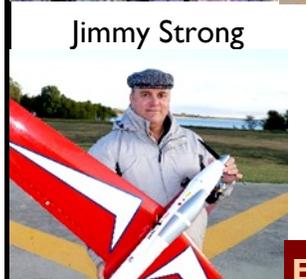


Samuel Corlett

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Pos.	Name	AMA No.	Total Score	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6
1	Bobby Zikes	1091	4000.0000	1000.00*	967.13	1000.00*	1000.00*	937.21	1000.00*
2	Clifton Bradford	471280	3947.6594	972.82*	1000.00*	935.60	951.90	1000.00*	974.83*
3	Ken Knotts	2591	3728.0980	925.46*	932.78*	906.06	911.45*	958.39*	849.74



Chris Berardi

SR. EXPERT



Rick Byrd



Pat Ensign



Wayne Galligan



Bobby Zikes



Cliff Bradford



Ken Knotts

SPA Member Profile:

New Member Domecq Smith



Name/SPA Number: *Domecq Smith 732*

City/State: *Rahway, NJ. Originally from Ft. Worth, TX. Learned to fly RC at the old Thunderbird Field in the early 80s*

Occupation/Former Occupation: *Public School Music Teacher, Organist and Music Director for St. John Church, Orange, NJ*

Years in Model Aviation: *40*

When did you join SPA: *September 2019 (I suggested that he'd be crazy not to join SPA and he actually took my advice—editor)*

How did you find out about the SPA and why did you decide to join?: *I am president of Somerset RC in New Jersey, and I wanted to start a club newsletter. I found Duane Wilson's good work on the internet and he gave me some good pointers in starting a newsletter. That put me in touch with SPA. But I have always admired the lines of vintage pattern planes, and have wanted to pursue pattern, a progression from sport flying which I have done for years.*

Are you or have you been a full-scale pilot? If so, when, where and what do you fly?:
I have never been a full scale pilot, but wouldn't mind taking it up.

Favorite pattern planes and why you like them: *I have just started pattern, so I only own two pattern type planes: a .40 size Kaos, and a King Kobra, (see below). The King Kobra was built and trimmed by Michael Ahlf, a master modeler in my club. It tracks well and has given me a taste of what is yet to come with other planes. I have a Eureka Blue Angel on the shelf and that will be my next pattern build. The first time I saw the lines of the Blue Angel, I knew that was a plane I would like to have.*

Do you or have you competed in other organizations-have you gone to the NATs:
I have never competed. But I would like to, if only for the fun and camaraderie.

Something others may not know about you (other or past hobbies and interests): *Planes have been my main interest all of my life. I prefer glow over electric and enjoy building. I am also an organist and enjoy studying and playing the organ works of J.S. Bach. I compose and have some published works. I have been a public school music teacher in Plainfield, NJ in the same school for 20 years. I'm teaching children whose parents I taught. I'm an aviation merit badge councilor for a Boy Scout troop in the area and some of the boys have taken an interest in the hobby. I have three grown children, all who can fly RC, but the bug has yet to bite them. My wife of 25 years supports my hobby. I also enjoy slow flying, too. One of my favorite planes is the Senior Telemaster. I built one from the stick and ribs version of the kit. I hope to look forward to much more building and flying. I also look forward once I have some time to travel to the SPA events.*

New Arrivals!!



Jerry Black "Phantom"

1973

Framed up by Terry Boston and finished in silkspan and dope, color is klass kote paint. Flying weight is 7lbs 2oz dry. It is a great flying plane with no coupling needed in knife edge flight. Power is from OS95 on 20% nitro.

Phantom's familiar "guppy" shape. Geometric color scheme



Duane Wilson

“King Altair” 1967

I began flying the King Altair in 2008. I loved the beauty and pure 2-meter-like elegance the plane shows when doing the pattern. Due to its larger size and weight, I later opted to compete with smaller planes, mostly Daddy Rabbits, still I have always kept a “King” to fly. This is my first electric King, about 70% built by an SPA Expert friend who was equally impressed with it and has another at home. Cobra 4020-18, and separate power source for the radio. 6th Altair has a clipped 66” span. Ultracote finish 8-3/4 # all up weight including 5000 6S



Eddie Bernaldez : “Dirty Birdy Twins”

I see a little difference in the canopy, and the orientation of the propeller, but otherwise these two brightly covered Dirty Birdys look absolutely identical. I wonder what the bottom of the wing looks like?

Eddie says both have a YS60 2-stroke with Bisson mufflers. The Birdy on the right has Spring Air retracts. He says the fixed gear one actually flies a little better but only has 5 flights so far. They are fairly close in performance and flight characteristics however.



Domecq Smith: Newly acquired “King Kobra”



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