

Rubber CD's Report

by Tom McCoy

Spencer Field is certainly one of the finest free flight sites in the country. One mile square of mowed grass with a runway complex and one small operations building in the center. The navy uses this facility for helicopter training. Experience has shown that winds 15 mph or more will put some models off the field. To avoid troublesome retrievals we decided to adjust our flyoff rules to suit the wind conditions. It was our chief goal to keep the rubber models on the field.

Each morning the flyoff rule was posted according to the wind forecast. Any day the forecast was 15 mph or higher we flew our three 2-minute flights and then two target flights of two minutes each. These had to be perfect two minute flights. Any duration over the two was deducted from your score. Duration under 2 minutes was your score.



Jim Coffin, SAM Eastern VP, from Annandale Virginia prepares his red and yellow Paratrooper for flight.

On days under 15 mph, the flyoff flights were to be 3 minute maxes. The contestant repeated the 3 minute flights until he dropped a max or won the contest.

Monday started out windy and cold (for Florida) but flyable. The winds were 15 plus so we invoked the 2-minute target flyoff rule. There were only two rubber events scheduled for that day, Small Rubber Stick and the Paratrooper Special Event.

It was windy and a little chilly but most everyone flew. Ray Combs won

the paratrooper event with some good flying in the wind. The plaques were awarded that evening by Don Garofalaw at a reception. Lots of fun and what SAM is really all about.

The next 4 days were beautiful. Light winds, sunny and warm; a modelers dream. Wednesday we flew Jimmy Allen with some really great flights. Herb Kothe, of Boulder Colorado won the event over 18 fliers. I even scratched out a third place myself.

Thursday we flew Twin Pusher along with our regular events. Old friend and past president, Jim Adams won the event with a magnificent flight that went off the field sky-high. I suspect the model probably is still going. Friday saw Steve Roselle, our new Western VP show us how to fly hand launch glider. Hey, I thought Steve mostly flew RC.

What a great 5 days of flying. There were some lost models. Most of them left the field in huge thermals, but I think many of them were retrieved. Our Grand Champion for rubber was Carl Redlin, with a truly great performance. Carl put up max after max to win first place in 3 out of the 4 events that count for high-point. Gene Wallock won Rubber Scale this year with his venerable Puss Moth and some great flights. Bob Bienenstein, our new Hall Of Fame member, won Rubber Concours with his beautiful Interstate Cadet.

All who attended and flew went home winners. I gratefully thank Ron Sharpton for the use of his motorhome as our headquarters and Jim McCarty, our excellent computer man, who kept the scores straight for us. Tom McCoy.

Elaine Davidson and FF Grand Champion, Larry Davidson.



Steve Roselle



Bud Schuh

Bob Laybourne, SAM Midwest VP, of Enon Ohio launches his Commercial Rubber Wren, by Heeb.

From the Editor's Desk

We are very sad to report the death on December 18 of Harold Johnson of Minneapolis after a long battle with cancer. Harold was an excellent photographer and prolific contributor to SAM Speaks, especially for the SAM Champs issue. We were aware early last year that Harold would not make it to Pensacola, so I asked other SAM members to take pictures for this issue.

We are especially grateful to Bud Schuh, Kirby and Shirley Hinson, Dan Hodges (Editor of the SAM 93 newsletter, *High Flight*), George Lamb, Fred Mulholland, Steve Roselle (editor of the SAM 21 newsletter), Bucky Walter, Dave Ramsey, and good Ol Charlie Reich for all their excellent photographs at the Champs.

We were truly moved by the response from the membership, and the number and quality of photographs. If any other members wish to submit photos of the next Champs at Las Vegas, please contact the editor for details on the formats and styles re-

quested. Now that digital cameras are readily available, we are able and enthusiastic about receiving photos electronically.

An enormous debt of gratitude is due to Dan and John Hodges and Jim McCarty for their excellent work in preparing the contest results in electronic form for publication. We thank you very much.

GRAND CHAMPIONS AND PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Free Flight

Power Champion
 Rubber Champion
 30 Second Antique Perpetual
 Class B Pylon Perpetual
 Class C Fuselage Perpetual
 Twin Pusher Perpetual

Larry Davidson
 Carl Redlin
 Larry Davidson
 Larry Davidson
 Sal Taibi
 Jim Adams

Radio Control

Grand Champion Ignition
 Grand Champion Glow
 Texaco Perpetual Trophy
 Ohlsson 23 Perpetual Trophy
 Spirit of SAM Electric Trophy

Paul Schmitz
 Fred Mulholland
 Ed Hamler
 Bob King
 Jack Hiner

Concours d'Elegance

Free Flight, Power (American Ace)
 Free Flight, Rubber (Interstate Cadet)
 Radio Control (Duchessa)
 Concours Grand Champion

Cliff Betz
 Bob Bienenstein
 Ninetto Ridenti
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Special Events

American Ace (Free Flight)
 Record Hound (RC)
 Paratrooper (Rubber)

Ted Dock
 Don Bekins
 Ray Combs



Steve Roselle

Ted Dock (L) from Warsaw, Indiana, was the winner of the American Ace event. Charlie Reich, SAM's "Ol Charlie," was a childhood friend of Ted's. During the Hall of Fame Reception, Ted told Charlie while cleaning out his basement he found an old transmitter and receiver with Charlie's name, call letters and 27 MC painted on the side. Ted had acquired the radio long ago in a swap, and never realized it was Charlie's. It is Charlie's again.



Charlie Reich

Leo Bussmeier with his Record Hound. Fuselage is yellow, top of wing and stab white, undersides match his pink shirt. O&R 60 powered, he flew it to fourth place in the Record Hound event. Leo is from Germany, has been a regular contributor to SAM Speaks about aeromodeling in Germany and Europe.