

2007 Electric Texaco Postal Competition Results

The 2007 Electric Texaco Postal competition had only two competitive teams; SAM 76, the Propstoppers of Delaware County Pennsylvania and SAM 27 of Napa California.

Four flyers from SAM 76 of Delaware County, Pennsylvania met on September 7, 2007 to make a flight for the 2007 E-Tex Postal contest. It was a cloudless 80 degree day. The flyers and their planes were:

Richard Bartkowski flying a 72" Record hound @ 37 oz powered by 8x800A NiCad cells driving a geared Speed 400 motor



Dave Harding flying a 108" Stardust Special @ 72 oz powered by 2sLiPo 1800 pack driving a geared brushless Neu motor



Chuck Kime flying a 60" Miss America @ 33 oz powered by 7x800A NiCad cells driving a geared speed 400 motor



Rick Grothman flying a 70" Playboy @ 36 oz powered by 2sLiPo 900 pack driving a geared Feigao brushless motor



Recorded times (min: sec) were;

Harding	38:33
Bartkowski	28:24
Kime	21:42
Grothman	17:11



SAM 27 ELECTRIC TEXACO POSTAL NEWS

Thursday 13 September 2007 at Lakeville

The event is flown to the future 2008 SAM rules which require much smaller batteries to make the flights shorter.

A relaxed event flown on a beautiful cumulus day.



The Team, left to right: Andrew Tickle (Bomber), Nick Kelez (Airborn), Dick Irwin (Airborn), Ed Hamler (Airborn), Loren Kramer (Playboy).
Mike Clancy photo

2007 INTERNATIONAL ELECTRIC TEXACO POSTAL RESULTS

Here are the times for our 8 September flyoff:

PILOT	AIRCRAFT	Best time
Dick Irwin	Airborn	17:40
Ed Hamler	Airborn	29:59
Andrew Tickle	Bomber	21:20
Nick Kelez	Airborn	22:11
Loren Kramer	Playboy	15:50

The conditions were windy with late clearing overcast and some weak thermals. Most of the flight time was spent motoring into the wind just to stay in place, with brief S-turns when rising air was found.

Our times were significantly less than during practice. The team's decision is to re-fly (as allowed by the rules) on Thursday 13 September if conditions on that day look better than last time.

Here are the times for our 13 September re-fly:

PILOT	AIRCRAFT	Best time (of 2)
Ed Hamler	Airborn	32:14
Dick Irwin	Airborn	30:13
Andrew Tickle	Bomber	28:22
Nick Kelez	Airborn	27:51
Loren Kramer	Playboy	18:45

The forecast was lousy but fortunately dead wrong. We had a sky full of cumulus which is unusual for us, and a light breeze. We all had much better flights.

The time we submit to SAM 76, this year's host, is the sum of the three highest individual scores (Hamler/Irwin/Tickle) which is 90 minutes 49 seconds.

Happy thermals, Andrew

Mike Clancy took both individual and team photos.



SAM 27 input by Andrew Tickle

Results

Sam 27 had their best performance on September 13 under a blue sky with plenty of lift clouds.

SAM 27 had a Score of 90 minutes & 49 sec

SAM 76 flew on September 7 on a cloudless 80 degree day.

SAM 76 had a Score of 88 minutes & 39 sec.

This year's winner is: SAM 27 who will sponsor next year's contest!

Dick Bartkowski, SAM 76 CD