

2011 SAM Champs FF Report by Hal Wightman

What a contest it was! There are a lot of things that the FFCD can control at the SAM Champs, but one of them is NOT the weather. Unfortunately, we had to hold this year's SAM Champs around a very active weather front that included the remnants of a Pacific depression that rolled through Southern California on Monday and a front that came in from Central California during the early part of the week.

Basically, we had a half day of reasonable flying on Monday, no flying on Tuesday due to rain, winds, and a muddy dry lake, and a few hours of flying on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday gave us reasonable flying conditions for each of the morning hours but the winds increased in the afternoon on both of these final days. For the most part, 5 minute maxes were reduced to 3 minute maxes and 3 minute maxes were reduced to 2 minute maxes.

The Rubber Grand Champion for Free Flight was won by Hal Cover with a point count of 19 which included 3 firsts and a second. His experience in flying in the wind was paramount to his success. His mantra was "fly early and fly often". Looks like it worked. Hal's closest competitor was Carl Redlin.

The Power Grand Champion for Free Flight was won by Ron Thomas with a point count of 19. This included 3 firsts and a second. Ron had been the Power Grand Champion for Free Flight in 2007 as well. Ron also won the Class B Pylon award this year to be engraved on the perpetual trophy at Muncie, sponsored by Ernie Shailor.

Both Hal and Ron hail from Southern California and have as their crew member their wives, respectively, Jane Cover and Sue Thomas. They each make a good team.

The SAM Champs Model of the Year for Free Flight was won by Jerry Rocha in power using an .020 Replica Stratostreak. The rubber event winner for the Red Buzzard, which was the rubber model of the year, was Jim O'Reilly.

Other Perpetual Trophy winners this year for Free Flight were as follows:

30 Second Antique, sponsored by Roy Marquart - Larry Davidson

Twin Pusher, sponsored by Danny Sheelds- Jim O'Reilly

Old Ruler, sponsored by Bob Oslan - Kevin Sherman

There was no awardee for Class C Cabin since it was not flown as a result of high winds.

Those events with unlimited flight times were really "guts" fly events. Ron Thomas won Fuel Allotment with a time of 16m 6sec, but his plane was wiped out by an encounter with a fence upon landing. He only had one flight in that event. He flew in relatively good weather on Monday morning.

Ted Firster flew his Gas Scale, Fokker D8 on Friday morning during relatively good weather and had a flight of 8m 23sec. to win first place.

1/2 A Texaco flew in very windy weather and several ships were lost OOS. Dick Nelson finally prevailed to win with a time of 23m 10sec. Unfortunately, his plane was lost.

My full sized Texaco flight with my 1937 Contest Gas Model (by Frank Ehling) was held on Friday and was quite spectacular. The flight time was 43m 0sec. and was lost OOS as it entered a white cloud. Rod Persons, the timer, was under it on his quad bike and was able to find the model on the dry lake bed 2.5 miles south of the flight line, undamaged. I won first place in that event.

My thanks go to my assistant FFCD, George Walter, and CD for Nostalgia, Allyn Johnson. The two of them as well as Gene Drake, the Registrar, manned the FF scorer's table for a large portion of the contest and did an admirable job. Also, thanks go to Brad LeVine who assisted with the towline glider event.

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FFCD 2011 SAM Champs

2011 SAM Champs - Boulder City, Nv FF Results												
#	Sir Name	Name	Model	Engine	W Area	Flt 1	Flt 2	Flt 3	Flt 4	FLYOFF	TOTAL	PLACE
						BOLD = MAX						
A Fuselage		10 Entered 5 Flew		Monday								
25	Davidson	Larry	Ascender	ED 19	380	202	224	248			674	1
61	Thomas	Ron	Ascender	ED 19	380	238	203	169			610	2
51	Edelstein	Bob	So Long	Elfin .15	392	212	300	97			609	3
68	Nelson	Dick	Ascender	Elfin 1.5cc	380	300	300				600	4
132	Porter	Doss	Brigadier	ED 18		83					83	5
Fuel Allotment		10 Entered 5 Flew		Monday		Best						
61	Thomas	Ronald	Bomber	S. Cyke .60	1256	966		966				1
81	Holt	William	Powerhouse	S. Cyke .60	1126	773		773				2
35	Romak	Bud	S. Buc	Madewell .49		547	657	657				3
68	Nelson	Dick	Clipper	Cannon 358	678	172	398	398				4
6	Morris	Gilbert	Comet Clipper	Brown .60	664	218	188	218				5
Large Stick Rubber		22 Entered 10 Flew		Monday								
42	Redlin	Carl	Lanzo 300		300	300	300	300			900	1
5	O'Reilly	Jim	Red Buzzard		210	216	269	215			700	2
32	Wittman	Ronald	Red Buzzard		210	169	229	300			698	3
21	Gregory	Roger	1940 Mulvihill Heller		190	142	144	300			586	4
76	Kothe	Herb	Duplex		180	251	300				551	5
58	Firster	Ted	Red Buzzard		211	143	156	145			444	
55	Megea	Michael	Lanzo Stick		300	223	208				431	
71	Nelson	Elmer	Lanzo Stick		300	205	85				290	
110	Fonnesbeck	Ken	Smith 1941			141	147				288	
108	Pratt	John	Smith 1941			121					121	
Small Cabin Rubber		26 Entered; 8 Flew		Monday								
41	Cover	Hal	Jabberwock		135	180	180	140			500	1
34	Andrews	Jean	Jabberwock			124	180	140			444	2
42	Redlin	Carl	Double Feature		144	180	180				360	3
60	Prescott	Kent	Dyna-Moe		145	82	138	111			331	4
33	Geis	Karl	Miss Canada Sr.			180					180	5
93	Klintworth	Philip	Korda ORB		147	180					180	5
132	Richardson	Greg	Albatross			66	61				127	
26	Persons	Rod	Skokie		100	69					69	
.020 Replica		18 Entered; 3 Flew		Monday								
20	Rocha	Jerry	Strat O Streak	Cox .020	160	180	180	180	180	114	834	1
39	Oslan	Bob	So-Long	Cox .020	150	116					116	2
32	Wittman	Ronald	Kerswap	Cox .020	162	0	0	0			0	3
C Nostalgia		10 Entered; 3 Flew		Monday								
84	Ronney	Philip	Ramrod	O.S. .35	750	180	180				360	1
130	Schneider	Glenn	Frisco Kid	Johnson .35	685	114	180				294	2
127	Neugebauer	Dick	Texan	O.S. .35		180					180	3
1/4A Nostalgia		6 Entered; 3 Flew		Monday								
130	Schneider	Glenn	Streak	TD .020		118	180	125			423	1
64	Vollmer	Allen	Smarty	TD .020	157	76	180	93			349	2
84	Ronney	Philip	Top Banana	TD .020		105	72	53			230	3
Nostalgia Rubber		12 Entered; 2 Flew		Monday								
41	Cover	Hal	El Gizmo		200	180	180	180	180		720	1
82	Ramos	Fernando	Boxall			137					137	2
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Tuesday Canceled due to weather, Events moved to Wednesday												

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#	Name	Forename	Model	Engine	W Area	Flt 1	Flt 2	Flt 3	Flt 4	FLYOFF	TOTAL	PLACE
C Fuselage		13 Entered; 0 Flew		Wednesday								
B Pylon		14 Entered; 2 Flew		Wednesday								
61	Thomas	Ronald	Alert	ED .21	417	180	180	180			540	1
6	Morris	Gilbert	Kerswap	O & R .23	288	180	121	82			383	2
Large Fuselage Rubber		16 Entered; 4 Flew		Wednesday								
17	Vella	Alex	39 Korda			93	103	180			376	1
41	Cover	Hal	Super Snooper			104	180				284	2
42	Redlin	Carl	Korda D T		295	180	10				190	3
55	Meyea	Michael	Korda D T		305	180					180	4
4 OZ. WAKEFIELD		14 Entered; 2 Flew		Wednesday								
55	Meyea	Michael	Korda Duplex		135	180					180	1
34	Andrews	Jean	Northern Arrow			9					9	2
BUZZARD MASS LAUNCH - (Reschedule)		13 Entered; 4 Flew		Wednesday								
32	Wittman	Ronald				137					137	1
17	Vella	Al				131					131	2
82	Ramos	Fernando				103					103	3
5	O'Reilly	Jim				82					82	4
B-Fuselage (Reschedule)		11 Entered; 1 Flew		Wednesday								
68	Nelson	Dick	Cloud Chopper	ED .21	509	100	180				280	1
A PYLON - Reschedule		18 Entered; 0 Flew		Wednesday								
SMALL STICK RUBBER - Reschedule		31 Entered; 4 Flew		Wednesday								
41	Cover	Hal	Risor Rider		135	120	120	120	120		480	1
55	Meyea	Michael	Casano/Stratometer		150	120	104	98			322	2
75	Lidberg	Al	Gollywock		135	120					120	3
71	Nelson	Elmer	Gollywock		135	51					51	4
COMMERCIAL RUBBER - Rescheduled		20 Entered; 3 Flew		Wednesday								
42	Redlin	Carl	Wren		148	120	120	120			360	1
93	Klintworth	Philip	Korda ORB		147	117	120				237	2
40	LeVine	Brad	High Climber			30	35	42			107	3
OT CATAPULT GLIDER		10 Entered; 4+D124 Flew		Wednesday								
46	Roberge	Frank	Zoomer/Vartanian			14	23	81	35	41	157	1
64	Vollmer	Allen	Vartanian			28	35	20	42	0	105	2
32	Wittman	Ronald	Zoomer/Vartanian			28					28	3
67	Gray	Tommy	Vartanian			1	1				2	4
OT HAND LAUNCH GLIDER - Rescheduled		3 Entered; 3 Flew		Wednesday								
73	Galler	Bob	Herrat 1938			26	25	43			94	1
67	Gray	Tommy	Vartanian/Obarski			19	16				35	2
32	Wittman	Ron				12					12	3
1/2A Nostalgia		8 Entered; 1 Flew		Wednesday								
130	Schneider	Glenn	Jaysbird	Fox .049		120					120	1
Nostalgia Wakefield		14 Entered; 1 Flew		Wednesday								
99	Bresnan	Joseph	Bilgri			152					152	1

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TOWLINE GLIDER			2 Entered; 2 Flew		Thursday							
40	LeVine	Brad	Thermic 72			53	49	47			149	1
58	Firster	Ted	Thermic 50			58	45	36			139	2
30 SECOND ANTIQUE			15 Entered; 4 Flew		Thursday							
25	Davidson	Larry	Rambler	O & R .60F	683	180	180	180	128		668	1
68	Nelson	Dick	Clipper	S. Cyke .60	678	180	180	180	100		640	2
51	Edelstein	Bob	Clipper	Cyke .65	678	82	98	98			278	3
75	Lidberg	Al	Powerhouse	Forester .99	1100	38	35				73	4
C PYLON			13 Entered; 5 Flew		Thursday							
61	Thomas	Ronald	Sailplane	McCoy .60	864	180	180	166			526	1
70	Conrad	Walter	Playboy	S. Cyke .60	800	142	180	180			502	2
68	Nelson	Dick	Sailplane	McCoy .60	757	180	180	85			445	3
25	Davidson	Larry	Playboy Sr.	Cyke .65	800	111	180	100			391	4
51	Edelstein	Bob	Alert	Forester .305	408	52	59	62			173	5
8 OZ. WAKEFIELD			16 Entered; 4 Flew		Thursday							
41	Cover	Hal	Nieder		200	180	180	180	180	180	900	1
71	Nelson	Elmer	Sharp Shooter		208	119	180	165			464	2
5	O'Reilly	Jim	Sharpshooter		208	114	157	180			451	3
17	Vella	Alex	39 Korda			108	151	138			397	4
Twin Pusher			12 Entered; 4 Flew		Thursday							
5	O'Reilly	Jim	Don Burnham		128	140					140	1
17	Vella	Al	Burnham		31.9	130					130	2
120	Boots	Ron	Burnham			78					78	3
67	Gray	Tommy	Burnham		32 Span	56					56	4
Rubber Scale			12 Entered; 7 Flew		Thursday							
135	Sprenger	Jim	Comet Stintson Reliant			84	95	152			331	1
20	Rocha	Jerry	Interstate Cadet		115	91	96	122			309	2
82	Ramos	Fernando	Chambermaid			61	78	73			212	3
41	Cover	Hal	Taylor Craft			54	49	66			169	4
101	Gallas	Abraham	Interstate Cadet			31	Att	62	31		124	5
58	Firster	Ted	Lanzo Puss Moth		350	19	24	67			110	
84	Marko	Wayne	General Western Meteor		245	20	Att				20	
1/2 A Texaco Wednesday and Thursday			13 Entered; 6 Flew		Thursday							
68	Nelson	Dick	Powerhouse	Cox .049	450	20:26	23:10				23:10	1
40	LeVine	Brad	Clipper			6:00	20:23	20:49			20:49	2
90	Laird	Thomas	Powerhouse	Cox .049		6:37	7:43	17:03			17:03	3
118	Heinrich	Al				6:59	2:32	15:34			15:34	4
120	Boots	Ron				9:38					9:38	5
45	Donelson	John	Lanzo RC-1	Cox .049	680	0:33					0:33	



VAN WILSON AND LADY BETH WITH TOMBOYS

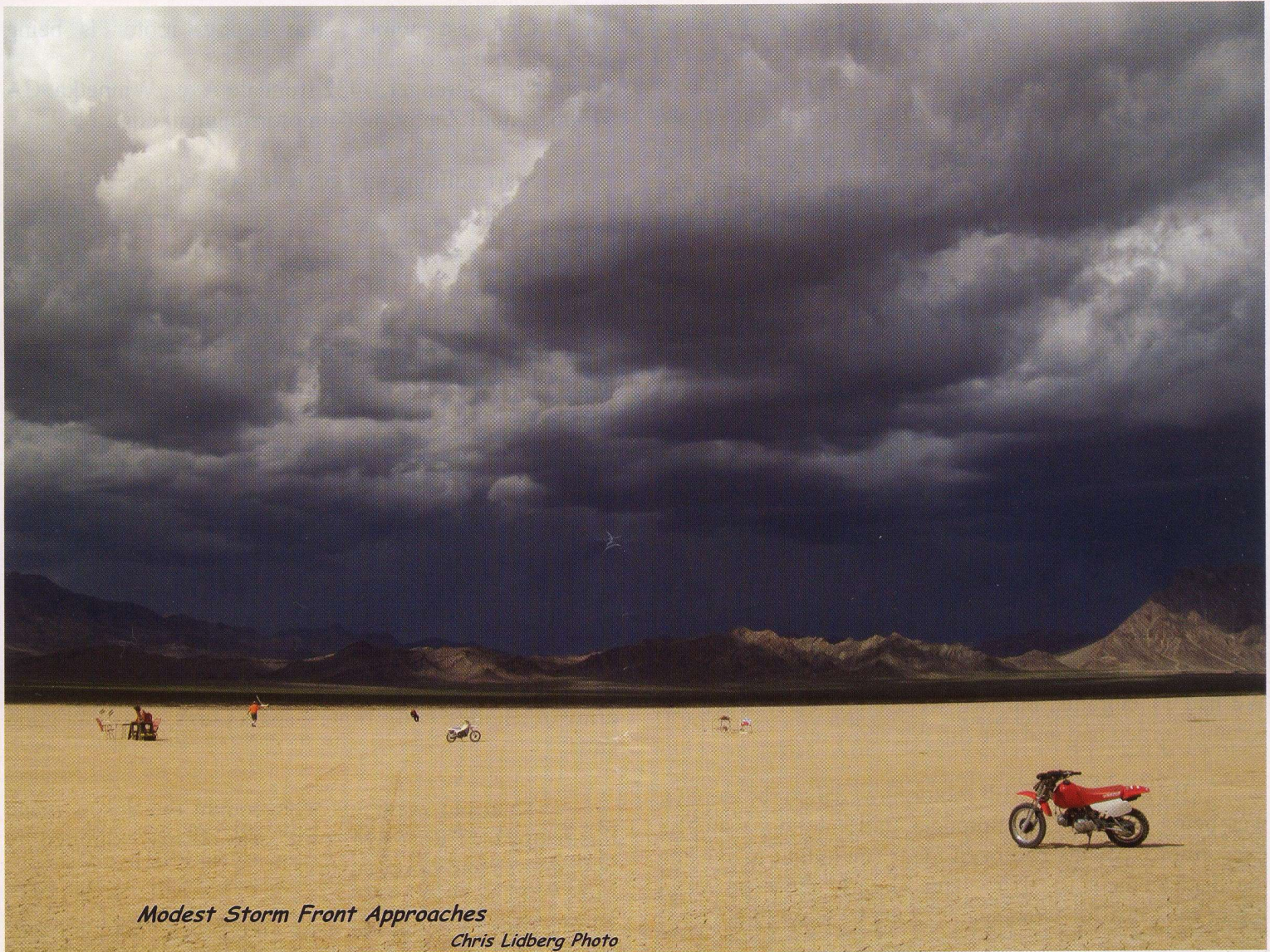


**CURTISS ROBIN by Glen Poole
Bodyguard is Jack Hiner**

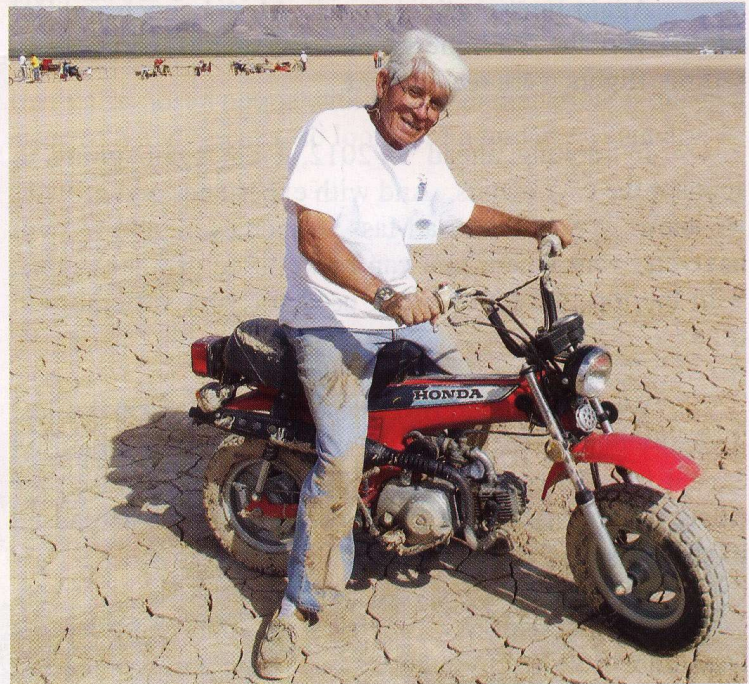
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GAS SCALE													
			4 Entered; 2 Flew		Friday							Best	
58	Firster	Ted	Fokker D 8	Diesel .15		69	60	503			503	1	
40	LeVine	Brad	Taylor Young			133					133	2	
COMPRESSED AIR - TIMED EVENT													
			14 Entered; 6 Flew		Friday								
41	Cover	Hal	Cover Special	Morrill	125	105	211	232			548	1	
135	Sprenger	Jim	Original			136	191	211			538	2	
120	Boots	Ron	Clipper			50	89	84			223	3	
75	Lidberg	Al	Son of Fat Albert	Zepher		67	34	113			214	4	
37	Wightman	Hal	The "AIR" Plane	Morrill	180	59					59	5	
65	Walter	George	Modified Miss Canada		145	44					44		
COMPRESSED AIR - MASS LAUNCH													
			14 Entered; 6 Flew		Friday								
135	Sprenger	Jim	Original			173					173	1	
41	Cover	Hal	Cover Special	Morrill	125	105					105	2	
75	Lidberg	Al	Clipper	Zepher		67					67	3	
37	Wightman	Hal	The "AIR" Plane	Morrill	180	59					59		
120	Boots	Ron				50					50		
65	Walter	George	Modified Miss Canada		145	44					44		
TEXACO													
			2 Entered; 2 Flew		Friday								
37	Wightman	Hal	1937 Contests Gas Model			2580					2580	1	
68	Nelson	Dick				398					398	2	
TOMBOY - IC													
			14 Entered; 5 Flew		Friday		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.		
31	Knight	Geoff	Tomboy	Mills .75cc							438	438	1
36	Willson	Van	Tomboy	Cox							245	245	2
134	Samuel	Eldon	Tomboy	Cox							222	222	3
136	Taber	Beth	Tomboy	Cox							208	208	4
79	Hamler	Edward	Tomboy	Mills .75cc	230						193	193	5
TOMBOY - Electric													
			3 Entered; 2 Flew		Friday		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.		
31	Knight	Geoff	Tomboy								223	223	1
91	Myers	Mike	Tomboy	Outrunner							60	60	2
OLD RULER													
			9 Entered; 4 Flew		Friday								
54	Sherman	Kevin	Rambler 900	McCoy .60	900	300	300	300	300	270	1470	1	
39	Oslan	Bob	Kestral	Cunningham .65	930	300	231	300			831	2	
51	Edelstein	Bob	Interceptor	Elfin .15	330	223	200	300			723	3	
68	Nelson	Dick	Own Design	R.B. .29		217	120	200			537	4	
JIMMY ALLEN													
			16 Entered; 5 Flew		Friday								
20	Rocha	Jerry	Skokie		96	108	120	107			335	1	
108	Pratt	John	Skokie			59	79	66			204	2	
10	Drake	Eugene	Skokie		100	59	55	60			174	3	
26	Persons	Rod	Taylor Craft		100	57	70	44			171	4	
74	Elliott	Jim	B.A. Cabin			47	120				167	5	
Atoms Only													
			5 Entered; 2 Flew		Friday		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.		
51	Edelstein	Bob	Strat O Streak	Atom .09						182	182	1	
75	Lidberg	Al	Cabinette	Atom .09	196					6	6	2	



Modest Storm Front Approaches
Chris Lidberg Photo



Left - Carl Redlin launches his POMONA CHAMP
Above - Carl after a spill on the "dry" lake bed
Chris Reck photos