

## 2016 San Valeers Nostalgia 29th annual held at Lost Hills California on Oct 29th and 30th contest report by Terry Thorkildsen

This year the weather looked a little dicey early in the week to some people since rain was predicated for late Thursday or Friday and on the road coming into lost hills it looked like it had rained but we were hoping for the best and we sure weren't disappointed Saturday since we woke up to perfect weather and it stayed that way the whole day. The weather was in the mid 70's with little or no wind either. You couldn't have ordered better weather on Saturday if you tried which made it a real pleasure for the flyers. We shared the field with the Scamps and we all had fun. We had 17 contestants and although some of the regulars didn't make it the competition was still tough since we had the usual flyers from Oregon and northern California flying with us and they are all good flyers and fun to fly with.

Most of the gas events were hotly contested and it took decent time to get into the winners circle.

In 1/4A Glenn Schneider flying a cute Geef and Bruce Hannah flying a ramrod went 1st and 2nd with me trailing in 3rd place with my Top Banana. My little TD .020 was being really hard to needle like it wasn't drawing fuel and even blowing out the needle valve assembly didn't cure it.

1/2A Nostalgia was our most popular event with 9 entries and Ron Thomas put everyone away and was the only one to max out flying a Texan. Bruce Hannah dropped 10 secs from maxing out for second flying an FAI Bar followed by Glenn Schneider flying one of his Geefs for 3rd using a Medallion .049. The Medallions were the most popular engine for this with 7 of the 9 flyers using them..

C nostalgia was our 2nd most popular event with 7 entries and Matt Kruse flying a Johnson .35 Ramrod put up 7 maxes no less to score the win. Al Cron was also having a good day and put up 5 maxes with his fox .35 ramrod before an over run stopped him on his 6th flight. Bruce Hannah dropped his 4th flight on his OME-009 powered by a Max III .35 for 3rd place. No that wasn't a typo that is the actual name of the model.

Nostalgia cabin was won by Bob Stalick using a Zenith flying against himself but it still flies great. Jerry Rocha won Early 1/2A maxing out with his cub powered Top Banana.

In Nostalgia glider Glenn Grell flying his Ghost had 2 maxes to score the win and when I escaped long enough from table chores to fly my little Aiglet the air got so calm and flat that I couldn't buy a max and had to wait patiently for enough wind to just tow it up with the peanut gallery telling me to run faster and the like.

Sunday we were hoping for good weather but I woke up to rain at about 6:00 am in my tent and it was also quite windy. The rain stopped but the wind didn't and the forecast looked like more wind and some rain possible so we hung out for awhile but at about 10:30 we decided to shut it down.

Last year A & B Nostalgia were our two most popular events and vintage FAI was also popular but the weather on Sunday didn't make that possible.

Glenn Schneider had the winning ticket on the raffle scoring the Holland Hornet .049 mark II that Lee Hunt had generously donated. Glenn is a hard flying competitor so you know the motor is going to be used a lot.

I want to thank Tom Laird my co-CD and all the other folks that donated stuff to make our Nostalgia contest a success and we hope to see everyone back next year for a weekend of fun flying competition models from the Nostalgia period.