

# Results of the 2023 Dual-clubs Free Flight Bonanza

## A National Cup Event

November 10-12, 2022 LOST HILLS, CA

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The Dual-Club Free Flight Bonanza is the joint annuals for the San Diego Orbiteers and Fresno Gas Model Clubs. This was the 64<sup>th</sup> and 83<sup>rd</sup> annuals respectively for the clubs. Having dual club participation in waning attendance significantly reduces the overhead cost to put on a successful event. It has worked well over the past 20 years. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year sharing the field with the Patterson FAI contest. It worked well last year and it again worked well this year. Even better.

Arline and I arrived on the Lost Hills field Thursday and met up with Brian Van Nest, CD of the Patterson FAI contest. We worked out the location for our contests and proceeded to set up. The weather forecast for the weekend was cool and mild wind. Turned out to be the best 3 days of FF contest weather that I've experienced in the 35 year I've been competing at Lost Hills. Bright sun, high 60's, calm to 3mph wind. A few 5mph gusts and light thermals. Very competitive conditions.

This was our inaugural 3-day event. We created a schedule that allowed the majority of the events to be flown any day, but once you started, you had to finish the same day. There were a few scheduled events; such as, Mass launches and Vintage FAI. The scheduled Friday noontime 1-hour break for lunch and the now famous Ice Cream Social during the break continues to be a favorite. Leftover ice cream and condiments are given to the local Lost Hills Fire Department. The tradition also lived on for the very well attended Saturday night Food Fest. Both special events are the courtesy of the Dual-clubs.

Overall participation was 36, broken down to 33 Sr/Open and 3 Juniors. Up from last year. Flyers outside of California came from Oregon, Utah, Nevada and Arizona. Always good to see some new faces. This is encouraging. The hobby still has life.

Special thanks to Orbiteers Arline Bartick and Linda Piazzzi; Fresno GMC Doss Porter, Gail Porter and Nancy Day who spent a great deal of time at the CD table registering folks, recording times and helping with the Ice Cream Social and Food Fest. This gave me an opportunity to participate in the competition. Last but not least, thank you Fresno GMC David Martin for manning the grill and SCAMP Dan Heinrich who provided shelter and electrical power for the Food Fest. I can't express more gratitude for their help. Arline also handles the camera duty. She has honed her action shots to perfection. Furthermore, she culls out individual shots of flyers and shares the pictures with them via email.

**Highlight of the contest:** The most contested event again this year was A/B Nostalgia with 14 entries. The Gold went to Glen Schneider (Doc) with a total of 1073 seconds, beating out Don McNamee with 1027 seconds and Randy Secor with 1006 seconds. C Nostalgia, A & B AMA gas were next with 7 each. Tristan Mayer was the top Junior with a total of 708 seconds in P-30 beating out his brother Mason and Henry Kruse. Probably the most unusual event was in the P-30 Mass Launch when 30 seconds into the mass flight, my P-30 had its prop come off. Turn out to be a Gizmo Geezer failure.

Until next year; *Don Bartick, CD Ramona, CA: dbartick@4-warddesign.com*  
**For the record . . . .**

Place	Name	Seconds			
<b>P-30 MASS LAUNCH (7)</b>			<b>P-30 (6)</b>		
1	Bruce Hannah	122	1	Don Bartick	900
2	David Ives	119	2	David Ives	820
3	Glen Grell	112	3	Clint Brooks	690
			<b>P-30 Junior (3)</b>		
			1	Tristan Mayer	708
			2	Mason Mayer	296
			3	Henry Kruse	274

**½ A Gas (4)**

1	David Martin	718
2	Justin Martin	671
3	Buck Murray	530

**C/D Gas Combined (6)**

1	Randy Secor	848
2	Jeff Carman	805
3	Jerry Hull	525

**Hand Launch Glider, Jr. (1)**

1	Tristan Mayer	131
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**E-36(2)**

1	Jack Murphy	943
2	Clint Brooks	688

**A/B Electric (2)**

1	Jack Murphy	810
2	Phil Ronney	309

**A/B Nostalgia (14)**

1	Glen Schneider	1073
2	Don McNamee	1027
3	Randy Secor	1006

**½ A Classic Power (3)**

1	Peter Pfarr	503
2	Justin Martin	394
3	Buck Murray	365

**Full Size Texaco (1)**

1	Brad LeVine	5:21
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**Nostalgia Rubber/Wakefield (1)**

1	Glen Grell	472
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**A Gas (7)**

1	David Martin	1923
2	Guy Menanno	1260
2	Bill Kelley	1260

**Catapult Glider (5)**

1	Tim Batiuk	591
2	Chris Reck	255
3	Rocco Ferrario	239

**Vintage FAI Power (6)**

1	Bruce Hannah	1883
2	Guy Menanno	1434
3	Rocco Ferrario	1031

**Night Gas Combined (4)**

1	David Martin	540
2	Jeff Carman	536
3	Guy Menanno	500

**½ A Golden Age (5)**

1	John Oian	720
2	Randy Secor	634
3	Bruce Hannah	537

**C Nostalgia (7)**

1	Bruce Hannah	900
1	Guy Menanno	900
3	Glen Schneider	799

**.020 Replica (1)**

1	Brad LeVine	408
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**Classic Towline (1)**

1	Tim Batiuk	704
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**1 Minute Target Time (1)**

1	Brad LeVine	118
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**B Gas (7)**

1	Guy Menanno	1260
2	Robert Donnelly	1040
3	Buck Murray	540

**Hand Launch Glider (4)**

1	Tim Batiuk	561
2	Chris Reck	330
3	Doug Mayea	300

**Vintage FAI Wakefield (4)**

1	Bruce Hannah	900
2	Glen Grell	664
3	David Ives	618

**Mulvihill (2)**

1	Glen Grell	673
2	Matt Kruse	658

**½ A Nostalgia (4)**

1	Peter Pfarr	540
2	Bruce Hannah	501
3	Buck Murray	444

**Early ½ Nostalgia (1)**

1	Rocco Ferrario	437
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**C Pylon/Fuselage Comb. (1)**

1	Jeff Carman	711
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**Gollywock Mass Launch (3)**

1	David Ives	512
2	Don Bartick	323
3	Mike Mayea	212

**Bill Booth Sr. Memorial**

1	Brad LeVine	N/A
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