

San Valeers 68th Annual held on April 22 & 23, 2017 at Lost Hills, CA
Contest Report by Ken Kaiser

Arriving at the field at 7:00 am Friday, we were amazed at the large crowd of motorhomes and trailers already at the field, so we were looking forward to a big turnout for this

contest. We ended up with 52 entries including FAI events. Temperatures were mild with light

winds increasing to 7 to 8 mph to the south on Friday; Saturday the winds were light in the

morning but increased in the afternoon. Several planes ended up in the trees, so I made the

decision to go to CAT III on Sunday to keep the planes out of the trees. The field was covered in

foxtails, and foot protection was a necessity. To avoid a fire, motorcycle exhaust heat shields had to be removed.

It was good to see Bob DeShields and Mike Schwartz from Idaho who promoted the

Golden Age 1/2 A event that was won by Mike Schwartz with his Orbiteer powered by a TD .049

followed in second place by Bob DeShield's TD.049 Universal. Third place went to Mike

Thompson's TD .049 Midwest 320 Satellite.

ABC Nostalgia flown to CAT III on Sunday was hotly contested with twelve competitors.

Nine maxes and a score of 1167 earned Jerry Hull first place with his OS .29 Jays Bird. Taking

second with eight maxes was Terry Thorkildsen flying a Ramrod 467 powered by a Max II .15.

Randy Secor's Hoosier Hot Shot OS .15 took third.

Another popular event was A Gas (CAT III) with ten entries. Ron Thomas did some

phenomenal flying with his K&B 3.25 powered Super Pearl, and his six maxes landed him in

first place. Terry Kerger's K&B 3.25 Astrostar placed second followed by Terry Thorkildsen's

Astrostar with a K&B 3.25.

On Saturday, nine flyers flew to CAT II rules in B GAS, and many planes (and flyers)

ended up in the trees. Jeff Carman's K&B 3.5 Shocker was clean with five maxes to take first

place closely followed by Mike Thompson's K&B 3.5 Satellite. Taking third was Bob Scully

flying a K&B .21 Satellite.

Out of eight entries in C GAS, John Sparling's K&B 6.5 Satellite 788 flew into first place

with five maxes. Second went to Guy Menanno and his N36 SAS followed by Jerry Hull's K&B .40S Warrior.

D GAS was won by Guy Menanno's Sasy N.41. Jeff Carman, flying his Rossi .61 powered Texan, took second followed by Phil Ronney and his Evolution .41 Astrostar.

1/2 GAS was a runaway with Ron Thomas again taking first place with his Country Boy

TD .049 with a score of 1156. Matt Kruse flew his TD .049 Jenny 320 to beat out his dad, James

Kruse, who flew a TD .049 Starduster 350.

Bob DeShields beat six other competitors in 1/2 A Nostalgia with his Hornet .049 Frisco

Kiddie. Second place went to Hulan Matthies and his Med .049 Spacer, and third was taken by

Glenn Schneider's Geef Med .049.

Mike Thompson sponsored the Hunter Memorial with the proceeds going to the Cancer

Society. First place was Hulan Matthies with 10 minutes 26 seconds flying his Dub .40/Satellite

788. Jeff Carman, flying his Texan, took second, and Bob Scully followed in third place with his

K&B 3.5 Satellite 588.

Vintage FAI Power was won by my son Don Kaiser and his Spacer powered by an OS I .

15 Spacer. Second place was Daniel Heinrich's Cumulus with an Oliver Tiger, and third went to

the Rossi .15 Satellite 450 GLH flown by Mike Thompson.

Jeff Carman won Slow Gas with his K&B .40 Texan, Don Kaiser took second with his

Torp .40 RR Condor, and Larry Schwarz followed in third with his Veco .35 Texan 700.

Sunday's raffle of the OS Max .35 engine was won by Glenn Schneider.