

Results of the 2022 Dual-clubs Free Flight Bonanza A National Cup Event

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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 63rd and 82nd 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 2nd 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 Thursday and met up with Brian on the field. We worked out the location for our contest and proceeded to set up. The weather forecast for the weekend was cool and very little wind. Couldn't be better. Last year we were faced with early morning Tully fog that caused several hours delay for both days. According to Brian Van Ness, this was very rare having CD'd the Patterson FAI contest many years. As such, no fog this year.

The scheduled Saturday 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 giving to the local Lost Hills Fire Department. The tradition also lived on for the very well attended Saturday night Food Fest. Courtesy of the Dual-clubs.

Overall participation was 31, broken down to 27 Sr/Open and 4 Juniors. A bit disappointing. Several regulars were absence. Even so, we did have some new faces. This is encouraging. The hobby still has life.

Special thanks to Orbiteers Arline Bartick, Giselle Batiuk and Fresno GMC 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 and Doss Porter an opportunity to participate in the competition. Also, a special thanks to Linda Piazzi who couldn't attend but provided provisions for the Food Fest. Last but not least, Fresno GMC David Martin for manning the grill and 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.

The 2 contests ran smoothly on the Lost Hills field. Next year the Dual-club Free Flight Bonanza will expand to 3 days. This will allow more time for the contestants to fly the many events on the roster. We will also invoke flying any event, any day of the contest. But once an official flight is made in any one event, the competitor must conclude that event the same day. No exception.

Highlight of the contest: The most contested event this year was A/B Nostalgia with 9 entries. The Gold went to Bruce Hannah with a total of 2196 seconds beating out Jim Kelly with 2189 seconds. A real cliff hanger. P-30 was next with 6 Open and 3 Juniors competing separately. Ates Gurcan pulled of the Open win with 360 seconds. Second place going to Bruce Hannah. Mason Mayer was the Junior 1st place winner beating out Henry Kruse.

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For the record

P-30 MASS LAUNCH (4)		P-30 (6)		P-30 Junior (3)	
1 Don Bartick	176	1 Ates Gurcan	360	1 Mason Mayer	311
2 Bruce Hannah	150	2 Bruce Hannah	334	2 Henry Kruse	258
3 Glen Schneider	120	3 Clint Brooks	321	3 Tristan Mayer	233
½ A Gas (1)		A Gas (4)		B Gas (4)	
1 Ron Garnus	84	1 Jerry Hull	720	1 Jeff Carmen	1188
		2 Dave Martin	540	2 Guy Mennano	1073
		3 Guy Menanno	519	3 Jim Cruse	708
C/D Gas (4)		Catapult Glider (4)		Catapult Glider, Jr. (2)	
1 Jerry Hull	1260	1 Tim Batiuk	360	1 Daniel Guo	226
2 Guy Menanno	900	2 Rocco Ferrario	344	2 Tristan Mayer	121
3 Randy Secor	540	3 Jon James	226	3	
Hand Launch Glider (3)		Hand Launch Glider Junior (2)		Vintage FAI (1)	
1 Tim Batiuk	483	1 Tristan Mayer	231	1 Justin Martin	697
2 Clint Brooks	319	2 Daniel Guo	228		
3 Guy Menanno	315				
E-36(3)		Night Gas Combined (1)		Vintage Wakefield (3)	
1 Don Bartick	360	1 David Martin	540	1 Ates Gurcan	900
2 Mike Pykelyny	330			2 Bruce Hannan	876
3 Jon James	245			3 Guy Menanno	180
½ A Golden Age (3)		Dawn Mulvihill (1)		½ A Nostalgia (4)	
1 Pete Pfarr	870	1 Bud Romak	NR	1 Bruce Hannah	532
2 Bruce Hannah	535			2 Peter Pfarr	422
3 Justin Martin	435			3 Justin Martin	317
A/B Nostalgia (9)		C Nostalgia (5)		Early ½ Nostalgia (1)	
1 Bruce Hannah	2196	1 Glenn Schneider	900	1 Justin Martin	329
2 Jim Kelly	2189	2 Guy Menanno	845		
3 Guy Menanno	1216	3 Don McNamee	540		
½ A Texaco (2)		1/2A Classic Power (2)		020 Replica (1)	
1 Brad LeVine	5:52	1 Pete Pfarr	476	1 David Martin	42
2 Jim Cruse	5:44	2 Justin Martin	460		
Sm. OT Rubber Stick/Cabin (3)		Lg. OT Rubber Stick/Cabin (2)		Rubber/Wakefield Nos (1)	
1 Glen Grell	1080	1 Glenn Grell	415	1 Glen Grell	1167
1 Bud Romak/Stick	540	1 Bruce Hannah	180		
1 Bud Romak/Cabin	238				
Full Size Texaco (1)		Classic Towline (2)		Gollywock Mass Launch (2)	
1 Brad Levine	7:18	1 Brad Levine	352	1 Don Bartick	252
		2 Tim Batiuk	326	2 Bud Romak	198
Target Time (3)		Bill Booth Sr. Memorial			
1 Ates Gurcan	10	1 David Martin	N/A		
1 David Martin	50				
1 Dan Heinrich	77				