

Results from the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 1/2A Multi-Engine Profile Scale Contest held October 10 & 11, 2009 at Christopher Columbus Park; Tucson Arizona are listed below.

This year as last there were two scale events offered; Limited and Unlimited. The limited event was for aircraft with engines without throttle control. The unlimited event was for aircraft with throttle control.

Options for limited were up to 10 level laps (all engines running) 1 pt/lap, flight scoring which included takeoff, level flight, realism, and landing. There was a five (5) point bonus for more than 2 engines (all running at takeoff).

Options for unlimited were those of limited and seven (7) others for which the contestant was to choose three (3). The seven to choose from were Proto Taxi (pre or post flying), Sustained High Flying above 30 degrees, Wingover above 60 degrees, Inside Loop (1), Lazy Eight (1), Touch and Go, and Optional Maneuver or Function (if performed by the Full-Scale Subject).

In 2008 ten (10) airplane were entered in competition. This year (2009) there were 11 airplanes entered in competition. Another welcomed increase.

1/2A MULTI-ENGINE PROFILE SCALE 10 & 11 OCTOBER 2009										
LIMITED SCORING										
	CONTESTANT	MODEL	ACCURACY	COLOR	Flight	ATT#1	ATT#2	ATT#3	TOTAL	PLACE
1	Keville, Mike	A-26 Counter - Invader	19.5	17.5	62.5				99.5	1
2	Heyworth, Bill	XF5F-1 Skyrocket	15.0	15.0	56.0				86.0	3
3	Capitanelli, Ed	F7F Tigercat	17.5	18.0	0.0				35.5	5
4	Wolgast, Lou	DH-88 Comet	18.5	17.0	62.0				97.5	2
5	Whitney, Bob	Reno 1991 Pond Racer	17.5	16.0	0.0				33.5	7
6	Black, Leroy	ME-110	17.5	17.0	0.0				34.5	6
7	Black, Leroy	B-24 Liberator	18.5	18.0	0.0				36.5	4
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UNLIMITED SCORING										
	CONTESTANT	MODEL	ACCURACY	COLOR	Flight	ATT#1	ATT#2	ATT#3	TOTAL	PLACE
1	McMillin, Micheal	P-38M Night Lighting	18.5	18.0	79.5				116.0	3
2	Reeves, Charlie	Chance Vought FX-5U	18.5	18.5	86.5				123.5	2
3	Trostle, Keith	Tupolov Tu-95 Bear	20.0	20.0	85.5				125.5	1
4	Black, Leroy	ME-410	19.5	16.5	0.0				36.0	4
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Saturday was the day reserved for test flights, running engines, and static judging. All but one airplanes were static judged on Saturday which left the one for static judging Sunday. 5 MPH winds were expected for Saturday and we were not disappointed. Sunday the wind did pick up around 10AM but by noon the wind was more than manageable. The morning winds did not stop the flying. Static judging was completed by 11:30 AM which left plenty of time for those who wanted to get in a flight or two before Sundays competition. Rickii Pyatt invited all competitors to her home at around 5:00PM for dinner. It was a good time for all.

Sunday brought sunny skies and very little wind early on. As stated above the wind did pick up and then fall back. All in all it was great weather for the contest. At 9AM the flying competition officially started. Bill Heyworth was the first competitor to complete a flight. Mike McMillin (Jr.) followed Bill and was the second competitor to complete a flight. Mike attend the first MEPS contest in 2007 and it was great to have him and his dad back this year. He flew a P-38M Night Lighting in Unlimited and scored well with it as indicated by the score. He completed a taxi first, throlited up and took off. He put in a very good flight.

Unlike last year, several of the contestants had trouble getting the engines on their plane to stay running for the 10 laps which keep the contestant from obtaining an official flight score. After many attempts by some of the competitors, somewhere around 1:30PM all flights that were to be taken were completed with Keith Trostle taking the last flight of the day (his first and last flight).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 1/2A Multi-Engine Scale Contest was a success. A large thank you goes to Mike Keville, the event director, Ken Gulliford, (the other Judge), and Peggy Capitanelli, (tabulator and recorder). Two new fliers were added to the list of competitors this year; Lou Wolgast and Ed Capitanelli. A total of 11 planes were entered. This contest will continue and next year we hope that the attendance will increase once again.

The contest has become an extraordinary event for 1/2A engine airplanes. The workmanship demonstrated by the builders of these planes has been excellent as seen in the scoring for Appearance and Color/Markings for all three years now..

The challenge was and has been to get both (or more) engines running and keep them running through-out the flight. The builder/pilots have had to work hard at this and have made it happen. This competition has brought out the best in all who have entered into the competition. Competitors helping each other as well as spectators jumping in to help some of the competitors. It is amazing to watch the fellowship that is shown at this event. The challenge that this models present is not an easy one. It takes a great deal of patience and determination.

Congratulations to all who came and entered. You took on the challenge and succeeded.

The next 1/2A Multi-Engine Profile Contest is a year away so get busy and build one so you can join us. Again thanks to all for a great contest.

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