

1/2A MULTI-ENGINE-PROFILE-SCALE

Results from the fifth (5th) 1/2A Multi-Engine Profile Scale Contest held October 8 & 9 2011 at Christopher Columbus Park in Tucson Arizona are listed below. The weather was very good with lots of sunshine and very lite winds for both Saturday and Sunday just like at last years contest..

Again there were two scale events offered; Limited and Unlimited. The Limited event was for aircraft with engines without throttle control and the Unlimited event was for aircraft with throttle control. One new competitor attended the contest, Ed Culver from Wilder Idaho.

Like last years contest flights for both Limited and Unlimited became official with the takeoff lap and all engines running and additional laps are counted (1pt/lap) up to a maximum of 10 as long as all engines are running. Other items scored for limited aircraft were the take off, level flight, realism of flight, and landing. There is a five (5) point bonus for more than 2 engines (all running at takeoff) and another (5) points bonus for aircraft with more than (1) wing. This is a the first year a 5 point bonus was awarded for more than one wing and it was earned by Ed Culver.

Options for Unlimited were those of Limited and seven (7) others for which the contestant is to choose three (3) . The seven to choose from are 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). Of the two entries in Unlimited only one aircraft was able to complete the (2 of 3) optional maneuvers, the FW-191 belonging to Leroy Black.

In 2010 Thirteen (13) airplanes were entered in competition. This year (2011) there 12 airplanes were entered in the competition. All (12) received static scale points - (11) received flight points.

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	CONTESTANT	MODEL	ACC	COLOR	FLT#1	FLT#2	FLT#3	FLT#4	TOTAL	PLACE
1	Ed Culver	De-Havilland 89B Dominie	39.5	39.5	27.0	31.0	-----	-----	110.0	1
2	Lou Wolgast	De-Havilland Comet	40.0	40.0	27.0	-----	-----	-----	107.0	2
3	Keith Trostle	Westland Whirlwind	40.0	40.0	18.0	26.0	-----	-----	106.0	3
4	Glen Allison	OV-1D Mohawk	40.0	36.5	24.5	-----	27.0	-----	103.5	4
5	Frank McMillan	De-Havilland Sea Hornet	40.0	38.5	19.0	-----	-----	24.0	102.5	5
6	Bob Whitney	Pond Racer	39.0	36.0	25.0	-----	-----	-----	100.0	6
7	Ted Kraver	F7F Tigercat	37.5	34.5	26.5	-----	-----	-----	98.5	7
8	Leroy Black	De-Havilland Hornet	35.5	36.5	26.0	-----	-----	-----	98.0	8
9	Bill Heyworth	Grumman XF5F-1 Skyrocket	32.5	32.0	-----	28.5	-----	-----	93.0	9
10	Sergio Garza	Martin B26B	32.0	30.5	16.0	23.0	-----	-----	85.0	10

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	CONTESTANT	MODEL	ACC	COLOR	FLT#1	FLT#2	FLT#3	FLT#4	TOTAL	PLACE
1	Leroy Black	Fock Wulf FW-191	38.0	37.5	36.5	-----	-----	-----	112.0	1
2	Ed Culver	Focker D-23	40.0	37.5	Did Not Fly				77.5	2
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Saturday was the day reserved for test flights, running engines, and static judging. All but two airplanes were static judged on Saturday which left them for static judging Sunday. Lite winds were expected for Saturday and we were not disappointed. Sunday brought lite winds also. Static judging took place Saturday starting at 9:00AM and finished at 11:45AM. Rickii Pyatt invited all competitors to her home at around 5:00PM for dinner. This is always a good time for all to get together and enjoy each others company.

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Sunday brought sunny skies and very little wind and great weather for the flying part of this contest. Static judging for Ted Kraver and Sergio Garza was completed Sunday morning just prior to 9:00AM. At 9:05AM the flying competition officially started with Frank McMillan taking the first flight. Lou Wolgast was the second competitor to fly. Ed Culver (Wilder Idaho) entered two planes, one in Limited and the other in Unlimited. He only flew the Limited class plane and as you can see from the results he won the Limited event.

All flights were completed by 12:30PM. Keith Trostle was the last to fly and improved his score with this second official flight.

The 5th annual 1/2A Multi-Engine Scale Contest was a big success. A large thank you goes to Mike Keville, the event director, Ken Gulliford, (the other Judge), and Peggy Capitanelli, (flight score recorder). One new flier was added to the list of competitors this year - Ed Culver. As stated earlier a total of 12 planes were entered and 11 flew. A repeat of the success we experienced in 2010.

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

The challenge is and has been to get both all engines running and keep them running through-out the flight. The builder/pilots have had to work hard at this to make it happen. This competition has brought out the best in all who have entered this contest ever since the start of 1/2A MEPS five years ago. Another aspect of this event is competitors helping each other as well as spectators jumping in to help when needed.. It is amazing to watch the fellowship that is shown at this event. The challenge that these models present is not an easy one. It takes a great deal of patients and determinations to achieve a successful flight at this event and the contestants this year and those over the past 4 years have demonstrated the effort required.

Congratulations to all who came and entered the competition in year five (5).

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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