

CLOUD CLIMBERS
of S. E. LOUISIANA

Hot Air

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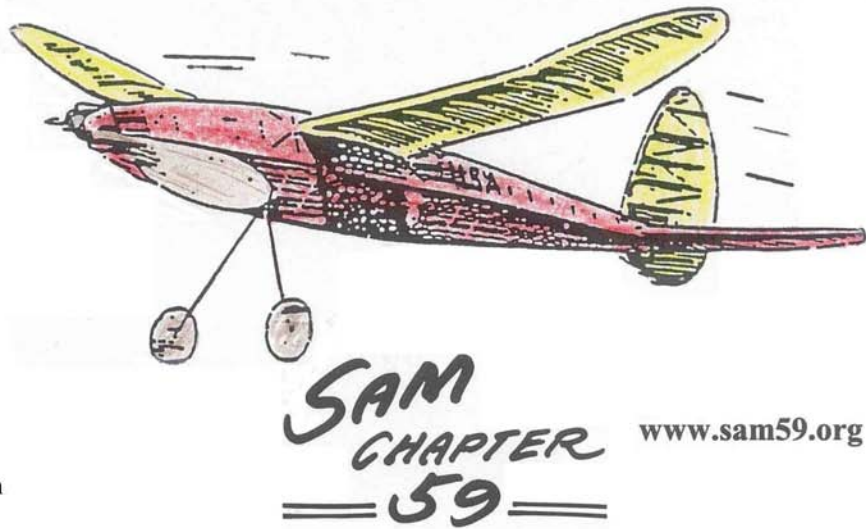
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OUR SECOND GULF STATES ANNUAL

The Cloudclimber's second two-day meet at the great Pensacola Navy Site 8A was well attended. There were 14 paid entrants, one more than last year. Seven drove from Louisiana, three from Alabama, and four from Florida. (I counted Emmett Adkins with the Florida boys, even though he lives in Mobile). Spectators and non-flying advisors included Norm Byrd and his wife, Jeff Brady, chief cook and ace photographer, and two of Jim Bethea's sons, who helped with timing, tracking, and retrieval.

The deal was that an entrant could fly any event either day, as long as he or she finished on the same day. Saturday saw about half of the SAM rubber events flown. Doug Petty, Scott Cannon, Emmett Adkins and Al Pardue dueled it out in Small Stick. With Doug getting First with 4 maxes and a 140, and Scott coming in second with 4 maxes and a 121. Al was Third with two maxes and Emmett Fourth with one. Jim Bethea put his black Gollywock up for three attempts at the Vince Burton Challenge, making a last flight of four minutes and 48 seconds off the field. But with the help of a Walston Retrieval System radio signal, it was recovered from the brambles and returned undamaged to the scoring table for a First Place.

Also Saturday, Doug Petty flew his Lucky Lindy to a first in ABC Gas. After Carl and Jim finished the FAC scale judging, we had a WW II Mass Launch in 2 rounds, won by George White with two flights of 94 and 81 seconds. The FAC Dime Scale flights were split between the two days, with Paul Grabski and his Gadfly taking the win, and George with his British Aerial Target (BAT) monoplane in second place.

On Sunday, Paul also flew 2-Bit Rubber with a very popular British design from the 1940's, the King Harry. He made three 2-minute maxes look easy for a First Place. George White flew his trusty Skokie to two maxes for Second, and Bubby Betz flew his Stinson SR-8 to Third Place. Most of the Large Stick/ Large Cabin flights were also on Sunday, with Scott Cannon and his Korda DT in First, Vince Burton and his Kansas Wakefield Second, and Jim Bethea with his Korda Wakefield third. Sunday also saw Commercial Rubber flown, with Doug Petty's Wren in First, Al Pardue's Wren in Second, and Tom Hepler's Miss Canada in third place.

Congratulations to all.

2007 GULF STATES ANNUAL CONTEST RESULTS

September 15, 16, 2007

SAM Small Stick/Small Cabin

1 Doug Petty	120	120	120	180	140
2 Scott Cannon	120	120	120	180	121
3 Al Pardue	120	68	120		
4 Emmett Adkins	98	120	40		

Vince Burton Challenge

1. Jim Bethea	288
2. Scott Cannon	173
3. Al Pardue	103

SAM Large Stick/Large Cabin

1 Scott Cannon	120	120	120	180
2 Vince Burton	91	84	99	
3 Jim Bethea	120			

AMA P-30

1 Paul Grabski	96	120	120
2 Al Pardue	105	120	100
3 Tom Hepler	89	80	113

SAM Commercial Rubber

1 Doug Petty	120	120	120	135
2 Al Pardue	120	120	120	117
3. Tom Hepler	91	120	120	
4. Scott Cannon	115	105	120	

ABC NOS Gas Combined

1 Doug Petty	72
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FAC Dime Scale

	#1	#2	#3	Bonus	Total
1 Paul Grabski	66	94	53	30	243
2 George White	64	67	95	15	241

FAC Two-Bit OT Rubber

1 Paul Grabski	120	120	120
2 George White	120	86	120
3 Bubby Betz	41	45	47

FAC Mass Launch

1. George White	94	81
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Trophies were given for First, certificates for Second, and medals for Third.

Thanks to Jim Bethea for all his help being Assistant CD, and to George White who acted as our liaison with the Navy. Also many thanks to Jeff Brady who catered an excellent jambalaya lunch for everybody, as well as providing water and soft drinks to keep us all hydrated. Jeff also took the pictures on the following pages.

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Doug Petty and Scott Cannon Wind



Smile for the Camera



Vince Burton with his Immaculate Wren



Al Pardue's Gollywock Did Two Maxes



Bob Gourdon and BAT Monoplane



Jack Coyle and Majestyk P-30



Judging FAC Scale



Jim Launches Korda Wakefield, Hepler TIMES



Vince Burton and Kansas Wakefield



George White and BAT



Eric Hepler into the Wind

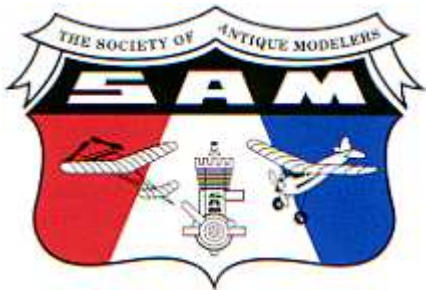


Tom Hepler Miss Canada?

2007 EVENTS CALENDAR

- December 1 Saturday. Cloudclimbers Christmas Party at 6 Holly Lane, Covington, 6:30. Scott & Dona host. Call 985-892-2410 for directions. Wives bring an ornament to swap, guys bring a modeling item to swap, and \$20.00 for 2008 club dues.
- Dec 1-2 Florida Modelers Association Chili Cookout Contest, Palm Bay Field
Jerry Wagner, CD 1-941-474-4959
- Dec 29-31 54th King Orange Internationals, sponsored by the Florida Modeler's Association, Palm Bay, FL. AAA AMA Cat III Contest, NFFS National Cup, America's Cup Contest. CD Bill Barr, 2235 Chinaberry Circle, Palm Bay, FL 32909. 321-725-5063. bdbarr@strato.net

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