

1981 SAM CHAMPS WINNERS
R/C ASSIST

ELECTRIC (6 Entries)

1. Bruce Norman (Playboy)	18:08
2. Don Bekins (Playboy Cabin)	17:21
3. Ross Thomas (Playboy)	15:52
4. Richard Huang (Playboy)	15:45
5. Roland Boucher (Playboy)	15:25

CLASS A (18 Entries)

1. Bruce Norman (Challenger/K&B 3.2)	20:53
2. Joe Percy (Playboy/K&B 3.2)	20:10
3. Ross Thomas (Playboy/K&B 3.2)	19:19
4. Don Bekins (Strato Streak/Cox .15)	17:29
5. Richard Huang (Playboy/K&B 3.2)	16:14

CLASS B (19 Entries)

1. James Buice (Playboy/K&B 4.9)	23:37
2. Bruce Norman (Playboy/K&B 4.9)	23:26
3. Don Bekins (Playboy/K&B 4.9)	21:00
4. Richard Huang (Playboy/K&B 4.9)	19:15
5. Ross Thomas (Playboy/K&B 4.9)	18:25

ANTIQUÉ (26 Entries)

1. Bruce Norman (Cumulus/Rossi .60)	33:00
2. Loren Schmidt (Yates/O.S. .61)	32:39
3. Richard Huang (Cumulus/O.S. .60)	30:00
4. Jack Alten (Dallaire/H.B. .61)	28:22
5. Joe Percy Cumulus/Rossi .60)	28:02

1/2A TEXACO (28 Entries)

1. Rogers Barton (Bombshell)	28:48
2. Don Bekins (M-G)	25:00
3. Jack Alten (Playboy Jr.)	24:20
4. Don Caru (Playboy)	22:59
5. Ernie Payne (Lanzo)	21:14



COL. BOWDEN'S PLN-4 DESIGN (1936) BUILT BY ROSS THOMAS, SANTA ANA, CA. POWER IS A BERNHARDT CONVERTED MERC0.

TEXACO (39 Entries)

1. Jack Alten (Dallaire)	84:47
2. Don Bekins (Gas Bird)	75:30
3. Bob Oslan (Commodore)	56:21
4. Jim Adams (Experimental)	51:00
5. Pete Samuelson (Folly 2)	44:43

CLASS C (28 Entries)

1. Charlie Critch (Ehling/K&B 6.5)	21:00
2. Don Bekins (Playboy/Cyke)	20:56
3. Jack Albrecht (Ehling/Anderson)	20:22
4. Joe Percy (Playboy/K&B 5.8)	19:50
5. Richard Huang (Playboy/K&B 5.8)	19:30



BRUCE NORMAN'S 1st PLACE CLASS A WINNER, AN H.A. THOMAS "CHALLENGER" POWERED BY K&B 3.2. A REAL HANDFUL UNDER POWER, SEZ BRUCE.



JACK ALBRECHT (Left) OF KRAFT SYSTEMS FLEW HIS EHLING CONTEST GAS MODEL TO THIRD PLACE IN CLASS C. JIM BUICE OF TEXAS HOLDS ON FOR DEAR LIFE. THE ANDERSON SPITFIRE POWERED MODEL WAS ONE OF ONLY TWO IGNITION POWERED AIRPLANES TO PLACE IN THE TOP FIVE OF ANY OF THE R/C EVENTS.

1981 SAM CHAMPS F/F PHOTOS

by Mike Taibi



Jack Jella and his very nice Playboy Senior, Walt Parker, Class "B" 1st place winner looks on. How do you like those SAM CHAMPS Hats? Five bucks a piece.



Can you guess this one? It's Ken Sykora and his "RED RIPPER". This ship's in line for the ugly award.



Bruno Markiewitz, Detroit, Michigan and his beautiful Ohlsson 60 Powered Sailplane



Some guys have form and others have FORM!
Jim Persson, Fresno California AMPS



Bud McNorgan and his Forster '99 Powered Anderson Pylon.



Two Hall-of-Famer's, Sal Taibi and Ed Lidgard. Sal is taking lessons from Ed on "How to Fly Rubber Models".

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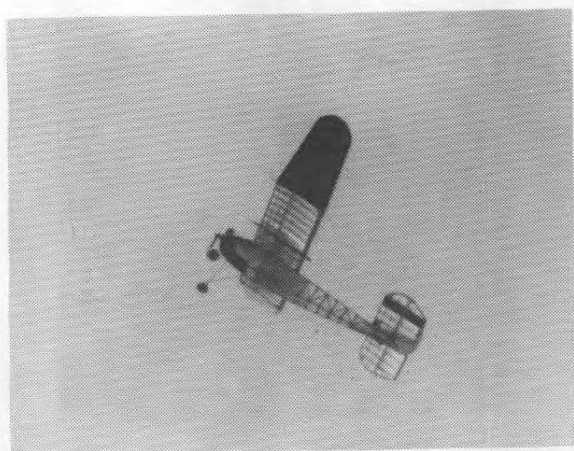
by Phil Bernhardt



BIG 93-INCH GAS BIRD GARNERED 2ND PLACE IN TEXACO FOR DON BEKINS, THE R/C SWEEPSTAKES WINNER. FIRST AND SECOND PLACE FLIGHTS WERE BOTH OVER AN HOUR.



ROLAND BOUCHER'S 67-INCH PLAYBOY IS POWERED BY ONE OF HIS NEW POWER SYSTEMS BASED ON AN ELECTRIC CAR MOTOR. HAD ONLY ONE SHORT TEST FLIGHT BEFORE ENTERING THE CONTEST.



CHUCK THOMPSON'S STATELY LANZO RECORD BREAKER ON THE WAY UP. ONE OF THE VERY FEW SILK-COVERED R/C MODELS ON THE FIELD, IT REALLY LIGHTS UP WHEN IT GETS NEAR THE SUN.



TOM KULP'S COLORFUL M-G WAS THE ONLY ONE ENTERED IN THURSDAY'S TEXACO EVENT. WING AND TAIL ARE BLACK ON THE BOTTOM FOR EXCELLENT VISIBILITY AT HIGH ALTITUDES.



BOB OSLAN'S COMMODORE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE OLD TIMER, YET IT ALMOST ALWAYS PLACES VERY HIGH IN TEXACO; THIS YEAR, BOB WAS 3RD. PLANS WERE RECENTLY PUBLISHED IN MODEL AVIATION.



CHARLIE CRITCH'S BEAUTIFULLY BUILT EHLING ON ITS WAY TO A FIRST PLACE WIN IN CLASS C. K&B 5.8 GIVES THE MODEL A FRIGHTENING RATE OF CLIMB.