

1996 Sep. Crash and Bash - Report

1996 Crash & Bash Hosts Near-Record Number of Contestants & Entries

CD Ed Hamler Tries Innovative Technique to Enable Contestants to Fly More Events: 1 Max And You're in the Fly-Offs!



Ed, shown at left with his "Suitcase SAM-Champs" model of a Lanzo RC-1, test-flew the 482 sq.in. ignition version at the opening day of the Crash & Bash. A family emergency kept Ed from the Champs, but the model flies great!

Scott Seronello, right, of SAM 27 helps Don Bekins ready his Class A/B Bomber for a flight during the Crash & Bash. Schmidt Ranch in background shows why it's such a popular spot from Old-Timer Flying. Loren Schmidt and his wife Mirium have been gracious hosts at their Elk Grove property for SAM 30, 26 and 27 contests. California SAM members love to fly there!



Peder Samuelson of SAM 27, readies his Foote Westerner Class C ship for flight. Peder uses a home-designed and build self-launcher that allows him to fly solo if needed. The mechanism uses a standard fence gate hardware set to hold two padded paddles up against the horizontal stab. A sharp push with his foot while maintaining a full, two-handed grip on his transmitter, easily releases the ship! Repeatability of launch is excellent.

Don Bekins releases Ed Hamler's RC-1 for its very FIRST flight with Ohlsson .23 power.....resulting in a beautiful flight with minor trim adjustment and a MAX FLIGHT time!



Saturday night was Nick and Neva Nicholau's anniversary and SAM 27 and Loren and Miriam Schmidt planned a little surprise celebration!

A fully-equipped Zipper (see Below) with Airtronics Radio was raffled off at the Crash & Bash with many contestants entering the raffle with

just this prize in mind!

Don Bekins works to re-work his bomber system in time to fly.

Don will stay at it until the problem, the plane or he caves in.

