

2012 FAI Southwest Regional Model Airplane Championships

We had a good 62nd SWR on Jan. 14 and 15 even though the weather and wind directions were a bit unusual. Saturday morning it was very cold with clear blue skies. Then it warmed up to 68°F as some clouds moved in. The winds were from 0 to never more than 5mph – but with the winds coming out of the N it required a move for the 3rd round from the W field into the N field. This cut the flying down to 6 rounds. Sunday was also mostly overcast with calmish winds. Thermal picking on both days was difficult.

We had a total of 40 sportsmen signed up for the 8 FAI classes. The contestants were from AZ, CA, MI, NV, OK, OR, TX, UT plus our perennial snow-birds from Great Britain (Dave Oldfield F1A and Mike Woodhouse F1B). We also had 2 ladies flying FAI events, Jasminka Pecenkovic (F1A) and Tiffaney O'Dell (F1G) – and also 2 FAI Juniors, Jimmy and Joey Farmer (F1A).

On Saturday F1C/P was won by Glenn Schneider in a fly-off with Bob Hanford (both flying F1P modes). F1Q was won Bernie Crowe with John Oldenkamp coming in 2nd and Mike Pykelny in 3rd. The large 17 flyer F1A field had 5 flyers clean after 6 rounds. As last year the F1A fly-off was won by former World Champion Mike McKeever, with local fellow Jim Farmer in 2nd place and Pierre Brun in 3rd. In F1B 6 contestants had maxed all 6 rounds. The 2nd fly-off was won by Walt Ghio with George Batiuk in 2nd place and Blake Jensen in 3rd.

Back on the W field on Sunday we flew F1G, F1H and F1J. Tony Robertson and Bob Hanford battled it out in F1J. In the fly-off Bob prevailed and won the "Bear". F1H required a 3-man fly-off which put Mike McKeever into 1st place, Brian Van Nest into 2nd and Lee Hines into 3rd. F1G or Coupe d'Hiver had 5 flyers clean after 5 rounds and required 2 fly-off rounds. In the 2nd fly-off it was totally calm with no thermals. It was won by Blake Jensen waiting until the last seconds of the 10 minute window to launch into slightly better air. Roger Morrell was 2nd and Walt Ghio 3rd.

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RESULTS 2012 FAI SWR

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F1A		1	2	3	4	5	6	F/O	Total
1	Mike McKeever	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	1380
		180							
2	Jim Farmer	180		180	180	180	180	289	1369
3	Pierre Brun	180	180	180	180	180	180	266	1346
4	Ken Bauer	180	180	180	180	180	180	240	1320
5	Don Zink	180	180	180	180	180	180	232	1312
6	Brian Van Nest	180	178	180	180	180	180		1078
7	Joey Farmer JR	180	180	180	172	180	180		1072
8	Billy Farmer	175	180	172	180	180	180		1067
9	Enes Pecenkovic	180	180	180	160	180	180		1060
10	Peter Brocks	180	180	180	180	180	131		1031
11	Dave Oldfield GBR	180	180	180	115	180	180		1015
12	Risto Puhakka	180	180	180	120	176	157		993
13	Jimmy Farmer JR	180	178	180	86	173	180		977
14	Lee Hines	180	137	112	166	180	178		953
15	Jim Parker	180	89	171	153	153	180		926
16	Jasminka Pecenkovic	158	158	180	180	127	121		924
17	Dean Clark	180	11	145	180	DNF	DNF		516

F1B		1	2	3	4	5	6	F/O	F/O	Total
1	Walt Ghio	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	312	1692
2	George Batiuk	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	310	1690
3	Blake Jensen	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	296	1676
4	Jack Emery	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	238	1618
5	Thomas Ioerger	180	180	180	180	180	180	275		1355
6	Roger Morrell	180	180	180	180	180	180	261		1341
7	Dick Wood	180	180	164	180	180	180			1064
8	Rich Rohrke	180	180	157	180	180	180			1057
9	Mike Woodhouse GBR180	180	180	137	130	180	180			987
10	Paul Crowley	180	180	169	180	4	DNF			713
11	Elmer Nelson	180	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF			180

F1C/P		1	2	3	4	5	6	F/O	Total
	Glenn Schneider								
1	F1P180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	1380
2	Bob Hanford F1P	180	180	180	180	180	180	277	1357

F1Q		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Bernie Crowe	180	180	180	180	123	180	1023
2	John Oldenkamp	180	180	170	180	180	109	999
3	Mike Pykelny	40	176	180	180	180	180	936

F1G		1	2	3	4	5	F/O	F/O	Total
1	Blake Jensen	120	120	120	120	120	180	185	965
2	Roger Morrell	120	120	120	120	120	180	145	925
3	Walt Ghio	120	120	120	120	120	180	132	912
4	Tiffany O'Dell	120	120	120	120	120	180	123	903
5	Rich Rohrke	120	120	120	120	120	140		740
6	Paul Crowley	102	120	120	120	95			557
7	Mike Pykelny	120	120	120	105	85			550
8	Peter Brocks	63	120	120	120	DNF			423
9	Dick Wood	65	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF			65

F1H		1	2	3	4	5	F/O	Total
1	Mike McKeever	120	120	120	120	120	178	778
2	Brian Van Nest	120	120	120	120	120	154	754
3	Lee Hines	120	120	120	120	120	148	748
4	Ken Bauer	120	120	120	108	120		588
5	Ed Skorepa	70	120	120	120	114		544

F1J		1	2	3	4	5	F/O	Total
1	Bob Hanford	120	120	120	120	120	215	815
2	Tony Robertson	120	120	120	120	120	196	796