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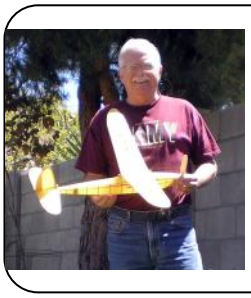
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Cover Photo: Unknown person launching an F1A at the 2025 SWR. Photo by Bruce Grawburg



Mother nature smiled on us for this years South West Regional contest. A bit crisp early but warming nicely to a t-shirt sunny day. The pictures taken at the contest tell the story. As usual for the SWR edition of this newsletter, I do not label the people in the photos because of the number of photos and my lack of knowledge on many peoples names. Special thanks to Robert Donnelly for his SWR Logo and T-shirt design excellence. The editor

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South West Regionals January 18-20 2025 Eloy, Arizona

Rev A

2025 PMAC / TFFC Outdoor Contest Schedule Eloy AZ

Start Time May, Sept: 7:30 am All others: 8:00 am	Nat'l Cup President's Cup	Nat'l Cup St Patty's Bash	Nat'l Cup I-10 Challenge	Nat'l Cup Armed Forces Day	Nat'l Cup Fall Kick-off	Nat'l Cup Ghost Riders	Nat'l Cup Armed Forces Memorial	America & National Cup Arizona Free Flight Championships		Round Valley Indoor Contest		
	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Sat	Sun	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Feb 16	**Mar 15**	**Apr 13**	**May 17**	**Sep 21**	**Oct 18**	**Nov 9**	**Dec 6**	**Dec 7**	**Apr 25**	**Apr 26**	**Apr 27**
GAS/ELECTRIC EVENTS										Practice	**Events Either Day** F1D, F1L, F1M, F1R Open Penny Plane Un Penny Plane, EZB, A6, Ministick, HLG, Cat Glider, Un Cat, P-18, Dime Scale, FAC Nocal Mass Launch	
AMA ½ A GAS	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)*				
AMA A/B GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	B			
AMA C/D GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	D	C			
AMA Classic 1/2A Gas	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)		(Jr) (SA)*			
AMA Classic AB Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	AB				
AMA Classic CD Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		CD			
NOS ¼ A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NOS ½ A GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
NOS A GAS	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
NOS B/C GAS Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	C	B			
NOS Early 1/2 A Gas	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
OT .020 REPLICA	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
OT GAS COMBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		**MONDAY 4/28/2025** Student Build and Fly Mountain Lions	
ELECTRIC COMBO	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E-36	Elect A & B			
Rubber Events												
P-30	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	X				
NOS RUB, Lg & Sm Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Nos Rub Sm	Nos Rub Lg			
OT Fus Combo Rubber	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
OT Stick Combo Rubber	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
MULVIHILL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
MOFFETT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
FAI Events												
F1A/F1B/F1C/F1P/F1Q Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	F1A,B,C,P,Q				
F1G/F1H/F1J/F1S Combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		F1G,H,J,S			
Vintage FAI Pow er	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
GLIDER EVENTS												
H. L. GLIDER	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)				
CAT GLIDER	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(JR)(SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)		(Jr) (SA)			
CLASSIC GLIDER	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)	(Jr) (SA)		(Jr) (SA)			
FAC Events												
Embryo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Jimmy Allen/2 Bit + 1 combo	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
FAC OT rubber stick	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
FAC OT rubber fuselage	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			
Contest Directors	Morris									Gaylor		
Contest Classification	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	AA	AA	A		

Note: All one day contests will be flown in combined categories. Anything you bring to the field can be flown in one of 7 categories

****For national cup points, junior AMA & Classic 1/2A Gas are combined Contest End times May & Sept = 2:00 pm***

Prez Speaks



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The 75th Anniversary Southwest Regionals Contest was a great success! The Southwest Regionals Board and other PMAC members put in a lot of work to make this happen. Attached is a spreadsheet by our Excel guru, Bruce Grawburg, which shows the results for AMA, NFFS and FAC, with many flights and lots of competitions in eighteen categories. In each of these more popular events there were scores to four places and beyond. Be sure to review the CD reports.

Our next contest is the President's Cup, on February 16th. George Morris will be the CD. See you there!

Tom

I am a free flight modeler who used to fly with the Cactus Squadron of the Flying Aces Club. I enjoyed building from the early Ideal plans which where pre balsa era Spruce and bamboo construction, Also built many 1920 - 1930 twin pushers (my favorites) and indoor models. My wife and I recently moved to northeastern Arizona. I am no longer modeling as I have many other activities that take up my time now, I have a 50 year collection of aircraft model plans and books going back to before the first world war thru the 1970's. Lots of tools and materials (many tools and fixtures of my own making). I am cleaning out my storage unit in Phoenix over the next month. If any of your members are interested here is a link to my Craig's List Ad and my contact information. Kindest regards

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NEXT CONTEST
Presidents Cup
Feb 16, 2025 8:00 am
Webster-West Field
AMA membership required for Flyers
Visitors Welcome



75th SWR CD Report

This was the 75th Anniversary of the Southwest Regionals Contest. Attendance was back to pre-covid levels with contestants from CA, CO, KS, NM, NV, OR, TX and UT. This contest has provided generations an opportunity to fly free-flight models in sunny southern Arizona when the winter weather prohibited flying elsewhere. The sons of former members assisted in running the contest.

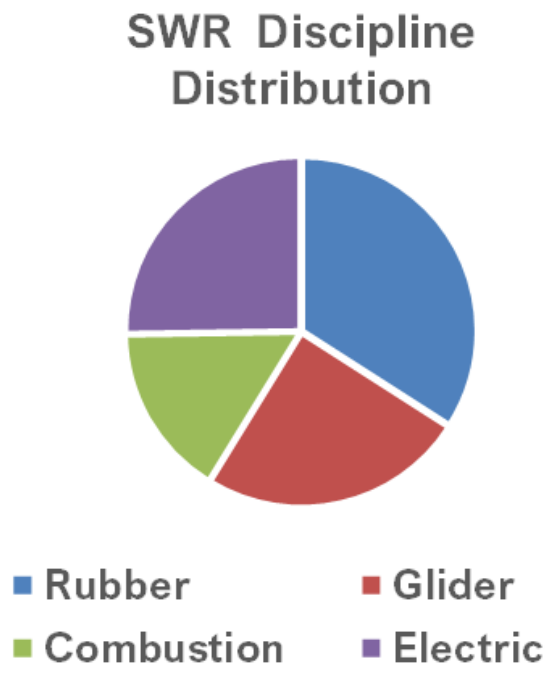
The weather was exceptional on Saturday and Sunday and until noon on Monday when the winds began to increase; however, the intrepid contestants continued to fly in spite of the long chases required to recover models. A mix of AMA, NFFS and FAC events were flown in this part of the contest totaling 156 flights. There was vigorous competition in each of four classes of events: power, glider, electric and rubber. The attached chart will show the specific events flown in each of these categories and the contestants who placed first, second and third.

FAI and SAM events were flown in different parts of Webster West field. Contestants who placed in events received a plaque with the 75th anniversary logo. All contestants who pre-registered received an attractive t-shirt with the 75th anniversary logo. A great time was had by all!

Tom Gaylor AMA Contest Director



Rich Adams assisted Tom in his CD duties and was the focal point for the Flying Aces events.



Disciple distribution based upon flight count

SWR-75 AMA/NFFS/FAC results

Total flight time ranking for AMA / NFFS / FAC events in the January 2025 contest					
Event	**First Place**	**Second Place**	**Third Place**	**Fourth Place**	**Fifth Place**
020 Replica (1)	Rick Pangell 71				
1/2 Wakefield (1)	Ch. Powell 263				
1/2A Classic Pwr (2)	Rick Pangell 209	Glenn Schneider 180			
1/2A Nos (1)	Rick Pangell 350				
A Nos (3)	Glenn Schneider 513	Guy Menanno 398	Robert Donnelly 329		
A/B Classic (4)	George Morris 678	Robert Donnelly 350	Ken Kear 324	Jerry Hull 180	
AMA 1/2 A Pwr (2)	Rick Pangell 148	Don Bartick 121			
AMA A Pwr (1)	Frank Menanno 180				
AMA B Pwr (1)	Todd Reynolds 517				
AMA C Pwr (6)	Jim Kruse 540	Guy Menanno 528	Ken Kear 470	Jerry Hull 470	Robert Donnelly 460
Andrade Rubber (2)	Chuck Powell 544	Glen Grell 416			
B Nos (2)	Glenn Schneider 900	Robert Donnelly 150			
C Nos (1)	Glenn Schneider 667				
C/D Classic (5)	George Morris 1080	Ken Kear 885	Robert Donnelly 688	Guy Menanno 400	Jim Kruse 360
Classic Towline (4)	Don DeLoach 439	Chuck Powell 351	Ray Kostuk 325	Mike Basta 54	
CLG (10)	Ken Bauer 598	George Morris 439	Stann Buddenbohm 325	Don DeLoach 306	Jim Allen 213
Dawn Unlimited (1)	Kevin Mccue 152				
E-20 (8)	Charles Morris 626	Frank Menanno 307	Jim Allen 280	George Morris 270	Jack Murphy 262
E-36 (7)	Stann Buddenbohm 1080	Frank Menanno 1080	Charles Morris 600	Allan Mecham 576	Jennifer Donnelly 555
Electric A (5)	Rick Pangell 360	Frank Menanno 345	Jack Murphy 328	Jennifer Donnelly 296	Charles Morris 105
Electric B (4)	Don DeLoach 840	Jack Murphy 831	Frank Menanno 649	Robert Donnelly 570	
Embyro (1)	Mike Keller 284				
FAC Jet CLG (5)	Chuck Powell 145	Don DeLoach 125	Ray Kostuk 97	Mike Basta 62	Bob Rives 55
FAC modern Civilian (3)	Do. Deloach 248	Mi. Keller 134	Pe. Brocks 37		
FAC OT Rubber (6)	Mike Keller 257	Don DeLoach 236	Chuck Powell 182	Darold Jones 76	Darold Jones 76
FAC Scale (1)	Peter Brocks 118				
FAC WWI mass (3)	Do. Deloach 159	Ke. Mccue 98	Ri. Adams 83		
FAC WWII mass (3)	Do. Deloach 147	Ri. Adams 77	Mi. Keller 20		
HLG (5)	Don DeLoach 480	Tim Batiuk 349	Stann Buddenbohm 328	Ken Bauer 323	George Morris 282
Jimmy Allen (3)	Rich Adams 422	Ke. Mccue 250	Mi. Basta 41		
Large Cabin (3)	Chuck Powell 280	Mike Basta 153	Shig Saimo 60		
Large Nos Rubber (3)	Kevin McCue 405	Glenn Grell 306	Shig Saimo 62		
Moffett (3)	Do. Deloach 388	Sh. Saimo 235	Ch. Powell 180		
Mulvihill (5)	Glenn Grell 595	Don DeLoach 464	Chuck Powell 304	Darold Jones 257	Jerry Murphy 64
OT A Fuse (1)	Er. Strengell 180				
OT Large Stick Rubber (4)	Glenn Grell 540	Alan Petersen 517	Michael Basta 271	Chuck Powell 91	
P-30 (14)	Kevin McCue 1710	Chuck Powell 900	Don DeLoach 838	Don Bartick 470	Glenn Grell 349
Small Nos Rubber (4)	Frank Menanno 432	Chuck Powell 388	Michael Basta 335	Dave Wiebe 79	
Small Stick (6)	Don DeLoach 540	Rich Adams 459	Dennis Tyson 380	Jerry Murphy 372	Glenn Grell 351
Twin Pusher (4)	Rich Adams 48	Dave Wiebe 28	Mike Basta 4	Chuck Powell 0.4	







SWR-75 summary

716 Total Flights
67 Flyers

2025 SWR Participation			
Event	Sat	Sun	Mon
OT Large Stick Rubber	4		
FAC OT Rubber	6		
Small Nos Rubber	4		
Electric A	5		
HLG	5		
P-30	14		
E-36	7		
B Nos	2		
A/B Classic	4		
1/2A Nos	1		
AMA A Pwr	1		
F1A	15		
F1B	6		
F1P	1		
F1C	2		
F1Q	5		
F1G		8	
F1H		2	
F1J		4	
F1S		10	
Embyro			1
FAC Jet CLG			5
Classic Towline			4
Twin Pusher			4
C/D Classic			5
E-20			8
AMA B Pwr			1
Mulvihill			5
FAC Scale			1
020 Replica			1
AMA 1/2 A Pwr			2
Electric B			4
A Nos			3
Large Nos Rubber		3	
Small Stick		6	
CLG		10	
Large Cabin		3	
AMA C Pwr		6	
C Nos		1	
1/2A Classic Pwr		2	
Dawn Unlimited		1	
Andrade Rubber		2	
Jimmy Allen		3	
OT A Fuse		1	
Moffett		3	
1/2 Wakefield		1	
FAC WWI mass		3	
FAC WWII mass	3		
FAC modern Civilian			3

2025 SWR Placers			
	Place		
Flyer	1	2	3
Rick Pangell	5		
Chuck Powell	4	3	3
Glenn Schneider	3	1	
Guy Menanno	1	2	1
Robert Donnelly		2	2
George Morris	2	2	
Ken Kear		1	2
Don Bartick		1	
Frank Menanno	4	2	1
Todd Reynolds	1	1	
Jim Kruse	1		
Eric Strengell	1		
Glen Grell		1	
Don DeLoach	8	3	1
Ray Kostuk			2
Mike Basta		1	2
Ken Baur	1		
Stann Buddenbohm		1	2
Jim Allen			1
Charles Morris	1		1
Shig Saimo		1	2
Kevin McCue	3	2	
Jack Murphy		1	1
Rich Adams	2	2	1
Jennifer Donnelly			1
Mike Keller	2	1	1
John Mah-Gersting (J)	1		
Shlomi Rosenzweig		1	
Aarna Appajappa (J)			1
Jim Parker		1	
Blake Jensen	1		
Peter Brocks	1		1
Bill Booth	1		
Walt Ghio	1	1	
Reema Bharadwaj (J)			1
Mike Richardson			1
Michael Pykelny	1		
Faust Parker		1	
Emrick Smith (J)	1		
Aarav Alagiri (J)		1	
Julie Parker			1
Janne Van Nest		1	
Michael Basta			2
Tim Batiuk		1	
Glenn Grell	3	1	
Alan Petersen		1	
Dennis Tyson			1
Dave Wiebe		1	

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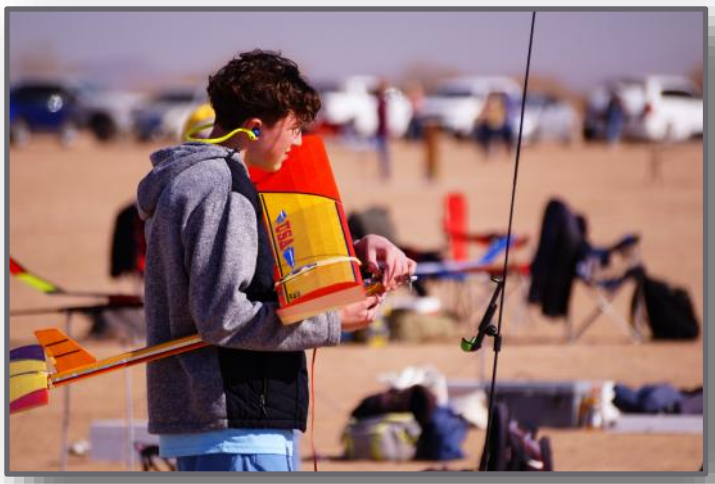








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The 2025 FAI Southwest Regionals Model Airplane Championships

The Southwest Regionals celebrated the 75th anniversary of the event, making it one of the longest running events in Free Flight. Free Flight flyers and enthusiast came from several countries and across the United States to enjoy the event held on January 18-19 on Webster Field in Eloy, Arizona.

The Saturday competition began on cool mornings with temperatures in the low 30's Fahrenheit and light breezes from the SSE at 5-6 MPH. Buoyant air persisted as the first rounds started at 8:30 AM and flyers were achieving maxes. Full sun and blue skies persisted throughout the day and temperatures rose to a high of 64 F and light winds clocked around to the typical NNW direction for the later rounds and fly offs. Models were easily retrieved by foot, bicycle and motorbikes. Sunday's weather was very similar to Saturday with the addition of some high, thin clouds.

Saturday's competition included F1A, F1B, F1C/P and F1Q events. The cool morning temperatures led to hot competition, especially in the F1A class with 15 competitors. The USA Junior Team had an excellent showing in F1A led by John Mah-Gersting (First Place Overall, First Place Junior) and Aarna Appajappa (Third Place Overall, Second Place Junior). Shlomi Rosenzweig finished Second Overall in F1A.

Sunday's FAI competition started at a chilly 8:30 AM and included F1G, F1H,F1J and F1H classes. The air warmed up quickly again and flyers posted maxes well into the 4th Round when the air became tricky with frequent shifts and small thermals. F1S competition was tight with 10 competitors and 3 lady fliers. Frank Menano squeaked out a win in F1S by 2 seconds over Janne Van Nest in second place and local flyer Jennifer Donnelly in third place.

Complete scoring for all classes along with photos can be found on www.swregionals.org
Many thanks to the men and women that have been a part of the Southwest Regionals over the last 75 years! And a special thank you to Peter and Brigette Brocks for the support along with the rest of the Southwest Regionals board of directors!

Mike Fruciano



Mike Fruciano was the Contest Director for the FAI events this year and has been the President of the South West Regional Association for the past 5 years. Great job Mike on all efforts.

Peter Brocks assisted Mike this year with the FAI events.



SWR-75 FAI Results







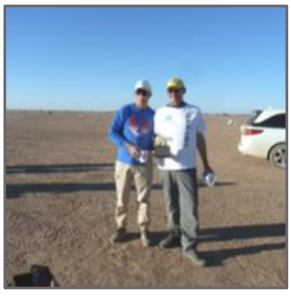
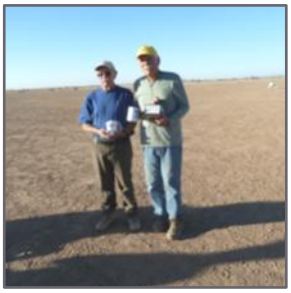

Total flight time ranking for FAI events in the January 2025 contest						
Event	**First Place**	**Second Place**	**Third Place**	**Fourth Place**	**Fifth Place**	**Sixth Place**
F1A	J. Mah-Gersting (J) 1740	S. Rosenzweig 1616	B. Van Nest 1069	J. Danier 1064	A. Barron 1022	R. Puhhakka 1018
F1B	B. Booth 900	W. Ghio 889	R. Bharadwaj (J) 882	B. Jensen 877	A. Alagiri (J) 865	L. Norval 764
F1C	G. Menanno 900	T. Reynolds 900				
F1G	W. Ghio 1140	G. Morris 1105	M. Richardson 765	T. O'Dell 611	P. Brocks 586	D. Jones 516
F1H	B. Jensen 1200	J. Parker 930				
F1J	F. Menanno 840	F. Parker 748	G. Menanno 498	T. Reynolds 360		
F1P	E. Smith (J) 873					
F1Q	M. Pykelny 900	A. Alagiri (J) 866	J. Parker 848	J. Murphy 829	M. Richardson 827	
F1S	F. Menanno 708	J. Van Nest 706	J. Donnelly 683	D. DeLoach 668	J. Murphy 657	G. Morris 653

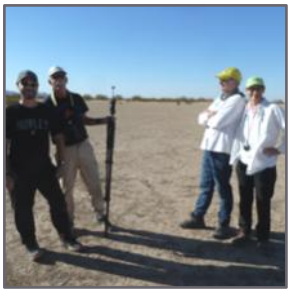
FAI Awards

Brigitte Brocks photos






Round Valley Dome

April 25 – 27, 2025

THE ROUND VALLEY DOME INDOOR CONTEST EAGAR, ARIZONA
APRIL 26th & 27th, 2025— 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. BOTH DAYS

In addition, we have Friday the 25th as a practice day

from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.



Entry fee is $60, no matter how many events you fly. We will determine the daily event schedule on Friday depending on the weather. Clouds or sunshine make a difference with conditions inside the dome. Lots of floor area. 400' X Cat. III ceiling. No-Cal Mass Launch at noon on Sunday. Weplan on being flexible on the event schedule depending on what models show up. We will assist the students building and flying Mountain Lion models on Monday 28 April 2025.

LIST OF EVENTS

A-ROG
F1D
F1L
F1M
OPEN PENNY PLANE
LIMITED PENNY PLANE
EZB
A-6
MINI STICK
HLG
CATAPULT GLIDER
UNLIMITED CATAPULT GLIDER
P-18
FAC DIME SCALE
NO-CAL SCALE
NO-CAL SCALE WW-II Mass Launch
INDOOR TOWLINE GLIDER
PHANTOM FLASH



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Contest Start Time = 8:00 am

February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Eloy contest	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	