Grant Carson Memorial 17th Annual Gainesville Texas Free Flight Championship

Contest has been sanctioned for Friday April 4 – Monday April 7 we will compete on the best two consecutive days when the 10 day weather forecast is available
First Day (8:00 AM- 5:00 PM) – Second Day (8:00 AM- 3:30 PM)
Site will be available for test flying on day before
AMA Santioned – All flyers required to have active AMA Licenses (Licenses may be purchased at Contest, Jr. and Sr. Licenses will paid for by the TEXAS CLOUD CLIMBERS)
Category III with Special Small Field Rules – 90 second maxes
National Cup / Texas Cup / FAC Konones

SITE: Gainesville, Texas Airport (Located approx 1 ½ miles west of I-35 on HiWay 82, turn north off of 82 on Westaire Dr. to enter airport) - **This is an active airport. Do not drive on main N/S runway or diagonal runway. No models are to be launched when full scale aircraft are in the area or on the runway. All cars and trucks must remain on paved surfaces. Do not drive cars and trucks on soft grass areas so as not to leave ruts. Fuse dethermalisers (DTs) are not allowed. Motorcycles/golf carts/small ATVs may be used for chasing**. Call Mike Fedor at 817-480-4825 for gate code if gate is closed.

ENTRY: $20 entry fee for open. (covers all events entered) Jr. and Sr. entry is free

AWARDS: One award with stickers added for each event place (1st thru 3rd) (all Jr. events will be held on both days)

NATIONAL CUP: For NATIONAL CUP scoring, different classes can be flown in combined events but only score from first event flown will count in event placing. All scores will submitted for NATIONAL CUP points.

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FIRST DAY EVENTS
HLG (J) (SO)
Catapult Glider (J)
P-30
F1A/Classic Towline (3 flights, no rounds)
1/2A/1/2A Classic
SAM .020 Replica
1/2A Nostalgia
JR Combo (Glider/Rubber/Power)
E-36

SECOND DAY EVENTS
SAM Twin Pusher Mass Launch (8:15 AM)
Nostalgia Rubber / SAM Old Time Rubber
HLG (J)
Catapult Glider (J) (SO)
SAM Old Time HLG/Catapult Glider
1/4A Nostalgia
Early 1/2A Nostalgia

F1G/F1H (3 flights, no rounds)
NFFS One Design and Golden Age of 1/2A combined
JR Combo (Glider/Rubber/Power)
E-20

See Spring Opener Flyer for FAC events

SELF-TIMING (Allows more flying and less looking for a timer. FFrs are folks of integrity.)
The flyer may time and record their own flights except for fly-off flights (there is nothing in the AMA Rule Book that says the flyer cannot be the timer, only that the timer cannot move more than 200 ft. from launch site). The 200 ft. rule will be waived so that the flyer can time the flight while chasing. (with 90 sec. maxes, out-of-sight flights should not be an issue)

SPECIAL RULES FOR THIS CONTEST
All Rubber events except Twin Pusher - Start/release prop, then hold for 4 seconds prior to launch
F1A /Classic Towline /F1H - 115 ft. line (ribbon will be tied on line at 115 ft. Ribbon must not be between flyer and model when line is released or model launched)
AMA Gas - 5 sec. engine run, 4 sec. fly-off engine run
Nostalgia Gas / NFFS One Design / Golden Age of 1/2A - 7 sec. engine run, 5 sec. fly-off engine run
.020 Replica - 9 sec. engine run, 7 sec. fly-off engine run
E-36 - 7 sec. motor run, 5 sec flyoff motor run

ONE FLIGHT FLY-OFF TO BREAK 3 MAX TIES IN ALL EVENTS EXCEPT HLG, CAT GLIDER
Fly-off flight must be made during last hour of contest on day of event.

- One flight with 90 sec. max (overrun = 0) (no less than 20 sec. attempts in FAI events)
- Timer will time flight to landing or DT activation.
- Timer will time DT descent from DT activation to landing.

Fly-off score will be determined as follows:

- Actual flight time to landing if less than 90 sec. max
- Flight time to DT activation or 90 sec. max (whichever is less) added to DT descent time
- 90 sec max if DT is activated 120 sec or more into flight (DT descent will not count)

FLY-OFF RATIONAL

- Will allow contestants to fly more events throughout the day
- Minimize risk of models going off the field. (max can be adjusted for wind direction and velocity)
- Contestants flying-off in multiple events have a one hour window to get their fly-off flights in
- Performance based fly-off – altitude at DT will be a factor of aircraft performance and flying in lift/dead air/down air condition
- Excess DT time (120 sec. or more) would allow models to climb too high in lift
- I'm sure this scheme isn't perfect. But, I think it allows for a fun, competitive contest on a small field.

NOTE: The airport manager has indicated that the field will be available for test flying on day before contest.
Dinner Gathering: We will meet for first day evening dinner at a local restaurant. More details at registration.