



Oct 2015

GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION

NEXT CLUB MEETING
Thursday, Oct 15, 2015,
7 -9 pm

Thursday, at Niceville
Church of Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS
GLIDER SOCIAL - 1st
SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

- Oct 17, 2015 Field Cleanup Day
- Oct 18, 2015 Open House and Air Show
Mullet Festival Site
- Nov 7, 2015 Airman's Day: Fun Fly and
Display Duke Field

2015 CLUB OFFICERS

President: Phil Conner (850) 217-5526
Vice President: Victor Diaz (404) 263-7674
Treasurer: Robert Pacheco
Secretary: Ron Van Putte 243-0207
Member at Large: Paul Doman

Message from the President

By Phil Conner

Hello Everyone;

Fall is officially here. The cooler weather has been very nice and we look forward to some really good flying weather. Our Pattern clinic event was great and I just wish more of you had attended. Those of us that were there had a great time. Many thanks go to Ron Van Putte, Rob Campbell, and Mike Plummer for help judging and tips on how to position ourselves.

We have had a couple of incidents lately with club members getting hurt due to throttles bumped on electrics. Safety is the goal of all of us. We'll be discussing what happened and how we can prevent these types of things.

This Saturday the 17th is our Fall Field Cleanup Day. We'll meet at 8:00 AM and do some container maintenance, road work and runway/facilities maintenance.

It's time to discuss the Upcoming Christmas Party and get a nominating committee together for the 2016 Board. I will not be running as President but I would like to run as Vice-President for 2016.

Last and not least for this month we need to be thinking of the Build Contest for the November meeting.

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See you at the field.

Phil Conner

Eglin Aero Modellers Regular Monthly Meeting 17 Sep 2015

By Ron Van Putte

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 P.M. by the president, Phil Conner, with 27 present.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published on the September BEAM.

The treasury contains \$3574.38. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Phil Conner reported on sending \$605 to a widow from sales of the estate items of a Navarre modeler.

Phil Conner presented the case of a club member who violated the flying field rule of no airborne photography and used profanity in telling other club members who confronted him to "buzz off". A motion was made, seconded and passed to ban him from the club flying field for three months.

It was moved, seconded and passed to amend the club flying field rules to require that no camera equipment be present on airborne vehicles, whether or not the equipment is capable of taking pictures. The punishment for violating this rule would be a one-year suspension from the club

Victor Diaz described what happened at the flying field involving the Talon Company. Discussion followed. Flying of commercial aircraft at our flying field is PROHIBITED, unless there is prior approval from Eglin AFB's Test Wing.

The flying field cleanup has been rescheduled for October 17th.

Model of the Month contributors were Phil Conner (Tiger 2) and Herb Hardwick (F-86). Phil won.

SAD patch nominees were Ron Van Putte (Vanpuish), Herb Hardwick (P-51), Paul Doman (BF-109), Mike Plummer (Vanquish), Dick Campis (Mach I) and Larry Scott (Mike P's Super Cub). Ron won.

Ron Spaid displayed his homebuilt foamy airplane.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Ron Van Putte, secretary

Meeting Attendees

Phil Conner	Keith Stephens
Exora Reyes	Rob Campbell
Robert Pacheco	Mike Plummer
Chris Mikles	Joe Shearer
Ray Seip	Craig Deyerle
Mark Pfeiffer	Ron Van Putte
Alan Bradshaw	Dick Campis
Ruben Couvertier	Gene Barnes
Paul Doman	Frank Perkins
Kevin Fears	Ron Spaid
Rey Ruiz	Mike Holderness
Mike Slade	Herb Hardwick
Victor Diaz	Mike Redys
Roger Gilman	

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Recognition
Model-of-the-Year
By Robert Pacheco



Phil won Model Of the Month with his Tiger II

October 4, 2015, 2015 Don Hollfelder Memorial Sunday Glider Social

by Mark Owens

The forecast was for mostly cloudy skies and temperatures in the mid 60's; winds were to be out of the northwest at 10 – 13 mph. However, there was a constant overcast for most of the morning and winds were pushing up to 15 mph at times. I had arrived early knowing I needed to set up both mine and the club's winches. But

instead I parked, waited and wondered if anyone else would brave these winds. Robert Pacheco showed up, followed by Jerry Baxter and the rest of the Pensacola crew wasn't far behind. Let's fly.

I staked out my winch to the northwest and set up the launch area just off the taxi way at the southeast of the field. The landing tapes were set up west of the launch area. And we opted not to set up the club winch. Robert had a broken clevis attach point on his Xplorer preventing him from flying, but he was able to help with winch retrievals and timing. Despite the winds, we all managed decent scores throughout the rounds.

I also learned the hard way that bringing the flaps up on the Maxa is very important before touching down; I broke a flap control horn on the second round landing and had to finish the last three rounds with my Tekoa Shadow. With only the 5 of us flying, the rounds went fairly quick and I would note that my winch held up well having no line breaks even with Lance launching to the max. And congrats to Jerry who scored a perfect 5th round.

It was a good lesson on flying strong winds, it was a good day.

Mark M. Owens

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Round 1 & 2

Name	Aircraft	Round 1				Round 2			
		min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Lance Ropke	Xplorer 3.8 X2	6	10	45	415	7	7	75	502
Jim Hartley	Xplorer 3.5 X2	6	46	35	441	6	56	60	476
Jerry Baxter	Xplorer 4.0 X1	3	55	95	330	3	58	0	238
Mark Owens	MAXA/ Shadow	4	25	0	265	6	2	55	417
Buddy Bradley	Xplorer 3.5 X1	4	45	0	285	6	48	0	408

Round 2 & 3

Name	Round 3				Round 4			
	min	sec	land	score	min	sec	land	score
Lance Ropke	7	3	25	448	6	1	85	446
Jim Hartley	7	3	25	448	6	59	80	499
Jerry Baxter	6	57	10	427	6	56	55	471
Mark Owens	5	26	55	381	6	58	50	468
Buddy Bradley	4	15	95	350	5	8	0	308

Round 3

Name	Aircraft	Round 5				Total	Place	Flight Time
		min	sec	land	score			(sec)
Lance Ropke	Xplorer 3.8 X2	7	9	90	519	2330	1	2100
Jim Hartley	Xplorer 3.5 X2	6	47	25	432	2296	2	2096
Jerry Baxter	Xplorer 4.0 X1	7	0	100	520	1986	3	1826
Mark Owens	MAXA/ Shadow	4	20	35	295	1826	4	1666
Buddy Bradley	Xplorer 3.5 X1	6	25	80	465	1816	5	1721

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Contest Report: Pre-Sportsman Pattern Clinic and Contest

By Rob Campbell

The June pattern contest was weathered out back in June. After the cancellation, several of our members who planned to compete in the Pre-Sportsman class suggested I reschedule at least the Pre-Sportsman portion of the event. I thought it was a good idea and since we didn't have to run all the other classes, we decided on a clinic and contest format and I set the date for Saturday, September 26th.

I designed the Pre-Sportsman event as a means for people who would like to try competition flying without having to invest in an expensive airplane and four to six months of practice prior to their first contest. While the AMA Sportsman sequence is intended to be the entry event to pattern flying, I believe it is too complex for an introductory sequence. I designed the Pre-Sportsman sequence to teach the basics and keep the sequence simple enough so airplanes survive the contest and pilots don't become frustrated with a steep learning curve, or have a simple malfunction cause them to forfeit a round.

Six club members preregistered for the contest, but Mike Holderness and Robert Pacheco had to drop out due to a conflict with school activities and a broken airplane, leaving four contestants, Phil Conner, Paul Doman, Jim Massey, and Mike Slade. We started the event with Ron Van Putte teaching a brief academics session where he explained every maneuver in the sequence, how to fly it, and what the judges were looking for. Then, Colby Estes did a blind draw on the score sheets to determine the flight order, and Jim Massey was the unlucky first victim. We flew a total of three rounds. The first round was not scored and was for practice and instruction. The contest itself was two rounds.

While Ron was teaching the academics session, the Okaloosa wind gods decided to spice things up with a strong north wind, which lifted Phil Conner's Tiger 2 off the starting stand and dropped it on the ground. Fortunately, the wind gods were only toying with us and not intent on a sacrifice. They were still satisfied with the offering they received during the morning flying session. Cody Powell made the supreme sacrifice, ensuring the rest of the day was crash free. More information on Cody's "sacrifice" will be presented at the October club meeting, during the SAD patch nominations!

During round one, Paul Doman's engine didn't deliver full power. We allowed him to land and move to the bottom of the flight order. Also, Phil Conner almost invented a new maneuver. Phil attempted a Split "S" from very low altitude, nearly turning it into a Splat "S", but fortunately, he

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had about 20 feet so spare! You know you nearly destroyed your airplane when your caller and the judges gasp!

All airplanes survived the practice round and the real contest began. Jim Massey was first up. Despite battling shaky knees, he turned in an excellent flight. Paul Doman commented, "Just give Jim the first place trophy now." First place trophies have to be earned and Phil, Paul, and Mike also turned in good flights. Curt Oberg and I tabulated the round one scores, and Jim Massey won the round, with Phil Conner and Paul Doman tied for second place and Mike Slade not far behind in fourth.

Mike Slade was up first in round 2. His trims were way off, so we allowed him to land and moved him to the bottom of the flight order. The next two flights were the shoot-out between Phil and Paul to break the tie and hopefully close in on Jim. Both Phil and Paul improved noticeably from their first round, so the pressure was on Jim. Jim then turned in a great flight, also noticeably improved over his first round. Mike fixed his trim problem and flew a nice flight, which ended in a beautiful touchdown right on the center line!

Mike Plummer and I crunched the numbers from the score sheet and the round 2 and while Phil and Paul did gain on Jim, Jim improved more than enough to stay in first place. Paul managed to squeeze out second place in the round, with Phil and Mike in third and fourth respectively. After the scores were tallied, the trophies were presented and all four pilots left learning some new techniques and their flying skills sharpened. The final results were:

1. Jim Massey
2. Paul Doman
3. Phil Conner
4. Mike Slade

Here are a few observations on the contest. All of the pilots flew simple and inexpensive sport airplanes, proving you don't need a \$3,000 (or more) pattern ship to get into pattern and have fun. All four pilots are ready to enter the official Sportsman class at a sanctioned contest. And by the way, John Fuqua just happens to be hosting a contest on October 10-11 at his field in Mossy Head.

I'd like to thank Ron Van Putte, Mike Plummer, Curt Oberg, Cody Powell, and Colby Estes for their assistance in running the contest. I couldn't have done it without your help.

I am planning to schedule the AMA pattern contest for April 2016 and offering the Pre-Sportsman class again, and possibly offering another clinic/contest between now and then.

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Rob Campbell

Contest Director



1 Jim Massey won first place with his Great Planes Ultra Sport



2 Paul Doman took second place with his Tower Hobbies Voyager.

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3 Phil Conner took third place with his Goldberg Tiger 2.

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4 Mike Slade was fourth with his Hangar 9 Toledo Special.

Membership for Year 2015

To renew membership for 2015, you will need your new 2015 AMA card. Dues are \$40.00.

Late Renewals are now 50.00. (\$10.00 late penalty) and you may not fly at the club site until dues are paid.

Mail either your new 2015 AMA Card or a copy to:
Eglin Aero Modelers C/o
Robert Pacheco
43 Lake Point Dr
Miramar Beach, FL 32550

OR make your renewals in person at Shalimar Hobbies (bring your 2015 AMA card).

Also, check or confirm your addresses, both postal and e-mail, and phone numbers when

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