

SPA Fall Contest October 5, 2019

What a beautiful day for a contest. Winds were light, yes light, skies were clear and temperature only reached 96. The turnout was light also because there was an AMA contest in College Station the same day. Ten pilots got a lot of flying in and we completed 5 rounds of competition in one day. Here is a picture of the pilots, airplanes and helpers;



Jason Nowicki was the only Novice flyer and he won it going away. Speaking of only pilot, Dave Dingman was the only pilot in Expert but still flew very well.

Sportsman had two pilots with Paul Mahan winning over Frank Cox. Frank has a beautiful airplane that he says is very fast.



Frank Cox



Max Blose

As always, Advanced had the most participants with Gary Alphin taking first place. Chris Berardi always flies well and took second place trailing Gary by less than six points. Eighty-four-year-old Max Blose flew his own design, Tarman from 1969 and took third.

Senior Expert had three entrants with longtime AMA pilot Danny Jackson taking first even though he had a broken transmitter and used Max Blose's airplane to complete the contest.

We always have great help and we need to thank Brian and Kelly Alphin and Jeanne Alphin for scorekeeping, data entry getting the awards ready. Tab Bowland had great hamburgers and fixins for everyone. Ian Waring ran scoresheets for us and Sam Collette couldn't fly but came and judged for us all morning.

We had an OS .65AX for a raffle and Paul Mahan won it. I'm sure he will put it to good use.

Ken Knotts