

2019 SPA West Championships

The 2019 West SPA Championships are in the books and what a great contest. The weather was cool and brisk on Saturday with the wind from the west blowing from our backs all day. Sunday's turned from the south and very brisk, 17.2 mph with gust to 25.1. Despite the brisk winds, there were no lost aircraft.



The turnout was great with 18 pilots competing. The level of flying has really improved the last few years. Some classes were close and in Advanced, four of the five pilots won a round. Pat Ensign and Dave Dingman tied with 1000 points each in round 5 of Expert class. In Expert class, long time aerobatic champion Rick Byrd won with one round each won by Jamie Strong, Wayne Galligan, and Pat Ensign.

A successful contest has a lot of people in the background helping. Brian Alphin helped set up the contest and entered scores, assisted by Leslie Ensign with certificates and framing. Tab Bowland did cooking and we had hamburgers, chips and drinks for everyone. Ian Waring and Mel Wells ran scores from both flight lines. The field is well manicured and looks beautiful. Thanks to the Fort Worth Thunderbirds.

Saturday evening most everyone gathered at a local Mexican food restaurant and had discussions of model airplanes and the world.

At the end of the day, awards were distributed, and high point plaques were awarded.

Awards;

Novice



Jason Nowicki

Sportsman



Paul Mayhan



Nathan Haycock



Frank Cox

Advanced



Jim Strong



Samuel Corlett



Chris Berardi

Expert



Rick Byrd



Pat Ensign



Wayne Galligan

Senior Expert



Bobby Zikes



Cliff Bradford



Ken Knotts

The High Points winners for 2019 presented by Frank Cox are;



Novice – Jason Nowicki



Sportsman – Paul Mayhan



Advanced – Chris Berardi



Expert – Pat Ensign



Senior Expert – Ken Knotts

Thanks again to everyone who participated and helped.

Ken Knotts