

SPA West Championships

2015

Sometimes the weather cooperates at a flying contest. And it did just that for the 2015 West Senior Pattern Association Championships. The pilots enjoyed light winds and temperatures in the low nineties. There were two flight lines for the 15 pilots to get four rounds in on Saturday, then two more on Sunday.



One new pilot, Brian Way flew his first event and did very well in the Intro class. Brian has been flying for only about a year was the only flyer in his class.



Novice class had three competitors with Bernie Olson taking 4 of the 6 rounds flying his beautiful Blue Angel airplane. Tommy Scarmardo won the other two rounds and took second with Gerry Stanford coming in Third. Gerry also won the points Championship for 2015.

Sportsman class had only two pilots but the quality of flying in this class was excellent. Bobby Zikes had his hands full with 14 year old Grant Schroeder. Grant bested Bobby and won the points competition for 2015. Advanced class pilots need to start practicing now because Grant is moving up next year.





The Advanced class seems to always have the greatest number of competitors and did again this year with six pilots vying to be the best. This class also had a tie for the Annual Points championship at the beginning of the contest with Mark Ehlers and Tony Stelly each having 27 points. Tony bested all competitors and won first place and the points championship. Bill Vogeley took second with Mark taking third.

Expert had only 2 pilots with Pat Ensign taking Ken Knotts to class again and won every round. Pat also won the Annual Points championship.



Duane Wilson, SPA Newsletter Editor and competitor visited the event and didn't fly in spite of our pleading and arm twisting to fly a loaner airplane. He may have heard how well Grant flies and used the better part of discretion!

Presentation of Annual Points winners for 2015;



Gerry Stanford



Grant Schroeder



Tony Stelly



Pat Ensign

We need to thank all the people who help make a contest an enjoyable experience. They include the field preparation group, registration, raffle, data entry, score runners and the Fort Worth Thunderbirds for letting us use their beautiful field.

Ken Knotts, CD