



Squadron 36 Dispatch

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Da Prez, Jim Smith graced us with two of his diesel creations on Monday April 8th. We had a break in the wind (3to 6 mph) in the morning. Chilly at first but warmed up fast.

From the Oval Workbench

How many of you got that government letter that started out “Greetings”. I never did but I’m sure many of you did, and to those I say, Thank you for your service!!

This chapter, a few tips I’ve learned over the sixty plus years in this hobby. First, and I just learned this from Ken Bagdon, your friendly WaWa has some wonderful coffee stirrers made of, I think, bamboo. They’re about 9” long and best of all have a cross section approximating an airfoil!! So, if you’re not building down to the last 1/10 of a gram, they might be useful as struts, etc. With nitro-cellulose glue getting hard to get, try this. For a test run use a large jar lid and fill it with nitrate or butyrate clear dope. Allow it to sit for a while as the thinner bit evaporates. Once it gets to the viscosity you like, VOILA!!!, glue!! Now you just need to find a way to dispense it. Celluloid. Don’t know about you but my local “hobby shop” carries clear plastic thick enough to replace the windows in your home. So many years ago, I discovered that you could take your old film negatives, (remember them?) I bet you have a box full of old photos with negatives in the attic!!). Anyway, just soak the old negatives in bleach for a few minutes and all the color comes off leaving a nice clear piece of celluloid!

As you probably know, our April contest has been cancelled. When checking the weather early in the week, we realized our only option was to cancel. We didn’t want to, but forecast winds are for 20 to 25 mph w/gusts on Saturday as high as 35 mph. Sunday 12 to 15. The fields are striped or under construction, the fields that are left are only good for up to 8-10 mph. Canceling was the only choice.

We had a good day Monday the 8th. Five of us made it: Jerry, myself, Gibbs, Bruce, and Andy Kovacs (his first time). We all had good flights, my Zip 1.75 was maiden and flew like a charm, and I even got the old Snollygoster back in the air after an evening of rebuilding the fuel system. Andy was basically trimming new models but still got in a few nice flights. FS and Bruce both had a good time flying various rubber models, and Jerry got some photos.

Had a call from Dan Domina. After two surgeries he’s back up and around and blasting the stratosphere with rockets, so I expect we’ll see him on the field soon.

Flying season is upon us so come out to the field and have some fun!! During the week seems to be good for flying (the weekends have sucked) so if during the week is good for you, let me know and I’ll see that you are notified for any weekday shenanigans!! Jerry will keep an eye on the weekends. Add shout out if weather, field condition, and the big soccer meets

Till next time...I remain ... Da Prez

Don’t forget June 1&2 for the S.J. FF Champs. Pray for good weather and a few more fields opened up for flying.



**Jim's "Zip 1.75"
Scaled up from a
Rubber model called
"Little Zip"**

**The picture to the
left is the area that
held the big soccer
tournaments.
Undergoing
regrading. Not a
good place to land!**



I swear Jim's favorite event is "Catapult glider" seems every time he gets bored, he ends up at the "Oval workbench" making another one! On the right is the presidential de Havilland.

**Andy Kovac made it down.
A good builder, who
wasted no in gathering
advise from our troupe of
experts.**

**In the background on the
left, you can see where
they put all the soccer
equipment. Cutting down
another good field!**





Above is our intrepid Bruce Foster with a 1980 SIG model from an estate. Bruce told me there will be 2 events at the FAC Nats this year where you can fly models from deceased modelers.



Above is FS Gilbert AKA "Gibbs", My photos were always lacking a little something. Gibbs has taken me under his wing. Unfortunately, I am talentless when it comes to the arts. I am, I believe improving. Hoping FS agrees.