



# *Squadron 36*

## *Dispatch*

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**Since the wind level at the home field has been mostly too high to risk flying, I will be using photos from the SAM Free Flight champs. Plus, some fantastic pictures from the Barron Field Air Races**

## **FROM THE OVAL WORKBENCH**

Well folks, it's nearly November and flying season is rapidly coming to a close. My sciatica has kept me from much flying this season, but I've had one shot and am doing better. One more shot to come and hopefully I'll be more in the swing of things. However, I doubt if the rest of you have had sciatica so where have you been? Believe me, I truly understand about family responsibilities, and driving distances, cost of gas, etc. And now we have Halloween, High School football, soccer (?), and whatever else. My hope in the time left of the season is that a bunch of you could make it out.

In that vein, next year we will have dedicated weekends to fly, of course not to mean you can't fly whenever you want, but I'm thinking two weekends a month that will be TFFFAC flying weekends. I'm thinking First and Third weekend every month unless it conflicts with a holiday. In that eventuality we'll work it out.

Our second contest last year was a bust if you remember. I think we had 5 club members show up and two outside contestants. Next year will be something completely different (somebody mention John Cleese??) Watch this space, I'm not giving out details yet!!

On a whole different subject, I still have a bunch of Don Myers engines for sale. Turns out that model engine collecting is rather falling by the wayside. In that vein my prices have dropped quite a bit, so if you feel the need for a 50's to 60's diesel feel free to let me know. There are also about eight ignition engines, three of which are new in box.

At this point, Jerry is working on next year's contests, and there should be some details in the next missive. I guarantee some great competition amongst some of the best FAC fliers on the east coast, and also some good flying for the power crowd.

And don't forget to come out and get some turf stains on your shoes!!!

Until next time, unless there's a coup, I remain.

Da Prez

## **OUT OF THE HILLTOWN HANGER**

So, I became tired of searching for Free Flighters who fly Society of Antique Modelers and National Free Flight Society type planes, that when I found out about the SAM Free Flight Champs in Muncie IN. I decided to attend. No small feat!

Since the Flyer that I found stated CD to be determined, I contacted the organizer to offer my help. He requested that I take pictures for the newsletter. From the beginning nothing felt right. The 2023 Champs were broken into two separate contests. Lots of talk and rules changed for the Radio Control contest held in Fort Wayne IN, at a SAM chapter's field. All the while very little about the Free Flight contest. It did finally dawn on me that the champs were little more than a local club's contest. I found that they will be needing a CD to continue, I must admit I did consider filling the need, but why would I travel six days, sleep on the floor of my trailer for 5 nights, eat canned meals like Dinty Moore stew just so I could afford to be there so others could fly?

We have a beautiful field, two FAC Scale contests, and one small Nostalgia contests every year since we received permission to fly there. The purpose of this tale should be clear to most. For my own satisfaction I am turning the small nostalgia contest into a full-blown SAM/NFFS contest. To be known as the "South Jersey Free Flight Champs"

The silly old VP

# **SHOTS FROM THE 2023 BARRON FIELD AIR RACES**



Photos taken by Karin Escalante



Best co-pilot in the FAC Julie Farrell



**Robert Martin the launch**



**The Flight!**



**Dave Krammes preforming ROG from the table.**



Jim Hemmel: the launch



The Flight

**Some shots from the Workbenches and a special shot from Waywayanda.**



Aichi B7A "Grace" with detachable torpedo.  
Red prop will get painted if it works By Gibbs



Keith Rider Elmendorf special. Built by  
Tony Perrotta



Keith Rider Elmendorf special.



An emergency landing in the Sod field

# FROM THE 2023 SAM FREE FLIGHT CHAMPS

## Twin pushers



## Spark Ignition Gas





**Diesel powered.**



**Compressed Air**



# Rubber Powered

