



Squadron 36 Dispatch

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One of Jim's Power models. Back in the day I have seen this one fly.
Went like stink on rails!

Message from the Oval Workbench

Welcome to Autumn, the season when leaves come down and winds come up! Go fly a kite. Just came back from Myrtle Beach with yet another kite. Each year I forget to bring one so I end up buying a new one. Did you know they're carbon fibre and nylon now? Maybe that's why they're 25 bucks now instead of 25 cents. Anyway, I've seen the trophy's for the Golden Age contest and they look great! Jerry hits a homer again. Maybe he should play for the Phillies.

I'm just about ready to give up on Aeromodeller. The past year has been full of capacitor electric stuff, paper airplanes, local Brit contest reports, and very few full size plans which used to be monthly, and shamefull articles plugging Deluxe Materials. Oh, well, remember how good Model Aviation used to be?? Look at it now.(Or not. Makes you feel like you're standing still as the world turns.ED)

New (??) member Kent Weaver has the 1/2A Power bug. Sorry FAC'ers! I kinda mothballed mine when we went to FAC, but now I'm threatening to come out of "retirement "!! I used to have a lot of fun and won a bunch of trophy's. Oct 17 I'm getting a new right hip, so come spring we'll see if the old legs are up to the chase! If you have one hanging in the rafters, bring it out and have fun too!

Got a text from Bruce Foster today. Looks like he's building something new(!!!). We'll find out soon. If Bruce trims it , it will fly.

I'm excited about the coming contests next year. Looks like lots of fun, and if we're blessed with good weather. they should be very successful. Look for more details on the next newsletter. See ya on the workbench!!

Da Prez

Unusual Shots! Bruce on left and the silly old man on the right



The September Travels of the Silly Old Man

Not much happening on the home front. Had a couple of Casual Flying Days. One of which I attended to do some much needed retraining and trimming. Never seems to be enough time for that. So the date for the Great Grape Gathering came quick. I did leave a day early so I wouldn't push my poor night vision too hard. That gave me an extra afternoon to trim.

Friday was indeed a great day for flying. I continued with my trimming since I did not have any events that day. Well!, Hung blesses you in the morning and tries to drown you in the Afternoon with a huge thunderstorm. At any rate I had to come up with a way to hold the trailer door open just a crack since those storms ran most of the night

Saturday dawned windy. Much stronger than I would normally fly in. However, I did drive 6.5 hours and slept two nights in the trailer to be there so I threw all cares to the wind.

The flights were quick and far, I kept losing sight of the model and used the Radio D/T and the Tracker so not to lose the model. The last flight on the small rubber stick caught a thermal and flew very high and lost it in the clouds. Thank god for the tracker. Saturday ended with a rain shower around 3 pm. Sunday was off the scales as far as the wind was concerned. I never miss a chance to skip a night in the trailer. So it was Home again, home again!

I was planning to go to the SAM 7 East Coast Free Flight Champs the following weekend. But that meant another night out. To boot a FAC fun fly was added to the second day, And it is a small field so I passed on the idea.

I opted to drive up to Waywayanda, NY. And spend the Day with Ron Felix and his F1B. A wise choice to say the least. I had learned quite a bit from the internet, Still there was much to understand. Such as why the flyer cranks in more turns before launch, Ron has a hand-held torque meter. He uses this to launch with the exact same Torque. He also uses a method of feeling the thermals come though that I never knew about. The biggest surprise was the amount of Maintenance required to keep F1B

flying well and all the clean-up when you buy one. Not exactly a ready to fly model. And the best part was finding out as of September 15 2024, Ron was ranked 5th in the world!



The Torque meter I mentioned

Some old Friends



Up coming Changes

As you know it was decided to accept Jim Coffin's offer for an Old Timer Contest. The contest will be late march or mid-April. And we will be calling it "***Golden Age of Model Aviation***". Saturday will be for winning a model and learning to fly it. Sunday will be a contest. So as to fill in the time I have scheduled some relevant FAC events. Date is yet to be set.

I have decided to add FAC GHQ Peanut to the 2 FAC contests, I will do the static scale judging. Gives me 6 mouths to learn what I am doing.

I guess I should stop typing and let you all go!

The Silly Old Man