

The New England Aerobatic Club Chapter #35 held its first sanctioned contest on June 11 & 12 and we really needed the 12th. The weather frowned upon us as it has on at least 75% of the past years practice sessions and mini contests. In spite of all the poor weather, we managed to start flying at 1:15 on the 12th.

Everything went off fast and efficient and everyone got to fly two flights apiece. Dave Rowell of Saranac Lake, N. Y. walked off with first place honors and Paul Voegtlin taking second place. Our chapter president had to settle for 3rd place, flying a borrowed Citabria as his Pitts was tied up with maintenance. Mike Curry followed a very close 4th and deserves special mention after flying his Pitts all the way from Leesburg, Va. in two days of miserable weather.

The awards were hastily presented, as our dinner had already been held on Saturday evening, so that all the out of towners could scramble for home.

A quick rundown of contest officials and assistants who all did a great job ----

Contest Chairman -
Ward Bryant

Chief Judge -
Val Beaudrault

Judges -
Mike Rush
Walter Swartz
Dave Dudley
Pete Burill
Russ Gage

Asst. Judges -
Sally Nesin
Paulette Gilman
George Kendall
Marlene Beaudrault
Gerritt Vanderziel

Score Room -
Priscilla Beaudrault
Nora Bryant
Shirley Voegtlin
Dheryl - - -
Donna Cash

Timer - Marlene Beaudrault Runner - Monique Beaudrault

Another person that deserves special mention is chapter member, Tom Bowman. Tom is a local contractor who has a Texas Instrument SR 52 with a PR 100 printer. Tom programmed this mini computer for the 1977 Sportsman sequence and it worked absolutely fantastic. Within 15 minutes of the landing of the last contestant, the girls in the score room had the tapes and the complete scores of all the contestants ready for us to announce the winners.

I'm sure that many of the chapters have business men who own one of these mini computers and would be willing to let them borrow same for a weekend contest. Don't pass it up fellows as it does a great job.

Ward Bryant, the Contest Chairman and president and myself Vice President and Chief Judge would like to thank everyone who helped to make our first, and hopefully not last, sanctioned contest a success.