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Ed Hardin (TN) mightily winding his Old-Timer Rubber model. David Mills photo.



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The expected good weather conditions held for Tuesday, although the heat did spike higher than expected. By mid-afternoon it got quite hot. The forecasted showers never materialized, but the humidity did.

No mishaps were reported, though. Everybody was flying smart and staying hydrated. The winds were out of the east and moderate. The only off-field excursions were the usual ones from duration flights of several minutes. Most of those landed in the corn and beans, and fliers enjoyed those travails ...

As always, many Gas Power events were flown. C Gas drew 10 fliers and Bob Hanford led the way with a score of 900 seconds. Jim Demeritte and Dick Covalt trailed behind with 740 and 737.

A NosGas drew a large field of 22 fliers. Roy Smith led by a comfortable margin with 960 seconds, followed by Bob Sowder with 806 and Dave Edmonson with 768. One Design Combo drew its usual large field with 17 fliers. Glenn Schneider led the pack by a large margin with 840 seconds, followed by Jim Bocckinfuso with 657, and Hank Sperzel with 600.

The F1C fliers had a good day and put on a clinic for ballistic climbs and angelic glides. Faust Parker took the win with 1,260 seconds, trailed by Gil Morris with 1,223, and Fast Richard Mathis with 900.

Mulvihill, the grandfather of the

Rubber events, produced a real battle with 23 fliers, and conditions made it a real slog. John Shailor reprised his previous victories with a whopping 2,640 seconds, well ahead of his fellow fliers. Joe Williams and Ed Hardin, no strangers to the podium, followed with 1,620 and 1,537 seconds respectively. Every year Mulvihill upholds the old Free Flight adage that at some point it becomes a retrieval contest. The Junior contestants joined in, and Kyle Gerspacher won with 448 seconds, followed by Hailey Mattson with 302, and William Reuter with 194.

The other Rubber fliers also had a big day. Old-Timer (OT) Rubber Cabin drew five fliers, and Jim O'Reilly topped his buddies with three maxes worth 360 seconds. Both Ed Sneed and William Carson followed by only a hair with 358 seconds, tying for second.

The rocket scientists enjoyed the Jetex event, and puffs of *sturm und drang* abounded. Chris Matsuno won with 241 seconds, followed by John Oliver with 161, and *Experten* Bill Reuter with 143.

The Glider people kept busy with F1H and OT Catapult. The latter drew an impressive 24 fliers! And it was won by a ton by Tim Batiuk with 577 seconds. Dick Peterson trailed with a respectable 332 seconds, likewise Bill Schlarb in third with 309. F1H went into an evening flyoff and will be covered tomorrow.

The electric-power events are becoming popular, and Electric B's

turnout of 22 fliers proved it. Dale Elder won with an excellent score of 1,299 seconds, followed by Dick Ivers with 1,068, and Ralph Ray with 912.

Tuesday was ROW day—Rise-Off-Water—and it offered three events. Launching off the water is always an unnatural and dramatic thrill. John Diebolt won Rubber ROW with 257 seconds. Rudy Kluiber won Hydrostar ROW with 297 and the exciting ROW Gas with 293 seconds. Well done, Rudy!

Bob Stalick and the Oregon fliers hosted a special E-20 event. Jack Murphy won it going away with 224 seconds. Others enjoying the fun were Drake Hooke with 139, Hayden Ashworth with 114, and Chuck Powell with 112. It appears that Jack set a new standard for this fun electric contest.

Wednesday will offer a new slate of events and comparable thrills, and Don DeLoach takes over as your *NatsNews* reporter!

The weather might prove interesting as a cold front is coming through and might drop some rain on the field, as well as lowering temperatures. Look for the start of the Flying Aces Club events. E-36 and Catapult Glider will vie for the most popular this year, and Wednesday will decide. There's a good assortment of Gas, Glider, and Rubber Duration events, too.

Thanks, everybody, for your help out there on the field. I'm going to fly some model airplanes!

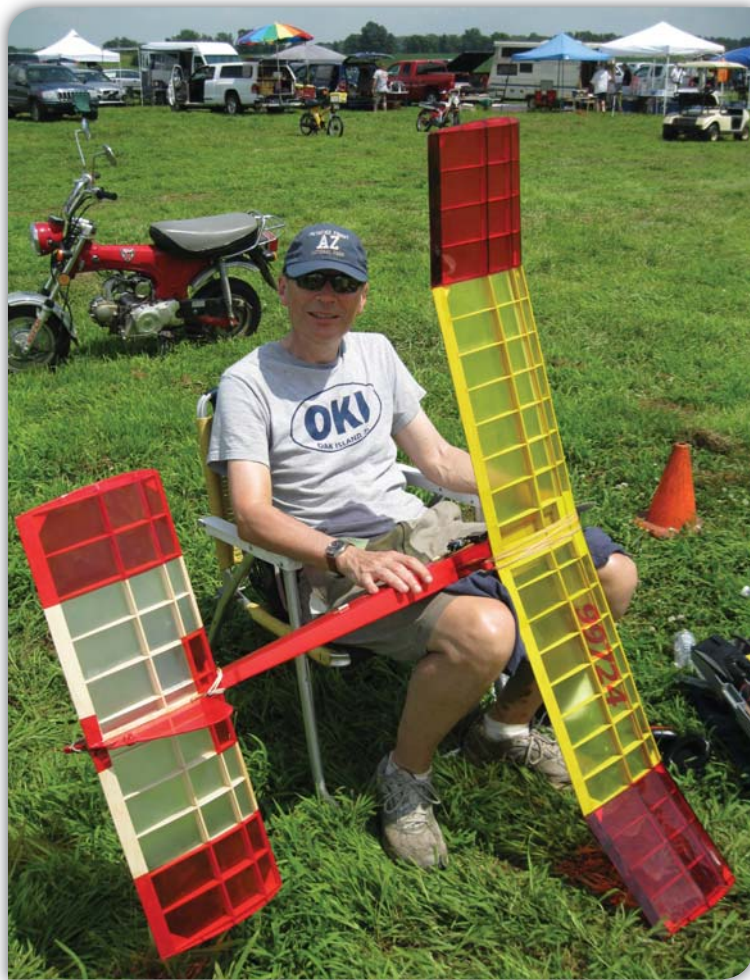
—David Mills

Photos by the author.

Rudy Kluiber (OH) launching his Gas ROW model—that's Rise-Off-Water. It's harder than it looks.



Doug Marsh (IN) prepping his Gas model.

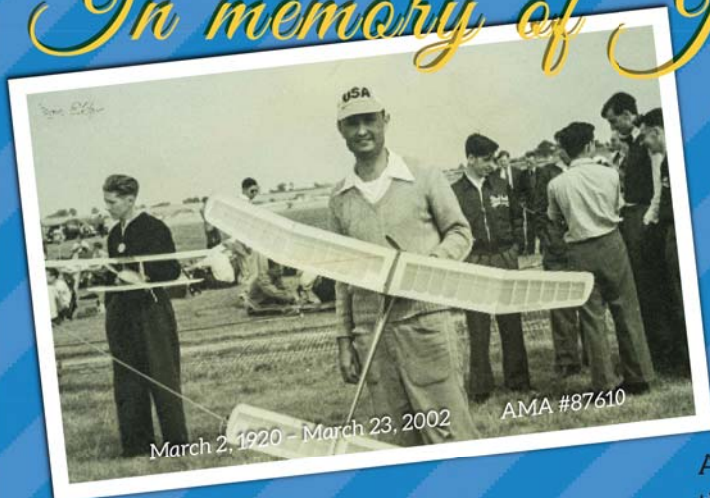


Jack Murphy (UT) is prepping his E-36 for Wednesday.



AMA Foundation Collection Sale

In memory of Joseph (Joe) Elgin



Best remembered as the designer of the Playboy Sr., Joe is credited for several other designs including the Playboy Jr., Condor, Eaglet, Baby Playboy, Itsy Bitsy, Viking, Thermalier and Gull. He grew up in Cleveland, and was an avid indoor and outdoor rubber flyer.

A sale will be held Thursday, July 30, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. outside the white farmhouse building near the Free Flight cookout.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit the AMA Foundation Education Fund.



The AMA Foundation was established in 2013 to inspire the financial support of aeromodeling—a hobby, sport, and scientific pursuit—as a legitimate and necessary component of the full aviation continuum, contributing significantly to the betterment of American society through a Congressionally recognized, community-based organization.

Guy Scott (IN) takes a well-deserved break. Free Flight is hard work.



Charles Caton (AL) readying his Gas model. Absent for many years, he's back with a vengeance.



Chuck Marcos (IL) takes a break from his labors.



Jerry Murphy (CO, nee TX) is holding forth. I didn't catch his club affiliation.



Claiborne Wilson (GA) adds some impetus to his Gollywock. He's leaving next week for Georgia Tech!



Mark Freeland of Retro RC is also the new owner of Campbell's Custom Kits. Good luck, Mark!



George Bredehofe, the proud owner of Volaré Products, is doing a brisk business.



A very composed David Sechrist.



Dan Berry (AR) launching his Gas ROW model. Takeoff is always suspenseful.



Bob Hanford (OK, nee TX) gives his big Gas model a rest.



Jack Marsh (IN) and his big gas-powered Maverick. Jack flies them in all sizes.



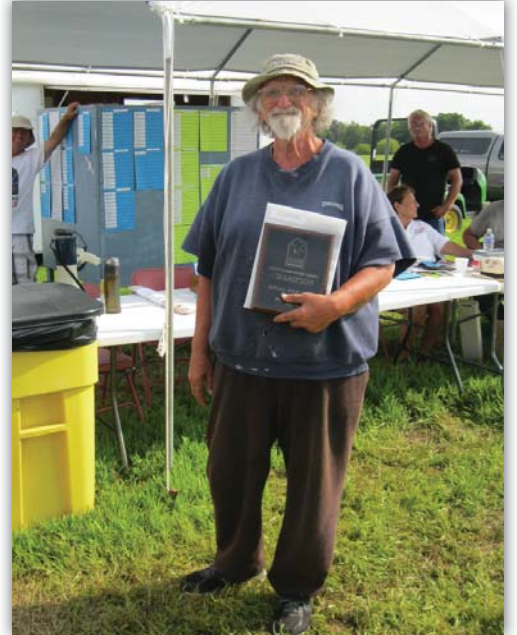
Mike McKeever (CA) is the F1A winner and the Tulsa Glue Dobbers Trophy holder.



John Shailor (MI) is the proud and exhausted winner of Mulvihill. His final time was 2,640 seconds, no less!



Winners of the special E-20 event.



Electric B winners.





One Design Gas Combo winners.



Nos A Gas winners.



Old-Timer Catapult winners.



ROW Gas winners.



C Gas winners.



Junior Mulvihill winners.



Senior Mulvihill winners.



DESIGN 1 DESIGN COMBO			
1	GLENN D SCHNEIDER	DIABLO, CA	840
2	JAMES BOCKINFUSO	HARDY, VA	657
3	HANK SPERZEL	BELLEVUE, NE	600
4	BOB SOWDER	TROUTVILLE, VA	562
5	RUDY J KLUIBER	LAKEWOOD, OH	455
6	ROGER W ERRIDGE	SARANAC, MI	420
7	LEE F CAMPBELL	DEARBORN HEIGHTS, MI	389
8	P JACK MARSH	SOUTH BEND, IN	353
9	BILL R REUTER	NORTH OLMSTED, OH	350
10	HAYDEN G ASHWORTH	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	329
11	DAVE EDMONSON	EAGAN, MN	327
12	JIM S PARKER	HOUSTON, TX	325
13	SIMON BLAKE	TORONTO, CANADA	317
14	GENE R SMITH	STILLWATER, OK	303
15	JAZMYN E OAKINS	RIVER FALLS, WI	273
16	DENNY L DOCK	STEVENSVILLE, MI	79
17	PAUL S MASTERMAN	VALLEJO, CA	39

R1015 101-105 ROW GAS (JSO)			
1	RUDY J KLUIBER	LAKEWOOD, OH	293
2	DANIEL B BERRY	BENTON, AR	183
3	ROBERT D STALICK	ALBANY, OR	166
4	WILLIAM H VANDERBEEK	LOS ALTOS HILLS, CA	8

1200 Mulvihill			
1	JOHN A SHAILOR	ROYAL OAK, MI	2640
2	JOSEPH M WILLIAMS	BROOKVILLE, PA	1620
3	EDWARD J HARDIN	KINGSTON, TN	1537
4	CHARLES S MARKOS	DEERFIELD, IL	1488
5	BUD ROMAK	LINCOLN, CA	1473
6	THOMAS G IOERGER	BOULDER CITY, NV	1470
7	PAUL CROWLEY	WARREN, MI	1140
8	JIM OREILLY	BEL AIRE, KS	785
9	CARROL M ALLEN	COPAKE, NY	771
10	DAVID L SECHRIST	BRISTOL, IN	745
11	WALTER J TOMASCH	MISHAWAKA, IN	536
12	EARL F GRIFFITH	WICHITA, KS	507
13	CHARLES R JONES	AVON LAKE, OH	488
14	JAMES FERWERDA	KENOSHA, WI	468
15	DAVID P JONES	RICHMOND, VA	465
16	ROBERT E MARIER	ROSWELL, GA	441
17	JOHN R SEYMOUR	RADNOR, OH	428
18	JAMES L GERSZEWSKI	NEW BERLIN, WI	394
19	ED SNEED	COLUMBUS, OH	29
20	EDWARD KONEFES	WAUCONDA, IL	268
21	JENNIFER F JONES	FREDERICK, MD	251
22	CHUCK E POWELL	BENTON, KS	216
23	WILLIAM G CARSON	GAINESVILLE, TX	94

120S Mulvihill		
1	JOHN C WILSON	ATLANTA, GA 414

152 F1C			
1	FAUST R PARKER	WEATHERFORD, TX	1260
2	GILBERT C MORRIS	COLUMBUS, OH	1223
3	RICHARD D MATHIS	THIBODAUX, LA	900
4	DON W CHESSON	BATON ROUGE, LA	360
5	JOHN E LORBIECKI	HUBERTUS, WI	9

104 C Gas			
1	ROBERT M HANFORD	BROKEN ARROW, OK	900
2	JAMES A DEMERITTE	PALM BAY, FL	740
3	RICHARD COVALT	ANDERSON, IN	737
4	RONNIE C THOMPSON	HARVEST, AL	723
5	DANIEL B BERRY	BENTON, AR	709
6	DENNY L DOCK	STEVENSVILLE, MI	668
7	GERALD S BROWN	HENDERSON, TX	616
8	P JACK MARSH	SOUTH BEND, IN	600
9	CHARLES CATON	MONTGOMERY, AL	443
10	JIM S PARKER	HOUSTON, TX	120

120J Mulvihill			
1	KYLE D GERSPACHER	CLARKSVILLE, OH	448
2	HAILEY MATTSON	NORTH OLMSTED, OH	302
3	WILLIAM E REUTER	NORTH OLMSTED, OH	194

Rubber ROW		
1	John Diebolt	257
2	Christian Fox	63
3	Thoms Fox	4

ANGAS A Nos Gas			
1	ROY SMITH	KINGSTON, CANADA	960
2	BOB SOWDER	TROUTVILLE, VA	806
3	DAVE EDMONSON	EAGAN, MN	768
4	DENNY L DOCK	STEVENSVILLE, MI	608
5	LARRY DAVIDSON	MONETA, VA	592
6	SCOTT J LAPRAIK	PORTLAND, TN	478
7	CHARLES R HARPER	BLANCHESTER, OH	475
8	H THOMAS BELL	HOUSTON, TX	474
9	KEITH FULMER	MISHAWAKA, IN	458
9	ELVIN W BUCHELE	SYLVANIA, OH	238
10	ROGER W ERRIDGE	SARANAC, MI	438
11	SIMON BLAKE	TORONTO, CANADA	355
12	GLENN D SCHNEIDER	DIABLO, CA	354
13	GENE R SMITH	STILLWATER, OK	344
14	JOSEPH C MOLLENDORF	BUFFALO, NY	337
15	EDWARD T ALLEBONE	SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI	322
16	CLARK A DARLING	KENT LAKES, NY	315
17	ROBERT N EDELSTEIN	GRAND LEDGE, MI	313
18	JOHN R OLIVER	PIERCETON, IN	276
20	RICHARD KACMARSKY	LANSING, MI	219
21	DOUGLAS K MARSH	GRANGER, IN	195
22	JAMES R HACK	DOWAGIAC, MI	120

OTRUCA OT Rubber Cabin (lg & sm)			
1	JIM OREILLY	BEL AIRE, KS	360
2	ED SNEED	COLUMBUS, OH	358
2	WILLIAM G CARSON	GAINESVILLE, TX	358
3	LAWRENCE D COSLICK	SAINT LOUIS, MO	355
4	PAUL E NELSON	GEORGETOWN, MA	309
5	JAMES L GERSZEWSKI	NEW BERLIN, WI	235

161 Electric B			
1	ANDREW C HOOKE	LAKE FOREST, IL	413 JR
1	DALE ELDER	ORLANDO, FL	1299
2	HAYDEN G ASHWORTH	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	348 JR
2	RICHARD J IVERS	WEST NEWTON, MA	1068
3	RALPH RAY	BOULEVARD, CA	912
4	JAMES T JENNINGS JR	GALLATIN, TN	565
5	DRAKE HOOKE	NEWFOUNDLAND, PA	483
6	GRAHAM SELICK	ATHENS, GA	470
7	JIM JENNINGS	HENDERSONVILLE, TN	445
8	STAN BUDDENBOHM	BOULEVARD, CA	431
9	JAMES M COFFIN	ANNANDALE, VA	411
10	DAVID W LACEY	ALEXANDRIA, VA	408
11	CHARLES CATON	MONTGOMERY, AL	360
12	SCOTT J LAPRAIK	PORTLAND, TN	323
13	ROBERT E MATTES	SAINT CHARLES, MO	317
14	CHARLES D MCBRIDE	FORT MYERS, FL	296
15	DRAYCOTT HOOKE	MOUNTAINHOME, PA	295
16	MARK FREELAND	KEEGO HARBOR, MI	236
17	ANDREW D TOMASCH	NORTHVILLE, MI	221
18	DAVID A HOOKE	LAKE FOREST, IL	130

OTCATA OT Catapult			
1	TIM A BATIUK	VALLEJO, CA	577
2	RICHARD V PETERSON	SAN CLEMENTE, CA	332
3	STAN BUDDENBOHM	BOULEVARD, CA	315
4	W L SCHLARB	SOUTH BEND, IN	309
5	FRANK H PERKINS JR	TUSCALOOSA, AL	288
6	JOHN R SEYMOUR	RADNOR, OH	281
7	CHUCK E POWELL	BENTON, KS	217
8	IAN WICKS	NORMAL, IL	213
9	DAVID HALE	WILMINGTON, OH	205
10	JAMES P LEWIS	GARY, SD	204
11	RANDALL J KRSTOSEK	EVANSVILLE, IN	149
12	STEVEN T HOOKE	LAKE FOREST, IL	145
13	ROBERT M BENNETT	HAMPTON, VA	139
14	DEBRA HALE	WILMINGTON, OH	125
15	H J DIEBOLT	CARY, NC	112
16	DAVID A GERSPACHER	CLARKSVILLE, OH	110
17	WILLIAM WICKS	NORMAL, IL	97
18	RICHARD KACMARSKY	LANSING, MI	89
19	W A LOOMIS	RIDGEFIELD, CT	88
20	JAN W LANGELIUS	HASLET, TX	84
21	ANDREW C HOOKE	LAKE FOREST, IL	83
22	JERRY B MURPHY	MANITOU SPRINGS, CO	61
23	DAROLD JONES	MANITOU SPRINGS, CO	33
24	KYLE D GERSPACHER	CLARKSVILLE, OH	24

JETEX			
1	CHRIS M MATSUNO	SAINT LOUIS, MO	241
2	M D RICHARDSON	GROSSE ILE, MI	182
3	JOHN R OLIVER	PIERCETON, IN	161
4	BILL R REUTER	NORTH OLMSTED, OH	143
5	ALLEN ROHRSTAFF	KALAMAZOO, MI	122
6	ROBERT N EDELSTEIN	GRAND LEDGE, MI	89
7	RUDY J KLUIBER	LAKESWOOD, OH	48



Bud Romak (CA) waits for a big thermal in Mulvihill.



Young Hayden Ashworth (IN) launches his Accorte Gas Power model, designed by his granddaddy Graham Selick.

Sometimes a model lands in a tree!
David Mills photo.

