

Bong Eagles Oldtimer Free Flight Contest Results 7/13/24

Small Rubber Stick and Cabin Combined

1st Mike Kirda 270
2nd Joe Bartek 212
3rd Steve Pollina 180
4th Chuck Markos 155
5th Jim Gerszewski 88
6th Alan Petersen 45

Large Rubber Stick and Cabin Combined

1st Jim Gerszewski 90

Embryo Scale

1st Joe Bartek 118
2nd Jack Tisinai 74

Cat. Glider

1st John Schram 48

P30

1st Alan Petersen 270
2nd Jeff Annis 149
3rd Jim Gerszewski 82

Rubber Scale

1st Jack Tisinai 122
2nd Joe Bartek 76

We are now in our second season at the Wind Lake Turf sod farm, which is a significant improvement over our previous site, the Bong Recreation area has become severely overgrown with tall weeds, trees, and concern of ticks. Winds were from the South for most of the day and a bit higher than forecast at 5 to 8 mph. This allowed us to set up in the parking lot south of the porta john and use the 1400 ft. road to drive our cars or electric bikes for chasing. A few folks walked further towards the South 500 to 800 ft. to get some additional field for their planes to drift and stay on the field. Due to the heat and higher winds, we decided to reduce the max. times from 120 seconds to 90 seconds. Temperatures were quite hot towards the early afternoon in the mid 80's and we tried to wrap-up the contest by 1:30-2pm.

This was our best-attended contest in years with 9 contestants from the 3 states of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Arizona, Alan Petersen, from Arizona, was visiting relatives in the Racine area and decided to combine his trip by attending our contest. He thought our site was beautiful with lush golf course-type grass to fly on. Alan indicated that their desert site in Arizona is full of thorny brush and bushes. Throughout the day 32 official flights were flown in 6 different events. Both Mike Kirda and Alan Petersen maxed out with 270 seconds and won, respectively Small Rubber Stick and P30 events.

Many thanks to Mike Kirda for getting the contest sanction while I was recovering from rotator cuff surgery and for setting up his canopy with the Bong Eagles banner and feather flag. Many Eagles were also wearing the new Bong Eagle shirts that Mike had procured last year. All had a great time flying and having conversations with fellow modelers, whom are all passionate about the same hobby. We hope to see you all again in August for our AMA contest. Jeff Annis