

The 40th U.S. FF Championships were held October 9-11, 2010 with 59 flyers, great competition and perfect flying weather for the Category II Events. We had flyers participate from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Canada in this year's Championship. Standard events included AMA, Classic, Nostalgia and Old Timer. The Special events were Gollywock Mass Launch, Twin Pusher, Dawn Mulvihill, Night Gas, High Time and both Rubber and Power ROW events.

Don Bartick was the first one to try the ROW and got off on the first try.



The most popular Standard event of the weekend was 1/2 A Nostalgia with 13 competitors. Bob Sundberg paced the field for the win scoring 900 seconds. C Nostalgia was the second most popular Standard event with 9 competitors and Don Kaiser walked away as the winner with 720 seconds. Jeff Ellington won the High Time Award with 1805 seconds. A total of 46 events were contested over the 3 day weekend which kept everyone busy. We saw a lot of beautiful airplanes, several great times posted, and unfortunately a few spectacular crashes. It made for an interesting contest.

John Donelson (1/2A Texaco) & Alan Arnold (Texaco)



Congratulations 2010 U.S. FF Champions
Sweepstake Champ \$150 Terry Thorkildsen
AMA Champ \$100 Terry Thorkildsen
Nostalgia Champ \$100 Ken Kaiser
Old Time Champ \$100 Hal Wightman

Terry Thorkildsen 2010 Sweepstake Champ & AMA Champ



Ken Kaiser 2010 Nostalgia Champ - \$\$\$ award mug.



Hal Wightman 2010 Old Timer Champ



2010 U.S. FF Championships Results:

RESULTS	Time	Plane	Engine
OT 1/4 A Texaco (1)			
1) Brad LeVine	44 sec.	Flying Quaker	
OT 1/2 A Texaco (6)	Min/Sec		
1) Bud Romak	19:28	Miss Fortune X	
2) Alan Arnold	17:39	Airborn	
3) Bob Sundberg	17:32	Bomber	
4) John donelson	15:02	RC1	
5) Peter Allnutt	13:15	RC1	
6) Tom Laiard	9:27	Powerhouse	
OT Texaco (3)	Min/Sec		
1) Hal Wightman		Ehling	O&R.60
(Hal Wightman)	22:07	37 Contest Gas Model	Morrill .19
2) Brad LeVine	16:06		Morrill .19
3) Jim Robinson	12:53	Flamingo	OR.60
OT A Pylon (3)	Sec.		
1) Carl Redlin	983	Strato Streak	Elfin
2) Jim Elliott	457	Strato Streak	Elfin
3) Jim Robinson	392	Alert	
OT B/C Pylon (3)	Sec.		
1) Al Richardson	504	Sail Plane	Orwick .64
2) Doug King	480	Alert	OS Max .20
3) Phil Ronney	165	Zipper	
OT .020 Replica (3)			
1) Tom Carman	409	Kerswap	
2) Norm Furutani	397	Kerswap	
3) Jeff Carman	384	Strato Streak	
OT Sm. Rub Stick (5)			
1) Norm Furutani	810	Gollywock	
2) M. Cowley	653	Gollywock	
3) Hal Wightman	538	Gollywock	
4) George Walter	460	Gollywock	
5) Don Bartick	323	Casano Stick	
OT Sm. Rub. Cabin (4)			
1) Carl Redlin	540		
2) Jim Springer	447	Convertible	
3) Clint Brooks	333	Victory	
4) Hal Wightman	298	Double Feature	
5) George Walter	218	Miss Canada	
OT Lg. Rubber Stick (4)			
1) Mark Eddingfield	1027	Red Buzzard	
2) Dan Keegan	756	Lamb Climber	
3) George Walter	648	Red Buzzard	
4) Tom Keppler	445	Lamb Climber	
OT Lg. Rubber Cabin (2)			
1) Dan Keegan	782	Korda DT	
2) Tom Keppler	685	Korda DT	
OT 8 oz. Wakefield (2)			
1) Hal Wightman	423	39 Contest Eliminator	
2) Dan Keegan	177	Korda Wakefield	
OT 2 Bit Rubber (2)			
1) Dan Keegan	267	Flying Cloud Jr.	
2) John Donelson	246	Miss Canada Jr.	
OT Ruber Scale (1)	Sec.		
1) Jim Springer	268	Stimpson	
OT Gas Scale (2)	Min/Sec		
1) Peter Allnutt	4:27	Interstate Cadet	
2) Jim Robinson	1:02	Curtiss Robin	

RESULTS	Time	Plane	Engine
Early 1/2 Nostalgia (3)	Sec.		
1) Ken Kaiser	515	Top Banana	OK Club
2) Tom Carman	345	Fortastrop	Anderson .049
3) Philip Ronney	192	Smarty	Wasp
1/4 A Nostalgia (4)			
1) Ken Kaiser	485	Fresno Kiddie	Cox .020
2) Terry Torkildsen	454	Top Banana	Cox .020
3) Don Kaiser	341	Top Banana	Cox .020
4) Lynn Price	233	Smarty	Cox .020
1/2 A Nostalgia (13)			
1) Bob Sundberg	900	Top Banana	
2) Don Kaiser	897	Frisco Kiddie	Medallion .049
3) Jim Muther	873	Dixielander	Cox .049
4) Tom Carman	540	Spacer	Hornet
5) Doug King	525	Jays Bird	Medallion .049
6) Phil Ronney	496	Frisco Kiddie	Medallion .049
7) Don McNamee	485	Frisco Kiddie	Medallion .049
8) Ken Kaiser	477	Frisco Kiddie	Medallion .049
9) Don Bartick	475	Privy Boy	Fox .049
10) Terry Thorkildsen	404	Top Banana	Medallion .049
11) Jeff Carman	336	Texan	Hornet
12) Dick Neugebauer	307	HiFi	Hornet
13) Scott Batz	121	Kiwi	Baby Bee
A Nostalgia (6)			
1) Ken Kaiser	900	Texan	OS Max
2) Terry Thorkildsen	870	Ramrod	OS Max 15
3) Philip Ronney	668	Ramrod	OS Max
4) Dick Neugebauer	526	HiFi	OS Max 15
5) Jeff Carman	490	Texan	OS Max 19
6) Jim Muther	455	Pendelton Fault	OS Max
B Nostalgia (7)			
1) Don Kaiser	1080	Top Banana	Johnson .29
2) Tom Carman	1066	Spacer	Johnson .29
3) Jeff Carman	1040	Texan	OS Max
4) Phillip Ronney	519	Top Banana	Fox .29
5) Al Cron	375	Ramrod 600	K&B .29
6) John Sparling	180	Marvel	OS Max
7) Don McNamee	139	Ramrod 600	Johnson .29
C Nostalgia (9)			
1) Don Kaiser	720	Ramrod	OS Max .35
1) Ken Kaiser	681	Texan	OS Max .35
3) Jim Hurst	647	Ramrod 750	OS Max .35
4) Philip Ronney	569	Ramrod	OS Max .35
5) Don McNamee	551	Frisco Kiddie	Johnson .35
6) Jeff Carman	528	Texan	OS Max .35
7) John Sparling	525	Jays Bird	OS Max .35
8) Dick Neugebauer	489	Texan	OS Max .35
9) Jim Muther	302	Texan	Veco .35
Nostalgia Wakefield (5)			
1) Bernie Crowe	540	Maxie 23	
2) Tom Laird	449	Kothe	
3) Dan Keegan	426	XL 56	
4) Paul Herbst	120	Aristocrate	
5) Gerald Dyer	79	B.White '42 Twin Fin	
Nostalgia Rubber (1)			
1) Dan Keegan	669	Apex	

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RESULTS	Time	Plane	Engine
Classic Towline (3)	Sec.		
1) Ken Kaiser	369	Jet Stream	
2) Terry Thorkildsen	360	Aiglet	
3) Brad LeVine	200	Nuppe	
Classic 1/2 A (6)			
1) Bob Sundberg	720	Wind Dancer	Cyclone
2) Terry Thorkildsen	540	Top Banana	Med. .049
3) Scott Batz	511	320 OD	TD .049
4) Mark Coker	431	Uranus	TD .049
5) Lynn Price	364	Mini Pearl	TD .049
6) Jim Muther	146	Original	Cyclone
Classic A/B (6)			
1) Vaun Coker	900	Condor	Nelson .21
2) Terry Thorkildsen	882	Astrostar	K&B 3.5
3) Scott Batz	725	320 OD	TD .051
4) Jeff Carman	695	Texan	K&B 4.5
5) Doug King	536	Astrostar	Super Tiger
6) Pete Coker	521	Pearl 522	Rossi .15
H/L Glider Open (3)			
1) Stan Buddenbohm	570	Spin F1N	
2) Lee Hines	443		
3) Paul Love	256		
Catapult Glider Open (10)			
1) Ken Bauer	540		
2) Stan Buddenbohm	536	Pathfinder	
3) Lee Hines	347		
4) Paul Love	319	Pathfinder	
5) Norm Furutani	299		
6) John Swain	166		
7) Don Kaiser	162		
8) Tom Carman	114		
9) Ken Kaiser	98		
10) Lynn Price	37		
AMA 1/2 A Gas (6)			
1) Bob Sundberg	720	Wind Dancer	Cyclone
2) Terry Thorkildsen	514	Astrostar	TD .049
3) Scott Batz	500	320 OD	TD 049
4) Don Kaiser	494	Original	Cyclone .049
5) Mark Coker	463	Uranus	TD .049
6) Lynn Price	186	Mini Pearl	Cox TD .049
AMA A Gas (6)			
1) Terry Thorkildsen	855	Astrostar	K&B 3.25
2) Scott Batz	725	Original	Irvine .15
3) Pete Coker	719	Pearl 522	Rossi .15
4) Jeff Carman	475	Texan	K&B 3.25
5) Vaun Coker	456	CA Condor	Nelson .19
6) John Sparling	82	Starduster 600	ST .19
AMA B Gas (4)			
1) Jeff Ellington	1808	Satellite	
2) Tom Carman	730	Astrostar	
3) Terry Thorkildsen	725	Astrostar	K&B 3.25
4) Jeff Carman	698	Texan	K&B 4.5
AMA C/D Gas (5)			
1) Tom Carman	1260	Texan 832	Nelson .41
2) Pete Coker	1200	Pearl 711	Nelson .36
3) Terry Thorkildsen	900	Astrostar	Nelson 6.5
4) Jeff Carman	870	Texan	Super Tiger
5) Mark Eddingfield	668	Condor	K&B .40
AMA Super D (1)			
1) Jeff Carman	530	Texan	Super Tiger

RESULTS	Time	Plane	Engine
AMA P-30 (7)			
1) Clint Brooks	510	Boomer	
2) Jim Muther	500	Goblin	
3) Lynn Price	358	Goblin	
4) Jim Springer	326	Sparrow Hawk	
5) Tom Carman	270	Souper 30	
6) Don Bartick	237	Tail High 30	
7) Terry Thorkildsen	136	Original	
AMA Moffett (1)			
1) Dan Keegan	358	Little Miss Moffett	
AMA Mulvihill (3)			
1) Dan Keegan	458	299 Carl Lindsey	
2) Don Bartick	447	HighTail 166 org.	
3) Terry Thorkildsen	103	Original	
AMA Electric (3)			
1) Bernie Crowe	540	Slick Willy	
2) Tom Carman	531	OldenKamp	
3) Jim Springer	370	2 Step	
AMA ROW Rubber(2)			
1) Jim Springer	540	Convertible	
2) Gus Sundberg	324	Convertible	
AMA ROW Power (3)			
1) Don Bartick	301	Privey Boy	
2) Phil Ronney	n/t		
3) Gus Sundberg	n/t		
JR. AMA H/L Glider (3)			
1) Sevak Malkhasyan	299		
2) Taron Malkhasyan	259		
3) Brandon Martin	40		
JR. AMA Catapult (3)			
1) Taron Malkhasyan	154		
2) Sevak Malkhasyan	137		
3) Brandon Martin	111		
JR. AMA P-30 (2)			
1) Taron Malkhasyan	311		
2) Brandon Martin	256	Super P-30	
JR. AMA 1/2 A Gas (1)			
1) Brandon Martin	326		
Gollywock Mass Launch:			
Winner Carl Redlin			
Twin Pusher:			
Winner Ron Boots			
Night Gas:			
Winner Mark Eddingfield			
Dawn Mulvihill:			
Winner Carl Redlin			
High Time:			
Winner Jeff Ellington	1805		
1 Design Country Boy:			
1) Ken Kaiser	495		
2) Jim Muther	395		
3) Phil Ronney	318		

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS	
AMA Champ \$100	Terry Thorkildsen
Nostalgia Champ \$100	Ken Kaiser
Old Time Champ \$100	Hal Wightman
Sweepstake Champ \$150 :	Terry Thorkildsen

Total Entries 59

No Entries: CO2, Jet or OT Power Fuselage.

Gollywock Mass Launch was the most popular Special event with 12 entries and Carl Redlin bested the rest by a large margin. Good Show Carl.

Gollywock Mass Launch



Bernie Crowe's Maxie 23 Nostalgia Wakefield



Tom Carman's Boomer



Juniors: Brandon Martin



Taron & Sevak Malkhasyan



We always enjoy our Juniors...good flying guys.

Ted Firster presenting Twin Pusher Trophy To Ron Boots



Bud Romak's winning form



Surprise! Surprise! Surprise! Old Timer Events were the most popular at U.S. FF Champs with 24 flyers. This caught me by surprise. I think one of the reasons was the schedule, with Saturday and Sunday being an active day of Nostalgia and AMA flying while Old Timer events were flown all three days at the contestant's convenience. Old Timers did the majority of their flying on Monday (Columbus Day) when most working people had to return to work. It was a good day for flying Texaco, 1/4A and 1/2A Texaco, plus Old Time Scale which is flown like a Texaco Event. All Texaco events could be flown all three days but needed to be finished by 11 a.m. each day to help keep the chase to a reasonable length (and preserve the "Old" Timers).

ROW is a fun event and there is always a lot of pre-contest excitement but it fails to show up on "game day". We have a great pond and Holloway Gypsum is kind enough to fill for us. We need more participation and hopefully more pointed pre-advertisements and encouragement will improve this....as the English say "we shall keep pressing forward".

The guys are catching onto the Sweepstakes and Event Championships and the techniques and how to win \$\$\$\$. One point for each minute in the air, one point for each contestant bested to a maximum of 18 points per event. You must fly several different events and categories which mean you must be a cross-over flyer in both power and non-power. The intent rule applies and is interpreted by the CD. Questions are welcome at Civiboy31@aol.com (CD Ted Firster).

Back to the contest...many events were closely contested with only a few seconds between places, In Catapult Glider there were only four seconds between first and second place; AMA B/C 1260 to 1200 seconds; in P-30 the difference was 10 seconds; Mulvihill was 11 seconds; Electric was nine seconds; 1/2A Texaco was seven seconds between 2nd and 3rd; .020 Replica had a 13 second gap; and 1/2A Nostalgia was won by only 3 seconds. Jim Springer got three maxes in ROW Rubber flying a Convertible.

Interesting story: Tom Carman's fuel bladder burst and sprayed his airplane, hands, wrists and DT fuse with

fuel causing ignition. Everyone hurried to extinguish the flames on the plane not realizing that Tom was frantically trying to put out the fire on his hands. Long story short...Tom and his wife Carolyn drove to the hospital (non-life-threatening injury and extended ETA for medical personnel)...anyway, as Tom was entering the ER he remembered he had three maxes in B Gas and called the field to ask, "Can we find someone to proxy fly my next flight?" His brother Jeff stepped forward..started, launched and with a misjudged needle valve setting. The result was five seconds up and five seconds down. All worked out okay, Tom moved from 3rd to 2nd. Tom returned to fly all day Monday; the man is our "Energizer Bunny". Tom's note to all "Put the fuse at the tail".

Everyone seemed to have a great time and hopefully we can entice more flyers from around the country to come experience our great field and fine flying weather at Lost Hills FF Model Airfield.

Jim Springer takes off ROW to win event



Sweepstakes Perpetual Trophy & Event Champ Awards

