

Two weeks after SCAT ANNUAL postponement for rainy, muddy grounds & roads, we gathered again at Lost Hills Field to once again enjoin in friendly Free Flight competition.

Saturday, April 9 dawned with freezing temps& us staring in amazement at the white dusting on the southwest hills. It had SNOWED!

No one had ever seen snow in April there. The chill kept our fingers from working to sign up the entries for a while, so I delayed the start til 0830 when our blood started to flow again.

The Wx was light and variable most of the weekend. Bluebird Wx, per Roger M.

Sat had strongest thermiks under swirling, roiling puffy clouds.

It did warm up nicely on Sunday.

All in all, a very nice weekend to be outside & flying in the valley.

We had 36 entrants flying & racking up maxes right and left.

Most anything that flew well was going up toward those clouds, even plastic bags!

This year no new records were set, but there were several very nice performances and flyoffs.

The Malkhasyan boys, Taron & Sevak, were the only juniors attending. They flew with enthusiasm & quite well as usual, winning their share of hardware.

Taron showed his HLG skills, winning with 6 maxes & change.

Jim Parker put his new M&K Flapper thru its paces to take F1A over Hector Diez in a nice evening flyoff.

Brian van Nest dropped one second, to join a select group who have also missed a full house score "by just that much".

Alex Andriukov pipped Blake Jensen by 3 seconds in F1B flyoff @ 5PM.

Both FOs were flown in quite even air, i.e., little if any helpfulness evident.

Eddie Carroll was cooking with C gas, winning by nicely maxing out.

Small towline was hard-fought as usual, with Norm Smith scoring a well deserved win over multiple Americas Cup F1H Champ,

Brian van Something-or-other.

The electron boys, John Oldenkamp & Mike Pykelny, traded wins in F1! & E-36 respectively.

Ryan Jones won Coupe, which did little to ease his father Charlie's pain in

losing an F1B OOS.

Multiple searches failed to locate it, but there is hope during the San Valleers

meet this weekend it may show itself.

Richard Cline's nice Talon remains hidden in the deep brush as well.

Two A2s were run over unfortunately, unseen by the bikers in the waist-deep-to-a-Sevak, thick, green weeds.

A side note: Foxtails are ripe and gators[leggings]should be part of the uniform of the properly dressed Lost Hills Free Flighter until the wooly critter herds can finish their munching tasks! You were warned...

After my esteemed table lady, Sharron Emery[thank you again!]returned from Sunday Mass, the CD was freed up to do some flying.

With thermals still abundant, I scored some fun maxes to win Cat Glider.

Also helping tend the scoring table were Dean Clark, Merry Smith & Paul Gross, a newish FFER from Paso Robles.

I must also thank Hector Diez and Jim Parker for their help with shed

equipment, field setup and flyoff control.  
My Kudos to them all!

Those who chose to stay home missed an excellent weekend.

Scoring:

F1A - 9 flyers, 4 in FO

1. Jim Parker	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	420	308	=	2288
2. Hector Diez	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	420	218	=	2198
3. Brian Bauer	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	271		=	1831
4. Ken Bauer	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	68			=	1328
5. Brian Van Nest	180	179	180	180	180	180	180					=	1259
6. Mike McKeever	180	180	180	180	180	180	150					=	1230
7. Don Zink		180	180	180	97	180	180	180				=	1167
8. Norm Smith	162	180	180	180	180	66	180					=	1128
9. Dean Clark	180	180	41	31	131	0	180					=	743

F1B - 14 flyers, 6 in FO

1. A Andriukov	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	420	293	=	2273
2. Blake Jensen	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300	420	290	=	2270
3. Bob Piserchio	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	300			=	1560
4. Geo Batiuk	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	296			=	1556
5. Walt Ghio	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	281			=	1541
6. Jack Emery	180	180	180	180	180	180	180	277			=	1537
7. S Malkhasyan	178	147	180	180	180	180	180				=	1225
8. Ryan Jones	180	176	126	180	180	180	180				=	1202
9. Dave Saks	180	112	180	180	180	180	180				=	1192
9. Chas Jones	180	180	180	152	180	140	180				=	1192
11. Bob Tymchek	180	180	180	180	177	111	180				=	1188
12. R Wood	180	180	140	173	180	180	140				=	1173
13. R Morrell	180	140	123	180	180	180	120				=	1103
14. Allen Ulm	132	180	180	180	17						=	689

F1C - 5 flyers, no FO

1. Ed Carroll	180	180	180	180	180	180	180				=	1260
2. Lynn Pulley	180	180	168	180	180	180	172				=	1222

3. Randy Secor 180 180 178 137 180 180 180  
 = 1215  
 4. Doug Joyce 167 180 180 96 180 159 180  
 = 1142  
 5. Jeff Ellington 180 145 150 5  
 = 480

F1G - 4 flyers, no FO

1. Ryan Jones 120 120 120 120 120 = 600  
 2. B Jensen 117 120 120 108 120 = 585  
 3. Chas Jones 109 91 120 120 120 = 560  
 4. Kurt Van Nest 100 120 120 0 120 = 460

F1H - 4 flyers, 2 in FO

1. Norm Smith 120 120 120 120 120 180 240 231 = 1251  
 2. Brian Van Nest 120 120 120 120 120 180 240 228 = 1248  
 3. Jim Parker 107 120 120 120 120 =  
 587  
 4. Mike McKeever 120 120 120 120 105 = 585

F1P - 1 flyer

1. T Malkhasyan 130 180 180 180 180 180 168 = 1198

F1J - 1 flyer

1. T Malkhasyan 110 120 120 = 350

F1Q - 2 flyers

1. J Oldenkamp 180 180 139 180 159 = 838  
 2. Mike Pykelny 141 90 180 180 164 = 755

E-36 - 2 flyers

1. Mike Pykelny 120 82 120 = 322  
 2. J Oldenkamp 120 74 120 = 314

OHLG - 3 flyers

1. T Malkhasyan 120 x 6 + 64 = 784  
 2. S Malkhasyan 120 x 3 + 90 = 450  
 3. Lee Hines 120 x 3 + 20 = 380

OCLG - 5 flyers, 2 in FO

1. Lee Hines 120 x 3 + 116 = 476  
 2. Paul Moore 120 x 3 + 39 = 399  
 3. S Malkhasyan 120 37 62 = 219  
 4. Rich Cline 120 36 39 = 195  
 5. T Malkhasyan 64 120 = 184

Classic Towline Glider - 3 flyers

1. Hector Diez 82 180 180 = 442  
 2. Rich Cline 153 180 = 333  
 3. S Malkhasyan 64 = 64

Vintage FAI Power - 1 flyer

1. Ed Carroll 180 x 5 = 900