

## The 10th Annual Taibi Contest Perris, California

The SCAMPS held our 10th annual Taibi Contest this past Sunday, March 16th, honoring past national hero, Sal Taibi. Contest directors, Kevin Sherman and Hal Wightman have reported that an average turnout of 20 contestants participated in the 10 events on the schedule during what turned out to be a beautiful spring day here in Southern California. The temperatures were in the mid 80s; the sky was clear and the drift was less than 3 mph. Can you ask for better flying conditions?

This was the second Taibi Annual Contest since Sal Taibi passed away in December, 2012. He initially participated in the event when it was started in 2005 but eventually would only be able to come and enjoy the event as a spectator, usually accompanied by his friend, Betty Moke.

Ten events were offered and flown this year. Some adjustments in the events offered have been made over the years at the request of club members. The major event was the All Taibi where any of Sal's designs could be flown, and they are flown to the rules of the era in which they were designed. All fly 3 minute maxes, so it is fun to see what era wins out. Another Taibi event was the Perris Special using a design Sal specifically introduced for this field. We had 3 rubber events; Small OT rubber with cabin and stick combined, Large OT rubber which also had the cabin and stick models combined and Nostalgia Rubber. We had two electric FF events this year, E-36 and AMA A/B electric with their 2 minute max requirements. The remaining events included ABC Old Timer which had decent participation, and ABC Nostalgia, and 1/2A Nostalgia. The Nostalgia Events have gained in popularity over the past many years, and are always some of the most hotly contended events. We had something for everyone.

Unfortunately, there were about 6 or 7 crashes during the contest. A few could be attributed to high performance of the engine with either flutter or a lifting stab affecting the acceleration mode of the flight. Two electric models, which had flown several successful flights apparently succumbed to errors in their bunt or electronic DT cabling and crashed on launch. Some places were decided by only a few seconds. Ron Thomas bested Ted Firster by one second to take 2nd place in the All Taibi event. Jeff Carman flew his Starduster 900 to 1st place (this year, the AMA era had a clean sweep in the all Taibi event, with Ted and Jeff flying Starduster 900s, and Ron flying a Starduster X). Close total flight times were also noted between 2nd and 3rd place in ABC Nostalgia where 2 seconds were the differential. Jeff Carman took 2nd place with Phil Ronney winning 3rd place. Don Kaiser was the winner in that event maxing out with his Ram Rod.

It's always exciting to see some ignition old timers fly. Joe Jones brought out a couple of Sal's personal planes, the Brooklyn Dodger with and O&R 60, and the Powerhouse with Forester 99 power. Joe is still recovering from hand surgery, so he got a little help flying the models from Daniel Heinrich and Al Richardson. Milon Viel flew his red New

Ruler sporting an Atwood 60. Ron Thomas won ABC Old Timer with his Alert with a good running ED Hunter.

We had two father and son's flying against each other. Ken and Don Kaiser duked it out in Nostalgia events and Al and Van Richardson competed in rubber events. In fact father Al won Nostalgia OT Rubber flying his own design from the 1970s, the King Orange Champ.

Bernie Crowe flew his Super Quark AMA A/B Electric to 7 maxes to beat out Clint Brooks who dropped his 6th max to take 2nd place. Clint was flying his Joule Box 190. Clint also won the E-36 event with 6 maxes. He was busy doing a lot of chasing- on his bicycle. Clint also won the Small OT rubber event with his model Sticker, which he is selling as a kit. He maxed out.

SCAMPS' Member Larry Terrigno brought out some of his new free flight models, including the Hornet which Sal Taibi built in the 1950s or '60s, and he ended up with. The model was featured in several magazines back in the day. Larry also brought a couple of new Perris Specials and a Powerhouse. He had them all out on display and said he will be starting to fly very soon with us on Wednesdays.

Also, want to thank Mark Williams for bringing out donuts for the event. It would seem like something was missing if we had a SCAMPS event and no donuts, thanks Mark.

We also picked up a new member at the contest who found us on through our web site <http://scamps.homestead.com/> He called me to find out details about flying with us and sounds like he will be coming out soon to join in on the fun.

What a great day of flying. Sure somewhere, Sal had a smile on his face. Thank you everyone who came out and participated and made it, once again, a successful day. Hope to see another great turnout at our next contest, the Lotto Twin Pusher Contest June 15, also at our Perris flying field. Hal Cover and family will again run the event.

The results are shown below.

#### All Taibi

1 – Jeff Carman/Starduster 900/K&B 41	180/180/180/176	716
2 – Ron Thomas/Starduster X/Cox .049	180/180/129	489
3 – Ted Firster/Starduster 900/K&B 35	178/150/160	488
4 – Al Richardson/Orbiteer/Cox 049	DNF	
5 – Ray Peel/Starduster 800/K&B 6.5	DNF (Crash)	

#### Perris Special

1 – Ray Peel/Perris Special/Veco 19	180/180/180	540
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#### ABC Old Timer

1 – Ron Thomas/Alert/ED Hunter 21	180/180/180	540
2 – Joe Jones & Sal Taibi/Brooklyn Dodger/O&R 60	101/120/76	297
3 – Milon Viel/New Ruler/Atwood 60	068/050/DNF (crash)	118

#### Small OT Rubber

1 – Clint Brooks/Sticker	180/180/180	540
2 – George Walter/Wren	148/148/180	476
3 – Ted Firster/Gollywock	126/163/180	469
4 – Fernando Ramos/Courseaire	059/081/180	320
5 – Roger Willis/FAC Moth	093/104/84	281

#### Large OT Rubber

1 – George Walter/Red Buzzard	140/180/180	500
2 – Van Richardson/1939 Korda	180/151/091	422

#### Nostalgia Rubber

1 – Al Richardson/King Orange Champ	120/140/240	500
2 – Fernando Ramos/Boxall	080/097/075	252

#### ABC Nostalgia

1 – Don Kaiser/Ram Rod/Max III .35	180/180/180	540
2 – Jeff Carman/Texan/OS 15	180/118/180	478
3 – Phil Ronney/Ram Rod/Max III .35	180/180/116	476
4 – Bob Scully/Blazer/Cox .051	080/153/134	367
5 – Ken Kaiser	DNF	
6 – Ray Peel	DNF	
7 – Rob Cobb	DNF	

#### ½ A Nostalgia

1 – Don Kaiser/Top Banana/Cox Medallion .049	180/180/180	540
2 – Ken Kaiser/Spacer/Cox Medallion .049	180/144/180	504
3 – Ted Firster/Lucky Lindey/Cox Medallion .049	086/DNF	

#### AMA A/B Electric

1 – Bernie Crowe/Super Quark	120/120/120/120/120/120/120	840
2 – Clint Brooks/Joule Box 190	120/120/120/120/120/110	710
3 – Kevin Sherman/Sergei	120/120/120/120/120	600

#### E-36

1 - Clint Brooks/Joule Box 190	120/120/120/120/120/120	720
2 – Don Kaiser/GTS	120/089/120	329

