

Self-Timing Checkout

One of the most onerous tasks in contest flying is getting someone to time you, and then when you finally do, you feel obligated to him and tend to rush your flight preparation and air picking.

Honesty and integrity in model flying has come a long ways over the years. The day of cut-throat competition is over and true evaluation of model and modeler performance is almost universally accepted among competitors. Therefore, I'm proposing a flight timing system in which the competitor can choose to be timed by a trusted timer, as currently done, or use the following procedure and, upon completion, sign his score card as being accurate:

1. Power flyer is certain of his engine run in flight as being within limits just as a trusted timer would certify, and so indicate on his score card.
2. Flyer of any event starts his stop watch as soon as possible after launch and times from the launch site until the model is down or out-of-sight as a trusted timer would. He will estimate the untimed portion and note it and the timed portion along with the sum of the two on the score card for a total flight time.
3. In case of timing doubt, the flyer will nullify the flight time as an official attempt.
4. Flyer will agree to be monitored by a CD appointed timer or timers with or without flyer's knowledge and accept his ruling.