

Club Challenge at the infamous Grassy Knoll FF field!

A national postal meet for Sig Cub models was looming, so it was decided to have the Harbor Soaring Society and the Black Sheep Squadron meet for a "duel at the knoll". This was a fairly long drive for some.

Competitors arrived from Ventura and Orange counties. The nationwide interest in this event was substantial enough to cause shortages of Cub kits, despite Sig making extra production runs. Both clubs scrambled to get enough for their members.

The event was run without a formal CD, like many of our Grassy Knoll events. This avoids trouble by removing the authority figure and replacing him with a scoresheet and pen instead. Nobody complains because there is nobody to complain to!

Doughnuts were provided, and the flight line had comfortable shade. Weather was excellent: mild temps with slight breeze but no lift to be found. At least the models didn't fly away! There was a fine bunch of pilot mingling and exchanging questionable advice. Free Flight experience levels varied from expert to 1st timer, but virtually all of the Cubs flew nicely, and many flew exceptionally well. The postal rules called for a single best time with unlimited attempts.

There didn't seem to be any single "best setup" for these supposedly-identical planes. Some pilots used much larger motors and had similar flight times to the small-motor planes. Early arrivals found that the moist air made wing-coverings saggy but it soon dried out and the planes flew OK regardless. Only a few models got "treed" and all were rescued without damage.

The top 3 finishers received gift certificates from Smith Brothers Hobby Shop in Northridge

1st place Fred Hesse

7th place Gary Acord

2nd place Bill Watson

8th place Luke Napier

3rd place Henry Smith

9th place John Anderson

4th Howard Littman

10th place Kevin Koch

5th place Dave Gee

11th place Mike Costello

6th place Don Butman

12th place Jordan Lapin



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