

Great American Arf-Off 2011

Here are the results of the third bi-annual Great American ARF-OFF held Sunday, July 31, 2011.

For those unfamiliar with this little wing ding, the purpose of this event is primarily to increase and improve the local judging corp. Everyone that flies also must judge.

Brett Buck (with a bit of help from his pal, Ted Fancher) spent the better part of Saturday teaching us the fine art of attaching numbers to performed maneuvers. There were a couple of hours of classroom work as well as hands on judging with a number of us proving flights for dismemberment.

My opinion is , based on the level of judging on Sunday, that Saturday was quite worth the effort and I really appreciate Brett putting in the time and effort for his presentation. Judging is such an important aspect of our hobby and is often not given the attention that it deserves.

On Sunday, we are all required to fly ARFs. The contestants are placed in four groups (White, Green, Orange and Yellow). Group Green judges Group White flyers on Circle one (and visa versa). Group Yellow judges Group Orange flyers on Circle 2 (and visa versa). The highest score of two rounds of flying is one's official score. The winner of each group flies in the Barker Cup fly-off.

Non-Qualifiers are ranked by their high score's relationship to the high score in their group, just like non-qualifiers are ranked at the Nationals.

Many of us flew other contestant's airplanes. No airplanes were lost despite some challenging winds at the end. Erik Rogers flew one of my Vectors for the first time in the Fly-Off due to his other borrowed airplane leaving the building a few minutes prior. Let's just say it was a spunky performance.

Barker Cup Fly-OFF Finals

Place	Pilot	Qualifying 1	Qualifying 2	Finals
1)--	Brett Buck-	558.00	551.33	537.25
2)--	Ted Fancher	544.75	539.00-	535.75
3)--	Jim Aron	544.67	563.00	515.00
4)--	Erik Rogers	511.50	529.50-	402.50

	Non-Qualifiers-	Flt. 1	Flt. 2	Group High	Factor
5)	John Wright	505.00	445.00-	529.50-	0.953730
6)	M. Scholtes	487.50	487.00	529.50	-0.920680
7)--	Heman Lee	483.67	489.33	558.00	0.876935
8)	Pete Cunha	000.00	482.00	558.00	0.863799
9)	Clint Ormosen	449.67	476.00	563.00	0.845471
10	Brian Moore	429.50	459.50	544.75	0.845471
11)	Bob Duncan	453.50	000.00	544.75	0.832492
12)	Larry Wong	445.00	459.00	563.00	0.815275

13)	Elliott Scott	408.00	372.00	558.00	0.731183
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Brett Buck receives his 1st place trophy from Alexander, Warrior Prince of Zeltron



Mr. Buck (formerly the Unknown Pilot #2) receives congratulations from the ARF-OFF mascot, Chumley, for being the 1st and only threepat Barker Cup Champion. (Truth be known, Chumley was probably more interested in eating the 14th place trophy , the base of which is constructed of Milk Bones.



Elliott Scott, 13th place and recipient of a new Nobler ARF kit donated by Clint Ormosen. It should be noted that Elliott completed his first ever complete pattern on his 1st official flight.

Jim Aron